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**MICHAEL
LUCAS
Editor**



Dear comrades and friends:

Again we are at the beginning of a new year, having gone through 2004 which was the most traumatic, agonizing and dangerous time - not only for the whole of mankind - but also for the progressive and peace movements across the world that are dedicated above all to peace, to socialism and the struggle of Soviet people to regain back the USSR as a socialist state, a state that helped to keep in check world imperialism and above all, US imperialism and its New World Order!

In 2004, the world had seen an unleashing of many wars, many conflicts, many untold tragedies; many instigated overthrows of different countries governments by US imperialism; many US regime's plans that, if allowed to continue, will bring the world into a new quagmire of deadlier wars, conflicts, deaths, hunger and savagery, not seen for many years past. The progressive movements around the world have been able to organize mass demonstrations, strikes and many conferences were held all over the world that condemned US imperialism and also pointed out the splits that are beginning to develop between many imperialist countries themselves, and, also between capitalist blocks, such as European Union and NATO.

People of the world have also seen even more graphically than ever before, the subservient policies of the United Nations Organization to US and British Imperialist designs. They saw and realized that unless there is unity amongst the people, US imperialism will not be stopped, since it is actually the multinational corporations who control the US

WHAT DOES YEAR 2005 HOLD FOR NSC AND FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL ?

government. These multinational corporations have clearly subverted governments of Russia, Ukraine, and other former Soviet republics, plus China, to do their bidding.

How did we at Northstar Compass and in the Executive Committee of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People fare in this past very crucial and dangerous year?

Obviously, in spite of the problems, both politically and economically, we are still publishing NSC each month and our readership is growing. It is now read in 73 countries of the world, with English and French editions. This of course would not be possible without comradely help from the Society of Carpatho-Russian Canadians in whose building we are situated, plus the financial help that these comrades always help us with.

The work of the Executive Committee of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People is proceeding as well as can be expected in these trying conditions, especially in the politically unsettled and dramatically deteriorating economic conditions in former USSR.

The upcoming Second World Congress for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People is in the planning stages now, and judging by the correspondence we have received, it looks as if we are going to have delegates coming from about

37 countries of the world. There is a necessity now for criticism and self-criticism, if we are going to fulfill what the delegates from 17 countries at the First World Congress in 2001 adopted - that there must be functioning a **Soviet (Russian) Society for Friendship with Foreign Countries** as a partner with the world-wide International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People.

There is now a committee of this Society set up in Moscow, which let us know that they will be sending a 5 member delegation to the Second World Congress in September of this year in Canada.

Unfortunately, they are still not very active and to the view of the Executive Committee of the International Council, a bit too narrow in their composition. The First World Congress held in 2001 had unanimously decided that the Friendship work, in order to be effective, must be a **UNITED FRONT** organization.

There is great interest and there are now many other organizations in former USSR that want to be involved and have already indicated to us that they will be sending delegates to the Congress. We sincerely urge the Russian Society for Friendship with Foreign Countries to expand their work quickly and include in their Committee a variety of parties, organizations and movements that are dedicated to the

**HAPPY
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reestablishment of the Soviet Union and of Socialism, not only in Russia itself, but in all of the former Soviet republics.

The unanimous opinion of the International Council is that the Second World Congress must be a **UNIFIED FORCE** for friendship and solidarity with Soviet People, above all! Friendship should have no boundaries!

Dear comrades and friends:

Our many tasks during this year are extremely important, because our publication and the International Council are dedicated solely to help the Soviet people regain their place in the world, as a bastion of peace and progress and to be able again to stand up for all of humanity against the danger of rabid US Imperialism-Fascism!

This is a very noble task that we cannot abandon! We owe it to the memory of those comrades who in 1918 set up in many countries of the world (including Canada) the "Hands Off Russia Committee"

Our road is correct! We shall be victorious! ■

SEPTEMBER 2005- 2ND WORLD CONGRESS FOR FRIENDSHIP AND SOLIDARITY WITH SOVIET PEOPLE

Dear readers, subscribers, friends and comrades:

To you all, our warm greetings.

We would like to draw your attention to the coming II World Congress to be hosted here in Toronto, Canada. The significance of it cannot be stressed enough. The Second Congress takes place in the current unstable international situation of the most wretched armed conflicts, whereby the savage face of capitalism is demonstrated brutally in many places around the globe. These facts cannot be either ignored and/or denounced, but they must be exposed in all of its vileness.

We can proudly say that, NSC and CFSP have resolutely and relentlessly done just that.

It has not been easy to be the sore constantly throbbing in the back of the 'left' and so-called progressive

forces here at home as well as abroad. But, we are determined to continue.

This message is not just another letter, not just another appeal for funds or for membership - it is a call to unite our strengths, our wisdom, our energies and our voices to join together against the war-mongering intents of capitalism and its followers, against indifference, apathy and complacency. Has the will and/or capacity to fight disappeared? We sincerely hope that it is not the case. However, your contribution can take many forms; we encourage you to come forth.

You may ask as to why we are still persisting in this endeavor? Frankly, there is no simple answer, but, we could say the following: we have come from different countries, and we are here-reunited under the generous shade of our desire for Peace and Socialism, as we believe it is the only humane system for the people's of the world - there is no other. For many years, Northstar Compass and the Canadian Friends of Soviet People have witnessed incredible changes in the world. We have followed these events taking place in the international arena with mixed feelings of both joy and sadness. But, we cannot and will not surrender to the current system of lies, to a system where poverty is multiplied in order to multiply the wealth of a few. We refuse to surrender to a system that distorts history and makes a mockery of truth.

We have seen many of our friends and allies pass away, but we have to continue in their footsteps. It is not a choice, but it is because we have to, because we will not betray their memory. And it is their fire that burns brightly in our hearts and minds, and with your support it will continue to burn.

The flames of this fire get nurtured with your contribution and with your membership. The Second World Congress will shed light on some issues of tantamount importance in the lives of both the NSC and CFSP, here in Canada and in the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People.

The role that NSC and CFSP have played and can continue to play, is a positive and most needed contribution to the dispelling of lies of

capitalist expansionism and its dark army of slaughter.

We are hopeful, for hope is the taller part of humankind. We are hopeful because people's struggles around the world call for our optimism and solidarity, whether in Iraq, Palestine, Latin America, Asia, former USSR or Africa.

People are fighting back and resisting, we, here, in the belly of the beast can do nothing less.

We await your response,

Rickie Esguerra, Chairpeson
Canadian Friends of Soviet People

Cristina Fernández, Public
Relations for the Canadian Friends
of Soviet People

GREETINGS FROM RUSSIAN SOCIETY OF FRIENDSHIP WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES

Dear Comrade Lucas and members of the Editorial Board of NSC and of the Executive Committee of the International Council!

We send you our warmest greetings on this New Year 2005. Let us take this opportunity to wish all of you good health, fruitful work as well as success in what you are striving for.

We are confident that the forthcoming Second World Congress for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People will significantly contribute to uniting the forces fighting against the imperialist barbarity and supporting the struggle to re-establish USSR and Socialism.

G.I. TIKHONOV

Chairman of the Russian Society for
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WHAT RESULTS SHOULD 2ND WORLD CONGRESS ACHIEVE?

Send in your thoughts, proposals
for discussion in NSC!

EDITOR ■

Former Chilean Leader under Arrest

From the Associated Press
December 13, 2004

General Augusto Pinochet was indicted last month for the kidnapping and killing during his 1973-90 regime, and he was placed under house arrest.

Judge Juan Guzman made the announcement nearly three months after questioning the 87-year old former ruler, and having him examined by the doctors to determine whether he can stand trial. The judge said that he is convinced that Pinochet is healthy enough to stand trial.

"This is a historic decision that must be celebrated by all democrats," said Viviana Diaz, member of an organization of dissidents who disappeared under Pinochet. *"This is great news for Chileans who do not accept impunity in the violations of human rights."* ■

5,000 US TROOPS DESERTED SINCE IRAQ WAR BEGAN

By ELAINE MONAGHAN,
The Times, UK

While Iraqi insurgents draw on deep wells of fury to expand their ranks in Iraq, the US military is fighting desertion, recruitment shortfall and legal challenges from its own troops.

The irritation amongst the US rank and file soldiers are becoming only too clear, when a US soldier last month stood up in a televised session with Donald Rumsfeld, the US Defense Secretary, to ask as to why the world's richest army was having to hunt for scrap metal to protect its vehicles.

The same night last month, in an interview with three soldiers who are seeking refugee status in Canada, where they have become minor celebrities, dominated prime time television. They are among more

than 5,000 US troops that have deserted since the war began, according to the nation-wide popular TV program on CBS "60 Minutes."

This also shows the strain of the US Army's decision to mobilize 5,600 members of a pool of former soldiers that can be mobilized only in a national emergency. ■

STATEMENT BY THE CANADIAN SLAV COMMITTEE

Ukraine is a Slavic country and one of the former 15 Soviet Republics during the period of USSR, but, this is not the first time that there was interference in its internal affairs.

First it was started against a Slavic country of Yugoslavia, where imperialist forces financed, organized and supported internal traitors. These US-led foreign forces demanded the break up of this South Slav nation. They committed military aggression, breaking all international laws and the laws of USA itself.

The bombing of its cities, the deaths and destruction of the Slavic

lands, seems to be on the agenda of NATO and also US imperialism. Imperialism is afraid of Slavic Unity at all costs! Imperialism never stops expanding its territorial grab and the mineral riches that are in the lands where Slavic people live.

The same things are awaiting Russia – to break it up into 7-9 small fiefdoms and exploit the fabulous riches therein. This is being done in the name of "freedom and democracy". The US imperialist plan is to colonize all of the Slavic countries and exploit their cheap labour, dump their surplus goods and grab the rich natural resources.

The Canadian Slav Committee is calling on all Slavic organizations, institutions, religious communities - to struggle against this imperialist expansion against all of the Slavic countries. We owe it to our ancestors and to our selves to help our brothers and sisters to fight this US attempt at a New World Order!

On behalf of the Canadian Slav
Committee

Milenko Popovich
Chairman ■

The crime of carrying a book

<http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/AWorldToWinNewsService/>

29 November 2004. A World to Win News Service. The Canadian authorities are holding Mahmoud Namini, a former Iranian political prisoner, for carrying a book displayed and sold in many bookstores and stands in European countries. Now a Dutch citizen, he has been imprisoned for more than a month with no release in sight. Formal charges have yet to be announced.

As one of the petitions for his release states, "Mr Namini was detained in Toronto after his arrival at Pearson Airport 27 October, 2004, largely due to alleged concerns over a book in his possession, Parandeh ye No Parvaz (The Bird About to Fly). This publication documents an uprising

against the regime of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Mahmoud spent five years in the regime's horrible prisons. Now he has been detained in Canada for having in his luggage a history of the Iranian people's struggle against the dictatorial regime of that country."

This book, which of course is forbidden in today's Iran, was recently published in Europe in the Iranian language Farsi. It features an extensive interview with one of the comrades who participated in the historic Amol uprising as well as other writings about it. The uprising was organised in January 1982 by Sarbedaran, an organisation initiated and led by the Union of Iran Communists. The UIC was a founding member of the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement. It ceased to exist in May 2001 when the Communist Party of

Iran (MLM) was formed.

In 1979, the Iranian people overthrew the US-installed monarchy of the Shah. Within two years, the Ayatollah Khomeini and his reactionary clique of mullahs – also with US backing – consolidated their grip on power and sought to violently roll back the achievements of the revolution. The communists responded by organising armed struggle against the regime. During the Amol uprising, many people enthusiastically joined Sarbedaran in an effort to liberate the northern Iran town of Amol from the Pasdaran (the so-called Revolutionary Guards) and other agents of the Islamic Republic. Although the Sarbedaran forces were finally forced to retreat, this uprising and other Sarbedaran activities during that period marked the opening of a new chapter in the history of the communist movement in Iran. It was the first time Iranian communists had ever made a serious attempt to seize political power through the force of arms.

This book is a summation of that experience. It analyses the communists' ideological and political thinking at that time as well as their understanding of how to carry out war. It includes a list of the comrades murdered by the criminal Islamic regime. Obviously this book has nothing to do with the fundamentalist religious groups the Western powers claim their repression is aimed at.

The introduction to the book says, "In June 1981, the counterrevolution decided to finalise the fate of the revolution. But our generation was not willing to let them ruin the people's achievements just like that ... A major armed battle was launched on 25 January 1982 in Amol, and the enthusiasm quickly spread. Amol witnessed a whole day of intense military engagement. The news of the bravery and heroic acts of Sarbedaran spread everywhere. Finally the regime was able to concentrate overwhelming forces and defeat the uprising.

"Everyone wanted to know what exactly went on and why the Union of Iran Communists organised this uprising. They wanted to know how the uprising was prepared and what happened during that period. Why

was this heroic uprising, which shook the whole country and planted a seed of hope in the hearts of the majority of the oppressed, finally defeated? In this book you will find the answers to these questions as recounted by one of the comrades who took part in that struggle."

With Mahmoud's arrest, the Canadian government is persecuting even the idea of fighting – and learning lessons from the fight – against the dictatorial regime in Iran. This stand goes beyond supporting a theocratic dictatorial regime in Iran. It also amounts to banning a book. The Committee to Free Mahmoud analyses this incident as a move by the Canadian government to limit freedom of speech and other civil rights.

Many Western countries used 11 September as a pretext to pass laws limiting civil rights and giving the police and other organs of repression far more unrestrained powers. Bush's appointment of an outspoken advocate of torture, Alberto Gonzales, as his new attorney general, the new raft of crime and security bills presented by Tony Blair's government in the UK and the new security measures in the Netherlands are only some examples. Despite the Canadian government's opposition to the US invasion of Iraq, it has much unity with the US and has cooperated with it in anti-people activities. For example, Canada is one of the main suppliers of occupation troops in Afghanistan. Along with three other English-speaking countries (the UK, Australia and New Zealand), Canada has been working with the US in operating the notorious hi-tech system called Echelon to spy on the whole world's communications.

The arrest of Mahmud Namini for possessing a book describing the crimes of the Iranian regime and an uprising against it has another side as well. As the statement by the Committee to Free Mahmud writes, "The close relations (of the Canadian government) with the Islamic Republic regime represent a very important factor in this affair – and no doubt, the same cordial relationship was the reason for the hesitation and delay of the Canadian authorities in protesting

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the brutal murder of Zahra Kazemi."

Zahra Kazemi was a Canadian-Iranian journalist arrested in 2002 by the Iranian authorities while producing a report on prisoners there. She was brutally tortured and murdered. Protests by progressive Canadians, Iranians and other people finally compelled the Canadian government to lodge a diplomatic protest against the murder of one of its own citizens, and in the face of world public opinion the Iranian regime promised to investigate its own henchmen. A low-level torturer was arrested, convicted of unintentional homicide and released. The Canadian government met this verdict with stunning silence.

The Committee to Free Mahmud argues, "It must be pointed out that Canada is one of the resorts and financial safe havens of the Rafsanjani clan and other ruling class thieves and big shots of the Islamic Republic regime." Akbar Rafsanjani, one of the most influential mullahs within the Iranian regime, was president of the Islamic Republic for eight years. He has reportedly become one of the country's wealthiest capitalists.

The arrest of Mahmoud is also related to the officially promoted racist atmosphere in Western countries against immigrants, especially those from the Middle East.

The statement by the defence committee ends with an appeal: "This move by the Canadian authorities is alarming. These things show that the big powers want to tell people: 'Don't think!', 'Don't write!' and 'Don't protest!' They want to write off and stamp out the struggles of the peoples of the world as 'terrorism'. This cannot be allowed... We call upon the progressive people in Canada to stand united with immigrants and progressive people of the world and say NO! to these outrages before it is too late for everybody."

For more information and to send protests to the Canadian authorities, contact the Committee to Free Mahmud:
Freemah2004@yahoo.com. ■

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GLOBALIZATION TURNING INTO GLOBAL WAR

BY VANYA KALISHNIKOV
Slovak Republic

Acres of books and news articles were written about Stalingrad – all of the known facts. But now, here comes something new. For the average world citizen, this might be an irrelevant comparison and just speculation.

But from the point of view of a careful observer, there is something frightening, which just confirms our observation that Globalization is turning into Global War.

CAN STALINGRAD REPEAT ITSELF TODAY?

"The Battle of Stalingrad, with the loss of thousands of young lives --- was one of the typical slaughter

houses in military history, of this so-called industrial era.

In history, whole nations went into battle in determination for the physical destruction of lives, infrastructure and equipment, often without regard for this destruction from the point of view of the political intentions of these wars.

The German Nazi army and its onslaught against Stalingrad is an example of a mighty German force - in men and armaments - that could not defeat the Soviet people. Hitler and the German Nazi command overlooked the courage, dedication, bravery and the determination of the Soviet soldiers, commanders and leaders who vowed to struggle to the death in order to defend their Motherland. They overlooked also the Soviet socialist system - which bred heroes and martyrs for the cause of socialism - led by the Communist Party of the Soviet Union."

The above are just short excerpts from an article, comparing today's

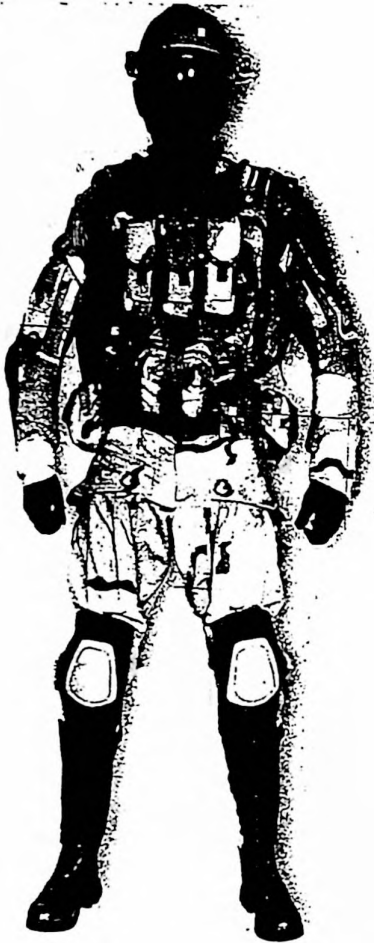
The cover of the 'North Star Compass' magazine features a collage of images and text. At the top, the title 'northstar compass' is written in a stylized font, with a globe icon. Below the title, it says 'ORGAN OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR FRIENDSHIP AND SOLIDARITY WITH SOVIET PEOPLE - VOL.13 #3, OCT 2004'. The central image is a large illustration of a man in a military uniform, likely a Soviet leader, pointing towards the right. To the right of this illustration, there is a text box with the headline 'GLOBALIZATION TURNS INTO GLOBAL WAR! CAN STALINGRAD REPEAT ITSELF?'. Below the main illustration, there are several smaller images: a portrait of a man in a military uniform, a portrait of a man in a suit, and a portrait of a man in a military uniform with a swastika on his sleeve. At the bottom left, there is a text box that reads 'TAKE YOUR NUMBER GEORGE... YOU ARE ONLY 300 KILOMETERS FROM STALINGRAD!'. At the top right of the collage, there is a text box with the Russian text 'ИЗ РОССИИ КАРПОВСКОЕ БУДЕТ РОССИЯ СОЦИАЛИСТИЧЕСКАЯ'.

This is the cover designed by Vanya in Slovakia. Too bad it's not in color for effect!

situation of US-NATO soldiers, who are poised and ready now, just barely 300 kilometers from Stalingrad.

Yes, Mr. Bush, Stalingrad will repeat itself for US/NATO, regardless what your plans or your planners try to say in order to convince the American public that another Stalingrad will not happen.

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QUOTES

" I know that when I am gone, not only one tub of dirty water will be dumped on my head – but I am confident that the wind of history will blow this all away!"

J.V. STALIN ■

WHAT DID THE IDEOLOGUE OF THE COLD WAR HAD TO SAY IN 1945-1961?

"The war will be finished, things will fall into place. We then will throw everything that we have – all the gold, all the material resources to confuse and to stupefy the Soviet people.

People's brains can be easily manipulated, utilized and refined into serving our cause. We are going to sow in Russia chaos, we will change their attitude, their beliefs in order to believe in false attitudes. How will we do this? Episode by episode we are going to besmirch and falsify the history, the policies and the achievements of these unbeatable people of the word, including their friends. With literature and art - as an example - we will systematically throw dirt at their realism in life and art, we will surround the artists, the writers with our money and ideas, and defeat their ambitions to be realistic about life under socialism, to stop them fulfilling the wishes of the people and their belief in a better world of communism.

Literature, arts, theatre, films will be devoted only to the baseness instincts of humanity. We are going, to support, finance and praise only those artists who are going to promote sex, robbery, rape, sadism, traitorousness – in other words, everything that will undermine law and order, culture and the basic instinct of mankind.

In the Russian government we shall create chaos, sabotage the decisions taken by buying off some of the policy makers and thus have people not believe in the government policies striving for socialism.

Bureaucracy and laziness in carrying out the Soviet governments plans will be supported and encouraged. We will sow discord in

the agencies of government, in their 5-year plans, their contacts with other countries will be subverted and even their security forces will be tried to be undermined.

We will support hooliganism, drunks, narcotic use, sow panic and make people distrust each other. We shall support nationalism and national strife, by financing different groups to attack each other.

And only the top leadership and some learned people will really understand what is happening in their country. But we shall do all that is necessary through their bought leadership to carry out a campaign to isolate these people as enemies to the placed leadership that we trust, and present them as if they are opposed to the thinking of the majority of the people.

In this way we shall keep on influencing the upcoming generations of youth in opposition to communism. Our full concentration will be on the youth, since they are more impressionable and we will train them to look to the West in clothing, styles, culture, music, art and sexism.

Our aim is to make the younger generations non-believers in socialism, in the CPSU and to be cynical and cosmopolitan. ***This we shall accomplish!***

ALLEN DULLES OF U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT ■



**RELIGION?
NO, IT'S
POLITICS!**

Anti socialism campaign by religious fundamental groups in USA is not religion at all!

It is a tool promoted by US ruling class to struggle against Socialism all over the world. ■

KREMLIN BRINGS BACK STALINGRAD

By Heikki Sipila

A reference to Soviet leader Joseph Stalin is to appear on a Russian monument for the first time in 40 years, on orders of President Vladimir Putin. Putin ordered the word "Stalingrad" engraved on a memorial complex by the Kremlin wall, replacing Volgograd, the current name of the city, where one of the bloodiest battles of the Great Patriotic War was fought.

It is less than two years ago that Putin said that reviving the name of Stalingrad "would do us no good."

But this latest decision, posted on the presidential web site Kremlin.ru last month, said that restoring Stalin's name on the monument was to "pay tribute to the heroism of the defenders of Stalingrad and to preserve the history of the Russian State."

After Krushchev came to power, countless monuments referring to Stalin were pulled down. Hundreds of names of cities, towns, villages, factories and collective farms named after Stalin were forced to be renamed on the orders of Krushchev.

Post Soviet-Russian leaders have resisted pressures from Soviet people and war veterans to restore the name of Stalingrad to the city on the Volga River, where more than 1 million Soviet and Germans died in five months of fighting in 1942-1943.

Just in December of 2002 Putin said, "I am sure that by reviving the name of Stalingrad in this country would trigger suspicion that we are returning to the times of Stalinism. This would do us no good."

But his change of mind appears to have been triggered by the plans to celebrate next-years 60th Anniversary of the end of World War II.

COMMENT:

Surely Mr. Putin knows that at the time of the Battle of Stalingrad it was the Soviet Union that existed not only Russia who fought fascist German



hordes. Therefore saying that we "must preserve the history of the Russian State" is totally wrong and it shows that in spite of the mounting protests to rename the city to Stalingrad, Mr. Putin does everything

possible to rewrite history, trying to obliterate history that it was the USSR that existed at that time, whether he likes it or not.

No, Mr. Putin, you cannot rewrite history!

OPPOSITION FORCES FORM AN ADHOC ALLIANCE

Faced with the pro-Kremlin "United Russia" party's "near total dominance of Russian politics", representatives of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation (CPRF) and those of the "Yabloko" and the "Union of Rightwing Forces" are discussing coordinating their efforts, to hold rallies and alliances for this year's regional elections. Their spokesmen said that they have differences, but "we're united in our actions against the domination by Putin's party."

COMMENT:

NSC is offering the leadership of the CPRF a list of all the left parties in Russia that can be approached to join this "election alliance". Why join with the "Union of Rightwing Forces" when you have so many left-wing forces to unite with? I hope that Mr. Zyuganov will take up our offer!
Editor

IS TURKEY INVOLVED IN CHECHYA?

From RUSSIAN REFORM MONITOR

President Putin's special representative for the fight against terrorism and transnational crime, Anatoly Safanov, has asserted that: "Chechen terrorists often use Turkey as a their rear base for collecting material and technical resources for recruiting mercenaries, and for transporting them. There exist certain public structures that provide ideological and financial support for terrorists entrenched in Chechnya."

A question should be asked as to why Putin and Turkey have such close cooperation...if Turkey is the culprit?

**WE NEED FINANCIAL HELP
FOR THE SECOND WORLD
CONGRESS**

AN OPEN LETTER TO CONTEMPORARIES

By M. SAFINA

From newspaper "Trudovaya Rossia"

Hello my contemporary friend:

I am asking you to put aside your daily work. Put it away and look around! Look around and think for a moment! What is happening to us? What is happening around us in our land? If you feel that everything is normal in our Motherland, then proceed with your daily work, read, clean, look at TV and be quiet.

Was it not you that recognized the fragments of a child on the newsreel about Iraq on your TV? **Not yet yours?** If that is the case, live, be quiet and live like a person as Chekhov said: "a person in a case!"

It wasn't your husband that lay bloody on the ground, beaten up by clubs of Russia's OMON in Yeliste? **Not yours yet?** Was it from you that the present Russian regime took away all your social security and benefits, which, if you have some money, inflation will soon eat it away? **This does not concern you yet?** You are still young and working? But remember that you are young and you will not work while older. The pension you will get depends upon when you reach the age to get it. The State will try to get you off its back sooner than that.

Is that not your girl who went onto the streets of the city to sell her body because in the village and town they dismembered the state and collective farms, no work to be found, but a person wants to eat? **It's not your daughter?** Is it not your son that they took into the Russian army and who was killed in Chechnya? **It isn't yours yet?** So far everything in your family is fine. And you with all hardships are trying to feed your family, from pay to pay – then just sit and be quiet! Do not go out into the street or square, **do not protest!** Let those who love the memory of Lenin, let them protest. Let the present bourgeois take away your security, let them privatize everything, let them kill and rob! **You just sit and be quiet!** Do not think about anything. Because if you start to think you will get scared and think as to what we have done to life and to our Motherland.

We are the ones who elected these monsters as Presidents, it is we that have allowed these dregs of society to rule over us. They are only 5% of the population, plus another 10-15% who are licking their boots. But we are in the majority. But we can rectify this horrible situation. They only think about us when elections come, promising ice cream to children and flowers to the babushkas.

Then why are we supporting them? What use are these people to us? Did they not break all the norms, all the laws, both nationally and internationally?

I don't know who you are. If you are a working intellectual, do you not see that we are the children of the billionaire Soros Foundation? If you are a worker of culture, tell me why is your pay much lower than a strip-teaser gets? Does this strip-teaser bring a better quality to life than you do? Will you explain to me as to why pornographic foreign magazines are printed in more quantity than the works of world renowned Pushkin? Even a maid in the newly-rich bourgeois homes gets better pay than you, with a University Degree.

The answer is very simple, you are not needed by these capitalists. We are to them like animals- and sometimes as voters.

Do these present rulers want that we should instigate a war against them, not only by Communists, but by all of the people?

Forgive my bluntness. But the pot is boiling over. It seems that women should talk only about love, while I rail my hate against these "overeating pigs" and robbers, experimenting over us as to how long the working class will exist and live. In the present society, we are now ruled by Satan, grief and death is the order of each day.

Time has long past when we should bring order to this chaos, but in eliminating chaos, there is no equal to the power of women!

In the February issue we shall publish in depth analyses of what happened in Ukraine – because- Russia is next on the agenda of US Imperialism... while President Putin is acting like a silent partner!

YUKOS CHIEFS ABANDON SHIP

Yukos oil cartel senior executives have fled Russia amid a flurry of arrests and search warrants for the embattled oil company's managers, reported the Financial Times newspaper.

This British newspaper said that "there is not a single member of the Yukos management board left in Russia at the moment." The Russian Prosecutor's Office had summoned Yukos Chief Financial Officer, Bruce Misamore, an American citizen, for questioning.

"I'm not going to sacrifice my life for Russia's political purposes". He is now in London. He added that he would not return to Russia until he was certain that his "freedom and security were not in danger." ■

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE INVOLVED IN BESLAN TERROR

Alexander Torshin, Russia's Federative Council speaker, heading the Russian parliamentary commission, investigating the Beslan school tragedy, has told the Interfax agency that a foreign intelligence agency was involved in last September's terror attack against the school in Beslan, Russia. "So far we have direct evidence of this involvement. Very soon we shall name the country whose intelligence apparatus was involved. We will not hide it!" ■

GEORGIA ON A WAR PATH

Georgia is masterminding a plan for a new invasion of South Ossetia in the Spring of 2005.

As part of this war of nerves and bluster, Georgia had ceased vehicles containing Russian peacekeepers, breaking all the agreed protocols signed between the two countries in 1992 and 1994.

US Colin Powell demanded that Russia withdraw all of its peace keeping forces from Georgia and the USA is even willing to cover the costs of the withdrawal of the troops.

Under pressure from USA and EU, Georgia is demanding that Russian bases in Georgia be removed and they are to be replaced by US/NATO bases in this volatile region. ■

IMF SPONSORED "DEMOCRACY" IN THE UKRAINE

BY PROFESSOR MICHEL CHOSSUDOVSKY

Opposition candidate Viktor Yushchenko in the Ukrainian presidential elections that took place in December, 2004, is firmly backed by the Washington Consensus.

He is not only supported by the IMF and the international financial community, he also has the endorsement of The National Endowment for Democracy (NED), the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Freedom House and George Soros' Open Society Institute, which played behind the scenes role in 2003 in helping "topple Georgia's President Shevernadze by putting financial muscle and organizational metal behind his opponents." (New Statesman, November 29, 2004)

The NED has four affiliate institutes: The International Republican Institute (IRI), the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (BDI), the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), and the American Center for International Labor Solidarity (ACILS). These organizations are said to be "uniquely qualified to provide technical assistance to aspiring democrats worldwide." See IRI

<http://www.iri.org/historu.asp>

In the Ukraine, the NED and its constituent organizations fund Yushchenko's party NASHA UKRAINA (Our Ukraine), it also finances the Kiev Press Club. In turn, the Freedom House, together with the Independent Republican Institute (IRI) are involved in assessing the "fairness of elections and their results". IRI has staff present in all Ukrainian Poll stations, watching in 9 districts and local paid staff in all 28 regions of Ukraine.

Besides all this, there are "professional outside election monitors from bodies such as the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, but the Ukrainian Poll, like its predecessors, also featured thousands of local election monitors trained and paid by Western groups. They also organized exit polls. On that Sunday last month, those polls gave Mr.

Yushchenko an 11% lead and set the agenda for much of what has followed since then." [Httpppp://globalresearch.ca/articles/TTA411A.html](http://globalresearch.ca/articles/TTA411A.html)).

Needles to say that these various Western foundations are committed to the "Freedom of the Press?" Their activities consist of not only organizing exit polls and feeding disinformation in the Western news chain, they are also involved in creation and funding of "pro-Western", "pro-Reform" student groups, capable of organizing mass display of civil disobedience. In the Ukraine, the Pora Youth Movement (*It' Time*) is funded by the Soros Open Society Institute, which is part of that process with more than 10,000 activists. It is supported also by the Freedom of Choice Coalition of Ukrainian NGOs, and Pora is modeled on Serbia's Otpor and Georgia's Kmara.

The Ukrainian "Freedom of Choice Coalition" was set up and is funded by the US and British Embassies in Kiev as well as by the German Embassy. Amongst the main "partners" (funding agencies) it lists USAID, the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), Freedom House, the World Bank and the Charles Stuart Mott Foundation.

THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR DEMOCRACY

Among the numerous Western foundations, the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), although not officially part of the CIA, performs an intelligence function in shaping party politics in former Soviet Union, Eastern Europe and around the World.

NED was created in 1983, when the CIA was being accused of covertly bribing politicians and setting up phony civil society front organizations. According to Allen Weinstein, who was responsible for establishing the NED during the Reagan Administration: "A lot of what we do today was done covertly 25 years ago by the CIA." - (Washington Post, Sept. 21, 1991).

In the former Soviet Union, including the Ukraine, the NED



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constitutes, so to speak, the CIA's "civilian arm". The CIA-NED was also behind the failed CIA coup against President Hugo Chavez of Venezuela and, in Haiti, it funded the opposition parties and NGOs in the US sponsored coup d'etat and the deportation of President Aristide in February of 2004.

In former Yugoslavia, the CIA channeled support to the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA) since 1995, a paramilitary group involved in terrorist activities on the Yugoslav police and military. Meanwhile, the NED through the "Center for International Private Enterprise" (CIPE) was backing the DOS opposition coalition in Serbia and Montenegro. More specifically, NED was financing the G-17, an opposition group of economists responsible for formulating (*in liaison with the IMF*) the DOS coalition of "free market" reform platform in the 2000 presidential election, which led to the downfall of president Slobodan Milosevic.

THE CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL PRIVATE ENTERPRISE (CIPE)

The CIPE has a very similar mandate in the Ukraine, where it directly funds research on "free market reforms" in several key "independent think tanks" and policy research institutes. The Kiev Center For Policy Studies (ICPDS) is supported by CIPE. It has a similar function to that of the G-17 in Serbia and Montenegro: this is a group of local economists hired by the ICPS

and with the support of the World Bank, to draw up a comprehensive plan of post-election macro-economic reforms.

WHO IS VIKTOR YUSHENKO? A IMF SPONSORED CANDIDATE!

In 1993, Viktor Yushenko was appointed head of the newly-formed National Bank of Ukraine. He was hailed as a *"daring reformer"* and he was among the main architects of the IMF's deadly economic medicine, which served to impoverish Ukraine and destroyed its economy.

Following his appointment, Ukraine reached a historical agreement with the International Monetary Fund. Mr. Yushchenko played a key role in negotiating the 1994 agreement, as well as creating a new Ukrainian national currency, which resulted in the dramatic plunge of the currency.

Yushchenko as head of the Central Bank was responsible for deregulating the national currency under the October 1994 *"shock treatment"* as prescribed by the IMF. Because of this –

*The price of bread increased overnight by 300%

*Electricity prices rose by 600%

*Public transportation rose by 900%

*The standard of living tumbled drastically

According to the Ukrainian State Statistic Committee itself, as quoted by IMF, real wages in 1999 had fallen by more than 75% in relation to their 1991 level.

Ironically, this IMF sponsored program was intended to alleviate inflationary pressures: it consisted of imposing *"dollarised"* prices on an impoverished population, with earnings below Ten Dollars per month.

In November of 1995, the World Bank negotiators were sent to examine the overhaul of Ukraine's agriculture, which was the breadbasket of Europe. With trade liberalization (which was part of the IMF prescribed economic package), US grain surpluses and *"food aid"* were dumped on the domestic market, contributing to destabilizing one of the world's largest and most productive wheat economies (e.g. comparable to the American Mid-West).

By 1998, the deregulation of the grain market as prescribed by IMF

had resulted in the decline in the production in Ukraine by over 45%, in relation to its 1986-90 level. The collapse of the livestock production, poultry and dairy products was even more dramatic. The cumulative decline in GDP, resulting from IMF reforms was in excess of 60% from 1992 to 1995.

PROPAGANDA IN SUPPORT OF THE "FREE MARKET"

Under these circumstances, why would Yushchenko, who was and is closely associated with the process of economic destruction and impoverishment be so popular? Why was the public image and political reputation of this IMF protégé, namely Mr. Yushchenko remained unscathed?

This is what the neo-liberal agenda does to build a consensus in the *"free market reforms"*. *"Short term pain for long term gain"* is the motto of the World Bank. *"Bitter economic medicine"* is the only solution, much in the same way as the Spanish Inquisition of old, was the consensus underlying this feudal social order.

In an utterly twisted logic, poverty is presented as a precondition for building a prosperous society. This consensus presents a World of landless farmers, shuttered factories, jobless workers and gutted social programs as a means to achieving economic and social progress.

To sustain this consensus and convince the general public and its opinion, requires *"turning the World upside down"*, creating divisions within society, distorting the truth through the use of daily mass media, ensuring through well-funded massive propaganda campaign, that no other viable political alternative to the *"free market"* exists or is allowed

to emerge.

Then, why is Yushchenko so popular? For the same reason as George W. Bush, running on his record of war crimes, is popular.

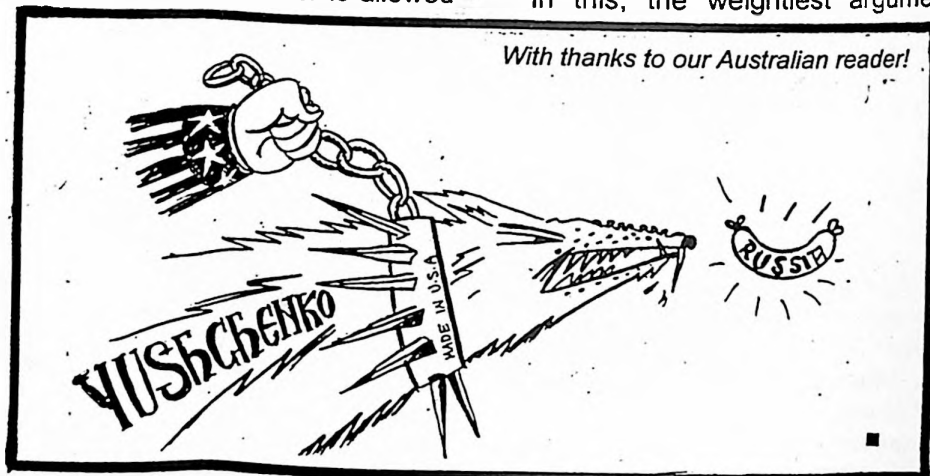
And also, because his opponent, outgoing Prime Minister Yanukovich does not represent a genuine political alternative for the Ukraine, which forcefully challenges the international financial institutions and the interests of Western corporate capital, which is destroying and impoverishing an entire nation.

The 2004 election in Ukraine was built on a massive, well financed propaganda and public relations campaign, supported by US and the above mentioned organizations, with money pay-offs by Washington for political parties and organizations that are committed to Western strategic and economic interests. In turn, US intelligence, working hand in glove with various foundations, including the NED, has consistently supported this process of civil society manipulation. The objective is not democracy at all, but rather the fracturing and colonization of the former Soviet Union.

THE IMF AND "GOOD GOVERNANCE"

In Ukraine the IMF not only intervened in the implementation of the macroeconomic agenda, it also intruded directly in the arena of domestic party politics. As was done in Russia in 1993, the Ukrainian parliament was seen as an obstacle to the implementation of the *"free market reforms"*. In 1999, under due pressure from Washington and the IMF, Yushchenko was appointed Prime Minister. President Kuchma agreed with the choice of 10 parliamentary groups in Ukraine.

In this, the weightiest argument



may be the International Monetary Fund's desire to see Yushchenko as Ukraine's prime minister. Many Western experts say that IMF is ready to extend to Ukraine \$300 million if Yushchenko becomes prime minister.

Following his appointment, Yushchenko immediately set in motion a major IMF sponsored bankruptcy program directed at the Ukrainian industry. He tried to undermine the bilateral trade in oil and gas between Russia and Ukraine on behalf of the IMF, which demanded that this trade be conducted only in US dollars, rather than in terms of commodity barter.

PRIME MINISTER IS SACKED

Yushchenko was accused by his opponents of having put the interests of IMF ahead of his country. In 2001, Yushchenko was sacked by the Ukrainian parliament as prime minister, following a non-confidence vote in the parliament.

The international financial community took immediate action. Ukraine again was put on the **Creditors' Blacklist**.

IMF Managing Director, Horst Kohler was adamant: "*Yushchenko has gained a lot of credibility outside of Ukraine, and I think he also deserves support inside of Ukraine.*" (quoted in the Financial Times, April 27, 2001.)

Thus, the IMF head did not mince his words. He added that: "*Direction of reforms in Ukraine must be maintained.*" He also said that the "*Ukrainian parliament in voting on no-confidence is spending useless time, while the reforms need to be implemented.*"

REPLICATING YUGOSLAVIA. THE PARTITION OF UKRAINE?

A few months after his dismissal by the Ukrainian parliament in 2001, Yushchenko was in Washington for talks with senior members of the Bush administration. He was back in Washington in 2003 under the auspices of the International Republican Institute. During this visit, he met with Vice President Dick Cheney and Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage.

Thus the US neocons had carefully set the stage for the October-November 2004 presidential elections in Ukraine.

(Keep this in mind, Yushchenko at this time of official meetings with the US administration was no longer a member of Ukrainian government, having been voted out of office! A private citizen of Ukraine having official high-level policy meetings with US Administration!?)
Editor)

Yugoslavia was a dress rehearsal for the fracturing of the remnants of the former Soviet republics. As very recent developments suggest, the break up of the country, namely the partition of Ukraine, modeled on the experience of former Yugoslavia is, no doubt, one among several transition "*scenarios*" envisaged by the Bush administration.

Creating divisions between Ukrainians, Russians, Tatars in Crimea and other ethnic groups, also between Russian Orthodox church, Ukrainian Orthodox church and Ukrainian Catholics etc. is part of Washington's hidden agenda.

MILITARY ALIGNMENTS IN SUPPORT OF THE FREE MARKET

Militarisation supports the Free Market and vice versa. The CIA oversees the NED. The money donor community, including the Washington based Bretton Woods Institutions collaborate with the European Union, NATO and the US State Department.

War and Globalization go hand in hand. While Yushchenko is considered a protégé of the international financial community, his colleague and political crony, former Defense Minister of Ukraine Yevylen Marchuk is an unbending supporter of US and NATO military presence in the region.

It was largely on the initiative of Yevylen Marchuk as Defense Minister to send Ukrainian troops to Iraq, a decision which was opposed by the majority of the Ukrainian population.

Marchuk met with the US Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld at a Crimean resort in Yalta last year. On the agenda was: Ukraine's participation in the Iraq war and the upcoming Ukraine's elections. After this meeting Marchuk announced to the people of Ukraine that "*Ukraine will continue to cooperate with the coalition of the willing*" and would continue to have its troops in Iraq."

After that, Marchuk was sacked

in September of 2004, barely a month before the first round of the presidential elections.

ATTEMPTING A COUP D'ETAT

On November 25th of 2004 Marchuk sent a message to the military, police and security forces, telling them to disobey the government's authority of President Kuchma. He stated that he's convinced that Yushchenko is entitled to be recognized as President of Ukraine.

Marchuk, this former Minister told Russia that they should remember that Black Sea is Ukrainian territory and also that they will not guarantee what would happen to the Russian fleet in the port of Sevastopol. Of course, Marchuk was speaking on behalf of the powers behind Yushchenko.

These statements by Marchuk, essentially set the stage for as US-NATO sponsored Coup d'etat.

POWER STRUGGLE: OIL AND PIPELINE CORRIDORS

Behind the presidential elections, the run-off and now the third time round, is nothing more than the maintenance of the IMF sponsored macroeconomic agenda, strategic US-NATO military interests in the region are the price at stake.

The objective of the Bush administration is to install a Ukrainian government which will be firmly aligned with Washington, with the ultimate objective of displacing the Russian military and also Russian presence from the Black Sea. In this regard, Ukraine has already signed military agreements with NATO.

GUAM is a coalition of Georgia, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan and Moldova, set up on instructions of IMF and NATO. These countries lie at the hub of the Caspian Sea oil and gas wealth. The object of GUAM is to exclude Russia from the Black Sea, protect the Anglo-American pipeline routes out of Central Asia and the Caspian Sea and shut off Russia completely from the Caspian Sea, which is a rich oil basin and also from the Black Sea.

On the 50th Anniversary of NATO the leaders of the above mentioned countries were honored guests in Washington to sign this GUAM document which bars Russia from any outlet on to the Seas and

Oceans and the oil rich deposits that USSR spent billions and hard economic years to develop and build the infrastructure of these former third world countries.

Georgia, Azerbaijan and Uzbekistan immediately announced in Washington that they will leave the CIS (Commonwealth of Independent States) that was set up by Gorbachev-Yeltsin, after the dismemberment of the USSR.

The formation of GUUAM (under NATO's umbrella and financed by Western military aid) was intent upon further fracturing the CIS. The Cold War, although officially over, had not yet reached the climax - the members of the new NATO political grouping were not only supporters of the 1999 bombing of Yugoslavia, they also agreed to "low level military cooperation with NATO," while insisting that their "group was not a military alliance directed against any third party, namely Moscow". This grouping is strictly dominated by the Anglo-American oil interests, and it is meant to exclude Russia from the oil and gas deposits in the Caspian area as well as isolating Moscow politically.

COMMENT:

Can you imagine what would happen if the USSR at that time was mixing into American internal elections process and other subversive attempts, what would the US and the capitalist press be saying? The US forces would be marching in Moscow, Kiev and other capitals, that's dam sure!

COLD WAR IS ONGOING ACCORDING TO PLAN

Below we publish a statement from his book "The Grand Chessboard: American Primacy and its Geo-strategic Imperatives" by Zbigniew Brzezinski, former member of US government, which was published in 1997. This tells it as it is, regarding the present turmoil in Ukraine and it is very nightmarishly relevant.

"Geopolitical pivots are the states whose importance is derived not from their power and motivation but rather from their sensitive location

and from the consequences of their potentially vulnerable condition for the behavior of geo-strategic players. Most often, geopolitical pivots are determined by their geography, which in some cases gives them a special role in either defining access to important areas or in denying resources to a significant player.

Ukraine, Azerbaijan, South Korea, Turkey and Iran play the role of critically important geopolitical pivots.

Ukraine is a new and a very important space on the Eurasian chessboard and it is a geopolitical pivot, because of its very existence as an independent country helps to transform Russia. Without Ukraine, Russia ceases to be a power. Russia without Ukraine can still strive for world status, but it then would become a predominately Asian imperial state, more likely to be drawn into debilitating conflicts with aroused Central Asians, who would then be supported by their fellow Islamic states to the south.

However, if Russia manages now to regain control of Ukraine, with its 52 million people and major resources as well as access to the Black Sea, Russia automatically again regains the position to become a powerful state, spanning Europe and Asia.

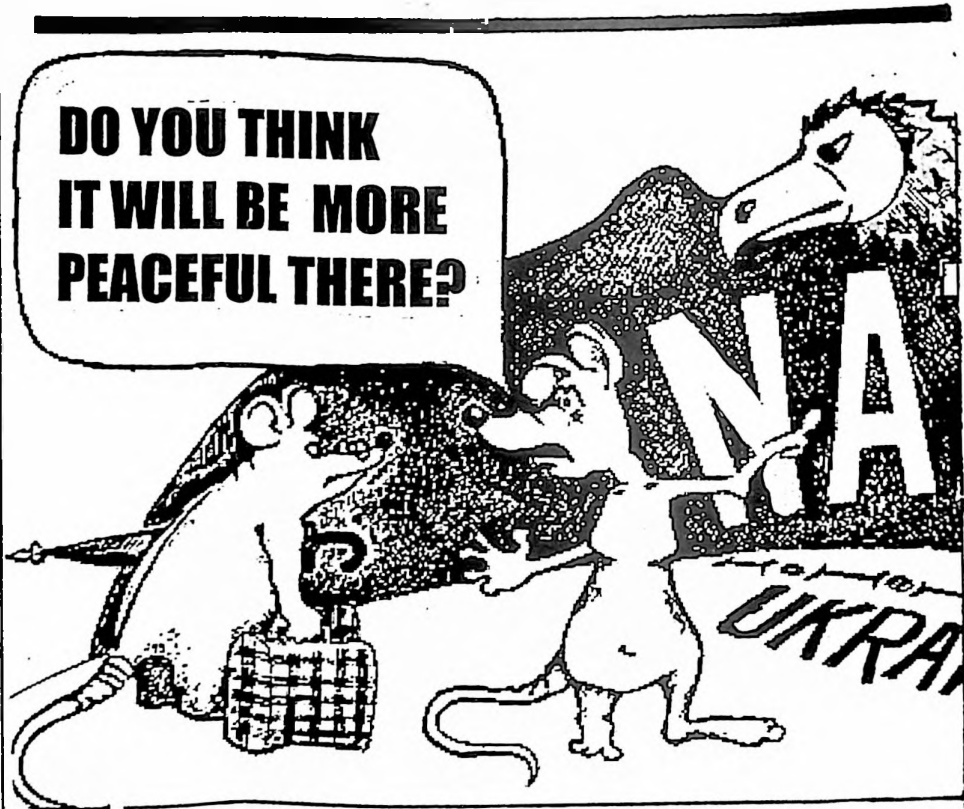
Ukraine's determination to preserve its independence was

encouraged and helped by external support. In July of 1996 the US Secretary of Defense declared: "I cannot overestimate the importance of Ukraine as an independent country, away from Russia and involved in the former USSR, for the stability of all of Europe." German Chancellor went even further when he sated: "Ukraine's firm place in Europe can no longer be challenged by anyone. Without Ukraine the Commonwealth of Independent States (formerly USSR) is not a viable option. A Russian empire without Ukraine would undoubtedly means that Russia would become more "Asianized" and more remote from Europe."

The countries deserving America's strongest geopolitical support are Ukraine, Azerbaijan, Georgia and Uzbekistan...all of them being geo-politically pivotal. Indeed, Kiev's role reinforces the argument that Ukraine is a critical state, insofar as Russia's future is concerned.

Here is the key...

For Ukraine, the future character of the present CIS - is for freer access to the energy sources, which would lessen Ukraine's dependence on Russia. That is why Ukraine, at our urging and help, has supported Georgia's efforts to become the westward route for the Azerbaijan oil exports. Ukraine also is collaborating



with Turkey in order to weaken Russia's influence in the Black Sea and has supported Turkish efforts to direct the oil flows from Central Asia to the Turkish terminals.

This is right from the "horses mouth"- the war monger and fascist-orientated US War Hawk! □

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THE ORANGE PLAGUE

Bedlam was all over Ukraine in November-December, 2004 - while in the West they are calling it "The Orange Revolution". For many weeks these nationalist elements with their orange tents, orange signs, orange scarfs and orange headbands, were taking over the main square in Kiev. Most of them were students and even public school children, who sat in the main square, surrounded the Council of Ministers building, Upper House, Central Judicial Court, and even the Council of Ministers of Ukraine. They had over 1,200 tents already, and ready to be set up. By whome were these tents supplied? The rock bands were there to play - of course they got paid in American dollars. Orators were there by the score, as if it was written as in a movie script, with already printed speeches, slogans. The demand to scream on a signal "YUSHENKO" was on the agenda every hour

Everyone now knows what transpired with the first voting, then the run-off, then the setting of December 26th for the final vote. Yushenko warned and threatened the Supreme Court Judges that their families will be in danger unless their demands are met...they even gave addresses if all the judges to the multitude of people over the loud speakers so that in case the Supreme Court did not cave in, the

demonstrators should visit their wives and children.

For 17 days the government was in limbo, not able to get into the government buildings. Of course the Western press promoted this as the "peoples' revolt". What role was played by president Kuchma?

To Kiev there were bussed from Western Ukraine and by busses and trains, thousands of these Ukrainian nationalists. They had their "Youth Storm Troopers" in their uniforms, their sergeants, their captains and leaders, all acting to a written script. Who was it that elected the leaders of these storm troopers? Who paid for the already assembled orange tents in the thousands? Who fed these "demonstrators" with hot meals three times per day? Who supplied overcoats and caps to the cold demonstrators? Who paid these volunteers by the hundreds to get here on busses and trains?

Why did President Kuchma not support the Ukrainian Constitution? What about the security apparatus orders to keep peace? Constitution was being broken every day and paragraph by each paragraph.

A Communist deputy in the Ukrainian government, Gmyria, said it correctly: "This is a fascist counterrevolution supported by the Western powers."

(We edited a section of this report, since the contents written is already in this issue, so that repetition is not needed. Editor)

Yushenko utilized the hate of the people against the government of Kuchma's last ten years of hardships. He also played the nationalist card to the fullest and it looks as if Ukraine is now split into two parts. Yanukovich based himself on Eastern Ukraine where the majority of people are Russian speaking. The extreme Ukrainization promoted by Kuchma and the Western nationalists, brought a wave of protests from the Russian-speaking majority of Eastern Ukrainians. The kinship and love for the Russian people by Ukrainians could not be obliterated, especially in Eastern Ukraine, in the southern parts and in the Carpathian Region. Because of the extremely bad economic situation in Ukraine, hundreds of thousands of Russian speaking Ukrainians go to work to Russia.

I predict that Yushchenko and his American dollars will rule the day, since money talks and the rest walk. This is written before the December 26th election.

This victory of the right-wing nationalist forces will make Ukraine a colony of the USA, IMF and WB and the elimination of contacts between the brotherly peoples and a forced assimilation, and these powers will not recognize Russian as a language of equal status as the Ukrainian language.

It is a fact, that nationalism can obliterate the thought processes of people. Again, I must state, that all these so-called Western sponsored "elections" showed conclusively the bankruptcy of the capitalist "democracy" since everything is for sale to the highest bidder - the Parliament, the Supreme Court, the President. The winners in Ukraine are those who have money on their side, not the truth!

COMMENT:

Since NSC is published in Canada and since the Canadian Government had organized, sponsored and utilized the taxes of the Canadian people, sending mostly Ukrainian Nationalists - 500 strong to Ukraine as monitors-observers, headed by former Prime Minister Turner - may I strongly suggest that at the next recount election in Ohio in the US presidential recount, that Canada send another 500 observers to observe the election fraud in the land of President Bush!

Since everyone said that these Canadian "observers" are impartial and neutral in this Ukrainian election, can some one in the Canadian Prime Minister's office tell us as to why and who paid to have all of these hats and scarves in the orange colour of Yushenko that the 500 strong Canadian "observers" are wearing in the photo published in all the main media in Canada? You have to be an imbecile not to realize what the Canadian "observers" were instructed to do and whom they support! Also, if I may be so bold as to suggest - that at the next election in Canada, that you, Mr. Prime Minister Martin, allow 500 former Soviet citizens to come and observe the behind the scenes of the Canadian election process! But, please Mr. Prime Minister, you must

let these 500 former Soviet citizens, that will be coming as observers know, what colour caps and scarves you want them to wear!

MORE FACTS ON CRISIS IN UKRAINE

US interests were heavily involved in Ukraine since 1993, right after Ukraine declared its independence from USSR. US money organized already in 1995 the Committee of Voters of Ukraine, these are paid for workers and, by 2004 it had 18,000 paid monitors in over 160 branches throughout Ukraine.

The US National Democratic Institute which is just one of groups that fund the nationalist movements in Ukraine, is headed by none other than Madeleine Albright, former US Secretary of State under former President Bill Clinton. Another figure heading different funds from the US is none other than James Woolsey, former Director of the CIA

Statement by the CC CPSU

Regarding the situation in Ukraine – November 29, 2004

Looking realistically at the situation in Ukraine and around it, the CC of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union is making this statement.

FIRST: It is self evident that the roots and the causes of the present situation in Ukraine is due to the illegal dismemberment of the USSR and the elimination of the results of the Referendum of March 17, 1991, which saw the restoration of capitalism in the former Soviet Republics. The regimes of Krawchuk and Kuchma and their anti-peoples policies and political mechanizations, have turned this former blossoming republic into supplying raw materials for imperialism and the exploitation of the people by foreign capital. All that the people of Ukraine were proud of, the industrialization, the agriculture, higher learning that was reached in every corner of Ukraine –

was dismembered and is now being ruled under the boots of bourgeois nationalism, supported by all the reactionary force of US imperialism and NATO.

SECOND: The situation in Ukraine shows that by utilizing the election campaign, American imperialism now went openly to mix into the internal affairs of the country, desperately trying to have USA's candidate win the election at all costs. Today to this post they were pushing Yushenko, but tomorrow there could be another candidate whom US imperialism feels will follow orders from the Pentagon and to put up a cover-up slogan of "national reconciliation". To grab as much as possible for Imperialism, and if that is not possible, to create a situation that foreign intervention will be the order of the day, to gain control of Ukraine and thus make certain that Ukraine is swallowed by NATO. This is the strategy of the US, and only naive people cannot see through all of this: "US democracy and other Western values."

THIRD: It is to be hoped that amongst communists there should not be any illusions as to the politics of the Putin regime also, regarding the Ukrainian crisis. Through all of Putin's policies, the rhetoric and methods of Russian diplomacy, everything is geared to the line by Putin's regime of "strategic

agreement and partnership" with the USA, and the acceptance of the assigned role for Russia by US in this "partnership." Putin's agreement to abandon the strategic position regarding Cuba and Vietnam, and the agreement of Russia to give the blessing for the American troops to be stationed on former Soviet territory - the Baltics, Central Asia, and recognizing the illegal regimes of US in Afghanistan and Iraq, the agreement to bring back the small token Russian force home from Bosnia and Hercegovina and Kosovo – all this points to the complete abandonment of the interests of Russia in these regions, in order to please the present bourgeois compradator class which is subservient to the Western multinational corporations. The discussions between Putin and Bush regarding Ukraine, these all point to the cardinal fact that Putin will follow the dictates of US politics.

FOURTH: The situation in Ukraine points out graphically that the criminal apparatus that are governing Ukraine and their other clans, have brought Ukraine to the verge of a civil war. The strengthening by Imperialism of Ukrainian nationalism, and constantly fanning these flames of rabid nationalism are outside forces, sponsored, financed and pushed on - this could bring Ukraine to a split of its entity – all this shows

RADICAL RUSSIAN ACTIVIST SENTENCED TO 6 MONTHS FOR ANTI-PUTIN REMARKS

A Russian court in Krasnoyarsk sentenced the leader of the Krasnoyarsk branch of the National Bolshevik Party to six months of correctional labor for criticizing Putin's policies on his web-site. The court also ruled that his computer must be destroyed as an instrument of the crime. Andrei Skovordnikov was thus sentenced under article 319 of the present criminal code, you cannot insult a public official.

YUSHCHENKO'S TWO POISONS

Now that the elections are over – but court appeal is in the works by Yanukowich – the truth about the poisoning of Yushchenko is coming out from Kiev, Vienna, New York, Paris and other centers, that cast a complete doubt on this farce. In the next issue of NSC we shall do a complete expose by Thomas Boyle. M.D. that is shocking.

WHY DO ZIONISTS SUPPORT YUSHCHENKO?

Yushchenko supports the Ukrainian Nationalists, who during WWII helped Hitler fight their own people. They were extreme anti-Semites and killers of the Jewish population in Ukraine. George Soros does not mind, he supports Yushchenko. Yushchenko who is anti-Semitic does not mind being supported by Zionists also. In next issue there will be a fuller expose of these strange bedfellows.

that the policy of "divide and rule" is being applied to Ukraine.

Looking at this situation, the CPSU is dedicated to work much harder amongst the Ukrainian people, the workers and farmers, the intellectuals, and inform all people of the former USSR about this political crisis in Ukraine. We will show that there is not much difference between Yushenko and Yanukovich, since they are both bourgeois politicians and closely tied to Ukrainian nationalism. We must also expose the opportunistic position of the Communist Party of Ukraine that divorced itself from the working class of Ukraine, which allows the bourgeois nationalists to proceed with their policy.

The CPSU is against any possibility of a civil war and splitting of Ukraine, we condemn the wrecking policies of the bourgeois nationalists, who are the instigators, planners and leaders of this crisis.

We appeal to the Ukrainian working class, peasants and working intellectuals, to all people, to unite and give a resounding defeat to those elements which want to push Ukraine into NATO and other unions that will give no freedom to the Ukrainian people.

We know that this crisis will deepen and that there is only one road towards its solvency – this is the road towards a socialist revolution, which would stop in its tracks this robbery and this nationalism, and the designs of international imperialism.

We are Communists-Bolsheviks, for Socialist Ukraine, for Soviet state, for the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. ■

YUSHCHENKO 'POISON PLOT' IS A FRAUD!

By JUSTIN RAIMONDO

The world headlines blared: "Doctors confirm Yushchenko Poison Claim" – and yes, even I believed it. But, you know what? It's a lie. And now the truth is coming out.

I knew that there was something fishy about the whole poison sensation, even as I blindly accepted the pronouncement of a certain Dr. Michael Zimpfer, of the Rudolfinerhaus Clinic in Vienna, Austria, who said that the tests had "proved" the poisoning hypothesis, and he considers the "case closed".

To begin with, dioxin as a tool of would be assassins just don't make a whole lot of sense: the victim would take too long to die, besides that, not a single case of dioxin death poisoning was ever recorded. It is also interesting that Yushchenko wanted to delay any official investigation into this poisoning until after the December 26 election

How noble and, as it turns out, how utterly phoney.

Surely, everyone assumes that a man with a "Dr." in front of his name is a sacred oracle, from whom only truth can spring, and, in any case, Zimpfer was the doctor in charge of this case – right?

Wrong! In the news accounts that hit the world media, Zimpfer was variously described as "president" or the "head" of this Clinic in Vienna, but as it turns out, he was not a doctor at all but an "administrative chief"

The chief medical Doctor who supervised Yushchenko's case was Dr. Lothar Wicke. I put this in the past tense because, last December 9, Dr. Wicke resigned. It seems that his sceptical remarks about this dioxin poisoning of Yushchenko did him in. Right after his resignation (or forced resignation) Dr. Wicke had accused unnamed individuals that were not on the medical staff at all, of spreading "medically falsified diagnosis concerning the condition of Mr. Yushchenko". He also pointed out in his press conference that there is absolutely no evidence that Yushchenko had been poisoned, either deliberately or otherwise. This of course did not endear him to the Yushchenko crowd.

According to the "Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung" a leading newspaper in Germany, and by reporter Emil Bobi, of the Austrian magazine "Profil", Dr. Wicke received numerous death threats and explicit warnings from the Yushchenko clan, here in Vienna and in Kiev. The newspaper and the magazine both reported: "Thereafter Yushchenko's

people made it clear to Dr. Wicke that he must not say anything more concerning this affair, since otherwise (as Wicke put it) "one would resort to other means against me and the hospital."

Also, the December 10, 2004 issue of Le Figaro, a leading French daily newspaper, revealed the atmosphere of thuggishness that prevailed during Yushchenko's sojourn to the Vienna Clinic, described the outbreak of violent scuffles at one news conference, involving a "strange security force with Slavic accents that accompanied Yushchenko." The Austrian police came to blows with the security force of Yushenko.

According to Dr. Wicke, he reported how he was berated by Yushchenko that this "might cause me to lose the election." An armed Austrian guard was assigned by the Austrian police to guard Dr. Wicke. Dr. Wicke was afraid for his life and his family and therefore resigned.

So, what is that ailed Viktor Yushchenko? Beneath the cloud of murk hanging over this case, there is the truth waiting to be found. There is also the question of his lifestyle which may account for the deterioration of Yushchenko's face. The real story is still to be told. There is also the question of heavy involvement in Ukraine's internal affairs by the National Endowment for Democracy of George Soros, NATO, the EU, the OSCE as well as so far unreported, the extremely heavy German involvement in Ukraine, politically, economically, financially – overtly and covertly.

This was written before the December 26th election in Ukraine. ■

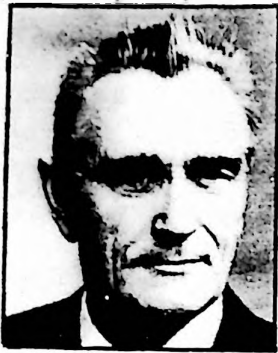
HOW IMF WORKS!

When International Monetary Fund lends money to the US or the EU, it charges hardly any interest. But by contrast, Russia, which borrows money from IMF, has since 1998, paid close to \$4 billion in interest charges on the IMF loans.

International Herald Tribune

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ABOUT NSC? WRITE!**

PROFESSOR
VLADIMIR
HERASYMCHUK



ABOUT THE ORANGE- BROWN MIST

Our country is covered now by the orange-brown mist and fog. Ukraine has now become one of the most destabilized countries on this planet.

Readers of NSC are by now familiar with what transpired in the first and second round of elections in Ukraine and the external support for the internal reactionary forces, trying to bring Ukraine into NATO and EU at all costs. We therefore abridged this article, since readers know that Yushchenko forces have the finances, the support and the Imperialist backing against the candidate Yanukovich -Editor.

Regarding the support for Yanukovich, which is mostly by the working class, miners, metallurgists, of East Ukraine and the Carpathian Region, as opposed to the "orange" demonstrators, these forces were placid and Yanukovich himself demanded that there be order.

This article of mine is being written before the ending of the "Third Round" of election. I feel that it is very hard to predict the outcome of the turmoil, whether Yushchenko or Yanukovich are the winners. But it is evident that the organized fascist young people, headed by Yushchenko and Timoshenko, are determined to take over the government at all costs. After the second round election and the decision of the State Electoral Commission that Yanukovich won, Timoshenko called upon the "Orange masses" to form columns and march against the parliament and against President Kuchma, to stay there until Yushchenko will become president. On his part, President Kuchma showed no sign of keeping or upholding the Constitution of Ukraine or to keep law and order functioning.

What about the forces of the "left"? Unfortunately there was and is complete disarray and lack of unity. I feel that it was only registered party, called "Progressive Socialist Party of

Ukraine" that did what was possible to try and stop the march of fascism in Ukraine, to support Yanukovich even though he is part of the present bourgeois state. They supported the unity of the Slavic peoples.

The Socialist Party of Ukraine, headed by Moroz had become a supporter of Yushchenko and co.

As I look at the present situation in Ukraine, I feel that it is a nightmare. But if this was not so tragic, the present presidential election in Ukraine is just a theatre of the absurd. The question of these organized, paid for mobs in the street is called the "people", but this is just an orgy of fanaticism. This foreign financed euphoria is to support the pro-American candidate for the president Ukraine. This is a march towards fascism, chaos and tragedy...

What is ahead? It's hard to say. To look in the near future for something good is useless. But, if we look back not too long in the past, there comes to mind the battles for Moscow and Stalingrad... was it not the Red Flag that flew over the German Reichstag!

AT NSC PRESS TIME:
YUSHCHENKO - 52.4%
YANUKOVICH - 43.8%

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At left is a photo of 400 Canadian "observers" that went into Ukraine, paid for by the taxes of Canadians, Together there were 12,000 foreign "observers" from many countries. The logistics are stupendous, transport, meals, cars, interpreters etc. These were dressed in Orange shawls and caps of Yushchenko. Of course this was done to show "unbiased opinion"?! Some of the Ukrainian Canadian nationalists went to show their support for pro-Western Yushchenko. Other young people who went, when asked, could not even point on the map where Ukraine was situated!

We propose that 500 Russian, Ukrainian, Byelorussian observers be sent to oversee the next President Bush's election in the USA.

**PROFESSOR
ZBIGNIEW WIKTOR**



POLAND IN CRISIS

Dear comrades:

Your letter of information regarding the forthcoming Second World Congress was well received and it had a thorough discussion in our party as how best to make it a success. This is now a reality since the weakness of the Communist movements in former USSR, which means, that to have it in Russia at the moment is impossible. We all feel that the success of the Congress is much more likely if it is held at the Friendship House in Toronto, Canada. In this regard, we wish the organizers success and we shall do everything in our power to be present at this important Congress.

Poland now has become a Third World country and is the new "Banana Republic", where the difference between the rich and the poor is getting ever and ever wider. A more detailed analyses of the present terrible situation in Poland is in a document we are enclosing that was presented and discussed at the Conference of the Czech Communist Party, called "Fifteen Years after the Counter-revolution." This article explains also how the present Polish bourgeoisie is working and its future plans.

Regarding the need and the push of the International Council to establish a United Front in former Soviet Union, we can only help this noble cause morally and politically. In Russia there must be born a new wave of revolutionary fervor, a new revolutionary party, which will head this United Front work. As far as I know, the revolutionary party

movements are splintered, while in former Socialist countries of Europe the situation is even worse - as an example- in the Ukraine, - besides the Caucasus and Central Asia's former republics.

I would suggest that we invite to the Second World Congress representatives from the Communist Party of China, Workers Party of North Korea, Communist Party of Cuba, Vietnam and Laos. It would be beneficial to invite representatives from other Communist parties of European such as France, Germany and others.

Regarding the situation in Poland - there is a very horrendous crisis - not only politically, socially, but above all, economically. The bourgeoisie claims that we are on the verge of booming prosperity, but this is just a manipulation of the dollar and the Euro, which basically is foreign capital. Officially the Polish government will only admit that unemployment in Poland is at 3,000,000 people, but the unofficial figure is closer to 5,000,000 people, 26% of available working force. The membership in the European Union has seen the immigration of hundreds of thousands of young people going abroad to seek work - these are engineers, doctors and other highly trained professional people. This is a new method of draining the intellectuals from Poland to help the imperialists in this brain-drain. This then gives momentum to corruption, to lack of housing, criminality, prostitution and also hunger. It is a fact that thousands of children go to school without any breakfast, because there is no food in the home. This means that 20-30% of Polish families live below the poverty line.

The present Polish regime is supporting Bush's war in Iraq and had sent Polish soldiers there to die for the American New World Order. This is a dirty war, neocolonialist war and occupation. More than 75% of the Polish people are demanding the return of Polish soldiers and to stop supporting the USA's genocide against the Iraqi people.

Best wishes to all the readers of Northstar Compass.

The Secret of a Sure Victory for the DPRK

The military authorities of the US too often wage a computer-simulated war with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. When another nuclear crisis occurred on the Korean peninsula in 2003, the US military newspaper "Stars and Stripes" warned the US, that if a war started with North Korea, US would sustain more than one million casualties in twenty-four hours, only around Seoul, which is the command center of the US army in South Korea.

We have unified around our leader who managed to solidify us as one in defense of our country.

At the International meeting for Peace and Reunification of Korea held last October 15-16, 2004 in Lima, Peru, was a great success judging by its attendance and messages of congratulations that were received. The Speaker of Peruvian Government sent a message also. The meeting was well attended by many political parties, organizations, Jusche Idea study groups and figures from all walks of life.



Many resolutions were adopted and sent to UN bodies and to the World Peace Council.

A seven-point judgment was read out at the Lima International Tribunal on the US War Crimes during the Korean War. The judgment demanded that the US government formally apologize for its war crimes committed in Korea and compensate the Korean people for all the damage done - investigate and disclose all of the criminals, including those that planned and executed the Korean war and their conspirators and duly punish them.

**MICHAEL
MOUNAYER**



CC OF SYRIAN COMMUNIST PARTY

In a very excellent and extensive Statement about the meeting of the Central Committee of the Syrian Communist Party, held last Sept. 11, 2004, they analyzed the present dangerous situation that permeates the world due to US imperialism and their New World Order.

Unfortunately we have not the space to print their whole statement, but we are publishing an excerpt that is apropos regarding the tragedy in Iraq.

The Iraqi people have lived up to our expectations and demonstrated their great patriotism despite the treacherous nature of the former regime. The Iraqi people are putting up a fierce resistance, and despite attempts by some Western media to depict this resistance as "remnants of Saddam's regime", the Iraqi national resistance has proved that it is a highly organized wide-ranging popular movement comprising of the Iraqi political spectrum, with all of its trends.

The Imperialist-Zionist circles are aiming to defame the Iraqi resistance in order to weaken local, regional and international sympathy, by planting foreign elements into Iraq, who are doing those bloody outrageous acts of decapitating innocent foreign civilians and kidnapping journalists and aid workers, some of whom are sympathetic to our cause. The very notorious method of "**if you cannot defeat it directly, send agents to sabotage from inside**" is frequently used by colonial circles. Imperialist

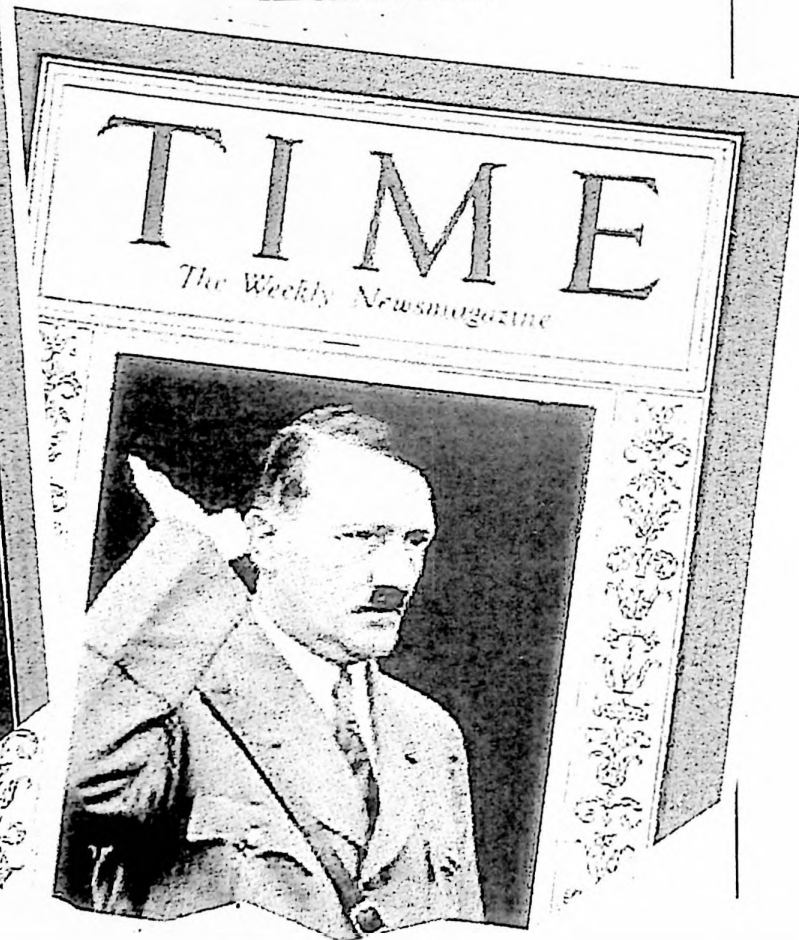
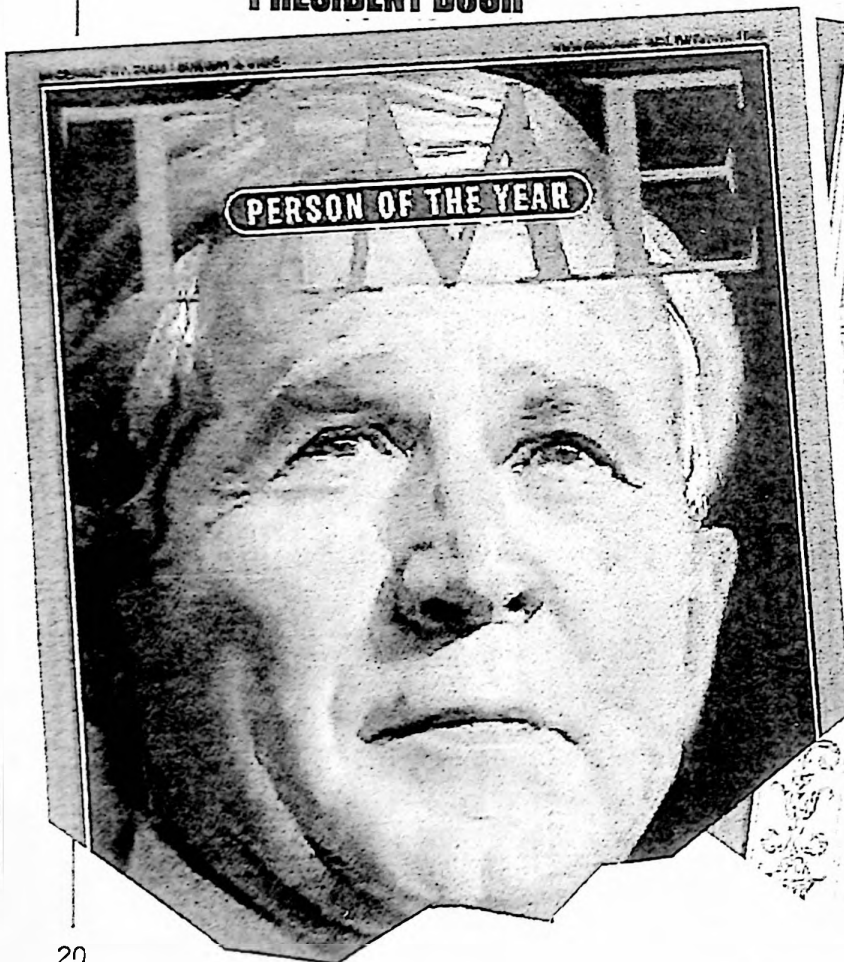
and Zionist circles are also trying to stir up sectarian and ethnic differences in order to hit and disrupt any genuine national unity of the Iraqi people. This requires extra caution from all Iraqis.

The creation of the so-called "*un-elected Iraqi Government*" instead of the designated "*Iraqi Interim Council*" which was and is now under the direct control of the occupiers. Most members of this new Iraqi government are agents that were brought into Iraq under the protection of the American tanks, and they are nothing more than dummies used to cover the barbaric acts of the America occupying forces. The blood of every women, child and the elderly in Nagubah, Najaf, Falluhjah, Mosul or La Basra is on the hands of each member of this Government.

Thanks to the heroic resistance, Iraq is becoming the tomb of the occupiers and the Arab version of Vietnam. We salute the heroic Iraqi people and the brave patriotic resistance!

**2004 MAN OF THE YEAR-
PRESIDENT BUSH**

**PREVIOUS MAN OF THE YEAR --
ADOLF HITLER**



AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL!

IT'S TIME TO STOP BEING HIT!

By **MICHAEL MOORE**
December 13, 2004

Dear friends:

It is no surprise that the US Republicans are sore winners. They have spent the better part of the last month beating their chests about the Bush victory, threatening to send to Siberia any Republican who doesn't toe the line, and promising everything short of martial law if the Democrats don't do what they are told.

What's even worse is to watch the pathetic sight of US Democrats, those conservative pro-corporate group, apologizing for even being Democrats and promising to purge the US Democratic Party of the likes of, well, all of US! Their comments are so hilarious and really not even worth recognizing, but the media is paying so much attention to them, I thought it might help to do a reality check.

The most people the DLC are able to get out to even one of theirs is about 200 at the annual dinner (*where you have to pay thousands of dollars to get in*).

Contrast this with the following:

*Total numbers of "Move On" – more than 2,000,000

*Total attendance at "Vote For Change Concerts" – an estimated 280,000

*Total Union members in the US – around 16,000,000

*Total number of people who have seen "Fahrenheit 9/11" – over 50,000,000

*Total number reading this letter – perhaps 10,000,000 or more

Let us reflect as to what went wrong in the presidential election. I would like to pass on to you an essay that a friend of mine who works with abuse victims has sent me. It was written by a woman who spent years working as an advocate for victims of domestic violence and she sees many parallels between her

work and the reaction of many Democrats. Her name is Mel Giles and here is what she had to say....

"Did you watch Dan Rather apologize for not getting his facts straight (!?), humiliated before the eyes of America, voluntarily undermining his authority and career over thirty years. Observe Donna Brazille squirm as she is ridiculed by Bay Buchanan, and pronounced irrelevant and nearly non-existent. Listen as Donna and Nancy Pelosi and Senator Charles Schumer take to the airways saying that they have to go back to the drawing board and learn from their mistakes and try to be better, more likeable, more appealing, have a stronger message, speak to morality. Watch all of these regime pleasers awkwardly quote the bible, trying to speak the "new" language of America. Surf the net, and read the comments of dismayed, discombobulated and large numbers of trying to figure out what they did wrong. Hear the cacophony of voices, crying out, "**Why did they beat me?**"

And then ask anyone who has ever worked in a domestic violence shelter if they have heard this before.

They will tell you, every single day!"

The answer is quite simple. The regime beats us because they are the abusers. We can call it hate. We can call it fear. We can say that it is unfair. But we are looped into a cycle of violence, and we need to start calling the dominating side what they really are - abusive. And we need to recognize that we are the victims of

"They know we own their country. We owe their airspace. We dictate the way they live and talk. And that's what is great about America right now. It's a good thing especially when there's a lot of oil out there we need."

**US Brig. General William Looney,
Washington Post, August 30, 1999.**

"They tell us we live in a free country, our institutions are democratic and we are a free-governing people. Wars have been waged for conquest and plunder. The master class always declared war, the subject class always fought the battles."

Eugene Victor Debs

verbal, mental, and even, in the of Iraq and Afghanistan et physical violence.

As victims, we can't stop ourselves what we did wrong can't seem to grasp that they w hitting us and beating us as long we keep sticking around and ourselves what we are doing deserve this beating.

Listen to President George Bush say that the will of excuses his behavior. Listen, a refuses to take any responsibility express remorse, or even once a mistake. Watch him strut, and us that he will only work with the people who agree with him, and each one of us is allowed question (*soon, it will be none a abusers hit hard when question the US press corps can tell you t*). See him surround himself with those who pledge oath of allegiance. Hear him tell us that if we will listen and do as he says and agree with his every utterance, all will well for us (*it won't; we will never worthy*).

And watch the US Democratic Party leadership and their supporters on the left walk on eggshells, try to meet him, wash the wind better – get out that spot – distance themselves from any controversial movements. See these Democrats cry for the attention and affection approval from President Bush his followers. Watch us squ Watch us descend into a world crazy-making, where logic does work and the other side tells us we are nuts when we rely on facts world where - worst of all - we be to believe that we are crazy.

HOW TO BREAK FREE? AGAIN THE ANSWER IS QUITE SIMPLE

First, we must admit that we the victims. Then we must admit this state of affairs is unacceptable. Next we must protect ourselves, who are being victimized. cannot do this by responding to their demands, or becoming more them, or engaging with them in logical conversation, or trying persuade them that you are right. You cannot accomplish this if close your ears and eyes – covering your head and submitting the blows, figuring its over faster – hurts less if you don't resist and fall back.

Instead, you find other people like yourself, those who are hurting like yourself, broken, and beating themselves up in frustration. You tell them what you have learned and that you will not take it anymore. You have to stand tall, because you have millions of people behind you, and you look right into the eyes of the abusers and you tell them to go to hell. You then walk and organize. The new road will be hard, but it will be better than the constant abuse.

Don't let the present powers dictate or frame us. We absolutely must dispense with the notion that we, the majority people are weak, godless, cowardly, disorganized, crazy, too naive, too liberal, amoral, loose, irrelevant, outmoded, stupid and soon to be extinct. We have the mandate to take back the world that was usurped, and the legacy of the oppressed people throughout history.

Some of the downtrodden people do not even realize that they are being hit.

This is our challenge to change the system that exploits!

As the words of the song goes: *"The answer my friend is blowing in the wind - the answer is blowing in the wind!"*

FALLUJAH WAS NAPALMED

From SUNDAY MIRROR, UK
December 1, 2004

US troops secretly used outlawed napalm gas to wipe out remaining resistance fighters in and around Fallujah.

There is now confirmation that President Bush has sanctioned the use of napalm, a deadly chemical cocktail of polystyrene and jet fuel, banned by the United Nations yet in 1980. This news is now stunning the governments of the world.

Last month in the British Parliament, Tony Blair was dragged into the row as furious Labour MP's demanded that he face the British Commons over it. Innocent civilians have died in Iraq from these napalm attacks, which turned victims into human fireballs as the gel bonds flames to the flesh.

Since the US attack on Fallujah

there have been verified reports of "melted" corpses on the streets. In August of last year, the US was forced to admit using poison gas in its attacks on Iraq.

A 1980 United Nations convention banned the use of napalm, against civilians. The United States never ratified this treaty at all, and it's the only country in the world still using this weapon.

QUESTION:

If the absolute majority in the United Nations Organization had banned this horrible weapon, and if the US is the ONLY country in the world that refuses to ratify it - out of 190 countries in the UN - why does not the UN expel the US from the United Nations Organization, as is written in the UN Charter, and charge President Bush as a war criminal? Where is that glorified and over-paid Secretary General of the UN?

190 US SPY FLIGHTS LAST NOVEMBER OVER NORTH KOREA

From ASSOCIATED PRESS,
December 1, 2004

North Korea charged that the US military conducted at least 190 spy flights against it last November, seeking an opportunity to invade the country.

"This is a clear indication that the USA imperialists are watching for a chance to mount a pre-emptive attack on the country, while frantically pursuing their hostile policy towards it", said the North's official Korean Central News Agency.

The US military refuses to comment on its spy flights, although it acknowledges that it is daily monitoring North Korean military activity. US also admits that it uses planes like the U-2, RC-135, E-3 and EP-3 for aerial espionage against North Korea.

US keeps 33,000 American troops in South Korea since 1953.

QUESTION:

What would US do if North Korean spy planes or Russian spy planes were doing this kind of espionage on the US territory?

Cuba strengthens its readiness

Agencia Cubana de Noticias (AIN)

Faced with the escalating hostility from the US government, Cuba stepped up its own defense preparedness, according to the statement from the Ministry of Armed Forces last month. The communiqué described the hard-line anti-Cuba policy of the Bush administration as the most aggressive in 45 years of US antagonism towards the island.

The preparedness for a "People's War" means, providing each and every Cuban with a means to fight the aggressor and repel in no matter how numerically or technologically superior the US aggressor is.

The Cuban Ministry of the Armed Forces announced the "Bastion 2004 Military Exercises" that were held last December 13-19, 2004, aimed at evaluating the preparation readiness of the command centers, troops, militias, production brigades, and the general population.

SOCIALIST PARTY OF BANGLADESH - SPB

Dear comrades:

We have received your official invitation to attend the Second World Congress for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People that will be held in Toronto, Canada on September 23-24-25, 2005 at the Friendship House.

We are asking you to send us all the information that you have regarding the Congress so that we shall get acquainted with all the materials. We then shall confirm our participation.

Being ardent and enthusiastic readers of Northstar Compass and friends of the Soviet people, we want to participate at this important Second World Congress.

With revolutionary greetings
Comradely yours

Mobinul Hayder Chowdhury
Member of the Central Committee
Socialist Party of Bangladesh

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A new study in the USA revealed that close to 50% of all food ready for harvest never gets eaten. The study showed that due to price fixing and gouging, edible food that can help the starving is rather wasted than having the price lowered. Entire crops are left on the fields, rather than lower the profit margin.

BUSH'S SPIN DOCTORS

In the news media, Bush's spin doctors again came up with the scare of the bin Laden videos, tapes of his voice (?!). And all this comes all before the January 30th US Congressional elections. This time the claim is that Abu-Musab al-Zarqawi is a trusted deputy of bin Laden. Somehow this time these spin doctors of Bush have spun right out of control. Abu-al Zarqawi and Osama bin Laden were and are bitter enemies.

But, let us remember that bin Laden and his whole family are friends with the Bush family, and even went so far as to cover the Bush family oil stock losses, **with hard cash**. These spin doctors are hired by Bush in order to stop his future impeachment,

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**MICHAEL
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**EXPOSE!
NATO'S SECRET
ARMIES ARE
LINKED TO
TERRORISM**

This report written by Daniele Ganser is based on excerpts from his newly released book, "NATO'S SECRET ARMIES – OPERATION GLADIO AND TERRORISM IN WESTERN EUROPE", which was released last December by Frank

Cass in London.

The book describes NATO's clandestine operation during the Cold War. The research was prompted by a story that made world headlines in 1990, but quickly disappeared, ensuring that even today, NATO's secret armies remain just that – **secret**.

Until now, a full investigation of NATO's secret armies had not been carried out – a task that Hanser has taken on single-handedly and quite successfully.

In Italy on August 3, 1990, the then Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti confirmed the existence of a secret army code-named **GLADIO** - the Latin word for **Sword** – within the Italian State. His testimony before the Senate subcommittee investigating terrorism in Italy sent shockwaves through the Italian parliament and the public, as speculation arose that the secret army had manipulated Italian politics through the acts of terrorism.

Andriotti revealed that the secret army had been hidden within the Italian Defense Ministry as a subsection of the military secret service, SISMI. General Vito Miceli, the former Director of the Italian Military Secret Service, could hardly

believe that Andreotti had lifted the secret, and he protested.

"I have gone to prison because I did not want to reveal the existence of this super secret organization. And now Andriotti comes along and tells it to the Italian Parliament", said General Vito Miceli.

According to the document that was compiled by the Italian Military Secret Service in 1959, the secret armies had a two-fold strategic purpose: **firstly**, to operate as a so-called stay-behind group in case of Soviet invasion of Europe and to carry out a guerilla war in the occupied territories; **secondly**, to carry out domestic operations in case of emergency situations and left unrest in Italy.

The military secret services perceptions as to what constituted an emergency was well defined in Cold War Italy and focused on the increasing strength of the Italian Communist and Socialist parties, both of them were struggling against the policies of NATO. Felice Casson, an Italian judge, who during the investigations into right-wing terrorism had first discovered the **Secret Gladio Army** and had forced then Prime Minister Andriotti to take a stand, found that this secret army

had ongoing links with the right-wing terrorists in order to confront the growing influence of the Communists and Socialists which they thought was a danger. The terrorists, supplied with arms by this secret army, carried out bomb attacks in public places, then blamed them on the Italian left movement, and these bombers-terrorists were then protected by the Italian Secret Army from prosecution in cooperation with the Italian Secret Service. "You had to attack the civilians, the people, the women, the children, the innocent people, unknown people that were far removed from any political game, and blame this on the Communists", said the right-wing terrorist Vincozo Vinciguerra, when he explained the so-called strategy of created tension to Casson.

The reason was quite simple. They were to force the Italian people to turn to the Italian state and ask for greater security. This was the political logic that lies behind all the massacres and bombings - which to this date remain unpublished, because the state cannot convict itself or cannot declare themselves responsible for what happened.

How strongly NATO and US intelligence backed and supported the use of terror in Italy and in other countries in order to discredit the left wing movements during the Cold War, remains the subject of ongoing research. Italian General Gerardo Serraballe, who commanded the Italian Gladio Secret Army from 1971 to 1974, confirmed that the secret army was prepared to pass from a defensive, post-invasion logic, to one of attack, or civil war.

The Italian Senate chose to be more explicit and concluded its investigation in year 2000. "These

massacres, those bombs, those military actions had been organized or promoted by men inside the Italian State Institutions and, as has been discovered more recently, by men linked to the structures of the United States Intelligence."

Ever since the discovery of this secret NATO armies in 1990 research into stay-behind armies has progressed only very slowly, due to very limited access to primary documents and the absolute refusal of both NATO and the CIA to comment. On November 6, 1990, a NATO spokesman told the inquisitive press that: "NATO has never contemplated any guerilla war or any clandestine operations."

The very next day, NATO officials admitted to the press that the previous days denial had been false, adding that the NATO alliance would not comment on matters of military secrecy. On November 7 of that year, NATO's highest military official in Europe, the Supreme Allied Commander in Europe (SACEUR) US General John Galkvin, together with NATO's civilian official Secretary-General Manfred Wrner, briefed NATO ambassadors behind closed doors. "Since this is a secret organization, I wouldn't expect too many questions to be answered. If there were any links to terrorist organizations, that sort of information would be buried very deep indeed."

Former senior CIA Director William Colby, confided in his memoirs that setting up these secret armies in Western Europe has been a major program for the CIA. This project started immediately after 1945 in total secrecy, and access to any kind of information was limited to a tiny coterie of people and the most reliable people, in Washington, in NATO and in the countries concerned.

Yet, when in Italy in 1990, the former CIA Director Admiral Stanfield Turner was questioned on television about Gladio, he strictly refused to answer any questions on this sensitive issue, but as the interviewers kept on insisting with respect for the terror victims, Stanfield angrily ripped off his attached microphone and shouted: "I said, no questions about Gladio!" and the interview was over.

This secret army was based on the presumption that the Soviet

Union is going to attack Europe, so these anti-communist picked army would be operating behind enemy lines, sabotaging factories, industries, pipe-lines. Upon the discovery of these secret armies of NATO, the European Parliament responded with harsh criticism, suspecting it to have been involved in manipulation and terror operations. This Europe will have no future, the Italian representative Falkui opened up the debate: "If EU Parliament is not founded on truth, on full transparency in regards to the dark plots against democracy, we cannot live in a state that is open and secret at the same time"

The majority of the European Parliamentarians followed Falqui, and in a special resolution on November 22, 1990 made it clear to the EU and protested against NATO plans, and calling for a full investigation into these clandestine military organizations.

But, only Parliaments of Italy, Switzerland and Belgium had formed a special commission to investigate this secret army and after years of research the reports were presented. This research confirmed that NATO spread these secret armies all across Western Europe, with great details on the networks of the Secret Armies in Germany, France, Spain, Portugal, Holland, Luxemburg, Belgium, Denmark, Norway, Italy, Greece and Turkey, as well as the strategic plans for England and the US itself.

These secret armies were coordinated by the so-called Allied Clandestine Committee and the Clandestine Planning Committee, linked to NATO's Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers in Europe. In some of these countries the secret army became a source of terror, while in others they became a prudent precaution.

In Turkey, the counter-guerrillas of the secret army were involved in domestic terror operations against the Kurds, while in Greece, the LOK took part in the 1967 fascist military coup d'tat to prevent a Socialist government to take power. In Spain this secret army was used to prop up the fascist government of Franco, and in Germany, right-wing terrorists used the explosives off the secret army in the 1980 terror attack in Munich. In other countries, including

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Denmark, Norway and Luxemburg, these secret soldiers prepared for the eventual occupation of their home country in case of a left victory in the elections, and never engaged in domestic terror or manipulation. This provides as sobering inside into this **Gladio Secret Army** where innocent lives were sacrificed to cover up the acts of terrorism in order to manipulate the population to believe that it was the communists and socialists that did all this mayhem.

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GUINEA PIG KIDS

BBC/NDR Film

Vulnerable children in some of New York's poorest districts are being forced to take part in the HIV drug trials.

HIV positive children – some only a few months old – are enrolled in toxic experiments without the consent of guardians or relatives. In some cases where parents have refused to give their children medication, they have been placed in care facilities.

Reporter Jamie Doran in New York, in this documentary film, talks to parents and guardians who fear for the lives of their loved ones, and to a child who spent years on a drugs program that made him and his friends ill.

In 2002, the Incarnation Children's Center – a children's home in Harlem, New York – was at the hub of controversy over secretive drug trials.

Jamie speaks in this film to a boy who spent most of his life at Incarnation. Medical reports obtained by the Third World team, proves that the boy had been enrolled in these trials. *"I did not want to take these medications. But if you want to get out of here, you have to do what they say."*

He also conveys a horrifying account of what happened to the children at the Incarnation who refused to obey the order to take medicine. *"My friend Daniel didn't like to take this medicine and he got a tube stuck into his stomach,"* he said.

Dr. David Rasnick from the University of Berkley, who has studied the effects of HIV on patients – particularly that of children – says that: *"these drugs are "lethal". The young are not completely developed yet. Their immune system isn't completely mature until a person's in their teens."*

So why are these children targeted? Is it simply because they cannot defend themselves?

At the beginning of this investigation, the ACS said that no child was selected for trials without a long process of decision-making, but declined to comment further. For many months the BBC tried to get information from the people responsible for these trials, but none would comment.

The companies that supply drugs for these trials are amongst the worlds' largest, including Britain's own Glaxo SmithKline (GSK).

But under US federal rules, consent for children to take part in drug trials has to be given by their parents.

But what if that child is in the care of the New York City authorities, which volunteered it for trials in the first place?

JERRY MORSE



AS I SEE IT!

YUKOS GETS ITS JUST DESSERTS!

Moscow judges have sanctioned the arrest of two Yukos Oil Giant cartel lawyers, Svetlana Bakhmina and Yelena Agranovskaya plus Igor Malakhovsky, Director of the Yukos-affiliated company "Ratibor", on charges of embezzlement. Last December 9th the court authorized criminal proceedings against Dmitry Golobolob, the head of Yukos' judicial directorate, who later left the country and was placed on Russia's wanted list.

Yukos called these arrests as *"out-and-out terror comparable to what Stalin did in 1937"*. The Prosecutors Office retorted and accused Yukos officials of *"filthy theft and Yukos has violated the law for a long time, rudely and cynically. Now it's time to reap what you have sowed."*

THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE!

In a press conference held on December 20, 2004, President Bush said that *"some of the Iraqi troops are leaving the battlefield, when things get tough and this is unacceptable!"*

Surely the Iraqi troops realize the senselessness of killing their own people and risking their lives for the foreign invaders. Yes, people are being killed in Iraq - on both sides - but, the Iraqi patriots are defending their own land and fighting a foreign invader. Their weapons certainly do not compare or match what you, Mr. Bush have the US troops use - such as Daisy cutters, Cluster bombs, Depleted uranium nose-cone penetrating missiles, Super missiles, Multi-gun helicopter weapons being used against homes of innocent civilians.

These Iraqi soldiers are being pushed into the front lines, much the same as the US Black soldiers were pushed in the Vietnam War. The complete farce of these US sponsored and arranged Iraqi elections will come to haunt you Mr. Bush.

GEHELN CLONES

Never in the history of the world has there been formed, and passed into law an organization with such dangerous inter and outer intelligence infrastructure as is being done now by Bush in the US. This Military, Industrial, Financial and Control organization of Imperialism

has put to shame the German Nazi Gestapo. In this new Collins-Lieberman Intelligence Reform on Terrorism Prevention Act, President Bush has succeeded in making himself the absolute **Dictator** by controlling by himself the Defense, Energy, Homeland Security, Justice, State and Treasury Departments, Transportation, Foreign Policy, Immigration, Counter Terrorism, CIA and FBI—all these will be under personal control of Bush, the would be **Dictator of the World**.

American people are walking into a concentration camp, while singing Onward Christian Soldiers. How foolish and dangerous can a country become, knowing that Imperialism has killed since World War I over 100 million people, most of whom were women and children. Yes, there is coming a new **American Gestapo!**

CALL FOR RUSSIAN GREATNESS

The Russian State Duma Deputy Speaker, Dmitry Rogozin has said that his party "*Rodina*" (*Motherland*) will launch a project to return Russia to the old course, when the country was united, not an appendage of Western imperialism. This will be a national liberation movement. The Congress was held on December 12th, 2004 in Moscow.

MOSCOW-

Political waters (*with a pinch of benzyne*) will insure the growth of something, whether socialism, one is not sure. This pertains to nailing the present Russian criminals who are rated now as billionaires. These characters pay very few taxes - if any at all - use fraudulent accounting and other tricks so that their shareholders will gouge hefty dividends.

The coming auction of the Russian Yukosmaknefyegaz to pay back taxes amounting to \$27.5 billions is being eyed by the US Texas Courts for bankruptcy protection, and is called a "*very real threat to the USA*". There are warnings being issued against this auction.

Hoodwinking the American and Russian taxpayers is a very optimistic view from the US Treasury Department, under the control of the Military, Industrial and Financial Complex. Western Banks, such as the Deutsche Bank, Dresden K.W.,

J.P. Morgan Bank (*of Nazi collaboration fame*) and others, are opening up every sack of tricks they have, short of outright nuclear war against Russia to protect its shareholders.

There is an action suite filed in Houston Texas against the oil giant Yukos of Russia. US monopolies are refusing to loan money to Yukos, because they want to buy this former Soviet oil giant outright for \$9 billion dollars. This is all in limbo now. It looks as if the Texas money will get this Soviet developed energy resource.

When President George W. Bush visited Halifax, Canada for three hours last December 1, 2004, he forgot to mention that the millions of dollars spent for his 3 hour visit to Halifax, would have been enough to house, feed and sleep the multitudes of unemployed and away from doorways, piers, street-heat grades, into every room, including the dining rooms of the Lord Nelson Hotel in Halifax for the next 100 years.

When Bush spoke about the Missile Defense System, for the Military-Industrial-Financial Complex, and invited Canada to participate, about 1,000 Sea Gulls, which have been facing the wind on the massive Pier 21, took flight, proving at the same time that there is no protection in the missile defense programs, as they unloaded their displeasure.

US Secretary of State Colin Powell made a tearful appeal on behalf of the White House, to the NATO Summit in Brussels December 9, 2004, asking them to forget all illegal past actions, especially against Iraq, and to come to the Christmas Party at the White House.

Santa will allow NATO members to sit on his knee, while Santa will give a list of military gift training kits for NATO boys and girls, under the careful watch of reindeer loving Sergeant Majors, because they are qualified gift wrappers.

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Choirs from Poland, Hungary and Czech Republic will sing as angels. But the fallen angels of Belgium, France, Germany, Spain and Luxemburg will not be allowed to sit on Santa's knees, because of "*His bad breath*", so said the NATO chiefs.

All the gifts that are given will be the same. When unwrapped, the NATO soldier volunteers will be trained in Iraq warfare, and, these volunteers will replace American soldiers, who are now stationed in Iraq do not believe in Santa Claus.

US Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld, before going to the inauguration of the US-appointed government in Afghanistan, dropped in on the US troops in Kuwait, who are slated to go into action in Iraq. Questions were invited from the troops by this noble representative of the Industrial Military Financial Complex, which would be then answered by Rumsfeld.

One of the questions asked was as to why the soldiers are supplied with tin-lizzies vehicles and they have to go into scrap yards to get bits of metal to strengthen their vehicles against Iraqi defenders who are giving US soldiers such a hard time. Rumsfeld replied that they were looking into this problem, but when one is at war, you have to go with what you have.

Another soldier asked why the Stop-Loss policy was in place for US troops, who have to serve another term in Iraq? (*This is just a Stay Put in Iraq you soldiers, benefiting the multinational corporations, and the corporate security apparatus whose salaries are in excess of \$300,000 per year.*)

Of course Mr. Rumsfeld said something to this effect in order to placate the US soldiers. "*Now settle down boys, settle down! Hell, I, am an old man and its early in the morning, I'm just gathering my thoughts here. You must stay and fight for freedom and democracy! We know that some of you will be killed. We don't mind you staying beyond the date of your contract, or if this war is illegal. Just keep on fighting, so long as we, your leaders do not have to go and fight. Our job is to think later in the day, perhaps during dinner time, or during the Happy Hour!*"

PAGES FROM THE PAST

Another case of British Imperialism's Treachery revealed

It is a fact of history that it was the Red Army, and the Soviet Union, which almost single-handedly defeated Nazism. Very little actual combat, when compared with the Eastern Front, actually occurred in the Western Front where it was not only late, it was largely against units of the Wehrmacht and the SS that were rebuilding after being mauled in the Eastern Front. The disgraceful delay of Normandy was the pathetic attempt by British and American Imperialism to keep on the first socialist state the main burden of fighting Nazism. We can say, therefore, that as this delayed the end of the war, extra avoidable deaths were incurred. Thus, with respect to these people, murdered by the Nazis, who might have survived if the British, Yanks, etc., pursued the Normandy landings earlier as the U.S.S.R. was demanding, the responsibility for their murders have to be shared by the British and American imperialists.

The extent of this treachery was inadvertently revealed in The Times of Oct. 30, 2004. Not only was Normandy delayed to the time where it could no longer be delayed in the eyes of Western Imperialism as the Red Army was marching from one success to another, in four articles reprinted below, we have revealed that the British, who had better intelligence of the troop movements of the Nazis deliberately did not share this valuable information to the U.S.S.R., their ally against Nazism. Further revealing the turpitude of monopoly

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capitalists, the Times saves it criticisms to the Brit who did the right thing by passing the information on these truth movements to the U.S.S.R.

Death-bed confession of the spy who got away

By Michael Evans and Magnus Linklater

A SECRET death-bed confession from a publisher who served in military intelligence in the Second World War has exposed an extraordinary story of espionage and treachery.

James MacGibbon, who died four years ago, aged 88, admitted in a 12-page affidavit, kept secret until now, that he spied for the Russians while working in the War Office.

He will join a long list of spies who served two masters, notably Harold "Kim" Philby, Donald Maclean, Guy Burgess and Anthony Blunt. The full extent of his espionage emerged last week after MI5 agreed to a request by his family to release details of surveillance it had carried out on him after a tip-off in 1949.

Based in Washington and London, where he was involved in planning Operation Overlord, the 1944 Allied invasion of Normandy, MacGibbon was questioned by William Skardon, the legendary MI5 interrogator who uncovered Klaus Fuchs, the atom spy in 1950.

But MacGibbon survived the interrogation and was taken off a list of suspects. Before he died, he typed out a confession which The Times now makes public for the first time. He wrote how alarmed he had become when he realised who was questioning him.

"It was a relief when some weeks later, he called me into the War Office to tell me I had been 'cleared'. I was impressed when Skardon's name was disclosed to know I had been interrogated by the top man and had lied my way out."

MacGibbon, whose father was the Minister of Glasgow Cathedral was a Tory until 1934 when he joined the Communist Party. When war broke out, he was drafted into military intelligence because he spoke German. Afterwards, as head of MacGibbon & Kee, he published Cecil Day Lewis and Humphrey Lyttleton.

His son, Hamish MacGibbon, defended his father's decision to pass information to the Russians. He said: "The information that has been recently released adds little to what we, as the family, knew."

"It confirms our view that all he did was to report on German troop movements to our Russian allies. This was exactly the right thing to do. It has not altered our view of him as a man and a father of whom we are very proud."

I spied for Stalin at War Office, publisher confessed

By Magnus Linklater



After the death of his widow, a Soviet agent reveals posthumously how he passed on information about troop movements

The first time James MacGibbon told me about his life as a Soviet agent was on a summer afternoon as we floated on a boat down the River Stour in Essex — Constable country.

He was in his seventies, a warm and charming friend whom I had known since my earliest days in journalism. He talked about his pre-war membership of the Communist Party, and how strongly he had felt about the importance of supporting the Russians, as our wartime allies.

He confided, almost in passing, an extraordinary secret: he had used his position in Churchill's War Office to send top-level information to Moscow. I suggested that it was important for him to write it down. Six weeks later a document arrived in the post.

Along with chat about family life, he revealed how he had been put in touch with a Soviet contact called Natasha, and had devised a way of passing on to her top-secret details about German troop movements, and about Allied dispositions, including plans for Operation Overlord — the projected invasion of France.

MacGibbon, who ran the publishing firm MacGibbon and Kee,

died in 2000. His only request was that I wait until after the death of his wife, Jean, to publish it. Jean died in 2002, after which the family decided to approach MI5 for further details about MacGibbon's career. Last week a MI5 dossier was handed over, showing that, in 1950, he was suspected of espionage and put under surveillance.

MacGibbon had told me that he had been questioned by Jim Skardon, who had broken the atom spy, Klaus Fuchs — but had revealed nothing. "I was impressed to know that I had been interrogated by the top man and had lied my way out," he said.

MacGibbon's 12-page account of his progress from pre-war membership of the Communist Party to secret wartime meetings with Natasha, reads like a spy thriller.

It has, too, a strangely innocent feel. Convinced that, following the Nazi invasion of the Soviet Union in 1941, it was his duty to keep the Soviets up to date with German troop movements, MacGibbon made contact with the Soviet Embassy in London. He met Natasha at a spot near Westbourne Terrace.

"We exchanged passwords and walked along together (it was dark)," he wrote. "I passed on my first note on the German units facing the Soviet armies. The first cache was arranged, this was usually under a bush in a front garden of the terrace houses, my typed notes including a matchbox. The caches were changed each time. In each one I left an empty box, which was marked with a cross by Natasha before I left the new box with my notes."

"This became a regular routine once or twice a month, with occasional meetings, always taking care that we were not being watched as we walked along chatting — we became friends although I never met her in daylight."

As he worked at night in the Map Room of the War Office, where the position of enemy and Allied forces were shown on a map, it was relatively easy for him to note down German troop movements.

"When I heard that our enemy intelligence was not passed on to the Russians, who were confronting the greater part of the German armies, it seemed disgraceful," he said. "Our knowledge of the locations of the German units happened to be very good — much better than the Russians'."

MacGibbon had joined the Intelligence Corps because he spoke German. He had been vetted by MI5 in 1940, but it had been at best cursory. After some questions about his membership of the Communist Party, MacGibbon was asked: "Are you for us or for Stalin?"

He answered: "For us."

"Shake on it, old man," said his vetting officer. "And that," said MacGibbon, "was that. For the rest of the war years no secrets were withheld from me. It was still an age of innocence. A gentleman's word was his bond."

He was put through an intelligence course, then posted to MI3, the section of the War Office dealing with Operation Overlord. It is not clear how much of this was passed to the Russians, but MacGibbon told me that he sent them everything he thought could

help them, and this must have included details of the D-Day landings. Although at the early stage they would have been rudimentary, he continued his contacts until June 1944.

That month MacGibbon was posted to Washington, working on the British side of the Combined Chiefs of Staff. He began regular meetings with another Soviet contact — "this time a sophisticated man", he said. He arranged drops similar to those in London. "All this had become so much of a routine that after he and I had begun having occasional drinks in a bar, I began to feel that I was taking unnecessary risks and we stopped that practice."

Instead, MacGibbon used to take tram rides to north Washington, where he met his contact near a cemetery.

Soon after VE-Day, MacGibbon returned to London, supposing that his job of passing on information was over. "But that was not the end," he wrote. "I was pestered by phone calls from a rather dreary man." Only after representations to a senior contact in the Communist Party did the contacts come to an end.

Last night his son Hamish said: "The information that has been released concerning my father adds little to what we, as the family, knew. It confirms our view that all he did was to report on German troop movements to our Russian allies. In view of the situation then this was exactly the right thing to do. It has not in any way altered our view of him as a man and a father, of whom we are very proud."

Passwords and secret night meetings

Extracts from MacGibbon's confession

IN BRITAIN: "Through my friendship with X (the name is missing) whom I met when we were both at 8 Corps HQ ... a meeting was arranged at X's sister's flat in Edgware Road. He confirmed the British were not passing on their vitally important enemy intelligence, something that can mean the difference between victory and defeat."

"I have forgotten how my first rendezvous was arranged but I met

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a young Russian woman, Natasha, at a pre-ordained spot near Westbourne Terrace.

"We exchanged passwords and walked along together introducing each other and I passed on my first note on the German units facing the Soviet armies. The first cache was arranged. This was usually under a bush in a front garden of the terrace houses, my typed notes including a matchbox. The caches were changed each time. In each cache I left an empty box, which was marked with a cross by Natasha before I left the new box with my notes.

"This became a regular routine once or twice a month, with occasional meetings, always taking care we were not being watched. We became friends although I never met her in daylight.

"And so it went on from 1943 to 1944 when I was transferred to Washington on the British side of the Combined Chiefs of staff in June 1944."

IN AMERICA: "I was one of two GSO2s under our brigadier, a friendly regular soldier. My work was similar to what I had been doing in London with the new duty of writing a weekly brief for our general. Our old friends (not identified in the confession) had gone to the USA a year or so before war broke out and were well established with another part of Washington society, liberal-minded journalists and writers.

"Saturday nights were very happy. Once again I was leading a wartime life that seemed unreal, so far removed from danger.

"I can't remember how my meeting with my new contact was arranged but very soon I was having regular meetings, this time with a sophisticated man, and arranging drops as I had done in London.

"All this had become so much of a routine that after he and I began having occasional drinks in a bar I began to feel I was taking

unnecessary risks and we stopped.

"I was never conscious of being in danger although occasionally I wondered what my fate would be if discovered."

MI5 agents acted on tip-off by Communist informer

By Magnus Linklater

DOCUMENTS passed by MI5 to James MacGibbon's family reveal that the security services had found out about his contacts with the Russians and placed him under surveillance after the war.

In 1950, he received an unexpected visit from a British agent, who informed him that MI5 knew about his activities. "He stayed for about an hour," said MacGibbon. "I denied everything, assuring him that the Russians could only have wanted to see me because I had been a CP (Communist Party) member."

The MI5 files show that his telephone was tapped, and his house in St John's Wood watched from December 1949 to 1953. The record shows that this information was given to a member of the security services by an informer within the Communist Party who knew MacGibbon.

The informer reported that, after returning to Britain, MacGibbon had been offered £2,000 by the Soviet Embassy for "services rendered" and was asked to continue to provide information. MacGibbon refused. Having left the Army he had no more information to give. He was interrogated on two occasions in 1950. Both interviews, the second by Jim Skardon, "produced robust denials" by MacGibbon and his wife, Jean.

The official records include bugged conversations between MacGibbon and his wife discussing whom they could approach for advice about these allegations, their main concern being to stop Soviet

agents' approaches.

"What I did during the war was something very special," he is recorded as saying to Jean at one point. "The idea I am (involved) with some kind of Russian spy organisation is just something too silly."

In addition to putting a "tail" on MacGibbon, and tapping his phone, it appears that most if not all of the incoming correspondence to their address was opened and photographed (including a letter from their young daughter's uncle enclosing a pound note for her birthday — both copied). None of this mail revealed anything suspicious. ■

Why were US Government Propaganda Experts working on the News at CNN?

This is news that was reported on March 27, 2000 but did not get the full media attention, for obvious reasons. (Editor)

Reports in the Dutch newspaper **Trouw** (2/21/00, 2/25/00) and the French **Intelligence Newsletter** (2/17/00) have revealed that many officers of the US Army's 4th Psychological Operations (PSYOPS) Group from Ft. Bragg, worked in the news division at CNN's Atlanta headquarters last year, starting during the final days of the Kosovo War.

In the US media, so far, only Alexander Cockburn, columnist for **The Nation** and co-editor of the newsletter **CounterPunch**, has picked up on this story. Cockburn's column on the subject is available at <http://www.counterpunch.org>.

This story is disturbing. In the 1980's, officers of the US Army PSUOPS group staffed the National Security Council's Office of Public Diplomacy (OPD), a very shadowy US government propaganda agency that planted stories in the US media supporting the President Reagan Administration's Central American policies.

A senior US official described OPD as a "vast psychological warfare operation of the kind the

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military conducts to influence the population in enemy territory." (Miami Herald" (7/19/87). An investigation by the Congressional General Accounting Office found that the OPD had engaged in "prohibited, covert propaganda activities," and the office was soon shut down as a result of the publicized Iran-Contra investigations. But the 4th PSYOPS group still operates.

CNN has always maintained a close relationship with the Pentagon. Getting access to top military officials is a necessity for CNN that stakes its reputation on being the first on the ground during wars and other military operations.

What makes the CNN story especially troubling is the fact that the network allowed the US Army's covert propagandists to work in its headquarters. Even the PSYOPS officers working in the newsroom probably allowed the military to conduct an intelligence-gathering

mission against the CNN itself?

For instance, one PSYOPS officer worked in CNN's satellite division. According to the intelligence Newsletter, Rear Admiral Thomas Steffens, a psychological warfare expert in the Special Operations Command, recently told the PSYOPS conference that the US military needed to find ways to "**gain control**" over commercial news satellites in order to help bring down an informational cone of "**silence**" over regions where special US operations were talking place. He also stated that the "*US psychological warfare must utilize the vast resources of this fourth estate, for the purpose of communicating our message, boosting friendly morale behind enemy lines, executing better psychological operations, to play better role in deception and enhancing the American intelligence collection.*"

dictatorship, the only party that had even a remote chance of unseating Bush and the Republicans was the Democratic Party, with John Kerry as its presidential candidate. Prior to the Convention, the few Democratic challengers for the nomination who represented any "*challenge*" to big capital at all were discredited and disposed of, through monopoly media control. Both Kerry and Edwards, his running mate, like most of the Democrats in Congress, had supported the Bush Regime in all its criminal activities. Despite scandals involving Enron, Halliburton, exposures of torture of prisoners, the big lie behind Bush's justification for the Iraqi war and the quagmire for the US military in both Afghanistan and Iraq, the Democrats remained silent partners, never even raising the need to impeach Bush! They were thoroughly compromised as collaborators with the Bush war criminals. Furthermore, throughout the campaign, Kerry promised "*a stronger America*", including sending more US occupation troops to Iraq.

So the first reason for Bush's 2004 election victory was that there was **no real choice**. The reality is that the Democratic and Republican Parties together represent one US Imperialist War Party.

The second reason for the Bush victory was **the hysteria** successfully fomented and continually stirred up by the regime around the question of providing "*national security*" while defending against "*terrorism*". It is noteworthy that, by the end of the campaign, a distinction was made between Bush's handling of the war in Iraq, where the developing heroic resistance of the Iraqi peoples had led to an unfavorable rating for Bush, and the so-called "*war against terrorism*" in general, on which Bush somehow maintained a favorable rating!!

Thirdly, the Bushites were able to mobilize **the white Christian right**, the Christian fundamentalists, with their white supremacy, intolerance toward others — on religion, abortion, homosexuality and other non-economic issues, and their fanatical commitment. Thus, for once, armed with so-called "*moral values*", the Republicans had foot soldiers en masse to organize and mobilize their supporters to get out the vote. As part of this Christian

FEATURE ANALYSIS

RAY OF LIGHT



From the Belly of the Beast

Some Lessons of the 2004 US Presidential Election

When the election results for US President rolled in, showing that George W. Bush had won a second term (*after he stole the first*), most folks outside the USA, were shocked. Outside of the hermitically sealed US multinational state, with its mass media at an extremely high level of monopolization, the fact that **the Bush Regime is a regime of**

war criminals is clear. Under the impetus of the world capitalist economic crisis, the Bushites were responsible for the unprovoked war, invasion and occupation of both Afghanistan and Iraq, and a new doctrine of "preventive war" (shades of Hitler Germany). At the same time, they were responsible for waging a war at home in the USA itself— including the rapid removal of workers' rights to overtime protection and on the job rights, union rights, etc., as well as the rapid erosion of civil liberties with the PATRIOT Act, increases in police state, intelligence and other surveillance forces, and the establishment of a massive homeland security department. Bush brought unprecedented tax breaks to the super rich, record government budget deficits to the working people and massive unemployment and underemployment to the masses. Despite all these things, this time Bush received a majority of the votes as tallied (51% to 48%); and almost sixty percent of the eligible voters had cast a vote, up from barely fifty percent in the 2000 election.

How did this happen?

For one thing, in the USA, with its entrenched monopoly capitalist class

right mobilization, with help from key elements in the Catholic hierarchy, Bush even beat Kerry, a Catholic, for the Catholic vote!

Fourth, in addition to the systematic disenfranchisement of Afro-American, Latino, and other anti-Bush voters similar to what had occurred in 2000, there is little doubt that the voting machines used in the 2004 election were in many cases rigged to give votes to the Bushites. The strangely "inaccurate" exit polls, predicting a Kerry victory in Ohio, Florida, and other "swing" states, indicate such **election skulduggery**. The CEO of Diebold Corporation, one of the largest manufacturers of voting machines had, prior to the election, indicated that he would deliver Ohio for Bush! Perhaps the real popular vote count was about 51% for Kerry and 48% for Bush.

Finally, and most importantly, most of the people in US imperialist society were satisfied that Kerry and the Democrats were enough of an alternative to Bush. Hundreds of millions of dollars were spent by both the political parties of the US monopoly capitalist and imperialist class and by the monopolist controlled mass media to promote this democratic façade. Key support for this façade came from important social props such as the AFL-CIO hierarchy and the NAACP leadership. In reality, since Kerry-Edwards as well as Bush-Cheney campaigned as **defenders of the US Empire**, the choice came down to which team could better defend the Empire.

In his great work, *Imperialism and the Split in Socialism*, written during World War I, Lenin said, "On the one hand, there is the tendency of the bourgeoisie and the opportunists to convert a handful of very rich and privileged nations into 'eternal' parasites on the body of the rest of mankind, to 'rest on the laurels' of the exploitation of Negroes, Indians, etc., keeping them in subjection with the aid of the excellent weapons of extermination provided by modern militarism. On the other hand, there is the tendency of the masses who are more oppressed than before and who bear the whole brunt of imperialist wars, to cast off this yoke and to overthrow the bourgeoisie. It is in the struggle

between these two tendencies that the history of the labor movement will now inevitably develop."

For almost sixty years, since the end of World War II, US imperialism has been the *unrivaled imperialist super power*. This fact has enabled US imperialism to bribe and brutalize its own population even more thoroughly than in Lenin's description of imperialism's impact on the *handful* of very rich and privileged nations of the World War I period. The fact that virtually the entire US society has benefited, however temporarily and however unevenly, from the oppression and super-exploitation of the workers and oppressed peoples of the entire world, goes a long way in explaining the results of the 2004 US presidential election.

Conclusion

Those who believe that the US presidential election of 2004 was "important" for the oppressed peoples and workers of the world, including the US workers, are crippled by bourgeois democratic illusions about the nature of imperialism. In *State and Revolution*, Lenin cited Engels who called universal suffrage an instrument of bourgeois rule. Engels stated that it is "the gauge of the maturity of the



working class. It cannot and never will be anything more in the present-day state". Lenin then observes, "The petty bourgeois democrats... expect just this 'more' from universal suffrage. They themselves share and instill into the minds of the people the false notion that universal suffrage 'in the modern state' is really capable of ascertaining the will of the majority of the toilers and of securing its realization."

The modern revisionists, in selling out the interests of the international proletariat and the oppressed peoples as well as the Socialist Camp itself to international capital, headed by US imperialism, over the past fifty years, promoted the idea of "American Exceptionalism". They claimed that Lenin's teachings on imperialism, with its systemic striving toward violence and war, did not or no longer applied to the United States, with which long-term peaceful cooperation could be realized. With the dissolution of the Socialist Camp, and, then, in the past several years, the advent of the Bush Regime, Lenin's truth is once again verified by the bitter experience of the masses of humanity.

Today United States imperialism is armed to the teeth. The domestic economy is a war economy. The US culture, which is spread like Christianity was spread to the colonies in the early days of capitalism, and for the same aim of conquest, reflects the violence and parasitism quite natural for the citadel of a global empire. The monopoly capitalist ruling class in the USA, with generations of blood on its hands, will not surrender its privilege and power on the basis of an election. Indeed, it cannot ever afford to allow a "free election" to take place.

NO TO THE #1 EXPLOITER OF THE WORLD'S PEOPLE!

NO TO THE WORLD'S #1 TERRORIST!

DOWN WITH BUSH-LED US IMPERIALISM!

DUMP THE SYSTEM OF MONOPOLY CAPITALISM AND IMPERIALISM!

BUILD A SOCIALIST FUTURE! ■

NEW SOVIET VIDEOS

EXPLOITS OF THE AVENGERS: During the Civil War, the Young Komsomols are given a task to sabotage the plans of the White Cossack counter-revolutionaries in Odessa, during 1920's. Using a musical group as a cover, they steal the plans of the White Wrangel guards and narrowly escape with the help of the local Gypsies. Excellent film.

English subtitles: \$25.00

CROWN OF THE RUSSIAN EMPIRE: Young Komsomols are given the task by the Red Army Headquarters to save the Crown of the Russian Czars that is in a Moscow Museum. This is to be stolen by the Russian ruling class runaways that are in France, who have a plan with a traitor inside the Museum, to steal the crown and crown the new pretender as the Russian Czar in Paris. The plot is foiled by the young Komsomol Avengers, but there are tragedies involved. Spy thriller.

English subtitles: \$25.00

SPECIAL FOR NSC

PROTEST SENT TO COLOMBIA

To Vice-President Francisco Santos:

Human Rights organizations in Toronto, Canada denounce the Colombian state in its complicity in the massacres taking place in Colombia. We demand an immediate halt to the massacres by the Colombian Army and the paramilitary death squads in the municipality of Lejanias in the department of Meta, Colombia.

Human Rights organizations are well aware of the deplorable human rights situation in Colombia - thus, we will continue our denunciatory campaigns exposing the inhumane treatment of Colombian people that are forced to live under. It is inexcusable and indeed shameful that you Mr. Francisco Santos and the government you represent continue these abuses and have done nothing to stop the massacres taking place there on a daily basis.

We, the undersigned hold you Mr. Santos responsible for the assassinations and random killings taking place in your country.

The right of people to live in dignity and justice are rights that are enshrined in the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights. The

Colombian State has violated every single Charter in this UN Declaration.

We the undersigned pledge resolutely to increase our campaign of public awareness, denouncing the atrocities taking place in Colombia, and we stand with the Colombian people in their struggle for justice and peace.

Northstar Compass publication
Coalition Against War and Racism
Human Rights Research Center

WTC RESCUE WORKERS SILENCED AFTER THE DISCOVERY OF BLACK BOXES

*American Free Press
Greg Szymanski, December 13, 2004*

A 9/11 rescue worker recently came forward to say that he was told by the FBI agents to "keep my mouth shut" about one of the "black boxes" a fellow firefighter discovered at ground zero. This contradicts the official story that none of the flight and cockpit data recorders were ever recovered in the wreckage of the World Trade Center towers.

Firefighter Mike Bellone said that he was approached by the FBI agents a short time after he and his partner, Nicholas DeMasi, a retired New York firefighter, found three of the four "black boxes" among the WTC rubble before January of 2002.

"These FBI gents confronted me

and told me not to say anything. I asked them to give me a good reason not to tell the press about this find. They kept mum".

Di Massi said that he was not the only one to see these flight recorder boxes. But these firefighters were silenced by the FBI. The day the black boxes were found, the FBI agents carried them away in all secrecy and with armed guards surrounding the boxes.

This bombshell expose blew a big hole in the official story as well as in the findings of the "Official 9/11 Commission Report."

The cockpit recorder in these boxes uses a pair of microphones to capture all cockpit sounds for the last 30 minutes of the doomed flights, and it records speed and altitude. These recorders are designed to withstand enormous impact and heat. The Transportation Safety Board stated that these boxes did withstand the impact and fire.

They also said that: "It's extremely rare that we don't get these recorders back from any crash or explosion. I cannot remember another case which we did not receive the box recorders," said Ted Lopatkiewicz of NTSB.

ASIAN QUAKE'S TSUNAMI KILLS OVER 120,000

The world's most powerful earthquake in 40 years triggered massive tidal waves that slammed into villages and seaside resorts across the Southern and Southeast Asia on December 26, 2004, killing as of that date, over 11,000 people in six countries.

People, cars, homes were swept away by a wall of water that rose over 20 ft high and swept across the Bay of Bengal, unleashed by a 8.9 magnitude earthquake which was centered off the west coast of Indonesian island of Sumatra. Sri Lanka, Indonesia, India, Thailand, Malaysia and Bangladesh suffered in high deaths and untold damage.

"All the planet was vibrating from the quake", said Enzo Boschi, Head of Italy's National Geophysics Institute. "The quake even disturbed the Earth's rotation."

The quake was devastating in itself but it was the over 20ft wall of water that destroyed life and property even more. There are millions of people now without shelter, food or water. On the island of Phi Phi alone, over 200 bungalows with the occupants inside, were swept out to sea and destroyed.



ACCORDING TO
MISHKA

Below we publish a map and the historical review, called:

SHANGHAI WITHOUT THE CHINESE

Although maps like the one below have disappeared from circulation, the ugly ghost of imperialism is even more present in the contemporary world affairs. While the legacy of colonialism lingers on, a new and more potent form of global conquest and domination is under way, under the guise of Globalization. And while the masters of the new world order promote themselves as torch bearers of democracy and human rights, they hope that we have forgotten their forefathers who were declaring colonized peoples as primitive savages in need of occupation in

order to Christianize and "civilize" them.

Entire continents were stripped of their value, heritage and often the ancient civilizations were forced to submit to the cultural and ethnic cleansing of the new masters with powerful navies and guns. The peddlers of yesterday's Christianity are the Democratizers of today. The imperialists of yesterday, who were posting signs in Shanghai's Parks "Dogs and Chinese not allowed" are the teachers today of humans rights. And if you will take a closer look at this map of Shanghai of 1931, you will find British, US, French, Japanese and Italian sectors in the city - only the Chinese were not on the map. The Chinese were presumably busy pulling the Rickshaws for foreign masters.

Going from micro to macro analyses of Imperialism, one can look at the linguistic map of Africa today and find out which parts of the continent were colonized by the French, Belgian, British, Italians or Portuguese imperialists. In Asia, the Filipino people were first colonized by Spain and then had to switch from Spanish to English when the Americans replaced the Spaniards. In all cases, the indigenous populations were treated as a nuisance or irrelevant entity. Even the smallest island groups in the Pacific Ocean were chartered as

FACTS ABOUT U.S. TROOPS

According to the New York Times newspaper, here are some very revealing facts.

*Pentagon expects over 100,000 US troops returning from Afghanistan and Iraq that will require mental health treatment.

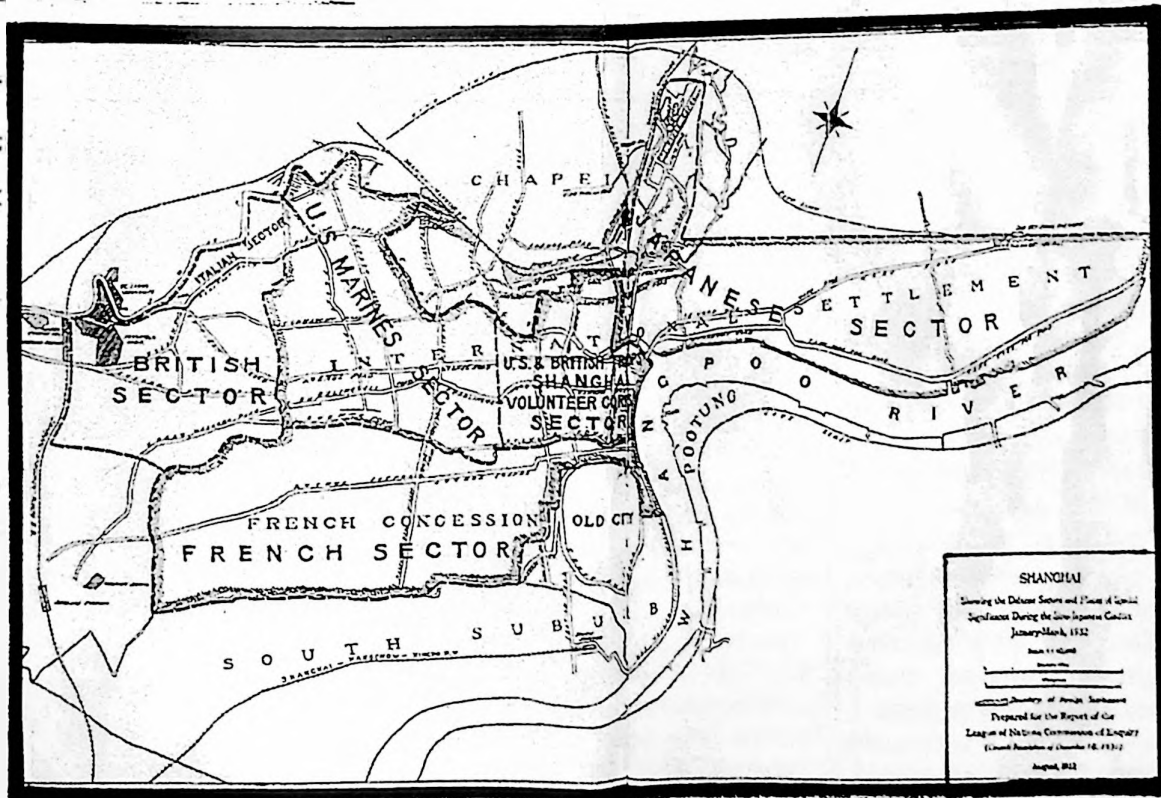
*Over 1,200 US soldiers killed in Iraq - this is what Pentagon will admit.

*Over 6,000 US soldiers have deserted the army in Iraq and Afghanistan.

*Over 31,000 US soldiers have applied for disability benefits for the wounds they received.

*There are countless suicides of US soldiers who are refused permission to go home, after their term of service had expired.

*Over 100,000 US veterans of the Vietnam, Afghanistan and Iraq wars are homeless in the USA.



ether British, United States, French, Dutch, Japanese, Australian or New Zealand jurisdiction. The three major imperialist powers, US, Britain and France, later subjected their colonized island populations to numerous nuclear and hydrogen bomb tests, the most famous of which were the Bikini Islands.

Regardless of whom the imperialists bomb, rob, subjugate, exploit, oppress, they always have a "good excuse for it." Whether it is Suez Canal, Bikini Islands, Korea, Vietnam, Panama Canal, Somalia, Serbia, Afghanistan, Iraq, former USSR, or any other place, the imperialists have killed and murdered more people in the name of "democracy" than all of the

revolutions in the last century put together.

We call upon everyone to watch these new global colonizers and their pronouncements of prosperity, money from the World Bank or the International Monetary Fund and the imperialist economic managers that follow after. We would suggest that these countries refuse all of the foreign investments without a unionized labour force! Stand on guard for your national sovereignty! Learn from Bhopal in India and other examples of imperialist exploitation and penetration of your country. There is another way, a socialist way towards the future.

WE MUST PREVAIL! ■

World Tribunal on Iraq Framework for the Istanbul Session

The World Tribunal on Iraq (WTI) is a worldwide initiative born out of global outcry against the war in Iraq, Taking its cue from the Russell Tribunal of the late 1960's, it is aimed at challenging the silences of our time around the aggression against Iraq and seeking the truth about the war and occupation in Iraq. This will be a record of the wrongs, violations and crimes as well as suffering, resistance and the silenced voices. This will be a solemn process of listening, reflection, evaluation and informed judgment based on concrete evidence. This will be a call to conscience and the call to act to preserve our futures. This tribunal shall render a decision on the issues presented to it, which will be widely distributed throughout the world, for the benefit for the individuals and groups struggling for peace and justice.

THE WTI is comprised of various sessions around the world, each focusing on different aspects of the aggression against Iraq, culminating in Istanbul on March 20, 2005.

For NSC readers we publish the meetings of the World Tribunal on Iraq at the following places and year:

LONDON, November 2003
MUMBAI, January 2004
COPENHAGEN, March 2004
BRUSSELS, April 2004
NEW YORK, May 2004
JAPAN, July 2004
GERMANY, June 2004
ISTANBUL, June 2004
NEW YORK, August 2004
HIROSHIMA, October 2004
LISBON, February 2005
STOCKHOLM, November 2004
BEIRUT, December 2004
LONDON, February 2004
ITALY, February 2005

COMMENT:

A noble cause indeed and dedication in all of these conferences, but, meaningful and resolute actions work better than words ■

**DID YOU
KNOW?**

HOMELESS IRAQ VETS SHOWING UP AT SHELTERS!

By **MARK BENJAMIN**
United Press International

WASHINGTON, DC – US veterans from the war in Iraq are beginning to show up at the US homeless shelters around the country, and advocates fear that they are the leading edge of a new generation of homeless vets not seen since the Vietnam War.

"When we already have people from Iraq on the streets, my God", said Linda Boone, Executive Director of the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans, "I have talked enough to shelters to know that we are getting them more and more. It is happening and this nation is not prepared for that."

"I drove off in my Truck. I packed my stuff. Lived out of my truck for a while", said Seabees Petty Officer Luis Arellano, 34, in a telephone interview from a homeless shelter near the March Air Force Base in California, run by the US Vets, the largest organization in the country,

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dedicated to helping the homeless veterans.

He continued to say that in Iraq, shrapnel severed his hand. He felt pushed out of the military too quickly and getting back from Iraq without medical attention he needed for his hand. "It was more a rush. They put us here in warehouse for a while and treated us like cattle here in the US. It is only about numbers, instead of US veterans getting quality care, they were trying to get everyone demobilized in a certain time frame to save Pentagon money. If you have a problem they told us, apply to the Department of Veteran Affairs to look after it."

When he applied, there were hundreds applying and he was told not to call them, that they will call him. He is still waiting for that call.

There are 300,000 Iraq veterans homeless on any given night of the week. More than half of them also served in Vietnam.

More troubling is the fact that most of these Iraq and Vietnam veterans suffer from depression, anxiety and developing mental stress and problems.

According to US official statistics, there are in any given year over 500,000 veterans that are homeless, but the Veterans Affairs serves only less than 20 per cent of them. ■

**WHY NOT EXPRESS YOUR
FEELINGS IN NSC!**

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What is Bolshevism?

Bolshevism is a new world, new human relations, new streets and new buildings, new theatres, new music, new society, new family relations - where money will have no value as it is now - because values that will be achieved under Bolshevism-Communism cannot be valued in any currency.

Bolshevism is the dictatorship of the Proletariat as was taught to us by Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin.

Many so-called Communists all over the world say that they are Bolsheviks, but underneath, they really are opportunists and that is why there are so many Communist parties in the world and in former Soviet Union.

After Stalin died in 1953 or was murdered, things went in the opposite direction and Imperialism was extremely happy, supporting, giving money, doing their subversive work and calling for "new socialism," or "new thinking about Communism," or "Socialism with a human face" etc.

Bolsheviks - they fought and should fight until the last drop of their blood. Those were the dedicated Bolsheviks who accomplished the Great October Socialist Revolution, build the USSR from a backward nation into a mighty industrial and agricultural giant.

Long live the ideas of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin!

Enclosed please find \$95 for the audio tapes and two books.

Comradely yours
A. Saiyar
Finland

FROM
HAMPTON, GB

Dear friends:

Enclosed \$40 for NSC and I would like you to send a complimentary copy to a friend in Canada and also one copy to Albania, to some comrades there.

I find that Northstar Compass is indispensable today!

Stewart MacDonald

May I suggest that NSC carry more material on Stalin and Lenin. The letter from Canada in the December issue of NSC, which believes that the US people are strong enough to overthrow the current Bush government, overlooks the control over the US media and thus the minds of the US people here.

To change any political scenery, one needs a bigger and a stronger fist etc, than the opponent.

J. CORLETT
Florida, USA

FROM THE BELLY OF THE BEAST

I recall at the time, all too well, how the trendy middle class pseudo-left bought Imperialism's line regarding Kosovo, line hook and sinker, as fed to them by the corporate news media and by their "hero's" Clinton and Blair...and then set on their comfortable assess, wrenched their hands and did nothing.

I recall also, how the ultra-left - the Trots and Maoists joined with their imperialist straw-bosses and paymasters and openly cheered when NATO bombs fell on Belgrade and NATO occupation troops rolled into Kosovo, Yugoslavia.

I hope that they are very pleased with the results...and with themselves. Maybe they forgot...or choose to forget. **But others do remember!**

Marxist till the end

FROM NEW YORK, USA

Dear Editor:

The article "Ukraine In Turmoil" in last issue of NSC, clearly is on the side of the US puppet Yushchenko. The author, George Duravetz comes across as an ardent Ukrainian nationalist with a deep loathing for Russia. Overwhelmingly supportive of Yushchenko, he at no time indicates that he is conscious of the organizing and control by the US, of this maneuver to rip Ukraine out of the Russian orbit, press NATO to the Ukrainian-Russian border and also prepare the jumping off point to start the dismantling of what remains of

the once great Soviet Union.

Duravetz should know that the US funded "National Endowment for Democracy" is responsible for organizing and supplying millions of US dollars the counterrevolutionary groups leading the charge to break up Ukraine and take over Russia as the next step. The National Endowment for Democracy is the fifth column of trained student activists, street brawlers, who earlier brought down Milosevic. These same shock troops are now bringing the mass of people into the streets of Kiev. Other US funded groups active in this same effort are: "Freedom House" and the Vermont based "Institute for Sustainable Communities" which is funded by the US to do their dirty work.

But, as was quoted by ANTIWAR.com, the pro Yushchenko newspaper "Ukrainska Pravda", stated the following about Yushchenko's closest aide, Yulia Timoshenko, who is in line to become his Prime Minister: Timoshenko promised to supply Russia with a similar revolution: "**As soon as our Orange Revolution has been completed, we'll transfer it to Russia.**" Timoshenko said that there are already cars in Moscow carrying the Orange ribbons.

With solidarity.

Philip

My deepest condolences for Vic Ratsma.

COMMENT:

George Duravetz was a member of the Canada-USSR Association, but now lives in Ukraine. Your letter confirms what our Soviet correspondents have written.

FROM VOLGOGRAD

Your NSC is nothing hut a Stalin lover journal. Your Web page is just plain s—t. Stop your Stalinism! He was a butcher! Long live Putin! Long live freedom!

Disgusted
Igor Makaroff

Your short message shows that obviously you need some lessons in manners.



TO OUR SOVIET FRIENDS:

**ARISE YOU
MIGHTY LAND!**