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EDITORIAL

STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR FRIENDSHIP AND SOLIDARITY WITH THE SOVIET PEOPLE

RUSSIAN PEOPLE ARE STANDING UP

It has been 20 years since the archrevisionist Gorbachev and then the open capitalist Yeltsin presided over the break-up of the Soviet Union. Since that time, the people of Russia the other former Soviet Republics have been plunged into the misery of starvation wages, high unemployment. homelessness. internecine wars and other "benefits" of "democracy" brought about by unbridled capitalism. All opinion polls show that the Soviet | people recognize that life was much better in the Soviet Union under socialism, and also that many acknowledge that Stalin was one of the most important people and outstanding leader of the last century. However, about 26 parties and movements in Russia alone or over 40 parties in the former Soviet Union as a whole that call themselves Socialist, Communist, Marxist-Leninist or even Stalinist. have been unable to take the lead in the fight to restore Socialism and the Soviet Union, or even to take serious steps towards forming a United Front against the present Putin-Medvedev capitalist regime.

On December 4, the Putin-Medvedev regime held legislative elections, which took place under a blatant fraud. Ballot boxes were found stuffed with "votes" even before the polling began. Even under these conditions, Putin's "United Russia" Party was only able to claim justunder 50% of the vote, down from 64% in the previous legislative elections. Zhuganov's Communist Party of the Russian Federation (CPRF) practically doubled its vote, from over 11% to almost 20%.

Faced with clear evidence of fraud. the Russian people have been taking to the streets of Moscow and other cities throughout the country. This is unlike the similarly fraudulent presidential election in Russia in 1996, when Zhuganov asked his followers to "cool it" and let Yeltsin take office. (This was similar to the fraudulent U.S. presidential elections in 2000, when Democratic candidate Al Gore ceded the presidency to Republican candidate George W. Bush.)

The Working Class of Russia Must Take the Lead!

But the current demonstrations have not been led by the communists, not even by Zhuganov's CPRF. They have mainly been led by pettybourgeois liberals disgusted with the corruption and ostentatious display of wealth by the newly rich capitalists, MICHAEL LUCAS Editor



who have "earned" their money by the theft of the collective labor of the Soviet people.

In March of 2012 the Presidential elections are scheduled to be held. Among the candidates are Vladimir Putin, who is estimated to be "worth" \$40 billion, and Mikhail Prokhorov, a Russian metals tycoon who also owns the U.S. New Jersey Jets Basketball team, which is only "worth" some \$20 billion.

The workers of Russia have no need of any of these thieves and conmen. It seems that the times are approaching when "the rulers can no longer rule in the old way, and the workers can no longer live in the old way," as Lenin brilliantly stated it.

Long Live Socialism! Long Live the Fight for the Restoration of the Soviet Union!



PRESS RELEASE
COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE SOIVIET UNION
CENTRL COMMITTEE



RE-FOUNDATION OF THE COMINFORM TAKEN IN FINLAND

In Helsinki, the capital of Finland, there took place an organizational conference, which made the decision of the re-foundation of the Communist International (Cominform) which existed from 1948 to 1956. There were representatives from Communist Party of Pakistan, Communist Party of the Soviet Union and the Union of Communists of Finland – they are the founders of the renewed Cominform.

Thereby these parties are the co-founders and accordingly represent the "third world", the post-Soviet territory and a zone of developed capitalism, which however, does not prejudice their strong and dedicated ideological unity.

Thus, after a 50-year old recess, the Cominform has re-appeared which will coordinate the activity of Communists from different countries. In the near future, the activity will be extended together with other Communist parties that will join who share the same Communist ideology. The decision on the Cominfom expansion will be decided by the founders on the basis of consensus.

The Cominform Headquarters will be located in Helsinki and in 2012 there will resume the publication of the newspaper "For Lasting Peace! For People's Democracy!" A joint Statement of this Cominform Conference will be published shortly.

CONGRATULATIONS DEAR COMRADES!

Michael Lucas, Chairman -International Council for Friendship nd Solidarity with the Soviet People Editor of Northstar Compass





NEWS FROM FORMER USSR

RUSSIA CRITISIZES U.S. ATTEMPT TO CONTROL CYBERSPACE

Dec. 19-2011(Prensa Latina)

It criticized their attempt to establish a world-wide control of cyberspace and turn it into an instrument to organize and invite political, economic and social unrest in tune with its perceived "national interests".

This is the Cold War renewal in Cyberspace using technology and communications. Washington now is taking on the role of a referee and owner of the destinies of the world.

In this way, US Imperialism denies other nations any principles of international law and promotes its own double-standards.

Internet belongs to all of the world, not only to the United States of America and its ambitions for the New World Order!

UKRAINIAN GOVERNMENT DEMANDED \$100.000 FROM COMMUNISTS TO **SAVE THE LENIN STATUE**

By Nina Rai

The present government of Ukraine threatened to demolish the Lenin Monument in the center of Uzhgorod, directly threatening the people that they will melt down the Lenin Statue in the center of Uzhgorod, if the local Communist party members don't purchase the Lenin Statue with \$100,000.

The three-ton statue that was erected in 1945 at the request of the Carpathian people, is now to be dismantled. This statue was taken down over 20 years ago when Ukraine itself became nationalistic and independent.

There is a large campaign by the Communists of the Carpathian region to have the Lenin statue be put-up again since it was illegally dismantled in 1991.



STALIN IS ALIVE AND WILL LIVE ON FOREVER AMONGST THE OLD AND YOUNG SOVIET PEOPLE!

RUSSIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT GEORGIA'S ENTRY INTO NATO MAY LEAD TO WAR

http://www.kominform.eu

He warned of a repetition of its 2008 war with Georgia if the South Caucasus state joins NATO.

Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov stated that he had warned NATO foreign ministers against "pushing the current Georgian regime towards a repetition of their August 2008 gamble."

Visiting Georgia in 2011, NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen said that the "country had come a lot closer to joining NATO. We are here to help Georgia", he told the Georgian President Mikheil Sakashvili.

DID YOU DONATE TO **SUSTAINING FUND?**

ZYUAGANOV - TRUE TO FORM

http://gazeta.ru

During the farcical Russian elections in December in Moscow of last year, Gennady Zyuganov, leader of the Communist Party (CPRF) refused to call upon its members to join the thousands of people in Moscow and in many other cities of Russia to protest the cheating and ongoing stuffing of ballot boxes, that even Western Observers found shocking.

His remarks were quoted by the Russian media as follows: "We are not going to call our people unto the streets at all, but we shall hold our own meetings of protest, awaiting the official report by the

Russian Government!"

There is no need to comment -Zyuganov has friends in the Kremlin!

GET YOURFRIENDS TO SUBSCRIBE TO NSC

WE PUBLISH SOME PHOTOGRAPHS OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY SOVIET YOUNG PEOPLE AGAINST INJUSTICES AT HOME AND ABROAD BY REACTIONARY REGIMES AND THEIR FOLLOWERS







DECEMBER 17, 2011 – A meeting was held in defense of Syria.

DECEMBER 18, 2011 – A conference was held of the "Communists of Russia" - Our attitude towards "orange" protests. was discussed.

DECEMBER 21, 2011 – Comrade Stalin's Birthday was celebrated in Arkhangelsk.

DECEMBER 22, 2011 – Protest demonstration against the cruel suppression of workers' demonstration in Zhanaozen by the Nazarabaev regime.

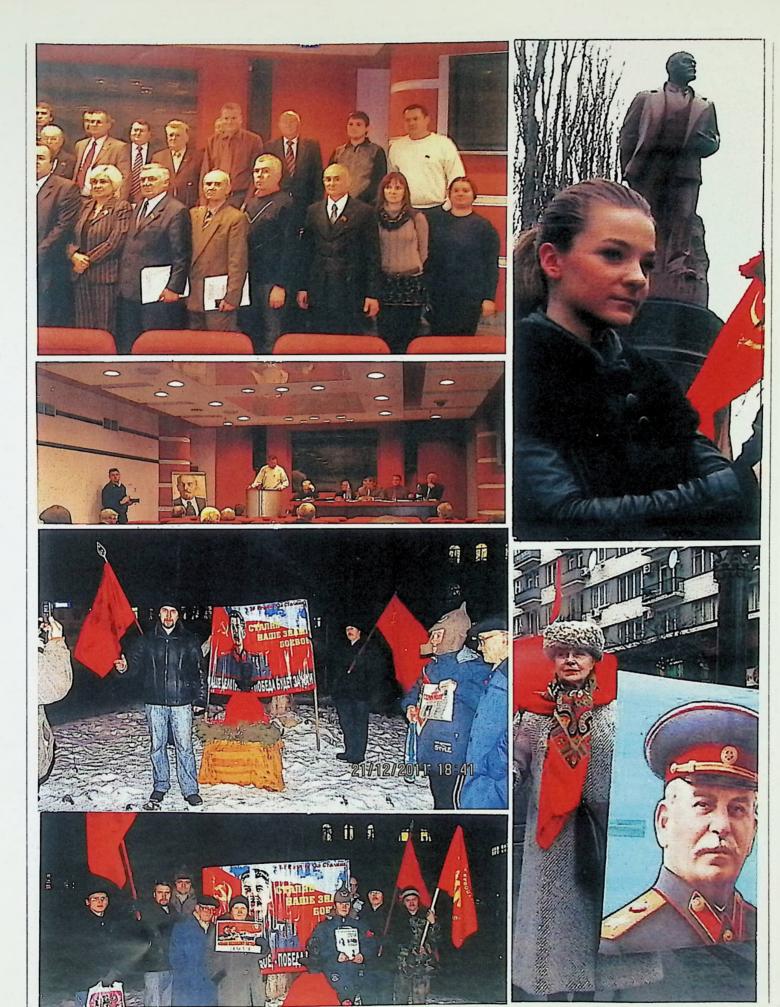
DECEMBER 24, 2011 - Protests held in Voronezh against the Russian false elections.

DECEMBER 24, 2011 – We came to the protest in Moscow against the false elections, wearing Red Ribbons not white. Another protest was held in Voronezh.

picket line against Qatar Embassy in Moscow, Just recently the Qataris have beaten up the Russian Ambassador, because Russia now refused to betray Syria.

These photos were sent in by Maria Donchenko, member of NSC Editorial Board and Executive of the International Council













There's dedication in their faces!













More and more these protesters are taking to the streets all over the former Soviet Republics!



























INTERNATIONAL CALL FOR ACTION AGAINST POLITICAL HARRASSMENT BY THE LITHUANIAN GOVERNMENT

For the first time ever, after the dismemberment of the USSR, a person in Lithuania is threatened with one year in prison just for questioning one version of one historical event. Freedom of speech is at stake in Lithuania, which, is a member of NATO and EU. They are persecuting comrade activist A. Paleckis, a journalist, an antifascist activist and the Chairman of the Socialist People's Front for his opinion.

He is charged that he is "denying the aggression of the USSR in 1991." His crime is that he dared question the official version of the January 13th events in 1991 in Vilnius, where 14 people were killed in a very unclear situation that was not investigated only now. There were many witnesses to this event, but they were denied a voice and the anti-Soviet hysteria overshadowed the truth as to that event which was caused by the Lithuanian Nazi nationalists.

He also is charged with criticism in newspapers and at meetings the Government's subservience to the Lithuanian neo-nazis who are allowed each year to march on the streets and shout "Lithuania only for Lithuanians — Juda Raus" (Russians). All of these Nazi marches, the provocations and attacks on other nationalities, are supported by the Lithuanian Government.

RUSSIA READY TO COMBAT U.S SPACE-BASED MISSILES

RT, December 2011

" If the USA deploys space-based strike anti-ballistic missile forces, we shall target the American anti-ballistic missile facilities in Europe," stated Russian Lieutenant General Sergey Karakaev.

This is a long-standing point of conflict between Moscow and Washington. U.S. is reluctant to provide any assurance or sign a treaty that these US-based missiles are not aimed at Russia

BILLBOARD WITH HITLER PUT UP IN ZAPOROZHE, UKRAINE

A billboard with a picture of Adolph Hitler has been put with the phrase: "Am I worse than Stalin? Why not erect a monument to me too!" This billboard is erected right in the center of Lenin Avenue and Ukrainska Street.

The local Ukrainian nationalist journalists and the city council demanded that Zaporozhe get rid of their shame — the Stalin Monument that is standing in Zaporozhe.

This Billboard was purposely set up at the height of a fifth storied building in order not to be destroyed by people of Zaporozhe who set up the monument to Stalin in Zaporozhe.



Of course the city administration will not do anything about this, even though majority of people are demonstrating and demanding that it will be taken down.

1991 –2011 20 YEARS END OF THE SOVIET UNION

By MAKSIM KOROTKIN

Twenty years without the Soviet Union. On December 8, 1991, the agreement was s igned to dissolve the USSR and there followed the creation of the Commonwealth of Independent States, was signed by the then leaders of Belarus, Russia and Ukraine at Viskuli in Belovezhskaya Pushcha.

In 1991 the whole world saw the photograph of this infamous act. The USSR which seemed to be unbreakable, suddenly broke up

All of them gathered in the Brest Region, with only one purpose – the liquidation of the USSR!

The 70-year old history of the Soviet Union was ended by the same 3 Republics which approved the creation of the USSR in 1922.

COMMENT:

Those three traitors will pay for their treachery eventually – fear not! People will not forget nor forgive!

RUSSIA PRODUCING MILITARY HELICOPTERS FOR US- NATO

From ITAR-TASS

These 21 Russian manufactured Helicopters under contract - are to be used on bombing military missions in Afghanistan and are worth over \$370.000 each! Besides these military helicopters, Russian government will also supply parts and accessories!

Mr. Putin-Medvedev — you are showing your true colors to the people of Afghanistan who are struggling against the US-NATO occupation!

CPRF MARKED THE 132nd ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF J.V. STALIN

Tkhagushev Press Service

On December 21, 2011, the Birthday of J.V. Stalin, Russian Communists, led by Gennady Zyuganov laid flowers at the Tomb of Generalissimo J.V. Stalin at the Kremlin Wall in Moscow.

The ceremony was attended by party activists, leader of the CPRF, CC-Central Committee, the CIM, State Duma Deputies, members of the Komsomol, Muscovites and many visitors to Moscow.

Flowers were also laid at the Mausoleum of V.I.Lenin and on the graves of as well as to Marshall G.K. Zhukov.

20 YEARS OF DEVASTATION OF UKRAINE

From Workers-Peasants Prayda

The American Business Journal FORBES published a yearly economic rating of countries of the world. This rating covered 177 countries for 3 years of economic growth - VVP, inflation, and the economic balance, import, export and economic well being of the people.

Ukraine is in 4th place of the poorest of world counties such as Guyana and many other very undeveloped third world counties.



Of the 177 countries in economic development, Ukraine is now in 174 place.

Besides the above, Ukraine now is in 1st place of alcoholism amongst young people. Since Ukraine separated from USSR, it has lost over 6.5 million people who had to immigrate because of the terrible hard economic situation in present-day Ukraine, under its Yellow and Blue nationalist flag.

Beggars young and old are a common sight on the streets of Ukrainian cities.

WHICH COUNTRY IS THE FOURTH LARGEST EXPORTER OF ARMS?
ISRAEL

HELP US FULFILL THE \$30,000 NSC SUSTAINING FUND!

ARE U.S. NATO AND ISRAEL PLANNING ANOTHER WAR?

From VOICE OF RUSSIA

As was reported by Israeli "Haaretz" daily newspaper, the US Chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff, General Martin Dempsey said: "US and Israel's operation against Iran will be executable when time comes."

The US has lost over 4,5 thousand soldiers. The number of Iraqi civilians exceeded 100,000. Four million Iraqis have become refuges. The total cost of the Iraqi war to the American taxpayers is over \$3 TRLLION DOLLARS!

Despite of all of the above losses and costs, the only aim of the war has been the removal and consequent hanging of President Saddam Hussein.

Likewise in Afghanistan, the only purpose that they achieved was the elimination of Osama bin Laden, (former friend-buddy of the White House) complete devastation of the country, and thousands upon thousand of deaths.

After US withdrawal from the country and leaving unbelievable damage and suffering, the country is plunged into internal chaos and the coming victory of the forces that the US was fighting in the first place.

This bombastic war hysteria of the US Government of President Obama is to support the perceived military spirit in the American society - at least until the elections this year. This militant cry is for the local consumption and then - if he is elected - it will be put into effect.

AZERBAIJAN DOES NOT ALLOW NATO AWACS FLIGHTS

From Azeri Press Agency

BAKU – Azerbaijan doesn't allow the NATO's aircraft AWACS to fly over the country's airspace. These are Warning and Control System spy planes used by NATO from Afghanistan. Although Azerbaijan did not allow these flights, Georgia did

AWAC planes are supplied with the latest technologies, and are considered "flying radars", and they can detect friendly and enemy planes from up to 400 km away. They can show the place, height, speed of about 2,000 planes and can follow them.

Statement of Anti-Fascist
Committee of Ukraine
"To prevent the massacre of
the judiciary Algirdas
Paleckis"
14.09.2011

Anti-Fascist The Bureau Committee of Ukraine with deep indignation about the Learned prosecution of the President of the Socialist People's Front of Lithuania Algirdas Paleckis. The court case against him put forward at the public made their accusations says that this provocateur basely fired into a crowd of people gathered on January 13, 1991 in front of the television center in Vilnius. The cynicism of this judicial farce is that a forensic examination immediately after the tragic events found in the bodies that were found dead from a bullet shotguns in which the Soviet Army soldiers who are accused of vile murder of civilians, by definition, were not armed, and the trajectory of destruction tell that shots were fired from the top downwards.. As for other injuries, the witnesses of the events suggest that tracer bullets were flying from the roofs of nearby houses in the direction of the ciy televisiontower.

Other witnesses who were directly at the TV station, said that the Soviet Army soldiers fired into the ground. but not at men. But the cynicism of this particular judicial farce is that during these twenty years, many direct "heroes" in Vilnius event organizers and participants of the immediate provocation in January of 1991, after which it was announced that they killed 13 and wounded 16 people. (the same as B. Petkevichus) repeatedly openly

admitted in his "exploits", describing in detail where and when they placed the snipers, who then shot at the innocent people! There is no doubt that the real cause of this shameful council is the desire to avoid the inevitable responsibility everything that neo-bourgesei power of Lithuania for the twenty years had created a flourishing republic before one of the most prosperous part of the USSR, created by the people of Lithuania have squandered the people's property, destroying advanced industry and highly developed agriculture, causing inevitable loss of her education, spiritual realm. culture and

Ukrainian anti-fascists express sincere feelings of fraternal solidarity to all anti-fascists of Lithuania Algirdas and personally by him, require the immediate cessation of the infamous trial of a true patriot of Lithuania and is confident that the truth eventually prevail and that the perpetrators of crimes criminals respond to the Lithuanian people for all the crimes they the crime.

The Bureau of the Anti-Fascist Committee of Ukraine.

Kazakhstan: Authorities are trying to cover up the number of victims by burying bodies in the steppe

From PROLETARSKAYA GAZETA

Workers activists are concerned that the authorities may be concealing the bodies of fallen comrades and innocent civilians, as had happened during the events of 1989. Then troops of the Ministry of Internal Affairs also shot civilians and hid the bodies in secret locations. Already then Nazarbaev was in power in the country, a member of the Central Committee of the Kazakhstan Communist Party, and oversaw the suppression of social unrest. Today history repeats itself; only this time the oil workers under strike and local civilians have become the victims. Now the main of the newly formed Commission of Independent Unions and the opposition is not to allow the



ZOYA

It is now 70 Years from the death of Zoya Kosmodemskaya, who became one of the symbols of Soviet Heroism during the Great Patriotic War of 1941-1945. She was tortured then hung, because as a Komsomol, she told the people that she will not betray Stalin, the Red Army or the of the Soviet Union, as the Nazis were putting the noose around her neck.



Unfortunately this is the quality of photograph received of the mass demonstration that took place in Moscow on December 24, 2011.



cover up of the true scale of the atrocities by the hands of the authorities.

How about the real number of victims? As of today (December 21st 2011, our note) there are serious grounds for concerns, as only in Zhanoezen hundreds of people are considered missing. These cannot be located by their relatives in hospitals, morgues, jails and police stations. The bodies of those who are known to have died in hospitals because of injuries are not given to the relatives; this can also be considered as an insult to those families, the majority of which observe Muslim traditions. Reports about fatalities, the injured and people missing continue to arrive from the village of Shetpe, where during the night of the 17th to the 18th workers and troops clashed. In the mean time original reports about 70 fatalities have been confirmed by the mass media, witnesses among the local workers, villagers and relatives.

During the evening of December 18th an activist from the Mangistaus region, K. Sholpan, was able to give us a call. She reported that about forty people with severe injuries from firearms are still in hospital. This number does not include people injured who have been released from hospital. That day her husband was supposed to undergo surgery to extract a bullet from a Kalashnikov stuck in his belly. During the course of December 16th and 17th the injured were taken to the regional hospital, which is located 120 kilometers away from the location where the violence took place. It was then when the local hospital and all establishments medical Zhanaozen were overwhelmed by the injuied, running out of medicines and other basic means to treat iniuries.

According to her during the first half an hour of clashes in Zhanaozen 22 people were killed, one person died in the way to the hospital in Aktau, three young lads and a young female died of gunshot wounds near a supermarket. Three young workers and the mother of an oil worker died in her arms. Also an 11-year-old girl, whose head was severely damaged by a bullet was lying lifeless.

Towards the evening of December 16th, when marines and troops of the Ministry of Internal Affairs entered the area with heavy armour the number of victims had reached 70. The police and the military even shot people who did not participate in the protests. Workers and relatives moved a large fraction of the bodies from the central areas of the city to the outskirts when the shooting started.

During the evening of December 16th and all night of December 17th shooting spread to the suburbs and residential areas of Zhanaozen, where voung workers tried to resist government troops. At that time the number of fatalities surpassed 100 people. Many people among those who participated in the clashes are missing. A Commission has been formed of representatives of the local independent workers union «Aktau». of representatives of opposition parties and social organisations. This Commission intends to collect data regarding the number of fatalities. missing, injured people and those who are currently under arrest. Relatives are planned to get together to compile a list of individuals affected by the violence. However, the authorities do not allow funerals. This raises serious concerns that the authorities are hiding the bodies of missing people.

Journalists of the independent and foreign press, civil rights advocates, members of the workers' committee of oil workers and the union «Aktau» are putting together all available data, statements of witnesses, photographs, videos. There is a significant risk that members of the leadership of the independent union and activists of the Commission may become targets, since in the cities of Zhanaozen, Shetp and Zhetybae individuals and participated in the gatherings and demonstrations are being arrested massively. We will continue to oversee the situation and to convey it as widely as we can both in our country and internationally.

Press Service of the Socialist Movement of Kazakhstan. Circulated by 'Proletarskaya Gazeta', December 21st 2011.

U.S. FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM- A CRIMINAL ORGANIZATION

By GALINA SAVCHENKO. Member of NSC Editorial Board

The main currency of the world – is the Dollar in the secret hands of the Federal Reserve System. This private Masonic structure of the US, was given the right to print US dollars and turn this right into the weapon of world government. Who ever tries to get their hands on this "printing press" of the FDS gets assassinated.

Former US President Abraham Lincoln was killed when he tried to get the Dollar under the control of the Government and the President.

John Kennedy, President of the US was killed because he gave the Directive No.11110 to take away the right of the FDS to print Dollars, but to be under the exclusive right of the US Ministry of Finance to print the \$2 and \$5 bills with the imprint: "Banknote of the United States of America". These Dollars no longer exist – instead on each one now is pointed: "Banknote of the Federal Reserve System"

On February 28, 1953 Stalin was poisoned, at the get together with Beria. Krushchev Malenkov. Krushchev as he was pouring a glass of wine "Madzhari" put into his glass drops of poison. Stalin died on March 5, 1953, and in April Churchill received the Highest British Medal from Queen Elizabeth II. For what? He was given it for the liquidation of Stalin, because Stalin did not allow the Soviet Union be dragged into the US Dollar Zone. Stalin and the USSR Government installed an alternative to the Dollar system. In February 1950 the Ruble was no longer dependent on the Dollar Value since 1937 - but will be based on the Gold Reserves of the Soviet Union.

This US FRS is a criminal organization that controls US policy, changes Presidents and manipulates the political and economic policy of the United States. It organizes wars, assassinations and economic

crisis.

When Vladimir Putin did not accept the post of Secretary General of the United Nations as was proposed behind the closed doors by the Western powers. instead of not running for President of Russia, there took place terror attack at Domodedovo and at the Federal Academy of Secret Service. As soon as Russia. Byelorussia and Kazakstan's agreed to join in economic cooperation, a subway train in Moscow was bombed.

As soon as German Chancellor agreed at the invitation of Medvedev to participate with its German soldiers in the Victory Day Parade in Moscow on May 9 of 2010,, Somali pirates grabbed the German Oil Tanker.

Because President Lukashenko is running Belarus correctly and striving for his people, Western powers are funding, organizing and promoting all sorts of groups to demonstrate and start a counter-revolution to get rid of President Lukashenko.

Russia is now surrounded on all sides by NATO bases and missiles, all aimed at Russia from all sides. Just around the North Pole perimeter, US has there aimed at Russia 800 missiles with range that covers every bit of Russia's territory.

In Ukraine the situation is such that the Government of Ukraine is under the heel of US imperialism and no matter what is happening now with so-called trials., manipulations, robbery, graft and absolute chaos with the lives of the Ukrainian people. The present controlling Oligarchs are saying that they have enough money to start another Orange Revolution.

At a demonstration in Kiev a man came up to me and as a reply to my Poster "Back to the Future! Back to the USSR! said: " I'm willing to die, but only together with these Zionists Rotchilds, Morgans, Vbartburgams and Shiferams!" But he did not mention the secret names those who control the "Federal Reserve System" of US Imperialism!

Why not willing to die with those who –

- *Dismantled the Soviet Union?
- * With the useless Dollars and the narcotics which ere pushed and spread by the world Masonic Order.
- * With those Yankees who stole all the oil riches all over the world?
- * With those anti-Soviet former Soviet Jews?
- * For Russia and Byelorussia?

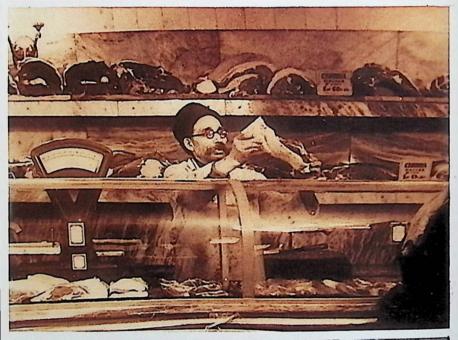
The first to go under water when time comes will be Great Britain together with its MI6. Then America and its CIA — only bones shall remain of all these.

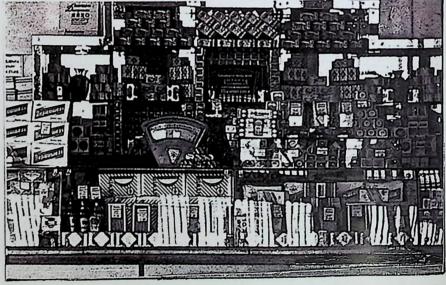
The EU countries and NATO will not fare any better

The law of retribution is now gaining strength!
I strongly believe this!

THESE PHOTOGRAPHS DEBUNK THE CONSTANT LIES THAT UNDER SOCIALISM IN THE USSR THERE WERE ALWAYS EMPTY STORE SHELVES AND GREAT FOOD SHORTAGES!

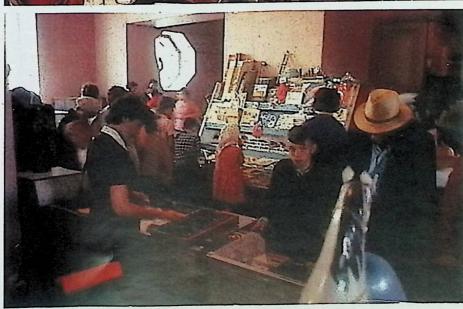
Each of these photos is worth a thousand words!



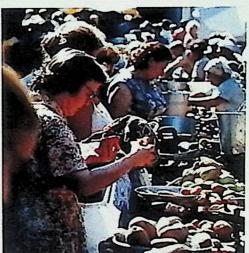


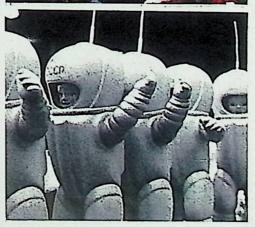


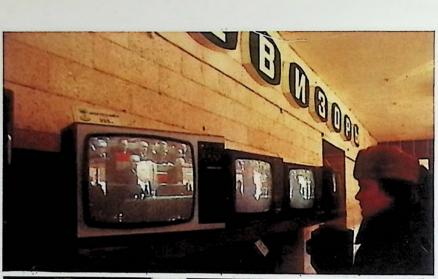














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ENEMIES OF SYRIA ARE ALSO MY ENEMIES!

By GALNA SAVCHENKO

Crisis do not happen just by themselves – these are weapons. It is organized by the USA in a given moment, in order to save the falling dollar.

The plan is very simple: at first USA organizes an "opposition" and deaths in a victim country, covering this by slogans of freedom and democracy...then they begin to organize military aggression on the sovereign country.

That is the way is was in Afghanistan, Yugoslavia, Iraq and Libya. Who is to be next on the list of the Pentagon – Iran, Syria, North Korea, Russia or China?

The case of Iraq still haunts my memory. As the result of this US-NATO aggression - there were killed over 1.5 million people, 2 million children became orphans, 5 million people with no homes to live in, while other millions of Iraqi people fled as refuges to Syria.

The terrible devastation in Libya saw the army dispersed and the infrastructure in complete ruins. The country is in chaos, mayhem and no law or order. The economy is ruined and the cost of any resurrection is estimated over \$30 billions.

Now the US-NATO aggressors are planning to attack Syria, with a flood of lies, daily propaganda, sanctions — using also the help of Turkish TV channels and other media — while US-NATO is sending into Syria bandits and terrorists, in whose hands already there were killed over 1,500 civilians and security forces of Syria.

I cannot write the horror of this Video. Your blood freezes!

This video disk was shown at the gathering of the "Ukrainian Society for Friendship with the People of Syria" in Kiev. I am sending this video tape to the Editorial Board of NSC.

US-NATO are calling on the Syrian opposition - that they armed and support - not to stop their murderous attacks and not to start any dialogue with the Syrian government - this is nothing more than a political and underhanded military provocation and against international law.

Playing an underhanded and provocative role against Syria is the League of Arab State. Their role supports the colonial plans of Washington and Tel-Aviv. The Arab League is the tool in the hands of Western countries, headed by US imperialism — and being used to occupy Arab counties as was done in Libya

Syria and Arab countries is the cradle of werld civilization. Some of the greatest advance in the realm of culture were started in Syria, the alphabet, the two language dictionary and the language spoken even now of the time of Jesus Christ and Damascus that is written in the first bible.

Syria now is the real bastion of standing up to the occupation plans of US imperialism and Israel. That is why the Arab countries must support Syria.

President of Syria Bashar Al-Asad stated over the Syrian TV on August 21, 2011: "The West should understand, including the USA, those that are threatening us - that any aggression against Syria will have unforeseen consequences. The US and Western countries that are threatening us are now in serious economic crisis - military, economic, political and social, they are weaker than ever before. In other words - if we were not afraid of them before when they were stronger - we certainly are not afraid of them now!"

You - the former members of the Soviet Union!

Today US-NATO are on he move for oil, gas and other mineral resources in the Arab countriestomorrow it will be against Slavic civilization. Even now, with the help of terror, traitors in Russia, Byelorussia and Kazakhstan are doing all that is possible to disrupt the historical process in the unity of these three republics

That is why the enemies of the Syrian people are my enemies also! These enemies will be defeated. American Empire of aggressors and killers will fall!

Galina Savchenko
Lieutenant of the Soviet Army



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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

COMMUNITY OF 33 LATIN AMERICAN / CARABBEAN NATIONS WAS FOUNDED

CARACAS - VENEZUELA

The Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) was officially founded in early December of 2011 attended by the leaders of these 33 nations.

This community of nations will be led by Venezuela, Chile and Cuba, which will be the future President and host of the 2013 Summit.

USA and Canada were the only countries not invited to this founding Summit.

It was proposed by Venezuela that all decisions to be made should be made by consensus. The Ecuadorian delegation argued that all decisions that are important to the majority of these countries should not be blocked by disagreement by one or two countries like it is done in the United Nations Security Council. This was referred to the new troika leadership of Venezuela, Chile and Cuba.

Eighteen special communiques were approved. addressing issues such as the Malvina Islands, food and nutritional security, financial and food prices, solidarity with Haiti and security strategy for Central America

STRUGGLE IN LIBYA IS NOT OVER AT ALL

From KOMINFORM

The present racist policy in the United States, via their control of the United Nations Organization, are still holding the Libyan money and other assets from their sponsored rebels who took over power in Libya. Everyone knows that the theft of its rich resources, wealth, and the destruction of the positive political influence of Libya in the Middle East, were the only goals the imperialist super-racist

cabal behind this deliberately fabricated aggression on Libya as a sovereign state – and indeed on the entire continent and peoples

In the end, this will be another nail in the US Imperialist coffin – these insane elements that are now reeking much havoc on the human society.

PALESTINAN LEADERS AGREE TO CONSOLIDATE RECONCILIATION

Prensa Latina -Cairo-Dec. 22,2011

Leader of Al-Fatah and political leader of Islamist Hamas met in Cairo on December 22 to try to strengthen reconciliation between the two Palestinian groups and other Palestinian factions.

Both leaders agreed to put the finishing touches to an agreement that was signed on May 4, 2011.

As these two leaders were meeting, there arrived in Cairo leaders of other factions to discuss proposals that will lead to the formation of a national unity government - and then to organize general elections that are to be held sometime in 2012

SYRIAN ARMED FORCES PREVENTED INFILTRATION OF ARMED GROUPS FROM TURKEY

From Prensa Latina

The Syrian forces clashed with an armed terrorist group very close to the Turkish border, after Syrian Army inflicted casualties and preventing entry of another armed gang of terrorists into the country, They seized all the western military uniforms, weapons, communication devices and all the false identification cards.

The Turkish media itself reported that the Turkish government organizes and provides them support to infiltrate Syria.

CHINA'S WUKAN VILLAGE STAND UP FOR LAND RIGHTS

BBC NEWS



Wukan village in China is home to 10,000 people and it was in revolt in late December of 2011. The local officials had fled and the villagers have set up road blocks with branches covering the street at village entrances.

The villagers have charged that the police have beaten one villager to death. In early afternoon thousands of villagers had gathered to call for justice and demanded "Down with the corrupt officials!" Many also chanted, "Long live the Communist Party!"

This fury was focused on the local authority, not on the central Chinese government. The dispute centered on the land which the local authority confiscated their last parcel of land in order to sell it to developers. The villagers told the BBC crew that hundreds of police stormed the village, with batons, firing tear gas and used water cannon.

China's villages unrest is growing each month all across China with more protests, demonstrations, killings and many thousands of peasants taking part.

MAJORITY OF FINNS OPPOSE JOINING NATO

Finnish News Agency -

Finnish opposition is growing to full membership in NATO — and now has grown to way over 68% - according to a survey of over 1,000 citizens of Finland, according to the HIS/TNS Poll.

This growing opposition is in spite of the Government of Finland doing all it can to push this NATO alliance in the daily Finnish media.

CZECH COMMUNIST LEADER FACES 3-YEAR JAIL SENTENCE

Dr. Angelo D'Angelo

The capitalist government of the Czech Republic is investigating the leader of the Communist Party for breaking the law by sending a message of condolence on the death of North Korean leader, Kim Jong-il.

Vojtech Filip, the Czech Party leader is accused of breaking the law that prohibits endorsing movements that "oppress human rights and freedom". His message said that: "Kim Jong-il sacrificed himself for the well being of the North Korean people and the Workers' Party will go ahead in their struggles for the defense of socialist construction."

The country's bourgeois Justice Minister, Jiri Posposil in a TV interview called for an investigation that could lead a three-year sentence.

UN WANTS A LIBYAN NATO INVESTIGATION

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The UN Security Council new president has called for an investigation into human rights abuses committed during NATO's bombing campaign.

South Africa's Ambassador Baso Sangqu, the current president of the UN Security Council, said that NATO overstepped its mandate, killing thousands of innocent civilians. Part of his statement reads:

"There must be an investigation of human rights abuses in Libya as mandated by the resolution 1973 and 1970 — and the perpetrators must be held accountable."

COMMENT:

A good statement of course – but – where was Russia and China – that now support this public relations appeal by the new UN President? But in this statement there is not a word about the

constant bombing, the brutal murder of Gaddafi and many other unspeakable crimes committed by US-NATO?

Syrian Military sappers deactivated more than 50 bombs planted by terrorists in the area of the northern Syrian province of Idleb, bordering Turkey

The Syrian government repeatedly denounces all of these terrorist groups that are being infiltrated into Syria from Turkey. The Syrian media and foreign observers released this evidence to the United Nations.

SANE News Agency reported that these bombs were aimed at the Syrian Army troops and security forces guarding the border. These devices were planted within 25 km and planted in Yabal el-Zauiya, Bdama towns.

NATO -TURKEY SUPPORT TERRORISTS IN SYRIA

Russian newspaper *Krasnaya Zvezda* revealed on December 3, that these so-called Libyan leaders are supplying now these armed groups in Syria with weapons, money and fighters, through Turkey and synchronizing with the Arab League countries in the escalation against Syria.

Syrian security forces have seized trucks loaded with weapons coming from Lebanon and neighbouring countries, while over 700 Libyan fighters are waiting along the Syrian-Turkish border for a signal from US-Turkey to attack.

These US-NATO plans are to dismantle Syria and the whole of Middle East, in order to so-called "protection of Israel", but in actuality it is for the "expansion of Israel."

This is just a warm-up before the real and serious confrontation takes place, which will draw in Russia and China.

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AMERICA HAS BECOME A ROGUE NATION IN VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

By Mike Adams- naturalnews.com

As 2012 begins, US is nation led by evil, and threatened with total destruction by those who would seek to rule as tyrants. This is America's final hour. We either defend the Republic starting right now, or lose it forever.

In what will be remembered as the most traitorous executive signing ever committed against the American people, President Obama signed this Bill on New Years eve when most Americans were celebrating heavily with drinks. It seems appropriate, of course, since no intelligent American could accept the tyranny of this Bill if they were sober.

This is the law that will cement Obama's legacy in the history books as the traitor who nullified the USA Bill of Rights and paved America's pathway down the road of tyranny. If former President Bush would have signed a law like this-US liberals would have been screaming "IMPEACHMENT!"

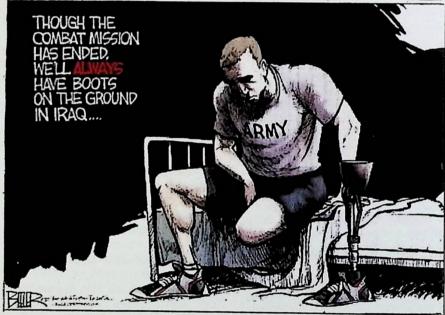
This NDAA Law signed by President Obama is a violation of international law, as it does not even adhere to the fundamental agreements of how nations treat prisoners of war.

In 1788 in the US, this law would have been called "treasonous" and those in the US government at that time who voted for it would have been shot as traitors! For one President to so callously throw away 222 years of liberty, betraying those Americans who created this Document that limited the power of government, is equivalent to drive a stake through the heart of the Republic.

In signing this Bill, Obama has proven himself to be the most criminal of all US presidents, far worse than former President George W. Bush. Remember that President Obama swore on the Bible that he would "protect and defend the US Constitution"

NSC DEDICATES THESE CARTOONS TO MR. OBAMA!







To the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea

Dear comrades:

On December 17 Comrade Kim Jong II, the great leader and head of the Workers' Party of Korea, of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Korean people, died. At his death various comments, wishful thinking and malicious speculations were made by the reactionary and imperialist news agencies, and moreover the war machinery of Japan, the U.S. and South Korea were even put on "maximum alert." As usual, not only openly reactionaries imperialists spewed out their venom, but the fake leftists and fake antiimperialists also raised their voices to refer to the death of Comrade Kim Jong II as the death of a "dictator", a "Stalinist." For the communists it has never been an offence, on the contrary it is an honor when they call us "Stalinist". All these reactionaries are looking for "signs of discontent" with morbid expectation, to thus reaffirm their reactionary designs and finally, to justify an imperialist military aggression.

For those of us who, from the positions of Marxism-Leninism, take up the struggle for national liberation, people's democracy for socialism, the death of Comrade Kim Jong II is a cause of genuine and profound regret. People's Korea under his leadership direction knew how to face off against the aggressive maneuvers of Yankee imperialism and their South Korean puppet, it always sought the support and supported those who dared to walk on their own feet and use their own heads, who did not subject themselves to imperialist hegemony. Honor and glory to Comrade Kim Jong III

Eduardo Artes

First Secretary of the Chilean Communist Party (Proletarian Action)

COMPADE KIM JONG II - THE LEADER OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLES' REPUBLIC OF KOREA PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER 17, 2011

Kim Jong II, General Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, Chairman of the DPRK National Defense Commission and the Supreme Commander of the Korean People's Army, passed away on December 17, 2011 on a train during a field guidance tour.

The National Funeral Committee in Pyongyang notified the people about his death and of the funeral arrangements that are planned. His bier will be placed at the Kumsusan Memorial Palace.

The farewell-bidding ceremny was solemnly held in Pyonhyang on December 28, 2011.

The mourning cannons boomed all across the country and all people observed a 3-minute silence and all ships and locomotives blew their sirens in farewell. All flags across the DPRK were flown at half -mast.

Western media were and are full of vicious daily propaganda against this Korean Hero - who stood up alone - since the demise of the USSR and the Warsaw Pact Socialist Countries - and also alone since the present leadership of Russia and China are playing hanky-panky with US Imperialism.

Glory to Kim Jong II!

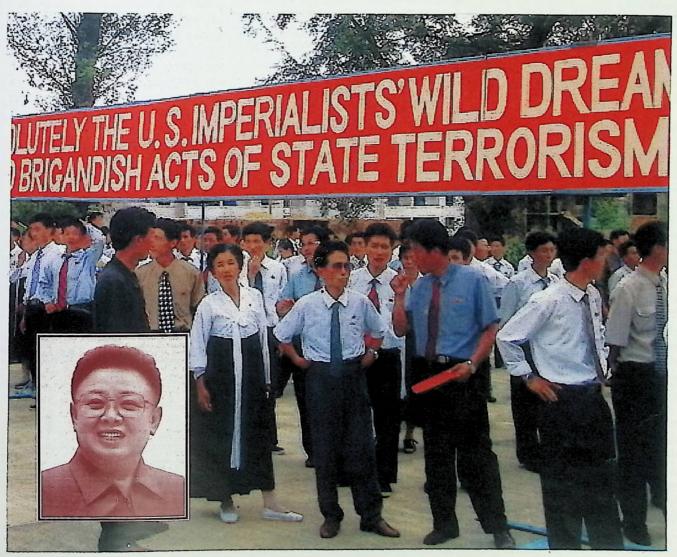
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KIM JONG II

He will be remembered always by all of the people of this world that are struggling daily against the U.S. Imperialist New World Order!

Here are these "terrorized and starving North Koreans", who support Socialism in the DPRK and who always supported their leader - Kim Jong II.

Oh yes, we are asking you Mr. Obama to look at these "starving North Koreans" that your Hillary Clinton always raves about to the world medial



OPEN FORUM

News and View from Canada

Don Currie, Editor Focus On Socialism Member of Editorial Board, Northstar Compass

Professor Sharp and the Albert Einstein Organization

News reports arriving in Canada from the former socialist states of Eastern Europe indicate the growth of state sponsored fascism in the form of draconian anti-communist legislation. Communists and their supporters are routinely jailed for their views. The reactionary right wing forces promoting anti-communist legislation in EU-NATO countries are amply supported by US government funding via such conduits as the National Endowment Fund a CIA front for subversive activities. So blatant is their involvement that well informed and well intentioned forces reject such gross interference in the internal affairs of other countries.

There are others that do similar work but more sophisticated and more cleverly masked in the garb of disinterested promoters of democracy, freedom and ostensibly oppose totalitarianism and dictatorship. One of these is the Albert Einstein Organization (AEO) and its principal spokesperson one Professor Gene Sharp. His principal work, "From Dictatorship to Democracy, A Conceptual Framework for Liberation" 1 is cited by promoters in the USA as a factor in the Orange, Green and other colorful western sponsored counter revolutionary events. Professor Sharp's work is touted as the universal model for events in Burma, Ukraine, Russia, Poland and the so-called Arab spring.

Professor Sharp's influence is exaggerated. What is noteworthy however is that it serves to promote the idea among the gullible that the ideas of freedom, democracy and opposition to dictatorship are synonymous with the aims of the power elites of the USA.

It is important to be aware of such

organizations and to critically expose their theses and connections in the global imperialist assault on real socialism. One of the principal targets of the AEO is the legacy of socialism in the USSR and in particular the role of Stalin in the building of socialism.

This observer does not claim to have done an exhaustive exposure of Professor Sharp but offers the following as a heads up to our readers and to encourage others that can do this work much better, to expose it further.

A quick read of Professor Sharp's principal work, and there is an updated version, will immediately cause the reader to wonder how such banal thinking can gain such notoriety in US academia as serious research. Its counterpart in Canada exists among an array of right wing think tanks both on and off campus.

Not being a scholar this observer nonetheless insists on the right to challenge Professor Sharp's theses since he claims to speak for all who seek justice and liberation.

Professor Sharp hides under the mantle of such great and credible non-violent mass leaders as Mahatma Ghandi and Martin Luther King and Albert Einstein and presents a shallow version of their ideas and accomplishments of their work. Among those lauded by Professor Sharp are the Dalai Lama, Vaclav Havel, Lech Walesa and those disparaged include Che and Stalin among others.

First some comments about Mahatma Ghandi and the Indian Liberation Movement: I am not an expert and have a partisan view of those events which are far different than Professor Sharp's.

Gandhi employed the methods of mass non-violent resistance against a real oppressor British imperialism, not because he was motivated by some divine universal revelation. Mass non-violence activism was a method of struggle adopted by one of the movements of Indian anti-colonial

struggle based on the real political conditions prevailing in that country at that time. In my opinion it is wrong and unsupportable to assert such a method of anti-imperialist struggle has some universal application. Sometimes it works and other times other methods work. People fighting for progress prefer a peaceful path but it is rarely open to them.

British imperialism installed colonial power and exploited the Indian people ruthlessly for more than two centuries backed up by real military power both as an invading and as an occupying imperial power. Indian independence and the movement Gandhi led in alliance with other major political forces including a mass influential Communist party were preceded by a long and bitter and violent struggle of the people on the Asian sub-continent against British and other imperial powers that had wielded colonial power with brutal military force for several centuries. The British elites got very rich by robbing and exploiting the Indian people which accounts even to this day for Britain's status as a major rentier imperialist state.

The victory of that struggle attributed to non-violence is a misreading of Indian liberation. Liberation was preceded by revolutions in Russia and China that contrary to the shills of western propaganda greatly inspired the people of the Indian subcontinent and about which Indira Gandhi and her father Jawaharlal Nehru and Gandhi himself made reference to on many occasions. All of these figures paid tribute to Lenin as an inspiration to the Indian masses in their struggle for emancipation.

The victory of the Indian people against the British colonial power was finally made possible by the military defeat of the axis powers in WW2 a very violent event and necessarily so but its consequence permitted the Indian people to liberate themselves relatively peacefully (there were quite bloody episodes as well) and establish a capitalist democracy with some reform aspects to it. The case of the role of Indian in international affairs today is beyond the scope of this commentary.

Both Gandhi and Martin Luther King made great contributions to human freedom because the movements they led were first of all mass in character with identifiable concrete political goals and with openly proclaimed concrete programs of demands for the oppressed majority that the ruling elites could not ignore. There was much violence committed against the movement in the USA including the assassination of activists and Martin Luther King himself in spite of their proclaimed nonviolence. In the case of the USA racist economic oppression was the root issue and was taken up by a determined people that chose non-violence because there was some scope in the US system of limited democracy for such a movement to arise the way it did. The movement produced it is own theory. strategy and tactics and was moving from civil rights to economic rights when it was side tracked. While winning some formal recognition of civil rights the economic battle goes on.

One wonders why Professor Sharp does not analyze the lessons of that struggle in his own country because it is arising once more in another form, the Occupy Wall Street movement.

The application of non-violent activism in India and the USA was due to objective conditions that permitted some scope for its success. That is a benefit of having a modicum of democracy. But what are people's to do where it doesn't exist? Mr. Sharp glosses over that reality preferring to dispense some universal dogma that fits all.

Professor Sharp evades a factual discussion of what are the concrete identifiable goals of the many forces he lauds in his piece. A man of his great learning should be able to discuss at least in a cursory way what the contending forces in all of the countries he mentions stand for. His analysis is devoid of any notion of the existence of contending classes. He prefers to evade that and speak in the abstract of a generic universal freedom, democracy, dictatorship and totalitarianism without concrete details of what is being advocated and by whom and in what interest. That is a sign of a true

philistine. The Pope does it much better.

Today there are contending forces in all countries with separate agendas of self interest posing as defenders of democracy and appealing to the "international community" for help. One is called upon to probe the real agendas of such forces at work and not accept generalizations about demands for democracy and freedom at face value. Many are open advocates of US imperialism and others are covert promoters of feudal oppression.

For example we are supposed to be struck dumb whenever the corporate controlled mass media tells us we must support a cause because it has the support of the "international community." What is the international community? Professor Sharp claims to know it well but fails to define what it is.

The international community is anything the corporate controlled media says it is. In one case it is the UN and when that doesn't permit the type of regime change intervention that is sought after then it becomes an alliance of the willing or at another time NATO and then NATO and the UN. At one time some NATO members are in on the aggression and others out and some UN members are in and at other times some members out. This floating "international community" is nothing but contrivances of the most powerful G7 NATO states trying to manage the world by military force.

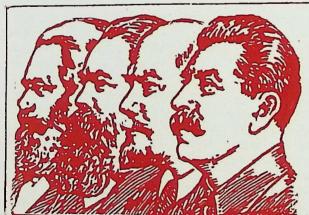
Today oil, fresh water, natural resources, markets, the labour of others, is the imperialist prize. When Al

Quaeda or the Taliban are alleged to be attacking the USA it is the enemy. But when these same forces leave Afghanistan and go to Libya under cover of NATO bombers, landed from US military ships, armed with NATO weapons and assume positions of political power by raw military force such as the so-called new Libyan Transitional government they are liberators.

The fact that once in power they may begin to advocate for Sharia law accompanied by the suppression of the most elementary rights of women is of no account. The people of Libya demonstrated in all major cities that istrue. What was not reported in the western press was that the largest of these demonstrations were pro-Gadaffi and were examples of non-violent activism. UN Resolution 1973 was supposed to prevent civilian deaths. It became the fig leaf for NATO regime change in which all those who could have prevented bloodshed by nonviolent activism were never allowed to do so because of violent NATO intervention.

What does Professor Sharp have to say about that type of state violence and what non-violent activism can prevent it? Rather difficult to stop a laser guided bomb dropped from 40,000 feet by a Canadian CF 18 fighter jet directed to target by a US reconnaissance or sea based communication system. This is 2012 not Calcutta in 1947. Professor Sharp evades discussing how to apply non-violent activism on the battlefront of NATO warfare in the space age.

Professor Sharp avoids any discussion of



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such uncomfortable truths. The NATO Libyan scenario is now being played out in Syria and intervention is planned by the "international community", this time by Turkey taking the lead as a member of NATO. Turkey has its own internal problems and wants a cause to justify the seizure of a big piece of Syria. Israel, the US client state in the Middle East (which receives about \$1 billion a month in largesse) seeks a big piece of Lebanon and to further consolidate its grip on the Golan Heights. All Israeli regional policy is almed at a Greater Israel at the expense of Arab nations it borders, the Palestinians in particular those in Gaza and to justify further Jewish settlement building.

The Palestinians and Hezbollah in Lebanon are not sleeping and they will resist such a change in balance of forces in their region. What does Mr. Sharp propose those opposed to US policy in the Middle East do? Presumably they have no justifiable case and should just non-violently surrender. That is not reality.

A US-NATO-EU invasion of Libya, Iran and Syria has been on the Pentagon planning table for many years. Credible analysts not bamboozled by Fox News, are warning that a major war may start soon unless it can be stopped. This time Russia and China may cast the veto in the UN. This observer hopes they do as tens of thousands of innocent victims of war will be spared and a peaceful resolution might be possible. The numbers killed in the NATO bombing of Libya are deliberately being suppressed. The destruction of that country is staggering.

Prior to NATO intervention the Libyan government used its oil revenues to provide free health care, free education, each young couple who got married received affordable housing. Women were not subjected to Sharia restrictions and Libya was largely a secular state. The Libyan Government accessed aquifers to develop agriculture in Libya and shared that technology with other North African states, hence the numbers of black Africans in Libya as workers and students. Many of these innocent youth, under the cover of NATO were lined up

and shot by "liberators" armed with NATO weaponry who claimed they were mercenaries when even CNN on the scene at the time knew they were migrant workers, many trying to get out and go home. How would Professor Sharp propose these innocent victims of NATO terror use non-violence to defend themselves?

Some websites report that there are at least 7000 of these unfortunate victims of reai violence in Transitional government jails and their fate is precarious. At the same time we daily get lurid reports on the corporate controlled media and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) and the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) of alleged Syrian government violence. Most of these so-called journalists make their reports about Syria based on Downing Street and Pentagon news releases from the safety of Washington, London and Tel Aviv.

In Israel over the summer months and until recently there has been a relatively non-violent occupy movement involving hundreds of thousands in Tel Aviv and other major Israeli towns and cities demanding redress to onerous economic conditions. Where is Professor Sharp's support for that manifestation? There is a media blackout in the west about such events.

The truth about events unfolding in Egypt is underreported and the Mubarak military is still in control of the government of that country in spite of massive and widespread relatively peaceful protest. The only violence comes from the army. No NATO intervention there to save civilians. Egypt is fertile ground for Professor Sharp to try out his non-violent theories if he can avoid being shot by Egyptian military still under the command of Mubarak generals. Saudi Arabia is another country awaiting Professor Sharp. There women have no civil or electoral rights but Professor Sharp gives the Saudi princes a pass when the question of achieving non-violent democracy is discussed.

Martin Luther King and Gandhi were assassinated in spite of their self

proclaimed and courageous personal non-violent leadership. Today the USA military doesn't have to resort to crude methods of assassination of its alleged enemies it can do it with a joy stick, viewing a monitor in the safety of a military base somewhere in the USA. How will those killed in this way defend themselves by non-violence? They can't even see who to be non-violent against.

Professor Sharp's premise is that the USA has the type of freedom, democracy, and state rule ostensibly completely devoid of dictatorship that everyone else in the world must have whether they want it or not.

Mr. Sharp has some explaining to do. He lists other states, countries and regimes he deems to be without question as being legitimate targets for his nonviolent theories and tactics of liberation, all except the USA. What is one to conclude other than Professor Sharp considers the USA and by implication all the G7 NATO states that are its allies to be the universal global model. Professor Sharp has simply created an abstract universal image of ideals that don't exist anywhere and never will because the people themselves will ultimately decide how they want to live in spite of all of Mr. Sharp's nostrums and are quite writing their own capable of constitutions, laws and without his help.

Under former President George W. Bush, via the Patriot Act, most of the real formal freedoms of the US Bill of Rights and the Constitution were effectively annulled. To my knowledge that is still the case. Now US President Barak Obama has signed into law The National Defense Authorization Act permitting the US government to arrest anyone anywhere in the world and transport them to the USA for prosecution by military tribunals. 2 3 The violent sinister intent of this legislation is opposed by the US Civil Liberties Association and has been thoroughly Michel Professor by Chossudovsky of Global Research. 4

For a peaceful country, held up by Professor Sharp as a non-violent model for the world, he has nothing to say about the fact that on a per capita basis

the USA has more people in jails than most other developed countries. The USA has the most ramified system of police suppression of any G20 state. Violence and pornography in the USA is promoted in all of its media and culture for the simple reason it makes billions of dollars for its media empires. The "three strikes your out" draconian prison system in the USA is the model now promoted by the Harper Government in a massive prison building bill that criminalizes the youth at a time when all crime indices in Canada are actually falling. Professor Sharp has a lot to do in his own country as we do in Canada before presuming to tell other countries how to achieve freedom by nonviolence.

To state such banal views in the name of Einstein is a travesty. Albert Einstein was an implacable anti-fascist and was a socialist. He was of course more than that, a great humanitarian and advocate of nuclear disarmament and real peace arising out of international agreements that had the support of all enlightened people. Einstein was a scientist and not a pacifist. He would certainly have preferred non-violence but understood the need during the Second World War to defeat Hitler militarily. I have his biography in my library and have read it and refer to it often. Einstein believed in peace arising from nuclear disarmament about which our learned Professor Sharp has nothing to say. Einstein didn't endorse the political system in the USA nor in the USSR but neither did he repudiate them as does Professor Sharp the latter. Albert Einstein because he was a scientist and not a sophist realized and accepted that such modern societies are historically evolved in real terms and will further evolve in real terms as Mr. Sharp's sophistry fades and is forgotten.

Dictatorship, freedom, totalitarianism, democracy are powerful words but trite and without meaning unless there is a concrete definition as to what these terms mean in practice for the people concerned and to what real existing situation they are applied. Society must live in an organized way. It cannot exist in chaos. Professor Sharp fails miserably to tell us what his non-violent activism will do to provide the billions that are

starving with food and shelter and medicines and education when all of that is in the control of powerful state monopoly capitalist states and their right wing governments. Professor Sharp would have us plead with this power to cease being violent, to plead with them on and on non-violently to please stop being profiteers? Professor Sharp has nothing to say about the type of organized society that people might aspire to with his non-violent activism. Will they eat better?

Professor Sharp lacks credibility in the extreme except with gullible and selfinterested supporters hoping to be rewarded by imperialist largesse. Professor Sharp talks about his great ideals in the abstract and his examples of the success of his theorizing are all asserted not proven. He is forced to say that he can with concreteness point to the violent crimes of Nazism because he could verify such atrocities as such and as many of us reading these lines saw them during and in the aftermath of WW2. All of his assertions about the alleged crimes of communism he has derived he admits from "reading accounts." Apparently there was nothing in his reading about the exploits of the Red Army that liberated Europe and saved North America from the scourge of Nazism.

Professor Sharp is deep into the demonization and equating communism with Nazism one of the of historical most gross forms revisionism. More than 20 million Soviet citizens along with the western allies gave their lives to liberate Europe and defeat Hitler. Non-violent activism wasn't an option in that conflict. Professor Sharp doesn't discuss such examples of unavoidable violence nor comment on who was responsible for it and whether it was necessary or not. Nor does he comment on the fact that war is politics by other means and the USA didn't get into WW2 until it was almost over and emerged from it with minimal losses and became the dominant military and most violent power in the world.

Today the USA and NATO retain the doctrine of the first strike use of nuclear weapons the ultimate in a violent act.

Canada is a signator to that NATO doctrine. This observer received a day or so ago a document released by Wikileaks providing the wording of a statement of agreement between NATO and UN secretariats. Now the USA has even ensnared the UN into its doctrines of nuclear weaponry and Ban Ki Moon is now in clear violation of his mandate as UN Secretary General that prohibits the UN of engaging in war alliances. He is discredited and should resign.

We in Canada read Prime Minister Harper's statement in his most recent meeting with President Obama that the enemies of the USA cannot be friends of Canada. One must ask, where does that leave Cuban-Canadian, Venezuela-Canadian, North Korea-Canadian relations and for that matter, Russia-Canadian relations, China-Canadian relations and now with US relations breaking down with Pakistan, Pakistan-Canadian relations. All of these countries to my knowledge bear no hostile intent against Canada but are now all our enemies according to Prime Minister Harper and against which we must be prepared to go to war if necessary. Prime Minister Harper claims he has the right to say such a thing on behalf of all Canadians proclaiming we are now therefore enemies with most of the non-G7 NATO states of the world since most of the world is not in support of recent US-NATO actions. Canada has never been so discredited in the eyes of world public opinion as it is since the advent of the Harper Conservative Government.

We on the left have had enough in our lifetime of Professors like Mr. Sharp. This observer prefers those professors that stand with the people and their struggle for peace and socialism in all of its forms, peaceful and non-peaceful. The USA and now sadly our own government has no non-violent peace policy. The G7 NATO states only have a violent war policy and if our beautiful planet is to survive we need to oust such hateful governments and their powerful financial backers and soon.

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WE NEED FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

IN MEMORIUM

WILLIAM PARISH



William Parish was a World War II veteran, a peace activist and a member of the Canadian Friends of Soviet People, plus an avid reader of Northstar Compass, who always attended many functions dedicated to peace, plus celebrations of Victory Day at the Friendship House in Toronto, Canada.

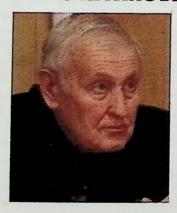
"Bill" passed away on December 15, 2011 at the St. Mary's of the Lake Hospital in Kingston, Ontario. He left behind his dear wife Nora Parish, daughters Lori-Ann Kybange and Beth Parish and his son of the late Effie and Roy Parish.

In lieu of flowers please give your donations to the Kingston Unitarian Building Fund or to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

We shall miss you dear comrade and dear friend in our common struggles for a much better world.

Editorial Committee of Northstar Compass

BRANKO KITANOVIC



To the family, to comrades and to friends of comrade Kitanovic!

On behalf of myself and all the members of the Editorial Board of Northstar Compass, we express our deep regret and condolences at the early death of comrade Kitanovic.

I met comrade Kitanovic, Secretary General of the NKPJ, who headed the Yugoslav delegation to the IX Slav Congress in Minsk, Belarus in 2005.

I was very glad that I had the opportunity to meet and talk with this great and worthy man. Every time I stopped in Belgrade since 2007, when I became a member of the New Communist Party of Yugoslavia, I met him and we had great conversations together. We also met at the X International Meeting of Communist Parties in Sao Paulo, Brazil in November of 2008.

To the long memory of the NKPL founder, a great fighter for workers' rights, as well as for a real Communist future!

We, and all of the progressive movements in the world will miss you and never forget you!

Frank Trampus, Member of the Editorial Committee of Northstar Compass

Branko Kitanovic, General Secretary of the NKPJ (18.9.1935. - 17.12.2011.)

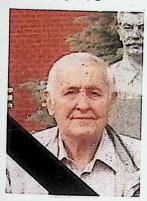
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he was extremely vital and completely devoted to his Party duties. Most of his time, neglecting his own needs, he devoted to propagating socialism and to the organization of the communists and the working class. None of us expected that our General Secretary would leave us so soon.

With immense reverence and memories full of respect and love for the great man, humanist, revolutionary, teacher and fighter, we said goodbye to him on the 21st of December in the presence of a large family and friends of members of the NKPJ. This prominent and firm revolutionary. walking under the red flag, fought for integral freedom, for social for the victory iustice. communist ideals until the last second of his life. Comrade Branko Kitanović was a Marxist-Leninist. having firm numerous ordeals because of his orientation, which occasionally turned into suffering. During the went times when socialism through hard periods of counterrevolution in Europe, when our socialist homeland SFR Yugoslavia was broken up in the whirlwind of war and blood, when it seemed that socialism is going history, comrade Branko Kitanović, despite the wave of nationalism, anticommunism and war, founded New Communist Party of Yugoslavia in June 1990, continued glorious which revolutionary traditions of the CPY from 1919, traditions of the National Liberation Struggle and International Communist Movement.

Name and the works of comrade Branko Kitanović Will permanently engraved in annals of the Communist movement in Yugoslavia, serving as a bright example, model and inspiration in revolutionary the struggle. New Communist Party Yugoslavia and the League of Communist Youth of Yugoslavia express gratitude to all the parties, movements and individuals on their condolences

Condolence Statement on the death of Comrade Branko Kitanović



The World Federation of Democratic Youth with regret was informed about the death of comrade Branko Kitanović, General Secretary of the New Communist Party of Yugoslavia.

WFDY expresses its condolence for this loss of the movement. Comrade Branko was a militant of the peoples and the workers struggle in his country and on international level.

The death of comrades as comrade Branko who devoted their lives to the struggle against imperialism, for peace and social justice, are always a great loss.

As WFDY together with our condolence we express our support to the Young Communist League of Yugoslavia. Our common struggles will continue

honoring the life work of comrades such as Branko Kitanovic.

To Family, comrades and friends of comrade Dr. Branko Kitanović

In my name and the name of the editorial board of "Northstar Compass" expressing deep regret and sincere condolences to the too early death of comrade Kitanović. I met comrade Kitanović in Minsk in 2005. As Secretary General of the NKPJ headed the Yugoslav delegation to the IX. Slav Congress. After introduction and conversations I was very glad that I had the opportunity to meet the great man and worthy of respect. I stopped in Belgrade several times, in fact every year since 2007, when I became a member of NKPJ. Happy to remember and much appreciate every moment of the conversation I had with him. The best opportunity we spent together on X. International meeting of Communist Parties of the world in Sao Paulo Brazil in November 2008.

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Thank you comrade Dr. Branko Kitanović! We and the world will miss you and never forget you! Sincerely Frank Trampuš

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the CPY from 1919, traditions of the National Liberation Struggle and the **International Communist** Movement. Branko was our teacher, model and pride, our example and living encyclopedia of the communist movement in Yugoslavia and the world. He enjoyed great reputation and had a great authority, although he was always modest, quiet, but energetic in every domain. Branko was an internationalist and he was joyous of every success of progressive forces in any corner of the planet, and mourned its defeats. revisionist deviations and other failures of the communists. Generally, he was a great optimist and a dreamer, convinced in inevitable historical triumph of the communist ideals, and used to say "There is no social justice without socialism and communism". Branko was extremely honest and fair man, persistent and firm. philanthropic, near and farsighted as was the ideology to which he belonged. Name and the works of comrade Branko Kitanović will be permanently engraved in annals of the Communist movement in Yugoslavia, serving as a

bright example, model and inspiration in the revolutionary struggle. New Communist Party of Yugoslavia and the League of Communist Youth of Yugoslavia express gratitude to all the parties, movements and individuals on their condolences addressed to us, the families and friends of comrade Branko Kitanović. Eternal glory to a great revolutionary Branko Kitanović. · Marijan Kubik

Kitanović was a professor of international law, member of the Association of Serbian Journalists and Writers Association of Serbia.



BACK TO THE FUTURE! BACK TO THE USSR!

Progressive humanity has lost a great comrade who dedicated his whole life against imperialism and for the future of humanity – Socialism – Communism! Executive Committee of the International Council – Editorial Board of NSC

FRIENDSHIP NEWS

We received news from Kay Berbling, Chairman of the AFSP that they are starting to publish NSC there and in this way save us the NSC mailing costs for 45 copies of NSC each month. Besides all of this, they opened up a subscription drive all across Australia.

They also sent us a donation of \$750 Australian dollars.

Comrade Berbling is a member of the Executive Committee of the

International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with the Soviet People, as well as a member of the Editorial Board of NSC.

May your example be followed by other countries where NSC is read. We need to organize these Friendship Societies with the Soviet People in other countries of the world against their bourgeois regime.



RAY BERBLING at the microphone at the Third World Congress held in Toronto, Canada - Sept. 2011.

REPORT ON THE ANTI-IMPERIALIST DHAKA CONFERENCE 2011

By ANTONIO ARTUSO - DELEGATE FROM NSC AND FROM INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL



Thanks to the International Anti-Imperialist and People's Solidarity Coordinating Committee and

Socialist Party of Bangladesh!

Long live international solidarity!

Long live proletarian internationalism!

Long live the reconstruction of the international communist movement!

Long live the heroic struggles of the working class, of the peasants and of the peoples of the world!

The theme of this session is Economic and Cultural Attack of Imperialism. at the beginning I am introducing me to you.

I am Antonio Artuso, from Canada. I represent the Northstar Compass Magazine, an international magazine in 5 languages for the reconstruction of the Soviet Union and socialism.

The magazine is published by the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with the Soviet Union (USSR).

I am a member of the International Council and of the Editorial Board.

I am also the co-editor of "L'Etoile du Nord", the French Language Edition of the magazine. Northstar Compass is a united front made of communists and progressive people for the reconstruction of the Soviet Union and socialism, which were built by Lenin and Stalin, following the science developed by Marx and Engels. Our magazines in 5 languages: English, French, Russian and Spanish, and now in Nepalese. They are read in 67 countries. Their main message is that the workers and the peoples of the USSR and of the world continue in their struggle to overthrow capitalism and build socialism. They constitute one of the ideological tools people have to fight back against the ideological and cultural attacks of imperialism and to prepare the defeat of imperialism and the victory of socialism.

The International Council and Northstar Compass are the 3rd generation of organizations created in Canada to support to the USSR and socialism.

In Canada there were 3 generations of such organizations:

- 1. The "Hands Off Russia Committee"
 In 1918, 14 imperialist countries
 (including Canada) attacked the
 young Soviet Republic. In Canada,
 communists and progressive people
 created the "Hands Off Russia
 Committee" to support the Soviet
 people against the imperialist
 Intervention;
- 2. The Canada-USSR Friendship society In 1921, Lenin created the 3rd International to form Communist Parties around the world. Throughout the world, communists and progressive people created Friendship societies with the Soviet Union. In Canada, comrade Michael Lucas played a leadership role in the Canada-USSR Friendship Society;
- 3. The International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with the Soviet Union and the Northstar Compass magazines In 1991, immediately after the total collapse of revisionist Soviet Union, in Canada, comrade Michael Lucas transformed the Canada USSR Friendship Society into an organization and magazines dedicated to the reconstruction of (1) the Soviet Union; and (2) of socialism.

Today, under the leadership of comrade Lucas, the International Council includes representatives of many world organizations and parties. Comrade Khalequzzaman and Manik Mukherjee are members of North Star Compass.

Now I will briefly present my view on today's topics. First I must say that this conference has achieved the uniqueness in gathering, discipline and in all other aspects. 15000 militant masses were present at the inauguration ceremony which rallied along the streets voicing the vigorous slogan against imperialism. 800 delegates' from 20 countries are participating in the three day's delegates' sessions to focus the present world crises made by the imperialist forces and about the task to do ahead. Moreover considering the present world situation such a conference is an occasion that should

be highly appreciated. I am deeply inspired by this program.

Imperialists attack the proletariat and the peoples of the world economically, politically, militarily, ideologically, culturally. Imperialism, the highest stage of capitalism, is characterized by 3 aspects: the crisis, fascism and war.

The class struggle is between the proletariat and the capitalists. The proletariat and the peoples of the world have no other choice than fight for their interests, for victory of socialism, which will lead to communism.

Ideological and cultural struggle are the first most important factor in class struggle.

Marx explained that the dominant ideology in a given society is the ideology of the dominant class.

Today, capitalist ideology and culture guide the lives and behavior of the majority of mankind.

Capitalists use their media, State, education system, political parties, backward myths, traditions, religions, to spread their ideology for their interests, for bigger profits. When the capitalist ideology and culture are no longer sufficient to stop the masses who want socialist revolution, the capitalists and their State use violence.

We, communists and progressive people, must develop our own ideological and cultural tools. We must develop our own media (publications, videos, songs, theater, propaganda etc.), create groups, research center, institutes to form proletarian intellectuals and to transform progressive intellectuals proletarian fighters, publish newspapers and magazines, analysis, political statements, programs, political campaigns. organize demonstrations, conferences like this one.

Proletarian ideology is based on scientific analysis of society. It is the most important element of the class struggle. It is the most important guide for the proletariat and the oppressed

people of the earth in their struggle to overthrow capitalism and build a socialist society. Communists and progressive people must play an important ideological and cultural role: they must propagate (1) correct theories and practices; and (2) correct analysis of the world situation.

Fascism is accepted by the masses because of the intense and constant ideological and cultural bombardment of the media.

To fight and defeat fascism, we must develop an anti-fascist and an anti-imperialist ideology and culture.

We, communists and progressive people, must (1) develop the anti-imperialist and anti-fascist ideology and culture of the masses, (2) organize and develop intense and more constant education, agitation, propaganda, ideological and cultural struggle against imperialism, (3) our tools and methods of education and mobilization of the masses to develop a wide and mighty resistance against fascism and imperialism.

As a citizen of Canada I am ashamed to declare here that, unfortunately as a member of NATO Canada participates in every war of the G-8 imperialist block.

- 1. In Iraq, Canada participated in the massacre of millions of Iraqi civilians:
- 2. In Yugoslavia, Canada bombed for 90 days hospitals, railroad, electrical and water installations of Belgrade. Yugoslavia was destroyed and dismantled by NATO;
- 3. In Afghanistan, Canada bombed civilians and help put another corrupt government. Stephen Harper, fascist Prime Minister of Canada, spent 22 billion dollars and sent more than 200 soldiers to their death;
- 4. In Libya, after the Parliament of Canada voted on the "no fly zone", Canada participated in the destruction of 70% of the water resources.

The imperialist powers are committing crimes against humanity and war



crimes in total impunity and with the unanimous consent of the Parliaments, the political parties, the United Nations, the bourgeois media and intellectuals. This is fascism of a new kind, the rule of the international capitalist mafia over the world.

This is why we think we must contribute, as Marxist-Leninists, in the development of Marxist-Leninist unity:

- ideological unity
- political unity; and
- Organizational unity.

We must also develop a world united front against (1) the crisis (2) fascism and (3) war. Communist Parties must lead fronts (trade unions, peasants, students, women, etc.).

We thank the organizers of the Anti-Imperialist International Conference

the International Anti-Imperialist and People's Solidarity Coordinating Committee

- the Socialist Party of Bangladesh the International Action Center
- comrade Khalequzzaman, secretary general of the SPB
- comrade Manik Mukherjee,

member of the politbureau of the Socialist Unity Center of India All India Anti-imperialist Forum, and general secretary of the IAPSCC.

SPECIAL FOR NSC

Posted in Communism, East Germany, Union on December 20, 2011. German Democratic Republic, Opprobrious figures, Socialism, Soviet

Over two decades ago Vaclav Havel, the pampered scion of a wealthy Prague family, helped usher in a period of reaction, in which the holdings and estates of former landowners and captains of industry were restored to their previous owners, while unemployment, homelessness, and

insecurity abolished by the Reds were put back on the agenda. Havel is eulogized by the usual suspects, but not by his numberless victims, who were pushed back into an abyss of exploitation by the Velvet revolution and other retrograde eruptions. With the fall of Communism allowing Havel and his brother to recover their family's vast holdings, Havel's life he worked in a brewery under Communism became much richer. The same can't be said for countless others, whose better lives under the Reds were swept away by a swindle that will, in the coming days, be lionized in the mass media on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the Soviet Union's demolition. The anniversary is no time for celebration. except for the minority that has profited from it. For the bulk of us it ought to be an occasion to reflect on what the bottom 99 percent of humanity was able to achieve for ourselves outside the strictures, instabilities and unnecessary cruelties of capitalism.

By Stephen Gowans

Over the seven decades of its existence, and despite having to spend so much time preparing, fighting, and recovering from wars, Soviet socialism managed to create one of the great achievements of human history: a mass industrial society that eliminated most of the inequalities of wealth. income, education and opportunity that plagued what preceded it, what came after it, and what competed with it; a society in which health care and education through university were free (and university students received living stipends); where rent, utilities and public transportation were subsidized, along with books, periodicals and cultural events; where inflation was eliminated, pensions were generous, and child care was subsidized. By 1933, with the capitalist world deeply mired in a devastating economic crisis, unemployment was declared abolished, and remained so for the next five and a half decades, until socialism, itself was abolished. Excluding the war years, from 1928, when socialism was introduced, until Mikhail Gorbachev began to take it apart in the late 1980s, the Soviet system of central planning public ownership produced and

unfailing economic growth, without the recessions and downturns that plagued the capitalist economies of North America, Japan and Western Europe. And in most of those years, the Soviet and Eastern European economies grew faster.

The Communists produced economic security as robust (and often more so) than that of the richest countries. but with fewer resources and a lower level of development and in spite of the unflagging efforts of the capitalist world to sabotage socialism. Soviet socialism was, and remains, a model for humanity of what can be achieved outside the confines and contradictions of capitalism. But by the end of the 1980s, counterrevolution was sweeping Eastern Europe and Mikhail Gorbachev was dismantling the pillars of Soviet socialism. Naively, blindly, stupidly, some expected Gorbachev's demolition project to lead the way to a prosperous consumer society, in which Soviet citizens, their bank accounts bulging with incomes earned from new jobs landed in a robust market economy; would file into colorful, luxurious shopping malls, to pick clean store shelves bursting with consumer goods. Others imagined a new era of a flowering multiparty democracy and expanded civil liberties, coexisting with public ownership of the commanding heights of the economy, a model that seemed to owe more to utopian blueprints than hard-headed reality.

Of course, none of the great promises of the counterrevolution were kept. While at the time the demise of socialism in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe was proclaimed as a great victory for humanity, not least by leftist intellectuals in the United States, two decades later there's little to celebrate. The dismantling of socialism has, in a word, been a catastrophe, a great swindle that has not only delivered none of what it promised, but has wreaked irreparable harm, not only in the former socialist countries, but throughout the Western world, as well. Countless millions have been plunged deep into poverty, imperialism has been given a free hand, and wages and benefits in the West have bowed under the pressure of intensified competition for jobs and industry unleashed by a flood of jobless from the former socialist countries. where joblessness once, rightly, was considered an obscenity. Numberless voices in Russia, Romania, East Germany and elsewhere lament what has been stolen from them and from humanity as a whole: "We lived better under communism. We had jobs. We had security." And with the threat of jobs migrating to low-wage, high unemployment countries of Eastern Europe, workers in Western Europe have been forced to accept a longer working day, lower pay, and degraded benefits. Today, they fight a desperate rearguard action, where the victories are few, the defeats many. They too lived better once.

But that's only part of the story. For others, for investors and corporations, who've found new markets and opportunities for profitable investment, and can reap the benefits of the lower labor costs that attend intensified competition for jobs, the overthrow of socialism has, indeed, been something to celebrate. Equally, it has been welcomed by the landowning and industrial elite of the pre-socialist regimes whose estates and industrial concerns have been recovered and privatized. But they're a minority. Why should the rest of us celebrate our own mugging?

Prior to the dismantling of socialism, most people in the world were protected from the vicissitudes of the global capitalist market by central planning and high tariff barriers. But once socialism fell in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, and with China having marched resolutely down the capitalist road, the pool of unprotected labor available to transnational corporations expanded many times over. Today, a world labor force many times larger than the domestic pool of US workers and willing to work dirt cheap awaits the world's corporations.

Continued in next issuer of NSC

IMPERIALISM EVENTUALLY LEADS TO FASCISM!



NAZISM HAD STRONG ROOTS IN AMERICA

Starting during 1930's, the growth of Nazism. Racism. Chauvinism and outright Fascist Nationalism was very rampant and was directly indirectly supported by big business corporations, many religious organizations as well as by the US government, which was very anti-Soviet and pinned all of its hopes on the fascist-nazi movements that were springing up all over Europe as well as in other countries.

Below are just some of these movements that existed and – still exist – but under different umbrellas and covers. All of these organization had their registration done by the US authorities without any problems.

- *American National Socialist Party
- *German-American Bund
- *Christian Front
- *The Ultra-American
- *Nationalist Party
- *American Nationalist Party
- *American Women Against Communism
- *The Gray Shirts
- *America First Committee
- *No Foreign War Committee
- *Christian Mobilizers
- *America Destiny Party
- *American Brotherhood of
- **Christians Congress**
- *The Ethiopian Pacific Movement

- *Citizens Protective League
- *Social Justice Distributors Club
- *The American Defense Society
- *Anglo-Saxon Federation of America
- *Paul Revere Sentinels
- *Ra-Con Klub
- *Crusaders for Americanism Inc.
- *We the Fathers, Auxiliary to We the Mothers for America
- *The Christian Mobilizer
- *Phalanx, PAX (secret gun club)
- *National Workers League
- *Yankee Freemen
- *Cross and the US Flag
- *Committee of One Million
- *Flanders Hall Nazi Publishers
- *American Patriots
- *American Bulletin
- *National Gentile League

The above does not include racist organizations like -

- *White Power Assembly
- *The Riflemen
- *White-Pure Americans
- *Hitler Youth
- *Pure America
- *46 Nazi newspapers

WHAT IS BEHIND THESE PROTESTS IN RUSSIA?

http://apn.ru

On December 24, 2011 there were organized protest meetings in 62 cities all across Russia, to protest the results of the rigged elections that took place in Russia.

This news item was sent by e-mail was received by NSC on December 23 – and it listed the names of these 62 cities, the places of protest, the time they will take place and other information. Whoever were organizing all of these mass demonstrations are well-organized, well staffed and well directed.

Their proposed slogans to carry were: "Down with the present Zhuligs!" "Down with these Criminals!" and "Russia is for Russians only!"

The appeal of this e-mail ended with these words:

"The success of our Right Columns today is the foundation for our future success of the Party of Russian Nationalists tomorrow!

WHY CROCODILE TEARS NOW BY RUSSIA ABOUT LIBYA?

This is part of an official statement issued by the Russian Foreign Ministry on December 29, 2011 – "Moscow denounces the violations of human rights and victims caused by NATO in Libya for almost eight months bombing of Libya."

This is nothing more than a demagogic statement by the present Russian leadership who are guilty - together with the leadership of China - by REFUSING TO USE THEIR VETO POWER - to stop this butchery-rape and occupation of Libya!

How utterly demagogic is the present Kremlin leadership that they do not even mention in their "diplomatic statement" the brutal murder of Gaddafi, the leader of Libya?

The world's people will never forget or forgive this traitorous act!

What has the Russian and Chinese leadership gained by allowing US-NATO to bomb, occupy Libya, arming the sectarian rebels to destroy Libya, which was showing the Arab world the way to go forward?

Oh yes, Mr. Putin-Medvedev, you have made the Wall Street tycoons, the Pentagon, the CIA and the White House very happy. They even drank a toast of Champaign to your leadership of Russia and China!

WHY WE CALL THEM THE ZIONIST "HOARY CANARDS"

From WorldPress.com

SIX ZIONIST COMPANIES OWN 96% OF ALL AMERICAN MEDIA

The largest media conglomerate empire is Walt Disney Company, controlling the video production companies; its own cable network with 14 million subscribers; two video production companies; feature Hollywood film production conglomerates; plus having control of 225 TV-stations across the USA.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM CALCUTTA INDIA

Dear respected Editor of NSC:

The Editorial in NSC in the October/November issue 2011 read: "There was an adoption of a Resolution calling for UNITY OF ACTION of all the Communist and Workers Parties that exist now in former USSR against the common enemy".

In the present global context, this UNITY OF ACTION is to be extended to the whole world for the re-establishment of the USSR and re-appraisal of Comrade Stalin.

I wish to communicate to you that the Communist Party of India (Marxist – which is the most organized Communist Party in India, and which shares the principles and the dedication of Northstar Compass – is now preparing for its National Party Congress from April 4-9, 2012 at Koshikode (State of Karalla). As a preparation, the branch, the local are committee meetings are being held all over the country.

The District level meetings are scheduled to be over by January 15th of this year. Finally from February 7-10, the Karalla State Conference will be held. The draft is prepared by taking into consideration the present global situation and the historical role of the USSR and of Comrade Stalin.

Red Salute (Laal Salaam).

On behalf of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) Bastio Tijo Thomas

FROM WROCLAW POLAND

Dear comrades of NSC and International Council:

Many heartfelt greetings for the year 2012 - good results to all in our dedicated common struggle against capitalism and for socialism.

Your activity Michael in NSC and in the International Council is glorious and very noble. The

people of Russian now are going more and more to the left. The capitalist world now is in deep economic and political troubles. Mankind now is more against imperialism and going towards socialism!

Professor Zbigniew Wiktor

FROM FLORIDA USA

Dear friends:

I am worried that in case Michael Lucas will no longer be able to be the Editor, NSC could become just a low pictorial intellectual magazine. I have not seen anyone with the dynamic, artistic and exacting educational ability as the present Editor of NSC.

Sincerely yours

J. Corlett

FROM HELSINKI FINLAND

Dear comrades:

The Communist League would like to wish you a happy 2012 year. Contradictions between the classes And also between the war mongers and the world's peace loving people are more obvious than ever before. The future of the green planet is in danger and the greediness of the reactionary class creates a real threat into the destiny of the whole humankind.

Struggle against imperialism and reaction is not only local, but also international. In the upcoming year the Communist League wishes more and more cooperation between the world's progressive forces for independence, peace and socialism.

With this message, we would like to express our best greetings to all members of your organization and also to wish you all many victories in your future struggles.

Workers of the world unite!
On behalf of the Communist
League,

Kalevi Wahrman Chairman

FROM MOSCOW RUSSIA

Dear comrades!

We sincerely greet you with the coming 2012 New Year. We wish you health, much success in our common struggles in the interests of the working class.

Central Committee Communist Party of the Soviet Union

FROM BETHUNE CANADA

Dear friends:

Best of the Season Greetings! Enclosed is \$50. Keep up the good work in the CFSP and NSC!

Jean / Mervin Ermel

ST. MICHEL-BELLECHASE CANADA

Dear friends-

Best wishes to all of you for good health in the New Year. Helen and Michael, you're an inspiration for me and many others living near Quebec City. Though I do not get to Toronto, here's a \$50 donation for my membership and a donation.

Dick Piper

FROM DURHAM, N.C. USA

Dear friends:

Enclosed is a check for \$102. for NSC subscription and for four videos –Funeral of Stalin, Zionism Street, Song is our friend and US invasion of Panama.

I would like to show them on our local cable access TV channel. Through the US Friends of Soviet People I was able to show the videos — October 1917, Lenin, Gorky, Marx, Dzherzhinsky and the Liberation of Byelorussia and Manchuria.

Please inform me of other avenues where I can get Soviet videos.

Sincerely Michael Pollock

FROM LENINGRAD RUSSIA

Dear friends, associates, comrades in our common struggles for Socialism in the world!

The Central Committee of the All Union Communist Partv Bolsheviks, congratulates you with the New Year 2012! The new year should be a year of further development of the revolutionary struggle of the workers on all continents for their lost socials rights, for permanent peace in the world without wars or violence, a year for the acceleration of the revolutionary movements in the direction for the change of history from the bloody inhuman crimes of imperialism to socialism - the only humane and democratic and social political system.

The main direction of the struggle of the Soviet Communists and patriots of the Soviet homeland should be a continuation of the active struggle for the rebirth of our Great Soviet Motherland. The main guarantee of our victory – lies in the unity of action!

The **people** are the creators of history! So bolder and much firmer steps are needed in the fight against the outmoded historical period of criminal imperialism!

We are going to win! We are the creators of the future!

Long live Socialism!

N.A. Andreeva General Secretary of the AUCPB

FROM TORONTO CANADA

Dear Michael-Helen and friends:

Please accept our humble donation of \$250.00 towards Northstar Compass and a renewal subscription fee for 2012. Than you for such hard and very important work that you do.

Wishing you and all the friends health, strength and a Happy New Year.

Yours truly
Lyudmila &Yevgeny Pogorelov

FROM SOUTH BEND, IN. **USA**

Dear friends:

Enclosed please find my NSC renewal and thanks for all the monthly issues that I receive. Enclosed also is a \$25 donation. Now I am a member of the U.S. Friends of Soviet People, thanks to the work of Dr. Angelo D'Angelo.

I wish all of you comradesgood health and a Happy New Year. Zdravia to al of you dear friends

Lee Gloster

FROM STATEN ISLAND **USA**

Dearest comrades:

The best to you and yours! This year 2012 will be a banner year for our Marxist-Leninist International Communist movement. Our comrades in former USSR and Peoples Democracies in Eastern Europe, the Greek CP, and all those CPs around the "Communist International Review", are on the march.

Our struggle here in the "belly of the beast" is right on course, not only against monopoly capitalism, but also against right-opportunism and revisionism within the Marxist-Leninist Communist movement.

Our work inside the US Friends of Soviet People, the USPC and "Ideological Fightback" is proof of that correct way of collective "communist plus" tactics and strategy within the broader working class movement.

Yes, get in touch with the USFSP in order to carry our most important work for the ultimate liberation of humankind – scientific socialism and communism.

History is on our side, let us just hurry it along with our participation.

Love to all our comrades.

Dr. Angelo D'Angelo Chairman of the US Friends of Soviet People

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SOCIALISM IS BLOWING IN THE WIND!

FROM DHAKA BANGLADESH

Dear comrades:

The Third International Anti Imperialist Dhaka Conference was held on November 28-29, 2011 in Dhaka and was a significant event for the rising anti-imperialist movement all over the world.

Considering the present world situation we think, the dying capitalism-imperialism is on its last leg and the year 2012 is high time to prepare for ringing its death bell.

We aspire to march with greater efforts throughout this new year for invigorating the movement and to strengthening the international solidarity amongst all of the anti-imperialist forces and persons over the globe.

Let us make a success of this inspiration with our fraternal unity of action.

With revolutionary greetings Khalequzzaman General secretary Communist Party of Bangladesh

FROM CAMBRIDGE, MA

Dear comrades:

Keep up the struggle against worldwide imperialism and its savagery. My patriotic homeland, Iritrea is doing its share of resistance against US imperialism in the Horn of Africa, to do away with poverty, ignorance and social backwardness and exploitation.

Wishing you robust health and a bright future for all of mankind – except imperialist bloodsuckers!

Back to the USSR of 1917-1953! Away with savage US-led imperialism!

Long live Comrade Michael Lucas!

E. Haile

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FROM HELSINKI FINLAND

Dear comrades:

Happy New Year and good health to you comrades Frank, Heidi and Michael Lucas. Many thanks for the wonderful New Year Gift of Northstar Compass and the book "Journey for Friendship between Northern Neighbors". I am inspired and encouraged by your wonderful dedicated revolutionary work.

Ahmed Sharif

FROM PRAGUE CZECH REPUBLIC

Dear comrade Michael Lucas and Executive of the International Council.

Regarding your Appeal Letter that informed and appealed to us to protest the harassment and threats against Professor Zbigniew Wiktor of the Wroclaw University in Poland.

I immediately informed the session of our Slav Committee. We condemn this violation of human rights. We are against such treatment of the well-known and respected Professor Zbigniew Wiktor in Poland. We shall take further actions against this attempt to persecute this scientist.

Docent JUDr Mirko Svoboda. C Sc First Vice Chairman of the Slav Committee of the Czech Republic

FROM PRAGUE CZECH REPUBLIC

Dear comrade Michael, Helen and all comrades:

Please accept our sincere and comradely greetings for this 2012 New Year. We all wish you and all the comrades the best of health, happiness and great success in your noble efforts. All the best wishes to you dear friends!

On behalf of the Editorial Board of "Dialog" publication. Zdenek Novotny

FROM VERDUN QUEBEC CANADA

Dear friends:

Wishing all of you Happy Holidays and a New Year of peace, friendship and solidarity in our struggles. Enclosed please find a \$100 donation towards NSC.

Lise Sabourin

FROM KIEV UKRAINE

Dear comrade Michael;

I received all of the Third World Congress materials for which I do sincerely thank you very much. Our comrade Andrei, who is a political prisoner also thanks you for your support.

I understand as to how hectic it was for you to plan the Third World Congress, but I have a request for you to please translate the enclosed article into English and have it published in NSC. The article is called -"The U.S. Federal Reserve System" - the power behind US Imperialism.

Just a while ago I sent the NSC October/November issue to the Libyan Embassy in Ukraine with a note deploring the murder of Moammar Gaddafi by the rebels. I cried when he was murdered.

With hugs and kisses.

Galina Savchenko

Your article is in this issue of NSC.

FROM MOSCOW RUSSIA

Dear friends:

The best wishes for the New Year, good health, happiness and courage in our common struggles for Genuine Peace - socialism and the rebirth of the Soviet Union. Enclosed please find \$20 towards Northstar Compass Sustaining Fund.

Margarita Goroshkova

FROM ATHENS GREECE

Dear comrades and friends: For the New Year of 2012, we wish you health and courage in the struggles! We thank all of you for your solidarity – we shall overcome!

International Relations Department Communist Organization of Greece

FROM NORTH BURNABY CANADA

Hello my dear friends - and I mean that from the bottom of my heart. Thank you for extra copies of NSC. Enclosed please find \$100.00 for your efforts and dedication. Although my health is not as good as I would like, but my heart and dedication is as it always was.

Mary Legebokoff

FROM KITIMAT, BC CANDA

I wish all of you at CFSP / NSC health and a Happy New Year. Capitalism never did work and never will work, I'm certain of that. Enclosed please find a donation for \$125.00 for subscription and help in our common cause.

Sebastion Ribeiro

FROM SANTIAGO CHILE

Dear Comrades Lucas, Gruenthal, Trampus:

Together with my sincere greetings and hope that you are well and in good health, I express my expectations for what is taking place now in Russia, and I suggest that the International Council should issue a Statement on this situation.

This Statement should be sent to all the Council members for their opinions before being published in NSC.

I am certain that this Statement will show our correct path and that we have a profound unity of principles and I do not think of any difficulty in putting out this joint Statement.

Communist greetings Eduardo Arts PC/AP



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Dear readers of NSC:

We like to thank all of those readers who keep on supporting the work of this very important and necessary monthly publication, which has an English, French, Spanish, Russian and Nepalese editions.

In order for us to keep on publishing Northstar Compass and keep the struggle against US-NATO imperialism's world domination ongoing, and to show our support to the Soviet people in their daily struggles for the rebirth of the USSR, we are starting now our 2012

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We must fulfill our NSC Sustaining Drive in order to cover the rising cost of printing and mailing, plus other mailing costs in order to keep the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with the Soviet People do its noble work for friendship with the Soviet People and to publish Northstar Compass.

As most of you are aware, all of our Executive members are dedicated volunteers.

Please help us fulfill our \$30,000 Sustaining Fund Drive by the end of September of 2012!







