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# NATO'S GLOBAL EXPANSION OF "JUNGLE LAW"... ANOTHER U.S. "OIL WAR" LOOMS...

As this is being written (20/11/02) the NATO "Summit" convened in Prague, has given absolute conformation...if such was ever needed...of the war plans and geopolitical designs of the dangerous, ultra-reactionary U.S. monopoly oil kingdom. The pernicious megalopoly confronts the world with dubious "Dubya" George Bush and his gang of violently anti-democratic, anti-labour satraps... all seeking to hide behind smokescreens of nauseating curtains of "terrorist" threats. Assembled in Prague with eighteen more monopoly controlled NATO cohorts... including the Canadian Government...and watching from a safe distance the "killer" spill of one of their tankers on the coastline of Spain, we are informed that by some weird alchemy of NATO policy, for their poisoned purpose, "North Atlantic" now includes international boundaries far to the East...to encircle militarily, if not quite the entire world, at least every possible land and country with natural gas and oil resources within reach of the B-1 U.S. bomber. This is neither a flight of fancy, of hyperbole...or even exaggeration.

Seven more countries are now clutched in NATO's military embrace. They are Slovakia, Slovenia, Romania, Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania...all not so long ago members of the Warsaw Pact that was formed for defensive reasons in 1954, five years after NATO gang congealed in what the Wall Street Journal correctly branded, "Jungle Law" on April 5, 1949...the day after the Atlantic Pact was signed. Wall Street Journal stated editorially that the Pact also "nullifies the principle of the United Nations"... correctly. To nobody's surprise the same editorial

endorsed both ideas. The Cold War was already well advanced in April of 1949.

Hanging over the Prague conclave was the U.S. threat to the United Nations of unilateral "pre-emptive war" which could only mean the total trashing of the last vestiges of international law. For all practical purposes the United Nations would be totally irrelevant. That can only mean U.S. war, bomb runs when, where and for whatever reason the U.S. brass decides...with Iraq heading the list...and unlimited war in the Middle East and Central-South Asia an immediate prospect.

Underlining the historic irony and ultra-Imperial symbolism of the Prague event, this was where General Ivan Konev, commanding the triumphant flank of the Soviet Army accepted the final surrender from the hideous Nazi war machine on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 1945. But now, NATO's war-jets screamed above the Czech capital, insolently displaying supreme arrogance to the people below. The peace of the world hangs on the slenderest of threads as Bush insistently demands that his NATO partners, both old and new, "Buy American" in new technologies of war. The Bush-U.S.-Pentagon war game of pre-emptive strike on Iraq and its people, and the igniting of very possible Middle East inter-state war and nuclear response from his Israeli-Sharon allies, as withheld only under the thinnest pretext of a proviso of the "return of the UN inspectors" to eliminate any "weapons of mass destruction" Bush and Blair state are held by Saadam. It remains at this writing, totally clear, that the real war aim of the oil monopolies and Bush and his British Blair partner, is the redrawing of the

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Middle East map and the elimination of every vestige of sovereign rights of the Arabic and Islamic peoples and nations may hope for over the "black gold" natural resource. The "Imperial" history underlines in every country and territory their grip and aggression to control and to dominate this natural "black gold" commodity.

The fall of the Ottoman Empire at the end of World War I saw Iraq created by the British Colonial Office under Winston Churchill as he set up the provinces of Kurdistan Mosul in the North, Shiite and Sunni Baghdad and Basra in the centre and the south, and the delineation of Kuwait by drawing a line across the southern area where it was believed the greatest oil resources lay. A puppet King, Emir Faisal ibn Hussain by name, unknown to the new amalgam of Iraq, was installed with a British trained and equipped state army to safeguard the interests of the foreign oil buccaneers. The role of fully participating "partnership" in this massive imperial "thievery" was extended to the U.S. Rockefeller oil interests in 1928 with the formation of the Iraqi Petroleum Company. At the same time they were "given" all drilling rights anywhere in the former Ottoman Empire. A form of "independence" was extended to the beleaguered country in 1932, but any substance was notably and totally absent as a British-U.S. trained military force under the tyrant King

Faisal continued. The rape of the Iraqi oil proceeded without the tiniest vestiges of popular or democratic or trade union rights...much less economic wealth to the people...until 1958 when a popular uprising headed by Abdul Karim Qasim swept aside the brutal terrorization of the Iraqi people and slowly began nationalization of the oil resources. In addition, this regime opened up new lines of trade and commerce with the USSR.

But the year following, a "gun for hire" in the form of a young Army officer, obviously working on behalf of the foreign monopoly exploiters, attempted the assassination of the popular leader Qasim. A failed attempt, the would-be assassin fled to Egypt. His name was Saadam Hussein and a few years later, in 1963, he returned to Baghdad to participate in the Baath Party overthrow of Qasim. From that time forward the Baath Party of Iraq, masquerading at times in Social Democratic trappings, carried on the most intense and brutal aggression of the Iraqi people. Many thousands of Communists and democratic forces were murdered. Deals ensued with the foreign oil companies once again and Saadam rose to the presidency in 1978. Twelve years later, with the assurance from the U.S. diplomats, he invaded Kuwait, apparently in well-founded belief that he had the full approval of the Bush Sr. Presidency of the USA.

That was not to be, for reasons still clouded and obscure and the Bush-NATO war erupted. It is correct to note that U.S. and British monopoly oil interests had other irons in the liquid "black gold" of the area, that did not include emergence of Saadam as totally in control of the Iraqi oil resources, and the government. For them that control could not be tolerated.

Ten years earlier both foreign powers had given their blessing in the form of weapons and material aid to Saadam's ghastly war on Iran, beginning in the fall of 1987, following the downfall of the U.S. puppet, Shah Panelvi. This in turn gave the impetus to the Islamic Fundamentalists Government of Khoimenei and the students seizure in later 1980 of the U.S. Teheran Embassy. This in turn, was partly responsible for Reagan's election.

This Shah Panlevi was installed by a U.S. coup, CIA engineered to overthrow the Iranian Premier Mossadaegh in the early 1950's, after he had dared to begin the nationalization of Iranian oil and gas resources...at the expense of the foreign monopolies.

Another attack on the stability and sovereign right of people, and of global proportions in the area was the sundering of the Palestinian state and the handing over of its territory and people to Jordan in September of 1970. During the same time slot, U.S. troops were installed in Lebanon.

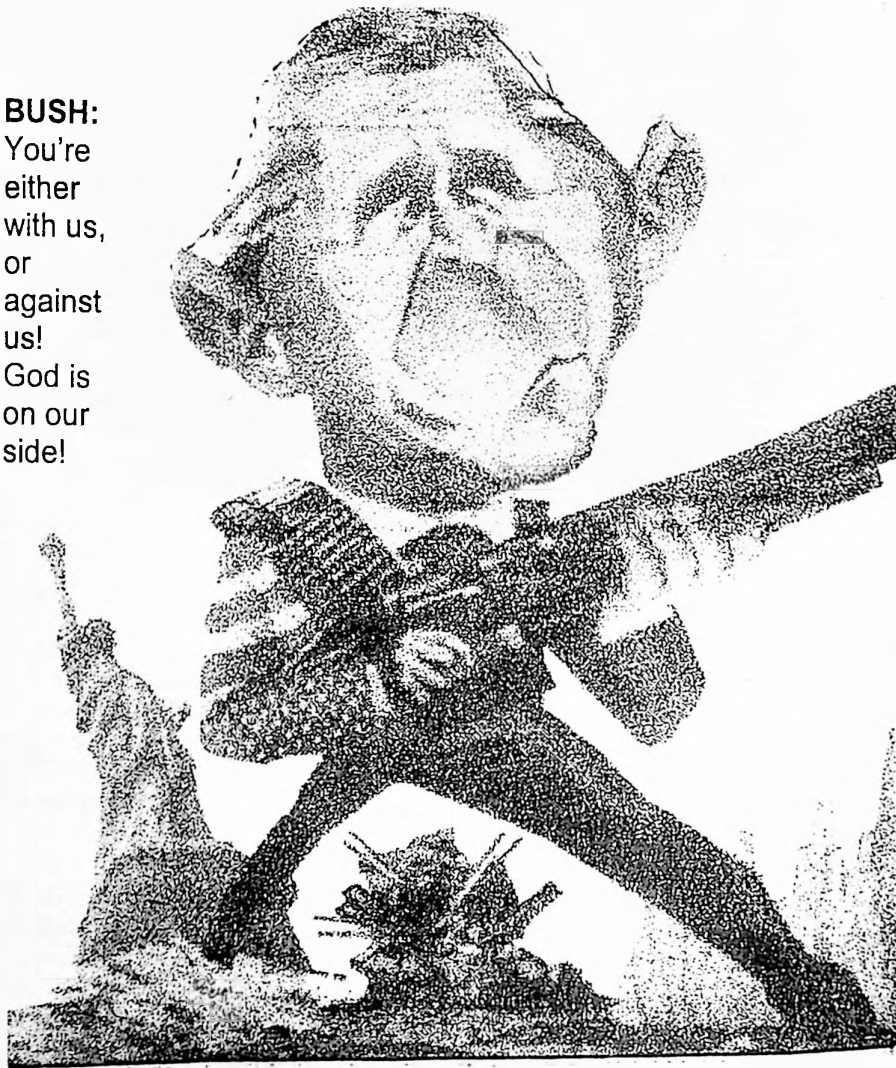
Thus it is correct to state that without exception the peoples of the Middle East have suffered continuous domination by the Western oil monopolies, and the British, American, French and other foreign "imperial" Governments. The ongoing Israel-Palestinian conflict has remained unresolved precisely because of the foreign domination and control of the "Black Gold" resources. It is impossible to see

how it can be resolved without recognition of Palestinian rights by Israel of that long standing situation...particularly under the current and past Israeli leaderships operating as a "client" of U.S. subsidies.

If we turn to the oil monopolies ongoing and at this time, successful conquest of the oil and gas resources of Central Asia, first reference is to the ouster in the immediate post-1917 revolution by the fledging Soviet Union from the area of British and U.S. "oil" interests. Included were "oil" investments of Herbert Hoover, future U.S. Republican President and a primary and vicious anti-working class, an ally of U.S. oil monopolies when his "investments" in 1918 were confiscated, long before he became President of the U.S.

Our Northstar Compass exposed one of the final treacherous handing over of Soviet resources in Vol. #1, No. #1, August 1992 and the secretive talks in 1988-89, between then still the Soviet Foreign Minister

**BUSH:**  
You're  
either  
with us,  
or  
against  
us!  
God is  
on our  
side!



Shevernadze and James Baker, oil monopoly confidant and U.S. Secretary of State advisor to Texas oil tycoon and U.S. President George Bush Sr. Involved was the opening up and sale of rights of the Tenzig oil fields to U.S. Chevron Standard. At that time these massive resources were still the property of the Soviet state and people. Since then, by its war in Afghanistan, accompanied by the fall of the Soviet Union, which was engineered by Gorbachev, Yakovlev, Yeltsin et al, shady deals by American military "ownership-by-theft"; the presence of U.S. military Eastward from Azerbaijan, through Armenia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenia and also Khirghizia...(mostly all former Muslim Soviet Republics) the oil and gas resources have been burglarized from the Soviet people, to the ongoing enrichment of the Bush cabal of oil pirates and their ilk of the monopoly crowd. B-1 bombers, "smart high-tech" bombs, U.S. occupation troops and degraded, corrupted local leadership of native forces hang like a blanket of death over the former Soviet population... just as a similar shroud had hung over the peoples of the Middle East for these many long years...all to slake the insatiable thirst of societies built around the necessity of oil to function, and sky-rocketing capital accumulation for the oil monopoly elites.

It is the obvious truth to say that monopoly fortunes result from war preparations...or better still, war making. History has again and again verified that for us. And if you are running a war economy with upwards of \$400 billions annually on the "killing game", the fortunes reaped are beyond imagination. But to keep the guns, bombs, ICBM's and "space war" capacity intact, OIL IS THE CENTRAL COMPONENT OF THE OPERATION. Hitler knew that and so when he met defeat and the fatal loss for him of the strategic initiative in Stalingrad to the Soviets, important to the defeat was the undoing of his plans to reach Baku oil fields and the control of the essential ingredient for war..."oil". The intertwined dependency of "war only with oil" remains even more imperative. The United States of America, with an overall budget many times over the national income

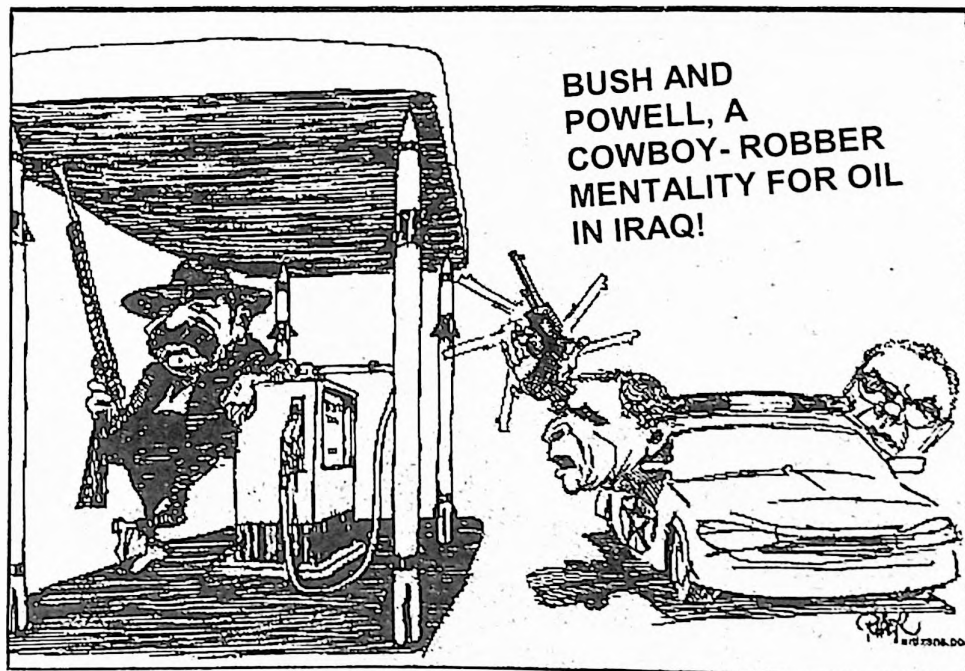
of a composite income of the majority of the world's nations, illustrate the facts of life as we head into what is almost certainly, yet another U.S.-British oil war on Iraq that may well be a war of generations in length. By the time these words are in print, in the January edition of NSC, there is good reason to believe some highly be-medalled U.S. General, and trained in the U.S. Ivy League war halls and with the highest IQ's in the administration of "killing" and "oil" culture, could teeter on the verge of turning our "one-and-only" space ship...Mother Earth into a mobilized detention centre for the species. Such a future, like a creeping deadly poisoned fog is already blanketing most aspects of current life. What may we anticipate from such forces in the future...except more of the same?

If a ferocious "oil war" does erupt between U.S./British monopoly forces claiming that "**God is their mentor**" vs the oil resource rich nations of the Middle East, Central and South Asia who claim that "**Allah and Islamic Fundamentalist as their mentor**" the hope and fate of billions of people seeking a decent and stable life seems remote and desperate. To stop the war making on both sides of that equation, and of every faith and persuasion is the massive task of all humans. The alternative is possible species suicide. Survival today demands total unity to thwart the oil-war makers!!!

At the end of WW II, the tidal wave of anti-war sentiment literally forced Governments to create international law under the United Nations Organization to prevent wars of naked aggression and burglarizing of assets clearly the property of defined nations and their people. What is now the international state of pillaging, robbery and arrant thievery, particularly in the areas of oil and energy, flouts and denies that right of weak nations and people to that right.

Across all national boundaries, beyond the wide expanses of global oceans and land-masses universally even greater popular unity of peoples, regardless of origin, creed, historical development or any other difference must now come the universal demand for a return to the unified law of more than a half century ago that created the United Nations Organization.

What reason can there be that gives to monopoly finance and industrial capital, the right to wage uncontrolled aggression at their choosing to seize and control the natural resources of any country? Only the ancient discredited dictum of "**might is right**" and "**the spoils of war belong to the armed victor**" provides a discredited vindication. Let the people demand that the United Nations in all its majesty now establish inviolable national rights for all the people everywhere to sole ownership to the natural resources within their boundaries. ■





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## PUTIN'S CHALLENGE TO AMERICA?

The United States, in its euphoria and arrogance of being the sole superpower in the world has designated the 21<sup>st</sup> century as the "American Century". It is its stated intention to maintain this position as far into the future as possible and to prevent the rise of any challenger on the world scene. It intends to ensure this position of power by means of military forces deployed throughout the world, by economic pressures and threats against uncooperative nations and, through bribes masked as economic aid to reluctant allies.

In the military sense there can be no doubt about the might of the USA. A very recent report in the "New Internationalist", issue 351, Nov.2002, in data obtained from the "The Center for Defense Information, Military Almanac 2002-2002" (1) it is shown that the U.S. spends more on its armed forces than the rest of the world put together. Its projected expenditure for the war 2002 is \$343 billion. The combined 2000 military expenditures for NATO, Australia, Japan and South Korea total is \$212.6 billion. Russia is at \$56 billions, China is at \$39.5 billion and the so-called "rogue states" of Cuba, Iraq, Libya, North Korea, Sudan and Syria spend a combined total of only \$14.4 billion.

Opposition to the American plans for world domination however is steadily growing. I am not referring here to only the anti-globalization movement, the peace movement or any anti-capitalist groupings, but rather to the moves among other capitalist nations opposing another group of capitalist nations who are

all competitors, to confront total U.S. hegemony. As socialists and communists, we may not see much benefit or progress in one group of capitalist nations opposing another group of capitalist nations, but in the context of today's complex international political relations, it may be a shift with great potential consequences for the working people of the world.

Writing in the "Asia Times on-line" (2), Pepi Escobar writes that the way the world now views the U.S. and the way they view Russia is a virtual reversal of the past. "No one could imagine that from Europe to Latin America, from Asia to Africa the perceived notion of the USA relationship to the world would switch from protection to virtual aggression, while perception of Russia's relationship to the world would switch from aggression to a possibility of protection." According to Mr., Escobar, president Putin of Russia is trying to convince Europe that it "is the only way Europe can be an independent world power lies in closer relations with Russia, by associating with a Russia, full of human, territorial and natural resources, and full of economic, cultural and defense potential."

In "Euroasia Insight" December 2, 2002 (3), Sergei Blagov argues that Putin, while on a mission to China and India, sought to bolster multilateral organizations in Central Asia, to help balance the influence of Western nations, especially the USA in the region. In particular Mr. Putin is touting the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) as a viable vehicle to promote regional security.

The SCO includes China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. Putin also wants India to join the SCO. Meanwhile, Putin is working on arms deals with both China and India, and has deployed military aircraft to Kyrgyzstan not far from the U.S. airbase in that country. He also signed an agreement with Kyrgyzstan to defense cooperation.

All this represents a setback for U.S. ambitions in the region. Should Putin succeed in building such an alliance, it would economically be stronger than that of the U.S., and not be dependent on foreign resources such as oil and gas. Russia would once again become

the main obstacle to American objectives.

But, while such counterforce to the USA may limit U.S. expansionism, it will not be of any benefit to the working class of the world. Without a socialist power to oppose the imperialist aggression, the existence of two capitalist super powers will only increase the already fierce competition between them, resulting in even greater pressures to reduce the wages of the workers, destruction of social programs and democratic decision making. So long as the Soviet Union provided the counterbalance to capitalist countries in raising the living standard of the working class, Social Democratic parties operating in the political middle, succeeded in many capitalist countries in raising the living standards of the working class and building a social safety net. Now that the USSR is no longer there, social democracy is also under attack as never before and the hard-won gains of the working people are being undermined and reduced day by day. Capitalism today is returning to its predatory 19<sup>th</sup> century methods of unbridled exploitation and of oppression. It's time to re-read the Communist Manifesto of Marx and Engels and realize that socialism i.e. public ownership and control of the means of production, distribution and exchange, offers the only real alternative and hope to the people of our world. And, once again, as in 1917, Russia shapes up as the key player.

(1)Website [www.cdi.org](http://www.cdi.org)

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When the mass of mud on the mountain side gets heavy rainfall, the slide begins to tumble down and into the valley, and the dirty stream eradicates everything under itself, houses, trees and people. One can compare this dirty stream to the wave of banality, cynicism which fell on the human souls of Russia, narrowing the healthy common sense, decomposing itself and undermining the basic sense of reason.

Spirituality, consciousness and cleanliness were the things the Russian national culture consisted of. Let's remember the classic heroes and heroines of Tolstoy, Pushkin and Turgenev. These traditions were there and under the Soviet rule these traditions got a new impulse. To serve for the common good, the readiness for heroic deeds in the name of the Fatherland and of the people...it was in this spirit that the young generation was brought up in.

After the victory of the counterrevolution the leaders, these newly found "democrats" have put all of their efforts to subvert this consciousness and plant a new morality, a new mentality and make this new generation as obedient robots.

Actually the television, radio, press, literature and music are achieving this purpose today.

If during the Soviet times all art and literature was directed towards the aim of the development of sense, of soul, today it is the opposite and is directed towards the awakening of the lowest animal instincts and humiliation of mankind, first of all in the sexual degradation.

Some of these "democratic" leaders declared that: "Without sexual revolution a democratic revolution will be impossible!" Starting from the "glasnost" of Gorbachev, a big dirty screen of pornographic films, imported and magazines were introduced to the youth, together with sexual books, newspapers training appliances, television programs etc. A special place was placed on television programs, where Western (mostly American) films were the lot each day and night.

There is a program called "Windows" which encourages young people to come on the program and discuss their sexual lives, going through the motions of nearly an actual performance. The producers allow and encourage even more lewd performances that you can see on Western TV programs. And so it goes on day after day. The preaching of lewdness, banality and cynicism is the order of the day. On one program, a very fat and boxum lady appears in the studio, opens up her coat and lets a man rub his nose on her extremely large breasts!

This is the policy of our present "democrats" of depriving the young generation of positive ideals and this "mass" culture is only for the profit motif as paid by the ready advertisers, both internal and Western. This mass depraved culture, with drugs has seen 33,500 murders committed in 2001, besides this, over 30,000 men disappeared without a trace. Altogether in one year 200,000 people were either kidnapped or injured. This, together with a high decrease of the birth rate, with the growth of illnesses not encountered before during Soviet times, alcoholism, malnourishment – this is not only a crime, this is a promoted genocide!

Such is the fruit of the liquidation of a Communist system of education, with substituting the high ideals with the cult of profit. The

socialist ideology these present "new Russians" are substituting with constant propaganda of religion. The church hierarchy stand together with Putin in this campaign. The Russian Church tries to cover this law of the jungle with Christian preaching, but it only is capable to fool the most stupid people. To finish with this corruption of souls, it is necessary to overthrow the system, which gives birth to such corruption!

## A VIEW AFTER A HANGOVER

An outstanding philosopher-Communist E. Kurashvili, has divided the supporters of the present "reforms" into democratic simpletons and into democratic scoundrels. The democratic simpletons during the era of traitor Gorbachev's "glasnost" have accepted in good faith the tales, blessings and promises of private property, which is supposed to make the man "free", and give him happiness and priority of personal rights as opposed to social rights. These people had supported Yeltsin with great enthusiasm, like they support his anointed "heir" Putin, as if they were drunk with these ideas after they destroyed the USSR, and thus prepared the graves for their children and grandchildren.

The democratic scoundrels took advantage of these democratic simpletons while standing behind their backs, that are identical to such bastards as Gorbachev, Yeltsin, Chubaya, Nyemezov and others, for their personal enrichment. The main carrier of this dastardly program is Putin, who tries to befuddle the people about the upcoming growth, about building a "legal state"... scarring the people about Gulags and the Stalinist repressions. These rulers quote all sorts of figures and nonsensical statistics.

According to the article by E. Grafow, the following data is cited: \*Russia is in 9<sup>th</sup> place of countries that have billionaires now, \*It is in 150<sup>th</sup> place in the world for the possibility of living and survival in the future.



## **A PICTURE IS WORTH** **1000 WORDS !**

Here we see President Putin and the Archbishop Varsonofil in intimate conversation during a ceremonial Confession in Vladivostok.

Much can be said about this photograph, but we feel that using an old Carpathian proverb says it all:

*There's nobody more righteous than a prostitute after confession !*

\*Such a low purchasing power of the Russians did not exist here for over 100 years – this is according to the Russian Academy of Sciences.

\*From Russia the present oligarchs have exported close to \$1,000 billions of dollars to foreign banks.

These figures are of course known to Putin, but you can tell by his latest statement as to whose side he has taken: **“There will be no repartition of seized property”**. This means that everything that was stolen, robbed, siphoned off or sold, they will keep it forever.

Is there anyway out from this catastrophic situation? Of course there is – the overthrow of the preset hated regime! To overthrow through a revolutionary storm, the dominance of these “democratic scoundrels”.

***Everything that was taken from the people, must be returned!***

■

# **NATO**

## **ON THE DOORSTEP OF**

# **RUSSIA**

BY FELIX GORELIK

The November NATO Summit in Prague, decided to accept to its military union, some former socialist members of the Warsaw Pact and economic unified union, together with them, three former Soviet republics – Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. Georgia is also about to be allowed to join NATO and the next one is already being primed for entry is Ukraine. Besides, NATO has already military bases on the territory of former USSR: in Kyrgyzia, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Georgia. As we see, NATO has already broken through the borders of the Soviet Union, and they have in fact started their hidden occupation of the ex-USSR.

All this is being accomplished under the innocent slogan of the “fight against international terrorism”! What about Putin's attitude, who before all of this, proclaimed himself



as the "dedicated state ruler" ?

If before, he spoke against the expansion of NATO to the East, today, there is not a word from him of protest! Right after this dangerous NATO Summit, Putin welcomes with open arms President Bush, hugs and kisses at the Kremlin's Golden Palace! Bush on the other hand said that Putin "is his best and dear friend"! And the Russian TV tells the Russian people that nothing terrible has happened, that the march eastward of NATO is in the interests of Russia, as it strengthens the "war against international terrorism". In fact this episode was the highest form of treason by Vladimir Putin!

The Russian TV tries to tell us that NATO is changing its policies and character, and is no longer an enemy of Russia, that NATO has other enemies and another program! Who do they think we are? Did not too long ago NATO warplanes were bombing Serbia? Did NATO not too long ago started a war in Yugoslavia, and organized its dismemberment?

Under the slogan of "fight against international terrorism" the USA is strengthening its rule over the whole world and is becoming the "World Policeman"! This is just a continuation of the previous US imperialist acts when they obliterated cities and towns in North Korea, Vietnam and also the over 40 year blockade of Cuba, bombing and dividing the land of Iraq, feeding bin Laden, now their supposed enemy in Afghanistan, and then supporting the Chechen terrorists. Before the plan of NATO was to liquidate and dismember the USSR, and today – Russia is the main object of NATO's plans. They will have more and more military bases nearer to Moscow.

Mr. Putin proceeds from one capitulation to another, pushing away those that want to be or might be friends with Russia, as is the case with President Lukashenko of Byelorussia. All this is just to buy "friendship" with US and NATO, opening the market place to the oligarchs and the international multinational corporations – and maybe, to get support from NATO in case the Russian people should start to wake up and demand answers for these traitorous acts by Putin and his present clique!

It is very interesting that acceptance into NATO of some

former Soviet republics was exactly on the date of the Red Army launched an attack to liberate Stalingrad, the result of which was the beginning of the end of German fascism. At that time, the Soviet people based themselves on socialist economy that gave the Red Army the tools to defeat Hitler and liberate practically the whole of Europe.

Nonetheless the USSR, liberator of mankind from Hitler's darkness, the main victor in the Second World War, found itself defeated and broken up in the Third World War, which started in 1945 with the dropping of the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. This war took then took on a new form, the "Cold War." This post WW II Cold War, was started by leaders of the West, Truman and Churchill. They put in front of them the slogan of "Christian March against the evil Communism".

This Cold War was meant to start the arms race build-up, forcing the USSR to keep up in its defense potential, thus depriving the Soviet people of a much higher standard of living that they could have achieved if the enormous resources were not spent on the arms build-up. But, the Cold War also took on a varied psychological form, with radio stations like the "Voice of America", "Voice of Freedom" to disorientate the Soviet people and other socialist countries with all sorts of promises.

There were organized many provocations against the USSR. This anti-Soviet policy, was then spelled out very clearly by President of USA himself, when he stated "our policy is from the position of strength"! To this end USA spent billions of dollars. In spite of these outlays of countless billions of dollars, US imperialism was not able to defeat the Soviet people, until they bought off traitors in the leadership of the USSR and of the CPSU – the infamous Mikhail Gorbachev. This capitulation, was carried onward by Yeltsin and his appointee Putin. As you see, Putin has learned how to sell his Motherland better, by using the slogan "strengthening peace" and "personal friendship". Then a new slogan was born "together in the fight against terrorism".

Gorbachev, Yeltsin, Putin had made extremely weak and ineffective the Russian Army. The Pilots cannot

practice flying since there is no oil or gas. The Russian Navy also has the same problem, hardly ever going out to sea, and if they do, the accidents are very many. The officers and their families are living practically in near hunger, and they do not receive their pay for many months on end.

Over 500 Russian military officers committed suicide because of these events, unable to face their families. For years, the army does not receive the latest implements or technical innovations. The defense ministries of Russia are working steady for many foreign transnational corporations, manufacturing the latest in technology for planes, rockets, ships etc., but not for Russia's defense. All of this is because Putin had given over factories and all the gas and oil into the hands of the oligarchs. If the former USSR was able to keep up with its defense potential against NATO warmongers, Russia today is a stump of wheat with legs of clay. This is one of the reasons of the ass-licking by Putin of Bush.

But Putin has his own individual traits. He is much more devious and smarter than his predecessors! Open traitorous acts he is able to mask them under the "Red Colours"! He returned back the musical melody of the Soviet Hymn, but with new and contradictory words. He allowed the Russian Army to wear their Red Colours. And now, in order to mask and put on good make-up, he also allowed the Russian army that they can have their Red Star. Obviously he does not truly believe that the priests, icons or the two-headed eagle insignia can arouse the army to great courage, when they could not even defeat the Chechen rebels, which war now is going longer than the Great Patriotic War!

This, which is happening in front of our eyes is the greatest national tragedy, the victory of renegades, reaction, darkness under the mask of "victory of democracy". But, history shall not stop here. The lesson of history is that aggressors always get their just desserts! And traitors will forever be written into the Black Book. ■

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## **GIVE US YOUR HAND, GIOVANNI!**

Not looking at the intrigues of the enemies of socialism, the Great October Socialist Revolution continues to shine across our planet. In spite of the terror, instigated across the world by American imperialism, the people of the world are struggling for democracy and socialism. There is a lesson here, as is symbolized by the revolutionary upheavals in Latin America. It is not too long ago that the world celebrated the 90<sup>th</sup> year of the birth of the well known communist and Brazilian, who became the Laureate of the International Lenin Prize, Zhorgi Amadu (1912-2001) for his brilliant work *"For the Solidarity and peace between peoples"*. Near the Anniversary of the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Great October Revolution, the people of Brazil achieved a great victory in electing their new president, Lula, a trade union leader. We wish him more success in the struggle for a free Brazil from the grip of the Transnational Corporate powers. By receiving 64.44% of the votes, we hope that the people of Brazil will withstand the upcoming onslaught upon them by US imperialism.

But of course, to the final victory is still a long way to go, and during these days, all Soviet people send their best wishes to the people of Brazil. This is a victory, but in front of the people and the new president are much harder questions that must be resolved.

I myself want to wish my personal friend, Professor Dzhovani Vieru from Rio de Janeiro the best. I feel that he also deserves some credit for the victory in the elections. Let the sunshine of the Great October shine

on the road for the Brazilian people to the future for mankind – socialism!

Struggling and pushing for the future are also the Soviet people. We brilliantly celebrated the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Great October Revolution. In many cities and towns of Ukraine there were held huge meetings, protests and celebrations. Representatives of all left parties, movements, workers and farmers, intelligencia told of their loyalty to the cause of revolution and condemned the traitorous policies of president Kuchma.

In Lutsk there were marches in the center of the city. During Soviet times, these celebrations were held near the monument to V.I. Lenin. This Lenin monument was erected in honour of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Great October Revolution. The newspaper *"The Young Guard"* wrote at that time: *"The 6<sup>th</sup> of October 1967...is very close to the hearts of everyone, since this monument has beautified this tree-lined, forever young Lutsk. This date will be written in golden letters in the annals of our great Motherland!"*

You see the two photographs that were taken from the newspaper *"Avers-press"* 22/08/2002. The readers can see the Pioneer Honour Guard under the monument to Lenin. But now, there is no more the newspaper called *"The Young Guard"* there is the capitalist newspaper *"Peoples Tribune"* There is not a monument to V.I. Lenin now. The authorities in 1991 gave the order to demolish the monument and this newspaper had the audacity to write the following on that infamous date: *"This day will always be in the memory and hearts of the people of Lutsk, and it will be written in all the books of Ukraine"*. Is this not

Demonstrations are regularly held and more and more younger people are taking parting them.

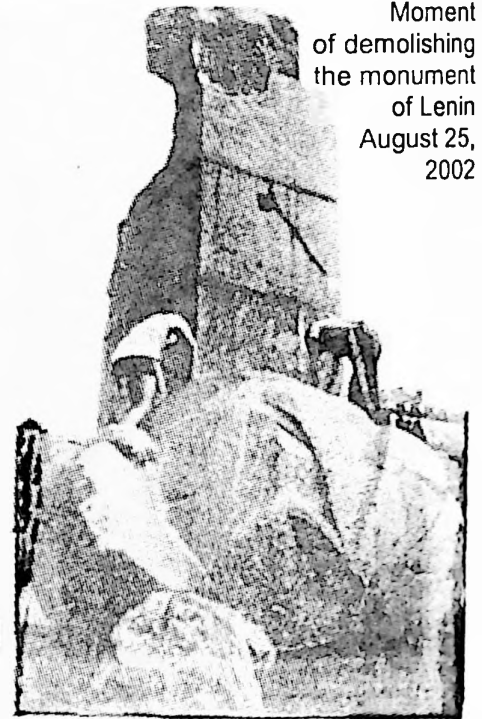


Фото Миколи ЛІЗОГУБЕНКА

Unveiling the monument to V.I.Lenin November 6, 1967



Moment of demolishing the monument of Lenin August 25, 2002



People want unity! People want unity of political actions! When will the communist forces listen to the people's demand?



blasphemous? Yes, traitorous acts are terrible things. Judas has left many of his followers on this earth unfortunately.

**But the USSR is not just the past.**

This is also the future. Socialist revolution is unbeatable! "No matter how hard the tasks ahead and how the new system had birth pangs-" said Lenin, "no matter if we have even losses, set backs in some of the Soviet Republics, no force on earth will be able to hold back the coming of socialism." This is now

shown by the numerous meetings, many protests, marches and also workers' pickets. Of course, today the present Ukrainian government does not recognize as a national holiday the October Revolution. But this will never stop the people from coming unto the streets.

**The Great October Socialist Revolution is alive and living all over the world!**

No force on earth can stop forever progress of mankind. Yes, of course, sometimes you can dam a river or a stream and stop it momentarily. But

the accumulation of flowing water will break the dams, the stoppages and keep on flowing onwards in an unending stream of power until it is free. Any pigmies who try to stop this onrush of energy will find themselves in the dirt of mud and dirt, awash in the garbage outcast of mankind....

Give us your hand across the ocean, my dear friend Giovanni! And we, together with all of our friends and comrades will march on forward towards the shining path, towards democracy, equality and to the brotherhood, to the Communist tomorrow!

## FACTS YOU REALLY SHOULD KNOW!

The Greek author Lambros Malamas of "Chronicle of the fall of Socialism" is now 76 years old, but he is the most prolific writer in Greece, having written 94 books and he is a dedicated Leninist-Stalinist. He is also the Editor of the Greek quarterly magazine titled "Greek Spirit". On page 183, Malamas cites a passage from the book by Kozlov, former secretary of the CC CPSU.

"Nikita Krushchev committed the following treasonous acts against the CPSU from March 5, 1953 (when Stalin died) to September 1953:

- \*He expelled from the CPSU 98% of its dedicated bolshevik cadres
- \*He expelled from the State Security KGB/MVD 96.5% of its cadres
- \*He expelled from the Soviet Red Army 93% of its top officer cadres (including Air Force and Navy)
- \*He expelled from the Soviet trade unions 51% of its top leadership
- \*He expelled from all of the Soviet state, administration, ministries, councils etc, 74% of its cadres

All of those that Krushchev and his gang expelled, were replaced by the hand-picked and dedicated to Krushchev because of their liberation -1,484,758 traitors to the USSR, who were serving sentences for traitorous acts during the Great Patriotic War

and who were captured during the war by the Red Army and were serving jail sentences in the labour camps. There were 839,084 women and 655,674 men.

These figures are from NKVD/KGB archives.

Thus, the CPSU, after only 7 months after the death of J.V. Stalin had been transformed into a living corpse.

After the astronomical growth of Soviet economy by 25% during the first five-year plan, and 19% during the second five-year plan, the economy plummeted to 0% growth, the USSR collapsed, dismembered by the internal and external forces, together with socialism during the period onwards from 1953.

Here is the breakdown of the traitors and collaborators with German fascists as provided by the NKVD/KGB archives:

*CHECHENS / INGUSHES	400,478
*KARACHAI	60,139
*BALKARS	42,817
*KALMUKS	81,673
*GREEKS, BULGARS	193,959
*GERMANS	774,178
*MOBILIZED/GERMANS	121,459
*HELPERS OF GERMANS	3,185
*FORMER KULAKS	577,121
*UKRAINIAN TRAITORS	29,351
*ISTINA CHRISTIAN SECT	1,212
*LITHUANIAN TRAITORS	5,426
*VLASOVITES	95,386
*BALTIC REP. NAZIS	140,000

From the above - 589,979 were sentenced to labour camps. Out of these 334,536 were convicted of treason, the remaining were exiled." ■

## TRAGEDY IN RUSSIA



By LARISA BABIENKO

The tragic event in Moscow at a theatre did not just happen, but was a result of dismemberment of the Soviet Union, and only now are the pogroms, started in the south of Russia, by these "democrats" in the south have reached Moscow. At that time, the leadership of Gorbachev-Yeltsin was not very interested as to who killed whom and who just vanished into the thin air...or when millions were left without homes, citizenship or work - all spheres of the existence of a civilized man. Now, this hurricane has reached Moscow, and the victims were not only children of all the poor people who are daily dying in Chechnya, but also the rich victims, and even the

"New Russians", who kill each other in vendettas as dogs. In capitalism and in the market economy the growth of greediness, jealousy, cruelty, gives rise to feelings of robbery and murder.

The capitalist liberal trade – is the shortest distance to a grave. The winners will also reach the grave a bit later, but it is a sure fact. The first victim of imperialism and its market economy was the Soviet Union, because our people were less informed and did not altogether believe all of the hidden ills and manifestations of capitalism. The USA, who with an unsatisfied appetite of greediness inside itself, organized this anti-government chaos within the USSR, but they will also eventually reach this grave which is awaiting them.

Not too many scores of years back the international brigands, serving imperialism and the greedy markets, went all over the world in order to capture slaves for their plantations. It is enough in any given country, with the help of internal nationalists and dissidents to organize chaos, change of governments and cause suffering to millions of people, and cause these millions of displaced people and even its highly qualified people to run to the West in order to find work and lively-hood. The USA, then a country of slaves so it is even now, the only difference is that these displaced people got a higher standard of living then they had before. How many untold thousands of people even now work as cheap wage slaves in the country? How many of them have forgotten, that their own country had their own rivers, their own farmlands and forests, fathers and mothers.

### **WE HAVE A PARTNER**

In the February issue of NSC you shall read about a new organization that was set up in Russia that will cooperate with the International Council and Northstar Compass.

Our friends have set up the-

**RUSSIAN SOCIETY FOR FRIENDSHIP WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES!**

But, after 9/11 - America also heard the danger bells ringing, giving them a signal, that mankind has now realized the politics and policies of US imperialism, and that the US citizens, due to the greediness of their rulers, they can also become victims and get an opportunity to run away to other countries of the world in order to seek refuge, a living and

peace.

The role of journalists during these dangerous times is in not in praising without question the politicians, but they must seek the truth and the way out of this dangerous situation and, to force the politicians to take a course that will prevent war, genocide and try to show the road towards peace and understanding. ■

## **USA WARNS BELARUS OF POSSIBLE BREAKDOWN OF RELATIONS**

By KOMINFORM

MINSK: The USA has warned Belarus that relations between the two countries may deteriorate if it refuses to cooperate with the OSCE (Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe) Chairman in Office Antonio Martins Da Cruz. This warning was made by the Head of the European Bureau of the Political-Military Affairs of the US Department of Justice, John Schmidt at an OSCE Assembly in

Minsk, Byelorussia.

Mr. Schmidt said that "Belarus deported the International OSCE mission and flatly refused to hold discussions with OISCE chairman in office. Such behavior is a violation of the OSCE regulations and therefore unacceptable. Once again I would like to ask president Lukashenk p to change the political course of his country!"

Schmidt made a proposal "to send a group of high-ranking officials to Minsk in order to solve this problem by way of negotiations. □

PRESENT UKRAINIAN PARLIAMENTARIANS – THE REFORMERS.



From newspaper "Communist" Kiev



# EVERYONE RISE! COURT IS IN SESSION!

BY FELIX GORELIK

The liquidation of USSR – is the most horrendous and unlawful act in the history of mankind. In the bourgeois press it is now the norm to state that: “USSR is dissolved!” Also, a favorite of the bourgeois scribes is that “All empires dissolve, therefore USSR dissolved also.” All of this is just falsehoods. USSR did not dissolve by itself, it was dismembered by the policies of the grave diggers of socialism internally and externally. Time has come to open up a process against these grade diggers. Which are the ones to be tried first? Besides trying Bush the elder, Thatcher, Kohl and other organizers from outside the borders of the Soviet Union: we should first try the internal enemies, Gorbachev, Yakovlev, Yeltsin and their “regional groupings” such as Gaydar, Chubais, etc., all those “liberal privateers”, hiding behind the mask of “democrats”. The number of their crimes is staggering! Today we looked only at the “Chechen tragedy” and their witnesses.

The whole world was shaken-up by the hostage taking at the theatre, playing the musical “North-East” in Moscow. Over 800 people in the theatre were held hostage and supposedly the hostages were going to be shot, the building to be blown up, unless President Putin stops the war in Chechnya. Scores of deaths, hundreds in hospital due to being poisoned by the nerve gas and many dying, but this is being kept away from the media.

Putin called this the work of international terrorists and that Russia will not be put on its knees. To make such a statement and overlook the tragedy, the killing, the devastation in Chechnya by the war is also a travesty of justice and truth. In fact in the two Chechen wars there were 100,000 casualties and the cities and towns are in ruins.

The ruins are such that for years now the Ingushi are forced to live in tents, freezing in winter and boiling in summer in their many thousands. Regardless of the technical superiority of arms of the Russian soldiers in all of its aspects, there seems to be no end to this conflict. The Russian press cannot hide the countless deaths of Russian soldiers and civilians. More and more some of the press and TV are demanding that there should be started a peace process and dialogue with the Chechens and make peace and take the Russian soldiers out of Chechnya.

The apologists for the war proclaim that this war in Chechnya blame Stalin's repressions of the Chechens when they helped Hitler during World War Two, the behavior of the Russian soldiers, the mentality of the Chechens etc. etc. But these people never tell the truth as to the main reason for this war. **It is the dismantling of the CPSU and of the USSR!**

The Chechen tragedy is the result of the policy of Gorbachev's “perestroika-catastrophe”! General Dudaev of Chechnya was the former commander of the Baltic Navy, while Colonel Maskhadov, was fighting against imperialism in Afghanistan, former members of the CPSU and faithfully served in the Soviet Army. As in many former republics and territories of the USSR, the ideas promoted by these internal traitors gave rise to separation tendencies, market economy and reforms for the restoration of capitalism. All these elements promoted and had their hands untied for pursuing their own goals.

In order to hide their future plans, these Chechen warlords wanted separation from the USSR, to fight against so-called “totalitarianism”, for independence”, for “democracy”. Following in Gorbachev's footsteps and Yeltsins also, these newly-baked warlords started to privatize industries and these successes turned the head of the leader Dudaev, pretending that he is the new Napoleon of his people. He started to have ethnic cleansing, expelling all Russians living in this former territory of USSR. In the years after the dismemberment of

the USSR, a new generation of Chechens was brought up, brought up on chauvinism and the dogma of religion – the opium of the people and, with no work on top of all this, plus the foreign “advisors” were also doing their work.

The war became the main industry and the main support from the West and South, the price given for each Russian soldier killed. The Chechen counterrevolution would never be able to get on its feet if it did not get financial and material supports from the present Russian “reformers-liberals” like Yeltsin and his still existing clique. The arming of the Chechen fighters is also the work of people like Berezovsky, Borivoj, but absolutely not exposed by the present Russian bourgeois press. It is not the “international terrorism” in Chechnya but the present robbers and newly-rich counterrevolutionaries, democrats liberals, reformers and all of their Chechen allies. These are the causes of the 10-year old tragedy in Chechnya.

To solve the Chechen tragedy can only be done by bringing to justice and be tried as war criminals the perpetrators and their defendants. For the working class, both Russian and Chechen – they have the same enemy! This is the bourgeois class of all nationalities. Putin cannot bring peace to Chechnya, he is just the tool of the Russian oligarchy, who are interested only in getting their hands of the oil and gas-rich deposits in the Caucuses. Peace can only come if the capitalist class is overturned, the establishment of brotherhood amongst all people as it was before 1953.

There are many former Soviet dissidents, many apologists for “perestroika” and also former rabid anti-Stalinists, who now write much differently about the present day results of their former mistakes. One of them is Igor Serkov in his article “The Empty Place”. He gives characteristics of the present “democratic elite” who came into the government on the wave of “reforms”. It is part of this “creative intelligencia”, who at first praised to the heavens the policies of Gorbachev, then that of Yeltsin, but today they lick the boots of Putin,

debunking "totalitarian", and praising "democracy."

*"This new elite debunked, cursed the Soviet ideology, but they were or are not capable to come up with a new ideology to take its place. They came out with an ideological emptiness, leaving the emptiness to be filled with robbers, criminals and private enrichment crooks at the expense of the good for all of the people. Why is it that every time they try to show us a new man, coming on the scene to replace the Soviet Man, nothing comes out of it, except robbers, bandits and prostitution".*

In actual fact, these "new thinkers" of Russia proclaim as "heroes" the new businessmen who are all tied to world imperialism!

*"What kind of idiots were we then and are now? Igor Serkov then concludes..."Unfortunate idiots!"*

The court ~~trial~~ goes on... ■

## CONFERENCE OF FREE TRADE UNIONS

By ALEXANDER PENIN

The Conference of Free Trade Unions of the October Railway was held in September of 2002 in Leningrad. This important Conference discussed the work of the commission of safety and planning actions of protest against the privatization of railway transport.

Nowadays the Russian trade unions are working in extremely hard and unsafe conditions on the railways, where safety is at a minimum and also no lighting is provided due to shortages plus industrial garbage that undermines the work and health.

The railway administration tries to hide all the accidents and deaths in order not to pay compensation. Because of the great lack of safety conditions, there was an accident on the Leningrad railway yards, where five railway workers were seriously injured. While they were in hospital, the administration tried to have them sign that this accident happened not during their working shift, but during off time.

The machinists on the trains are forced to work seven days per week, since the management will

not hire extra workers.

The mechanics are forced to work on the locomotives and wagons outside in all weather, some times 25-40 degrees below zero, since the private ownership will not build or fix up the train sheds and the enclosed garages. But there is money for updating, but there is always money to build for the management big homes, cottages or to get new Mercedes cars.

The management themselves have their own bogus trade union, which basically is a bogus union, fighting the workers and defending the privatized management.

There is a move to get rid of over 500,000 railway workers. The bosses also use another effective method of getting rid of workers. Make the conditions so bad and dangerous, hard and unsafe that the



workers themselves will quit.

The free trade unions themselves understand the importance of railways across Russia and its vast expanse of territory, and without the railways, Russia cannot exist.

Therefore we support the proposal of the International Transport Federation against the privatization of the railways in the world. On October 19<sup>th</sup> we held an International Day of Solidarity and Protest by the railway workers of the world. In Russia we held a picket in Leningrad at the headquarters of the Meeting of Cities. ■

## MARKET ECONOMY IN UKRAINE TODAY!



From "Communist newspaper", Kiev



IRINA  
MALENKOV



## Russia's pain and shame.

My first "Chechen" article was written in March 2000 and was published in Ireland in English. It was mainly aimed at Western audience – because of the questions that people started asking me about Chechnya, some of which were not easy to answer. I was trying to explain to them what exactly causes such unacceptability of the idea of Chechen independence for Russians – the feeling that "independent" Chechnya in reality will become a semi-colony of far from friendly towards our country states and will be used by them as a base for destroying our country completely (*I am not just speaking about separation of the various national regions!*)

It is very hard to write about Chechnya, especially for a Russian. It is all plain and simple only for such "journalists" as Anna Politkovskaya – depending on what was "ordered" by those overseas figures who do request such materials (*even though Anna's Chechen novel started from position that was quite far from her today's stand but was quite close to the British imperialism link*). By the way, since we mentioned the British: it is very important for the Russian left not to avoid the question of Chechnya, in order not to become like the British left who seem to be prepared to fight fiercely for any nation's freedom, except when it comes close to home – you won't hear a single word of support for the Irish full independence struggle from their big mouths! Irish question seems to cease to exist in their creative imagination.

And, speaking about Ireland; since total lack of knowledge of the current Irish situation didn't stop the infamous Anna from writing about it, I would like to clarify that the Irish republicans have never been and are not supporting Islamic extremists in any of the world's countries and the vast majority of them do not support the idea of the independent Chechnya – their position shares Russian fears that I have described here above. We should not

forget that the Taliban of all nations are a creation of the imperialist West who had armed them in Soviet times to fight against our state, and the Irish have absolutely no illusions about that.

But at the same time, any normal, human concern about the awful plight of the Chechen civilians- victims of this war and unfortunately, far from occasional in the Russian army "Budanov syndrome" will inevitably cause in Russia either insulting (*at least, for me personally, they would be!*) comparisons with Anna who changes her opinion on "international terrorism" as gloves, depending on what's more hot topic today, or absurd accusations of "supporting terrorism" - just as one of my ex-colleagues in Holland had accused me after I told him this innocent political joke:

### "What is the difference between U.S.A. and Afghanistan?"

One -- is a savage terrorist state, governed by the illegitimate government--a group of gangsters who stay in power by violence--and populated by the bloodthirsty fanatics who are ready to kill men, women, old people and children in any part of the world only because their views on life are slightly different from those held by these savages at a given moment. Another -- is a small country in Central

### LATEST RUSSIAN JOKE

The Vagankovo cemetery in Moscow is where famous Russian persons are buried. An interview with the warden:

-How is the work going?

-Well, I am on a very low salary, but I have some extra income, for

example, selling flowers to visitors. You see, this is the grave of Bulat Okudzhava; here I get about \$30 on each special occasion. This is the grave of Vladimir Vysotsky, here I get about \$50 of each special occasion.

But here is my most valuable income source – the grave of Mikhail Gorbachev! Here I easily get \$100 per day!

-What for, from flower sales?

-No, I just put a note on the wall:

**"Do not spit. Penalty 10 kopecks!"**

1 Russia rouble = 100 kopecks

Asia. Let's confess that most of us, common Russians, do not want to think about what is going on in Chechnya today and was going on for many years already. It's making us sick, we are disgusted, ashamed, and we feel pain for all the suffering innocent people, no matter what their ethnic group or religion might be. Especially we feel sick to think that this war had started as "a war for The Pipe"- or oil that both Russian and Chechen rulers want to control. Both ruling classes are appealing to our patriotism. But it is not their children who are dying daily in this slaughter...I remember how I met during a conference in the Netherlands that was held between the First and the Second Chechen wars, a friendly, gentle Chechen lady, head of the Chechen Mothers Committee – mothers of those who perished in the first war. At first I was shy to talk to her, thinking that she would see me, a Russian, as an enemy (*if one is to believe our "democratic-patriotic" Russian media, all Chechens are some sort of wild animals, hating Russians since birth, but if one is to believe the pro-Western media, we are such savages ourselves!*). But the lady was very friendly and kind, and when she saw that I was genuinely interested in the events in her country, her heart was soon melted, and she even started showing me some family photos. But there was one thing I was surprised about. I asked her about her children, expecting to hear something horrible, but instead I heard: "No, my own children are fine, thank you, they are all in Moscow; it's just children of some of my friends and relatives who had died..." In the same delegation with her was Galina Starovoytova, and I was "honoured" to hear first-hand her appeals for Russia to be accepted into NATO.

The feeling of personal guilt, of personal responsibility for what is happening in Chechnya – but also for everything what is happening in Russia today!- does not leave me all these years. But there is nobody around to share this feeling with: usually you would meet either Russians who have never met any Chechens in their own lives, but are so totally convinced that they all "should be made cold in the toilets" (president's expression!) or Western "well wishers" of our country whose own countries are guilty of far worse, centuries-long crimes against nations of the whole continents and are continuing trying to submit other nations to themselves today, and whose own armies have by no means less bloody, often far more so, hands than the

Russian one. Do I have to name these countries?

That is exactly why I do not feel like sharing my pain and bitterness with them. Because they are all "for the human rights", but not out of compassion for Chechens - just as their demands to tell them what gas was used for hostage-freeing in Moscow are being aired not out of compassion for the victims. The only thing that motivates them (not taking into account honest idealists, of course, - but even those idealists for some reason prefer not to look at their own leaders' actions!), is their absorbing hatred for our country and their desire to see it totally destroyed.

Unfortunately, many Chechens are absolutely sincerely thinking that, for example, Britain is such a wonderful, really democratic state (it would be no harm to bring them into Belfast's interface areas today to cure them of their illusions!) And Western intelligence agencies, arming (together with the corrupt Russian officers) the Chechen "warriors", are trying to use the growing pain and anger of the whole Chechen nation, of those who have lost their children, mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, grandparents and grandchildren, as a tool against our country.

It is exactly those who put weapons into these hands, those who supply them with their new uniforms, those who not coincidentally matched to begin the Amnesty International's Russian campaign to the days of ending the theatre siege in Moscow, - they are the real and the main enemy of Russia. The matter is not that our country does not violate human rights: it does, just as does any other "democratic" country. These enemies are not willing to pay attention to the continuing attempts of our capitalist leadership "to become friends" with the West and are continuing to follow their Russophobic geopolitical line, cause by economic and strategic interests of the Western imperialism that has blown a new life into by Gorby's perestroika. Just as a dying dragon in a fairy tale that received a bit of living water sprayed over all his chopped-off heads...

That is the reason why it is so hard to write about Chechnya today. We really do have a common enemy: not some mythical "dragon on international terrorism" for us, the Russians, and the US, but the imperialists of all sorts and all nations for us, the Russians and the Chechens.

But you can't understand it until you have experienced it for yourself. And

those of us who had, would not wish to ask others how does it feel. We just simply feel our hearts crimping with pain. Familiar pain.

It seems to me that the understanding of it will not come soon and easy. And until then we will continue mutual accusations. I can be told that I am no expert on Chechen people, their history, their traditions, and that is why I cannot judge about many things. I do not pretend to be an expert on this. But, having experienced first-hand how imperialism operates, I can call myself more expert on this than many of my compatriots. I am not going to call the Chechens "savages" because today we all are. I have often tried to imagine how could Islamic fundamentalists come from the same schools we all went to, with all the same

programs (we all had the same TV, the same radio, the same newspapers when we grew up!). But if I look at my own people... How could we raised in the same schools, having read the same books and seen the same films as me, all those who are today so elementary brainwashed by the empty capitalist consumerism, those who betray so easily the ideals to which they swore to be faithful?

We both are equal in our savagery. And today our teenagers, after being bombarded by cheap American thrillers, kill people simply because they "wanted to see how they would be dying". While British "civilized" audience who is no longer excited enough by paedophilia, is now prepared to pay £12 in order to queue to see a "live" autopsy. And if one can still try to justify the Chechen violence by their "primitive archaic social structures" as some people do, then we simply have no excuse...

The journalists today are ecstatic about human suffering of Moscow's hostages and their relatives. But not out



of compassion, just out of curiosity: how does a human feel when he or she has to go through this? How do you feel when you are in deep shock?

And I do hope that the Muscovites today, those for whom this war was until this October far and distant, a sort of TV show, will start feeling other people's pain too. It is only in cheap American thrillers people become terrorists because of their "bad blood" and evil personal qualities. In real life most of them are those who have nothing to lose. Those whose hearts are covered with dried blood from pain of losing the loved ones. Have you ever tried to imagine what they must feel? Or do you still care only about your own pain?

I have no easy recipes for ending this war. I do not appeal to anybody to attack or to surrender. But we have to look for a solution. Together. And without American "kultur-tragers" in our land, please!

I would so much like to believe that my people will be more decent than the American consumerist masses whose reaction at the first really experienced horror in their lives is largely turning them against the conveniently invented "enemy" (Iraq) – so that they would not search for the real causes of what has occurred. But would they be able to? Or would they slide easily into psychologically far easier way of searching for the scapegoats and alliances with those who do not want Russia to be its ally and who, in fact, is hiding behind the backs of those pointed to us as our enemies? Time will tell...

I dedicate this article to my friend Layla Asueva from Urus Martan and Zhanna Vladimirova from Grozny.

When back in 1983 Layla, then a schoolgirl, has written an article about our friendship in her local paper (it was called "We are Internationalists" on the back side of the paper I saw a short story how a boy of 10 or 11 had brought a knife to school, and how his whole school was shocked by it. Some might use it as a reason to say today:

" You see, they were savages even then!" But for me it is a reason to look at where we are today and to ask myself and those around me loudly:

**! How did we come to this? □**

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## LONG LIVE THE UNION OF RUSSIA, BYELORUSSIA AND UKRAINE



By GALINA SAVCHENKO

On December 30<sup>th</sup> of year 2002 will be 80 years since the USSR was formed. On that date there would have been telegrams, letters, messages of best wishes being sent from the Russian Kurile Islands all the way to the Byelorussian city of Brest...people would be celebrating this glorious event. We would have received thousands upon thousands of messages of greetings from all over the world.

That is how it was for 69 years! In 1991 there took place an act of high treason in Veskuliah, where a document of agreement was signed, as proposed by the CIA, that ended the history of a mighty state with a thousand year history.

Why was it in Viskuliah district that a trio of traitors – Yeltsin, Shushkevich and Krawchuk met? It was because this summer home in the Byelovezh forest was only 200 meters from the Byelorussian-Polish border! And if the traitor Gorbachev as president of USSR would have stood up to defend the Soviet Union then, these three traitors would have easily walked the 200 meters and escaped the territory of the USSR...

But this unfortunately did not happen. These traitors (*as is now known*) first of all telephoned this news to the president of USA, and only then did they get in touch with Gorbachev. And thus the USSR was sold and dismembered from inside – the flag, the state symbol of hammer and sickle, the Soviet hymn and the Constitution. The Soviet Armed Forces are now vilified, its glorious victory over fascism lied about and heaped upon, the whole history of the USSR was blackened with lies. We, the Soviet people were sent into "independent jails" and were forced to change our citizenship. The whole world suffered untold damage because of the liquidation of the USSR.

After the dismemberment of the USSR, imperialism started to carve up the world through NATO and with bombs bringing country after country unto its knees with war, invasion and economic blockades.

USSR now is an economic disaster and ethnic fighting has invaded all of its former territory.

New fascism is now marching over the world, with Zionism and Rossophobia face, with Mickey Mouse and with the McDonalds, with unending diatribe of "freedom of speech" and all other ills of capitalism. With the help of IMF we see whole nations dying off faster than they did in the concentration camps of Hitler.

The West has no future without the natural resources of the East. That is why our former Soviet republics are needed by Uncle Sam as only raw material suppliers, to sell to them the overflow of capitalist goods, from discarded poisonous chemicals to rockets.

Western imperialism will not allow any of the former Soviet republics to grow economically and politically. There is only one path! There must be one mighty political, economic and defense entity, united into one Union of Russia, Byelorussia and Ukraine as the first step towards the reunification and reestablishment of the Soviet Union.

This process started six years ago when in April of 1996 there was signed an agreement of a union of Russia and Byelorussia and in 1999 the proponent of this is Alexander Lukashenko, the present President of Byelorussia.



Today, against this union there are attacks not only from the "right" but also from the "left". The "left" considers that the proposed union of these two bourgeois countries, former Soviet republics, will make the capitalist tendencies even stronger and thus will hinder the resurrection of the USSR.

For the last 11 years it has shown that you cannot just marry the two processes together. The former republics have now solidified their capitalist positions and are growing stronger without any meaningful or a strong growing opposition.

The union of these bourgeoisie republics is not the alternative for the Soviet Union. The departure of the Soviet generation from the scene forces us to take this real path to the future rebirth of the USSR.

This proposed union of Russia and Byelorussia is being hampered by the Kremlin gang, the cream of this society, headed by Chubais. Their suggestion now is that Byelorussia should be incorporated into Russia. This is supported by Putin, which brings to mind the Hitler referendum about including Austria into Germany.

In actual fact Putin-Chubais are following orders from Bush and the "gang of seven" countries to strangle Byelorussia with Russian hands. And at the same time, get rid of president Lukashenko as the proponent of this union.

Byelorussia as a member of the United Nations has the right to act independently. Such a suggestion of incorporation puts an end to future unions of former Soviet republics and the rebirth of socialism and the rebirth of the USSR.

The great Byelorussian people never sold out Russia or its people, and the proposal by Putin and Chubais to dismember Byelorussia into seven parts and incorporate them into greater Russia shows the influence of the Zionists clique in the cabinet of Putin. They are also worried that the unity of these three republics, when it comes about, is a real possibility of election of Lukashenko as president.

From 16<sup>th</sup> of September onwards all across Ukraine, a protest storm of strikes, demonstrations are taking

place under the sponsorship of "Arise Ukraine!" The streets of Kiev were filled with over 100,000 demonstrators, demanding the resignation of President Kuchma. Whole of Kiev was covered in red flags and banners. The feeling was that we were again living during the times of Soviet Union.

No amount of "palace coups" or "impeachments" or of all the petty bourgeois intrigues to take over parliament will succeed in changing the system. The need for an overall political strike and a revolution - that is the only road to the overthrow of this Ukrainian reactionary regime.

Let this 21<sup>st</sup> century come to recognize and get to the second coming of Lenin, Stalin and Zhukov! We are for the rebirth of the USSR!

Galina Savchenko  
Movement for USSR, ACP (b) ■

*The above article is based on materials from newspapers Pravda, Communist, Glasnost, For USSR, Union Gazeta, Communist Journal and Congress of peoples of USSR.*

## DESECRATION OF SOVIET ARMY WAR CEMETERY

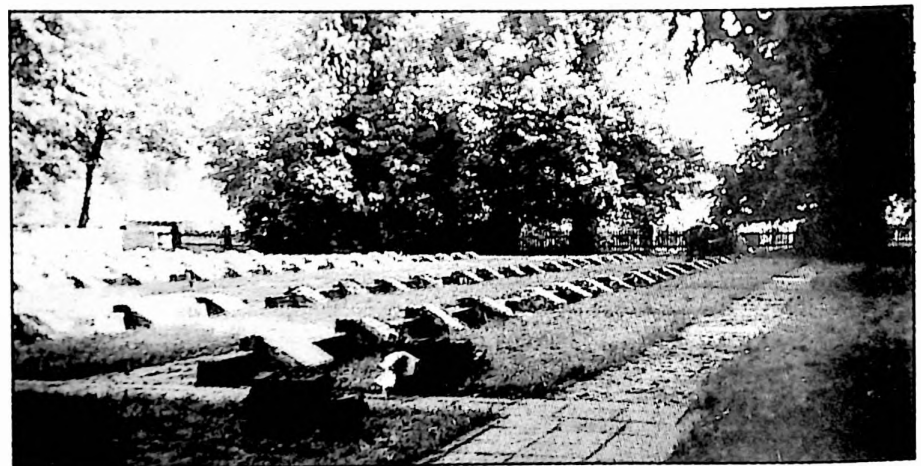
By N.W. Solovyov

It's a very extensive and heart-rendering tale of the life and hardships of people of Lithuania, especially for the Russian speaking people living there and the ongoing vandalism, desecration of the monuments and graves of the Soviet Red Army soldiers who died liberating Lithuania.

Solovyov, together with other Soviet patriots have taken upon themselves to look after the graves. They protested to the city authorities in Pagegyay, but the city authorities, although they know who the perpetrators of this vandalism are, nevertheless do nothing about this, since they look at these vandals as "fighters against the Russian occupation of Lithuania." Now that Lithuania is "independent", the authorities are emulating now a quasi fascist-nationalist ideology and the Russian population that lives now in the Balkan republics is being harassed and treated as non-citizens.

Unfortunately we cannot publish the whole article due to space, but we publish here some photographs of these dedicated Soviet patriots who undertook to keep watch and look after the Soviet Red Army cemeteries. ■

These Soviet patriots have undertaken upon themselves to upkeep the Red Army graves since Lithuania regime promotes Fascism and nationalism and anti-Sovietism.



YOU WON'T

BELIEVE THIS!

Can you imagine working for a company that has a little more than 500 employees and has the following statistics:

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Do you give up?

FROM THE FILES OF THE FBI

FROM "GLOBAL NEWS" September/October 2002

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to Gus Hall, head of the American Communist Party. In effect, Childs was the second-ranking official of the CPUSA and reported for 27 years on all party activities and clandestine trips to the Soviet Union, China and Cuba.

The FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover held the secret of Solo so tightly that officials in the CIA, NSA, Defense Department, State Department and National Security Council could only read reports of this operation while agents waited there to return them to the FBI headquarters.

Not until 1975 did the FBI inform the US President and Secretary of State of the true source of all their information about USSR, China and Cuba.

(Source: Website http://www.Overthrow.com July 13, 2002)

ISRAELIS FEAR WAR CRIMES ARRESTS

The Israeli government has ordered and urgent assessment of whether its politicians and soldiers could face arrest and trial for war crimes while traveling abroad.

Israel Justice Ministry has singled out Britain, Spain and Belgium as the most likely to prosecute Israeli officials who breach international law.

Amnesty International has called upon all nations that signed the Geneva Conventions to put on trial Israeli soldiers "responsible for war crimes."

MISSION USA

FROM OREAD Daily, Dec.5,2002

In the new year of 2003 the Canadian organization "Rooting Out Evil" will be sending a team of

volunteer weapons inspectors into the United States of America. A statement from this organization reads:

"We have selected the US as our first priority, based on the criteria provided by the Bush Administration. According to those criteria, the most dangerous states are those run by the leaders who:

(1) have massive stockpiles of chemical, biological and nuclear weapons;

(2) ignore due process at the United Nations;

(3) refuse to sign and honor the international treaties; and

(4) have come to power through illegitimate means.

The current US administration fulfills all these criteria. And so, again following Bush's guidelines, "Rooting Out Evil" is demanding that his administration allow immediate and unfettered access to international weapons inspectors to search out their caches of chemical, biological, and nuclear weapons.

If they refuse to comply, we will assemble as many volunteer weapons inspectors as possible at all major crossing points between the US and Canada and attempt to cross into the US on a mission of peace.

We then will be greeted on the USA's side by Americans, who do favor true global cooperation, an end to weapons of mass destruction, and a regime change in the US at the next election.

For more information, or to take part, contact Rooting Out Evil at: info@rootingoutevil.org or check out http://www.rootingoutevil.org/index.php3//

ABSOLUTE KNOWLEDGE TRANSLATES INTO ABSOLUTE POWER

By William Safire / The New York Times

If the Homeland Security Act in passage, here is what will happen to you: Every purchase you make with a

credit car, every magazine subscription you buy and medical prescription you fill, every Web Site on the Internet that you visit and e-mail you send or receive, every academic grade you receive, every bank deposit you make, every trip you book and every event you attend – all of these transactions and communications will go into what the US Defense Department describes as “a virtual, centralized grand database.”

To this computerized dossier on your private life from commercial sources, add every piece of information that the government has on you – passport application, driver's license and toll bridge records, judicial and divorce records, plus complaints from nosy neighbours to the FBI, your lifetime paper trail plus the latest hidden camera surveillance – and you have the super-snoop's dream: A “Total Information Awareness” about every US citizen.

This is not some far-out Orwellian scenario. It is what will happen to your personal freedom soon if John Poindexter gets the unprecedented power he seeks.

Remember Poindexter? Brilliant man, first in his class at the Naval Academy, later earned a doctorate in physics, rose to the rank of the US National Security Advisor under President Reagan. He had this brilliant idea of secretly selling missiles to Iran to pay the ransom for hostages, and with these illicit

proceeds to illegally support Contras in Nicaragua.

A US jury convicted Poindexter in 1990 on five counts of felony and misleading the US Congress plus making false statements in his testimony, but the Appeals Court overturned the verdict, because the US Congress had given him immunity for his testimony. He famously asserted: “The buck stops here,” arguing that the White House staff, and not the president, was responsible for fateful decisions that might prove embarrassing.

This ring-knocking master of deceit is back again with a plan even more scandalous than Iran-Contras. He now heads the “Information Awareness Office” in the Advanced Research Projects Agency, which spawned the Internet and stealth aircraft technology. Poindexter is now realizing his 20-year dream: getting the “data-mining” power to snoop on every public and private act of every American.

Even the hastily passed USA Patriotic Act, which widened the scope of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act and weakened 15 privacy laws, raised requirements for the government to report secret

eavesdropping to the US Congress and to the courts. Poindexter's assault on individual privacy rides roughshod over such oversight.

He is determined to break down the wall between commercial snooping and secret government intrusion. This disgraced US Admiral dismisses such necessary differentiation as bureaucratic “stovepiping”. He has been given by the US Congress \$200 million budget to create computer dossiers on 300 million Americans.

When George W. Bush was running for president, he stood foursquare in defense of each person's medical, financial and communication privacy. But Poindexter, whose contempt for the restraints of oversight drew the Reagan administration into its most serious blunder, is still operating on the presumption that on such a sweeping theft of privacy rights, the buck stops with him and not with the President of the USA!

This time however, he has seized power in the open. Just lately, John Markoff of the New York Times, followed by Robert O' Harrow of the Washington Post have revealed the extent of Poindexter's operation, but

Hundreds of thousands marched in Paris & Rome against US planned war on Iraq!





the editorialists of these newspapers have not grasped its undermining of the Freedom of Information Act.

Political awareness can overcome "Total Information Awareness", the combined force of commercial and government snooping. In a similar overreach, Attorney General Ashcroft tried his Terrorism Information and Prevention System (TIPS), but public outrage at the use of gossips and postal workers as snoops caused the US Congress to shoot it down. The US Senate should do the same to this other exploitation of fear.

The Latin motto over Poindexter's Pentagon office reads: "*Scientia Est Potentia*" – "knowledge is power". **Exactly!**

The government's infinite knowledge about you is its power over you. ■

## CHINESE CAPITALISTS INVITED TO JOIN THE COMMUNIST PARTY

FROM DE WAARHEID  
The Netherlands

Smoothing away for capitalists, China's leaders have invited an electronics magnate and a steel-maker magnate to join the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China leadership. The business of Communist China is now, officially, **business**.

The CPC's growing acceptance of the political clout of business leaders who are the tools of the multinational corporations, like Zhang Ruimis, chief executive officer, and a multi-millionaire in the electronic giant Haier Group, and Xie Qihus, president of the giant steel-making Baosteel Co., is good news for the Chinese and foreign entrepreneurs.

Included among all of the 159 alternate members of the Central Committee, which has a membership of 198, these two top millionaires, amongst many others, very soon will be tapped for higher positions within the Central Committee, according to insider sources.

"It's good to have more business managers in the CPC, I might consider joining myself," said Li Zhucheng, managing director of the giant subsidiary of a Western electronic giant, Fashion Electronics

City, in the southern city of Dongguan.

Private enterprise now accounts for over 50% of China's economic output. Although the CC CPC did not disclose the extent of capitalist being admitted into the CC, it is a very good guess according to the Western embassies in China, that in the top positions within the CC are close to 10 capitalists.

Now, these new tycoons, some of them are sons and daughters of China's past CPC party leaders, occupy a very important spot in the Chinese economic-political hybrid, known here as the "*socialist market economy*". The CPC refers to them by the more oblique, as China's "*advanced productive forces*."

Bao Tong, a former senior official said: "*It is now time for the CPC to admit the unspoken truth and finally declare that it has become China's party for the rich and the powerful!*" ■

## BORDER ISSUES

BY VIC RATSMA

Remember the days when the Berlin Wall was still up and the German Democratic Republic (GDR) was being accused of the most gruesome crimes in their effort to halt the flow of people to West Berlin? It was a regular fare in the news-media to present the people of East Germany as oppressed prisoners in their own country who lived in poverty and were denied the opportunity to make a better life for themselves by going to the West. The logic behind the building of the wall was hardly, if ever, explained fairly, but, even though its necessity was regrettable, it suited the US and its allies to use it as a propaganda tool against the government of the GDR and against communism in general.

The USA used West Berlin as a model of the Western capitalist style by pouring in billions of dollars for the reconstruction after the war, knowing full well that the war devastated GDR would not be able to raise the living standard of its people at the same pace. In this way, West Berliners (Berlin, was situated on the territory of German Democratic Republic – Editor ) would have what the East Germans aspired to, thereby

undermining the credibility of the GDR government. The tactic worked quite well, so much so that even prior to the building of the Berlin wall, an estimated 2.7 million East Germans left for the West, most of them professionals and well-educated workers. It is not very hard to see that such an outflow seriously undermined the economy of GDR and that they therefore had to stop it.

Now that the Berlin Wall is gone, it is interesting to see how the greatest antagonist, the USA has built a wall of its very own, in this case not to keep people in, but to keep them out. This wall is located along the US-Mexican border and is intended to prevent Mexican workers from illegally entering the USA. Nevertheless, an estimated 4 million Mexicans work illegally in the US, mostly in Texas, California and Arizona, the states bordering Mexico. The human tragedies that are occurring along this border-wall, far exceed those that took place in Berlin, but you would never know it looking at the daily news media. According to Isabel Garcia (1) more people die at that border in one year than throughout the entire Berlin Wall situation (total of 28 years). Garcia describes the situation as "*knowing what it feels like to live in a police state*."...Sounds familiar?

Garcia: "*Where do you see, even in the worst police agencies across this country, agents getting away with shooting at a car because of whom they suspect is in it – even an armed robber or rapist? Yet, you and I permit not only people to die at the US-Mexican border, but the Border Patrol to get away with murder.*" This is all for the crime of illegal entry. And it's not only the US Border Patrol who is hunting for Mexicans.

OREAD Daily, an Internet newsletter, also quoted Ms Garcia in their issue of October 23, 2002.

Isabel Garcia, said that her group began warning local authorities three years ago of US vigilante group actions against border crossers in Arizona...

"They've done everything to not have to say "no" to these guys, and now look at what we have," she said. Garcia said that her organization often field complaints about armed citizens who've taken the enforcement order policy into their own hands. She said that Mexican people have been

stopped and held at gunpoint by private citizens on highways and on public and private lands. And despite the complaints, Garcia asserted, the US law enforcement agencies have chosen to ignore the groups, some of which now recruit members from other US states. "It's like we gave a green light or license for all the racists across the country to come into the State of Arizona and basically hunt Mexicans." Garcia said.

#### LET'S GET SOME IDEA OF FIGURES (2)

\*In the 15-year period from 1978 to 1992, the average number of apprehensions, detentions and deportations exceeded 1.0 million per year, with 9 of these years above the million mark of Mexicans apprehended or deported.

\*The number of drownings while attempting to cross the Rio Grande/Rio Bravo and Canals in the 5-year period from 1993 through 1997 totaled 568.

\* Documented deaths of Mexicans during these crossings from 1993-1996 totaled 1,185.

\*Possible undocumented migrant deaths of the US side of the border only, between 1993 and 1997: 1034.

In contrast, in the 28-year period of the Berlin Wall, the following figures are recorded (3):

\*Number of people arrested in the border area: 3,200

\*Number of people who crossed successfully: 5,000.

\*Number of people killed: 192

\*Number of people wounded: 200

From the above figures it is easy to conclude that illegally attempting to cross the border from Mexico to the USA is far more dangerous and far more deadly than the illegal crossings in Berlin ever were. Yet the latter were sensational news on practically daily basis, for the world to see. But the ongoing murderous happenings, shootings, killings, human manhunts, drownings etc. at the US-Mexico border appear to be no news at all. The US is allowed to protect its economic interests by keeping the Mexicans out, but the GDR was not allowed to protect its interests by keeping their people home. One law for the USA, while

another law for the rest of the world. **Now, where did I hear that before?**

(1) Isabel Garcia is a legal defender in Tuscon Ar. USA and co-chair of the human-right group *Derechos Humanos*.

See the *New Internationalist*, issue 351, Nov. 2002, page 15

(2) Figure obtained from [www.us.mex.org/bios/pdf/...](http://www.us.mex.org/bios/pdf/...)

Note: Figures on migrant deaths in the border region vary significantly from one source to another. The source of the figures is the US or Mexican governments or agents thereof.

Some bodies are never recovered and therefore not counted

(3) [www.dailysoft.com/berlinwall/history/](http://www.dailysoft.com/berlinwall/history/)

## NETHERLANDS: "DON'T INSULT GEORGE W. BUSH"

By VIC RATSMA

For many years the government of The Netherlands has been seen as being relatively progressive. After the end of the Second World War the country developed and implemented many social laws that benefit the general population, as medicare, pensions, social assistance, paid vacations, etc. In many respects too, Holland served as an example of tolerance, with a sense of equality and concern for the well being of others, including those beyond their borders.



In demonstrations there were many placards with Bush behind bars.

More recently however, like in many other countries, the right-wing tendencies have developed which resulted in many right-of-center governments. This not only

manifested itself in changes in the domestic policies, but, perhaps more surprisingly, in the country's attitude towards world events and apparently towards the United States.

During the US election in the USA in year 2000, the year when George W. Bush stole the election, surveys in The Netherlands showed that support for Bush was at only 7% among the Dutch population. One would think that, in a progressive country, and with the fascist-like policies of the Bush regime, there have not been many reasons for this support to increase. Nevertheless, the Dutch government is bringing a Belgian communist, Annemie Mels, before the Court, because she "insulted a friendly foreign head of State namely George W. Bush, by comparing him to Adolph Hitler." Annemie distributed pamphlets showing "Bush-Hitler: No difference" at a solidarity concert in support of Palestine. On December 10<sup>th</sup>, which coincidentally (?) the International Day of Human Rights. Annemie is to appear for a hearing in a Dutch court.

Since Ms Mel is to appear before the Court in Amsterdam on the International Day of Human Rights, one would think that the Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights would be very much applicable for her case to quickly clear her of any wrongdoing.

#### ARTICLE 19:

*Everyone has the right of freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers.*

Of course the actions of George W. Bush have caused him to be compared to Hitler by many people around the world. Articles have been written, speeches made, posters displayed at many demonstrations, pamphlets distributed etc. with the same message as that of Ms Mels. And for very good reasons! Even a very cursory examination of Bush and his government henchmen show, that the logic of his argument and the actions of his government show great similarities to that of Adolph Hitler. Since the Second World War is undoubtedly the most

horrific events of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, any contemporary actions or trends, which do show similarities to that period are frightening and ought to be exposed with the outmost clarity. If Annemie Mels is guilty of that, I can only say: **More power to her!** ■

## SEX SLAVES FOR ISRAEL

From Proletarian News

**JERUSALEM:** About 3,000 women, mainly from the Soviet Union, are sold each year into Israel's sex industry, which takes in about \$1 billion annually, according to an Israeli parliamentary report in December of 2002, slamming the country's justice system for being lax on punishments.

The women, seeking to escape poverty in present day Russia, are usually smuggled in by traffickers, who promise them legitimate jobs. Once in Israel, they are sold to Israeli pimps for between \$3,000 and \$6,000 each, the preliminary report said.

The women receive between \$20-\$30 per customer, of which the pimp takes between 80-90 percent, the report said. The women work about 12 hours and receive an average of 10-15 clients daily. Often these women live in dismal conditions and sometimes they are physically abused or live in fear of their Israeli pimps.

Israeli courts generally reach a plea bargain with the pimps and sentence them either to a few months of community service or up to an average of two years in prison, punishments which the committee said are too weak to serve as a deterrent. It suggested that these crimes should have minimum prison sentences to deter to deter the sex traders, who often jail, blackmail and enslave the women.

In July of 2001 the United States Department placed Israel on a black list of countries whose law's don't meet US criteria for dealing with this crime and threatened economic sanctions (!?!)

AFTER READING NSC, WHY NOT PASS IT ON TO A FRIEND!

# TAMIL PEOPLE UNITE!

## UNITE AGAINST NATIONAL OPPRESSION AND SEPERATION

Every year the Tamil United Front (*the present Tamil United Liberation Front*) boycotts the Ceylon Republic Day (*Sri Lanka*) just as a show of displeasure. This sort of action has to be examined by the Tamil people to find out whether it safeguards their aspirations or not. The common enemy of both peoples, whether they are Sinhalese (majority) or Tamil (minority) is imperialism! It is the common enemy of all the people of the world. This is the truth but, it is denied by the Tamil Congress, and, also by the Federal Party (*both representing the ruling class of the reactionary Tamils*) and the same attitude is continuing by the United Tamil Front.

For a long time these forces are continually denying the above-mentioned fact, but instead, they are

Very large demonstrations took Place all over the Philippines.



preaching within the Tamil community that imperialism will help to solve their ethnic problem. This is the real cause for the grievances and suffering of the Tamil people. This forced the Tamil people to be suppressed by the Sinhala majority government and to live without their democratic rights. The reactionary Tamil ruling class always went against the aspirations of the Tamil people.

As an example, the reactionary Tamil leadership acted against the wishes of the majority of the Sri Lanka people to win their liberation from British imperialism. From their pro-imperialist stand they always acted against the aspirations of all the other people of Ceylon (*Sri Lanka*). These types of activities alienated other communities, and formed a wrong opinion within them. These types of activities forced the people of Sri Lanka to identify Tamils, who are predominately living in the north and eastern part of Sri Lanka, as enemies of the peoples national aspirations. This opportunist leadership of the Tamil bourgeois brought more oppression on the Tamil population.

In the south of Sri Lanka the bourgeois Sinhalese parties used this opportunity to win a majority of votes and this gave the needed opportunity to imperialism to get involved in the domestic problems and catch the fish in the troubled waters as in Pakistan and Zaippress.

Mr. S.W.R.D. Bandaranayaka the prominent nationalist leader of Ceylon, seeing this situation in advance, he was willing to solve this problem (*ethnic*) by coming to a political understanding with the Federal Party (TULF). He put forward some proposals, which were called Band-Selva Agreement. This very good beginning was greatly hampered by the pro-imperialist United National Party (UNP). This was a loss to the people and to the country.

Today Mrs. Bandaranayake (who is the wife of Mr. Bandaranayake) government in power praised the above-mentioned policy, but is reluctant to solve the Tamil problem which is a national problem. Because of their inactivity to face this problem, they are forcing the Tamil people on the side of imperialist reactionary Tamil leadership. All the people who



want to safeguard the country, plus others, must think about this and immediately act without hesitation. It is not a simple matter, but we are in a dangerous situation. Because of all this, the Tamil people are alienated from the national life. The only solution is for the Tamil people to unite and fight against both national and international imperialism. The workers, farmers, youth, intellectuals, trade unionists and other national forces must unite and form a United Front immediately. This united front must work and struggle against the opportunistic and selfish leadership of the Tamil United Front and other reactionary parties and groupings.

Tamil people can't boycott the Sri Lanka's public day celebrations in favour of some reactionary Tamils. The Tamil people cannot gain anything through this sort of fight, since they are going to lose and spoil the future for the younger generation and students.

We cannot solve our ethnic problems with the help of US imperialism and other countries. This must be solved by the Sri Lankan people themselves. We hope to get inspiration from the Cambodian and Vietnamese people's victory over imperialism. We can liberate our Motherland only by fighting against imperialism. Tamil people must be led by leadership, which is based on the proletarian background.

The present Tamil United Front, which comprises of leadership composed of the large capitalist class, landlords and reactionaries. These people cannot lead the Tamil people to victory! This is the last chance in front of the Tamil people to think and act to safeguard their future under the leadership of the Communist Party-Marxist-Leninist (CP-ML) The Northern Province Committee.

Unity of our country, the people and others is our aim. To achieve this, we must work and fight hand in hand.

**TAMIL PEOPLE UNITE – AGAINST  
NATIONAL OPPRESSION AND  
SEPERATION!**

Ceylon Communist Party (ML)  
Northern Region Committee

# AMERICA'S FOR-PROFIT SECRET ARMY

BY LESLIE WAYNE  
NEW YORK TIMES

With the US war on terror already over a year old and the war on Iraq in full preparation, a modern version of an ancient practice – one as old as warfare itself – is reasserting itself at the Pentagon. Mercenaries, as they were once known, are thriving – only this time they are called private military contractors, and some are even subsidiaries of the **FORTUNE 500** companies.

The US Pentagon cannot go to war without them!

These are often run by retired US military officers, including three and four-star Generals. All of these private contractors are the **NEW** business face of war. Blurring the line between military and civilian, they provide stand-ins for active soldiers in everything from logistical support, to battlefield training and military advice as well as guerrilla warfare specialists and infiltrators.

Some are under contract in Kuwait to provide military training, under the code name Desert Spring. One such private mercenary group was hired by the US Army to guard the new President of Afghanistan. Others have donned their old US uniforms to work under contract as military instructors in ROTC classes, selecting and training the next generation of US soldiers.

In the darker recesses of the world, these private contractors (*mercenaries*) go where the Pentagon would prefer not to be seen, carrying out military exercises for the American government and the Pentagon. In the last few years, they were in Bosnia, Nigeria, Macedonia, Colombia and other global hotspots that are not reported at all by the US media or NATO press releases. This is absolutely a No, No!

Motivated by profit and fulfilling Uncle Sam's policy and wishes, these companies – about 35 all told in the USA – get the government's permission of course to be in business. Some names are familiar,

like DynCorp; Vinnell, a subsidiary of TRQ and others. One of the best known is MPRI, which boasts openly that it has: "more US retired Generals per square foot than in the Pentagon!"

During the Persian Gulf War in 1991, one in every 50 soldiers on the battle field was a mercenary employee of the private firms. By the time Bosnia came along, these mercenaries comprised one in fifty. Some US military experts estimate that the global cost to Uncle Sam is a whopping \$100 billion. Of course these private companies who have these mercenaries on the payroll, say absolutely nothing to their shareholders.

"*These private US contractors are indispensable,*" said John J. Hamne, deputy secretary of defense in the Clinton administration. "*Yes, there will be more in the future, and they just don't run the soup kitchens!*"

Many times these private mercenaries in the pay of Uncle Sam made results disastrous.

In Bosnia, the employees of DynCorp were found to be operating a sex-slave ring of young women who were held for prostitution for US soldiers after their passports were confiscated. In Croatia, the local Croatians, trained by these mercenaries, used what they learned to conduct one of the worst episode of "*ethnic cleansing*" of the Serbs that left more than 100,000 homeless and hundreds dead and resulted in war crimes indictments. But, no employee (*mercenary*) of these US firms was ever tried by the US Army.

In Peru last year, a plane carrying a US missionary and her infant son was shot down by these US hired mercenaries...telling investigators that they were smuggling dope.

The biggest US contractor of mercenaries is the firm "*Military Professional Resources Inc.*" Its roster includes the retired General Carl E. Vuono, the former Army Chief of Staff who led the Gulf War

and the Panama invasion; General Crosbie E. Saint, the former commander of the United States Army in Europe; and General Ron Griffin, the former Army Vice Chief of Staff. There are also dozens of top-ranked US Generals and Admirals...more than 10,000 former military personnel, including elite special forces, on call and ready for any assignment.

"We can have any number of qualified personnel on the border of Serbia within 24 hours...the regular US Army cannot do that!" said Lt. General Harry E. Soyster, the former director of the Defense Intelligence Agency.

The MPRI, one of 25 companies that hires mercenaries makes a profit of over \$100 million per year – thanks to the US tax payers. These generals get two or three times their Pentagon salaries from these mercenary companies, plus their retirement, stock options etc.

The Pentagon and Washington refuses to respond to telephone calls, e-mails or letters by correspondents that want to interview these mercenaries and their generals.

"These contractors work for the Defense and State Department and the US Congress looks the other way", said Colonel Hackworth, a highly decorated Vietnam veteran. "It's a very dangerous situation, it allows the US government to get into where we would be reluctant to send the US Army or the CIA. The American taxpayer is paying for our own mercenary army, which violates what the US Constitution and what the American founding fathers said."

There are beginning to be some rumblings even in the military, asking for investigations...State Department and the Pentagon are of course keeping a tight lip.

Others in the US military are getting more blunt, in spite of the gag orders not to talk. "Are we ultimately trading the US soldiers blood to save a relatively insignificant amount in the national budget, and yet these companies are raking in millions of tax payers money?" said Lt. Col. Lourdes A. Castillo of the US Air Force, a logistics expert, in an article in year 2000 in Aerospace Power Journal.

## US WEAPONS SECRETS EXPOSED

By IRINA MALENKO

Based on article in The Guardian

Respected scientists on both sides of the Atlantic warned last month, that the US is developing a new generation of weapons that undermine and violate international treaties on biological and chemical warfare.

These scientists and specialists in bio-warfare and all chemical weapons, said that the Pentagon, with the help of the British military, are also working on the "non-lethal" weapons, similar to the narcotic poison gas used by the Russian forces that ended the October siege in Moscow.

These scientists also pointed out the paradox that the US is developing such weapons at the same time that it is proposing military action against Iraq, on the grounds that Saddam Hussein is breaking international treaties.

Malcolm Dando, Professor of international security at the University of Bradford, England and Mark Wheels, a lecturer of microbiology at the University of California, said that the US is encouraging a breakdown in arms control by its research into biological cluster bombs, anthrax and non-lethal weapons to be used against demonstrators, and by the secrecy under which this program is being conducted.

In a paper to be published soon in the scientific journal "Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists", these two academics focus on the recent US actions that served to undermine the 1972 Biological Weapons Convention.

In a move that stunned the international community in July 2002, the US blocked an attempt to give this Convention some teeth with its inspections, so that member countries could check if others were keeping the agreement.

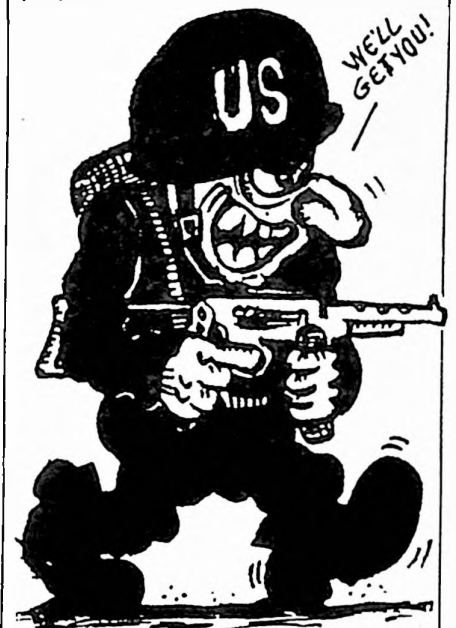
Mr. Dando believes Washington's motive for torpedoing the deal, which had the support of its allies, was to maintain secrecy over all of the US research work on its

biological weapons. He stated that this work included:

\*CIA efforts to build a cluster bomb that is designed to disperse biological weapons;

\*Research by the US Defense Intelligence Agency into the possibility of genetically engineering a new strain of antibiotic-resistant anthrax;

In each case US argued that this was only for defense, but the treaty forbids from developing and producing "weapons, equipment or means of delivery designed to use such agents or toxins for hostile purposes or in any armed conflict."



According to Mr. Dando, British and US research into hallucinogenic weapons such as the gas BX encouraged Iraq to look into similar agents. "We showed them the way", he said. He added that Britain is "implicated as well the Americans."

Jonathan Tucker, a US chemical weapons expert at the US Institute for Peace in Washington, said that, much of the work on these non-lethal weapons was being carried out by an institute under the US Justice Department, but it was wholly funded by the Pentagon.

He also wrote that: "They (Pentagon) are trying to keep it at arms length, but it is problematic especially for military purposes. The chemical weapons convention signed by the US makes a very clear distinction between riot and demonstration control of people and incapacitants."

By blurring the edges of the signed treaties, USA is inviting other

countries to do the same, but then the USA calls these countries "terrorists."

The US, Mr. Dando said: "runs the very real danger of leading the world down a slippery pathway that will greatly reduce the security of all."



## ACCORDING TO MISHKA

### QUEEN OK'S MOBILIZATION IN ENGLAND

The Queen of England gave her consent to the enforced mobilization of 10,000 reservists in preparation for the war against Iraq.

This has been forced upon the government because during the Afganistan war the reservists were not too willing to go and the employers also were against this.

This order allows these reservists to be called for an indefinite period no matter how recently they served.

"This is a very drastic measure", one source said. "There will be no arguments for not going for personal reasons and if you refuse, the police are likely to come knocking on your door."

### JAPAN MAY AID US WAR AGAINST IRAQ

Japan is considering sending advanced surveillance warship and submarine-hunting aircraft to support US forces against Iraq, a Japanese newspaper reported.

The "Yomiuri", the nation's largest daily newspaper said that Japan will dispatch the warship to the Indian Ocean. Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi stated that we will dispatch more warships, after consulting with Washington.

### SAUDI ARABIA WILL REFUSE TO HELP US IN IRAQ

According to the Reuters report, Saudi Arabia, a key US regional ally said in November it would not allow the USA its facilities for any attack against neighboring Iraq, even if the attack was sanctioned by the United Nations.

The statement of Foreign Minister Saud al-Faisal was the strongest statement yet. He added that "You can never make a permanent change in Iraq through occupation by a foreign power!"

"The fate of Hussein should be decided by the Iraqi people themselves", the Prince added.

Faced with Saudi Arabia's possible refusal to be a launch pad for an invasion of Iraq, the USA poured over \$1.4 billion into expanding Qatar's Al Udeid facility into a major air base and military staging ground.

### US AND BRITAIN DEVELOPING SECRET "PEOPLE ZAPPER"

Britain has been involved in secret talks with the USA on a development of the so-called non-lethal weapons, including lasers that blind people and microwave systems that will cook the skin of human targets.

Documents obtained under the US Freedom of Information Act detail talks about battlefield uses of the weapons and whether they could be used to back the economic sanctions against target countries.

They are developing the high-power microwave technology that cooks an enemy's skin. It has been named the **People Zapper**. It works by harnessing electromagnetic power to fire an invisible pulse of energy at a speed of light towards a target. The beam causes the water of a human under the skin to vibrate violently, producing heat and death. Scientists are working on this bean that could heat a person's skin to about 110 degrees in two seconds.

**NOW, honestly, who are the terrorists?**

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## US EMPIRE STRIKES AGAIN

BY JESSE PAPAPAVOLOU

### STAGES OF HISTORY:

**1: Tribal civilization** - A natural society that existed in the world in harmony with nature and people. Work was communal and planned.

**2: Lower savagery** - Slavery. African and Native American treated as beasts of work and treated worse than an ox. Normal joys of work became painfully monotonous. Racism is rampant for many to enrich the few.

**3: Middle savagery** - Feudalism. Serfs worked most of their life without enumeration.

**4: Upper savagery** - Capitalism. The last stage of exploitation which, was a much more disguised form of feudalism.

**5: First stage of socialism** - a collective social rehabilitation center. The people purged themselves of the poison of the past. Labour and profit gravitate to an egalitarian society. People cooperate rather than exploit each other. All means of production belong to the people. Everything is nationalized for the benefit of all.

**6: Communism** - Nationalism, racism, sexism, wars, exploitation are a distant memory. Protest songs become the songs of joy. Mankind progresses. A human revolution takes place rather than an industrial revolution. But as humans progress, so do the tools. All the means of production are owned by all of the people and there is a withering away of the state.

I would love to see the world without capitalism. To see no aged people, infirm or children dying due to lack of medicines or the lack of money to buy them. I would love to see the world with no discrimination, only brotherhood, no sexism, no dogma or religion to befuddle the minds of people.

If the US leaders of "democracy-capitalism" say that they love all of the people, then why did they exterminate about 99% of the Native Peoples on the American continent, all in the name of Almighty? Why did they bring over 20,000,000 Africans to be slaves, all chained to the bottoms of the filthy sailing ships?



Why did they sell them off to a life of slavery? Is this what American capitalism meant when they say the word "freedom"? There was no Statue of Liberty or Freedom Island for these African slaves or the motto "bring us your hungry and poor". This was absolute "terrorism"! How long will the ordinary American people put up with George Bush, the IMF, and NATO? How long before the working class says - enough is enough? We want and must be free!

Before European greed and expansionism came to the American continent, there were many Native cultures, with over 300 languages. These communal societies flourished here for over 20,000 years with enormous knowledge and culture. The Iroquois Constitution of "Great Law" consisted of Six Nations, was derided by Benjamin Franklin when he wrote: "It would be a very strange thing if the Six Nations...should be capable of forming a scheme for such a union."

I say with deep conviction that capitalism does not work. Out of 200 countries in the world, the United States makes the same GNP as 180 countries combined GNP. This amount is 10 trillion US dollars, yet in the USA itself, there live 33,000,000 people in abject poverty, many Americans augment their food diet with the protein in cat-food. Forty-Four millions Americans have no Healthcare! Another 20,000,000 have next to 0% Healthcare! Over 160 million Americans are in debt up to their necks! The US consumer debt is 3 times that of the US Federal debt!

But have absolutely no fear dear friends - the US government spends \$1 billion US each day on its military.

This is the US genocidal killing machine:

- \*Over 3,000 million Koreans killed
  - \*Over 3 million Vietnamese killed
  - \*Over 2 million Indonesians killed
  - \*Over 2 million Cambodians killed
  - \*Over 2 million Angolans killed
  - \*Over 2 million Mozambiques' killed
  - \* Over 1.7 million Iraqis killed
  - \* Over 1 million Laotians killed
- This is just a few terrorist acts, a total of over 16.7 millions murdered by the United States of America.

Written in great humility! ■

## ONE VOICE OF REASON

Senator Robert C. Byrd of US House of Representatives who spoke out against going to war against Iraq. After the vote in the House of Representatives, which approved the Bush resolution, he made a speech, starting with a quote below:

***"It is the leaders of a country who determine the policy. It is always a simple matter to drag the people along, whether it is a democracy or a fascist dictatorship, a parliament or a communist dictatorship, voice or no voice, the people can always be brought to the bidding of the leaders..."***

***"All you have to do is tell them they are being attacked and denounce the pacifists for a lack of patriotism and exposing the country to danger. It works the same in every country."***

Senator Byrd then identified the author: "Herman Goering, the founder of the German Gestapo, president of the Reichstag and convicted war criminal of the Second World War."

He then went on to reference the values embodied in the US Constitution: ***"Those values do not include striking first at other countries, at other nations. Those values do not include using our position as the most formidable nation in the world to bully and intimidate other nations."*** ■

## HOW DOES FASCISM DEVELOPE ?

BY GEORGE SHENKAR

Fascism can develop in two different ways, from a "democratic" capitalist system. Capitalists do not normally care for a fascist dictatorship, because they do not want any restrictions on their competition drive for profit. They also do not want other capitalists to tell them what they can or cannot do. But, they will accept dictatorship:

(1) If they are threatened with extinction, as with the case in the 1930's with a rebelling working class.  
(2) If they are on a roll, with a government that is bent on colonial expansion. They don't have to worry about other capitalist control, because they are all getting rich off the blood and sweat of colonial peoples.

In this sense, the British Empire was an early type of this "Colonial fascism" with a monarchical ruling class and a compliant under-class that was placated with the trickle-down loot of coloured slave labour.

This also happened in Nazi Germany during the 1930s. After crushing Communism in Germany, Hitler's dictatorship was no longer needed, but the conquest and profitable enslavement of European states continued to have the support of the capitalist class, as well as the bribed under-class.

In the United States of America today, there's no Communist threat to capitalism. But the dream of unlimited economic domination, through worlds' political and economic domination, gives support to a developing military colonialist Fascist dictatorship. The "terrorism" that we see today is the Third World (mainly Middle East) reaction to the real turn of imperialist conquest by the only super power. Most of these "terrorists" were created by the USA itself in its earlier drive for world domination. The saddest part of the picture is the complacency of the US working class, which is misled with the threat of "terror" and bribed with cheap goods from colonial slaves in the Third World countries. ■

## UN CONDEMNS US BLOCKADE OF CUBA

On November 12, 2002 the UN General Assembly approved by a vote of 173 to 3 a resolution urging all countries to refuse to comply with the 30 year-old US blockade of Cuba.

It's interesting to see that USA, Israel and Marshall Islands voted against this resolution.

Why couldn't such unity prevail in the UNO regarding Iraq, US domination and its New World Order? ■

## AS I SEE IT!

By JERRY MORSE

**CANADA:** The Canadian House of Commons was discussing on November 10, 2002 whether the Canadian military should join the USA military. Here is my suggestion:

We should never join the US military, but here is an alternative-

The US military budget approved for the US for 2003 is \$396 billion dollars. There are not enough enemies worldwide for such US defensive needs. Canada should borrow one quarter of this sum, which is \$99 billion. We could loan \$4 billion to our military and use the remainder for the unemployed, education, housing, healthcare and infrastructure within Canada. And as part of our foreign aid to other countries, we should be helping the 35,000,000 Americans who are now living below the poverty level in the USA itself.

**LONDON:** John Ashtead, a British journalist commented in the Russian Pravda on the New World Order of NATO meeting in Prague. Besides Prague looking like a war zone, with US fighter planes, helicopters zooming daily over Prague, with thousands of riot police and US army guards for the delegates...it certainly points to the fact that NATO is an aggressive block, ruled by US imperialism.

With seven new countries being admitted into NATO, this will make altogether 26 countries... they must start finding more and more enemies to fight.

Each new NATO country will be given purchase forms to fill out when ordering and upgrading their military hardware, including precision guided ordinance, protection suits against nuclear, biological and chemical agents, plus high-tech jamming devices, because many new military outposts are being planned for Turkey, Italy, The Netherlands, Spain, Uzbekistan, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Germany, the Baltic countries etc., etc.

I must point out that a special task force is being sent to Hungary, to scout all along all roads and also

boulevards in order to gather chestnuts, which, after consultation with the NATO high command, will be incorporated into planting chestnut trees adjacent to all NATO bases....as a supplement for food.

### WASHINGTON

We are entering the age of idiots. Without borders, the policies of the Bush's Republican Party, in their application of their new stupid security law they are so paranoid, this insults the ancestry of the American Eagle, by claiming the most important history of this hawk, is its relation to vultures.

Let's start with Canada's long border with USA. Now, if you're not a White Anglo Saxon Protestant (WASP), going through the Canada-USA border crossing points becomes an exercise in accusing citizens with Arabian ancestry as being potential terrorists. Therefore, hold them, include their names and passport numbers into the new security data base, and arrest them.

If they come from Iraq, Syria, Libya, Sudan, Egypt, Algeria, Kazakhstan, Turkmenia, Uzbekistan or any other country that read the Koran, be suspicious.

These new laws and the legislators who brought them forward, are so sick that they cannot be defined, diagnosed or distended into anything pertaining to humanity.

These rubber chicken circuit politicians, under the leadership of President Bush, are so stupid and naive that they cannot understand that these policies can backfire. When the American citizens start getting the same treatment in other countries, they will realize how sick their Unholy Alliance, now posing as the American government has become!

### MOSCOW:

Capitalism has always known that the Russian mathematicians understand financial statements better than those accounting analysts who work for the big American corporate accounting firms.

Capitalism has for many years tried to gain access into the Russian accounting systems. From the American side of the World Bank, they are pushing for all Russian companies to switch over to the

international standards of financial reporting (ISFR).

Denis Demyanov, the business journalist for "Moscow News" points out in his article of October 27<sup>th</sup> that the West wants Russia to switch to their system by 2004.

Perhaps we should all remember the accounting methods of all those who helped the corporations like ENRON, WOIRLD.COM, ZEROX and hundreds more corporations of capitalism to steal hundreds of millions of dollars from the Western world working class.

In our belief, Mafia organizations have fewer places to hide, and working in the top echelons of capitalism, and now trying to get into the former USSR.

We hope that you comrades don't buckle!

### IS THIS WHAT IS WAITING FOR US?

Two elderly ladies met regularly once per week to play cards, but lately they were forgetful.

One day, as they were playing cards one lady looked at the other and asked: "Now, don't get mad at me, we've been friends for a long time...but I just can't remember your name. Please tell me what it is!"

Her friend glared at her, for at least three minutes. Finally she answered: "How soon do you need to know?"

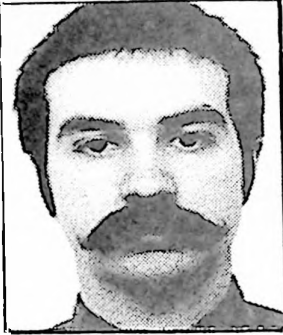
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## Open letter to the Australian-Soviet Friendship Society

Dear comrades:

We were very happy to learn that you formed the Australian-Soviet Friendship Society as was one of the decisions of the First Word Congress, which asked that each organization-party in their countries set up these friendship societies that will cooperate with the International Council. But, we are also saddened that some of the progressive leaders in Australia show hostility to this friendship society. We guess, that in attacking you, they equate any criticism of the CPRF (or Gennady Zyuganov in particular) to sectarianism.

This phenomenon is by no means unknown in the international communist movement today and, it is encountered exclusively amongst parties hostile, or at least skeptical, towards Stalin.

A vivid example is the CPUSA. They have put great efforts into sending their delegates to the CPRF Congress last December, 2000, while notably forgetting about other important international Communist meetings. Having come back to the US, their delegate had written the following article in the People's Weekly World: <http://www.cpusa.org/articleview/215/1/30/>

It only takes spotting several phrases in the article to be repelled by its Utopian style. The crux lies in this one: "In his report Zyuganov noted that the Party had a 'guarded position towards Putin' when he was elected, supporting all of his positive steps and criticizing his reactionary policies."

The author then goes on to argue that Putin "doesn't share the rabid anti-communism of Yeltsin."

No further comment is required. CPUSA not only welcomes CPRF's vitriolic opportunism, but attempts to extend it to the breath of the international communist movement.

It is sad to see that the party in Australia is taking the same path. But then, if this is the party which makes the unforgivable mistake at home by entering alliances with the social-democratic, middle-class, Trotskyite Democratic Socialist Party, what we see is a logical inevitability.

No communist party on the planet has the right to forget the following:

(a) CPRF was formed by the less conscious ex-CPSU cadres, who never sacrificed their positions in the CPSU when it was necessary to attack Gorbachev and to prevent the coming counter-revolution. These party members waited for the legal permission from the Constitutional Court of the Russian

Federation (effectively, from Yeltsin himself) until February 1993, by which time all true Communists had already been mobilized into parties without thinking that their actions conformed to bourgeois laws.

(b) CPRF had let Yeltsin adopt the bourgeois constitution in December of 1993 very easily, after it refused the calls from other communist parties and also leading former CC CPSU members to boycott the referendum.

(c) CPRF did not call for the reconsideration of results of the anti-popular privatization decree that accompanied the counter-revolution.

(d) Zyuganov played the role of the "communist" candidate in the presidential elections in 1996 and 2000, thus helping the regime to portray itself as a "democracy."

(e) CPRF failed to defend the Yugoslav people in 1999 by calling the parliament (where it had a majority (sic!)) to "condemn" the NATO bombing in such a way that

From ODESSA, Ukraine

Dear comrades: Wishing you the best on 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of NSC. Here is memento where Churchill, Roosevelt, Stalin met at the Livadiya Palace. Konstantin Kolontaev



On behalf of the Editorial Board of NSC and of the International Council, we wish Ray Stevenson a Happy 83<sup>rd</sup> Birthday which he celebrated on December 17, 2002.  
We wish you many, many more!



the Russian government, in its turn, did condemn it in the UN in words, but giving Western imperialists the confidence that no action will be taken by Russia to defend the Yugoslavia which Russia was capable of.

(f) CPRF has implicitly and explicitly given support to Putin's nationalism, referring to his so-called "anti-American" credentials.

(g) CPRF recognizes only the Russian Federation, which shows just how seriously they take the idea of the re-establishment of the USSR.

(h) Throughout its existence, CPRF focused on getting as many seats as possible as deputies in the parliament, local councils etc. ignoring the workers' movement.

(i) CPRF denounces revolution and argues that the way forward is in its increased presence in the government. This is summarized in Zyuganov's very infamous quote: "Russia has exhausted all of its revolutionary capacity."

Those naïve elements who were interested in fighting for socialism but somehow believed that the CPRF could be transformed from within, were thrown out by the party (such as Availiani, etc in 1999).

Not only is the CPRF politically impotent, it is also threatened by its internal crisis. This summer, for example, the tensions between its leading members like Selezniev, the respected Russian Duma Speaker and Zyuganov was on display for all to see.

It is the duty of all communists to expose the collaborationist nature of the CPRF, it has never been a communist organization or party. Its contribution to the struggle for the resurrection of the Soviet Union is more likely to be harmful than just useless.

By pointing these facts out, we are taking the correct proletarian stand comrades. Our task is to maintain this position very firmly, withstanding all and any opportunist reaction.

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FROM  
**WROCLAW**  
POLAND

Dear comrades:

Greetings to all comrades on the Editorial Board of NSC and on the Executive Committee of the International Council. I must also congratulate everyone on the successful holding of the 10th Anniversary Conference in Toronto, Canada.

Regarding the "Credo" of NSC, we feel that is very good and should be published in every issue of NSC. Our journal must be the official organ of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People and of all the future Friendship Societies with the Soviet people.

Regarding the question of forming a Polish-Soviet Friendship Society...this question is complex and the existing friendship society here in Poland is practically dead, since the Polish authorities do not want any contacts with the ex-USSR: their main aim is to join NATO and the European Union.

Regarding our Party of Polish Communists "Proletariat"...it is now liquidated and we are gathering strength and finances for the formation of a new party.

We suggest that NSC should carry: "News from the Soviet Union, International News, Friendship News" and may we suggest that it should carry also "News from the Socialist Countries" (Vietnam, Cuba, North Korea and China.)

Regarding the Second World Congress, we agree that it should be in 2004 in Belgium or in Prague, Czech Republic.

Regarding the financial appeal of NSC...we are amazed that you were able to publish it for 10 years already. The ongoing dedication, the sacrifices and the stamina of you comrades amazes all of us. Unfortunately we cannot help you financially but, we are going to keep you supplied with articles about Poland and other countries. Our situation in Poland is very critical,

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since we are under attack by the Polish regime, both politically and also economically.

We thank you again and we hope that you celebrated the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution.

Yours sincerely, on behalf of the Polish Communists  
Zbigniew Wiktor, ■  
Member of the International Council

FROM  
**ALL INDIA ANTI-IMPERIALIST  
FORUM**

Dear comrades:

We have read with interest the last two issues of NSC and we are hoping that the newly set-up Russian Friendship Society with Foreign Countries will be functional very soon.

The war mongering of the Bush government is posing a great threat to world peace and is to be fought on all fronts and in all the countries. Our party, SUCI and the All India Anti-Imperialist Forum are organizing protest demonstrations in different Indian States against the anti-Iraq war maneuvers of the imperialist camp, led by the USA.

Our Party, is also engaged in a bitter struggle against the pseudo-Marxist forces led by the Communist Party of India (Marxist). You are perhaps aware that in the State of Bengal, a so-called "Left-Front" under the leadership of CPI (M) has been in governmental power for more than 25 years. During this long rule, under the guise of left vocabulary, it has been consistently following anti-people policies and protecting the interests of the capitalist class.

It is now openly towing the line of globalization-privatization and is shamelessly following the diktat of IMF and the World Bank. In opposition to this, our party is upholding the line of people's struggle and is organizing militant mass movements against the pseudo-Marxists. Sensing the great danger of being isolated from the people, the CPI (M) has unleashed a brutal onslaught against our party and a large number of our Party comrades are being killed by the State Police and also by the CPI(M)

hooligans. We believe that to advance the revolutionary struggle of all Indian people, we have to expose and defeat these pseudo-Marxist and revisionist forces, not only nationally but also internationally.

With revolutionary greetings

Manik Mukherjee

FROM  
KIEV  
UKRAINE

Dear friends:

We had our conference of "Intellectuals for Socialism" and I will send you the documents after we have them ready. We are ready to cooperate with the International Council and we do appreciate the magazine Northstar Compass.

I would like to answer some of the questions put to me on behalf of your readers. Regarding the question to "where was the Soviet intelligencia when socialism was dismembered?"

This is not a hard question: they were there where the rest of the Soviet people were, that is, with the passive majority who looked at the unfolding situation in a very passive way. This was happening in front of my eyes in Ukraine, although I enrolled myself into the struggle with Gorbachevism in 1990, in the Marxist Platform inside the CPSU, and elected as a member of its

Coordinating Committee.

In order for the comrades in the capitalist states to understand this very unthinkable situation, of the Soviet working class not coming to the defense of socialism, you comrades must understand that all through Soviet times, for 70 years since the Great October Revolution it was a state for the workers, of the workers and the people did not have to struggle for their social justice, work, holidays, medical expenses, old age pensions and schooling.

In this situation, the Soviet people became complacent and to wage a struggle was not in their minds, since they were accustomed that the State will look after their needs, without them having to demonstrate and demand.

Here is just one example of today: In Kiev the city administration on November 1, 2002 said that they are going to charge by twice the price of tickets for public transport. The Communist Party of Ukraine called for a huge protest at a certain date, time and place. Who came to this protest? Only about 400 pensioners, and they were all communists! Where were the other thousands of Kiev's people?

A couple of years ago I had the opportunity to talk with the general secretary of the Socialist Party of Great Britain. In one question I asked him if it would be possible that the

British workers would not get paid for many, many months on end, and still go to work? He started to laugh and said that this would cause in Britain a social upheaval. But here at home, during Soviet times, the miners were the highest paid of all workers, but today they get paid less than a cleaning lady in a commercial bank. These miners sometimes have a march on Kiev, demanding their back pay, but still go to work in the mines.

Looking at all of those former guarantees without worries and lifestyle under socialism, they looked at the government as their patron that will always look after their needs and at the CPSU as a guarantor of all correct government rule. When Gorbachev came on the scene and all of the above started to disappear, the people became disorientated and not very capable of massive demonstration against the present robber regime. The Communists who had tremendous experience in organizing the people for Socialism and having the decisions of the party fulfilled by the people, have disunited themselves and are still trying to unite their forces for an effective struggle.

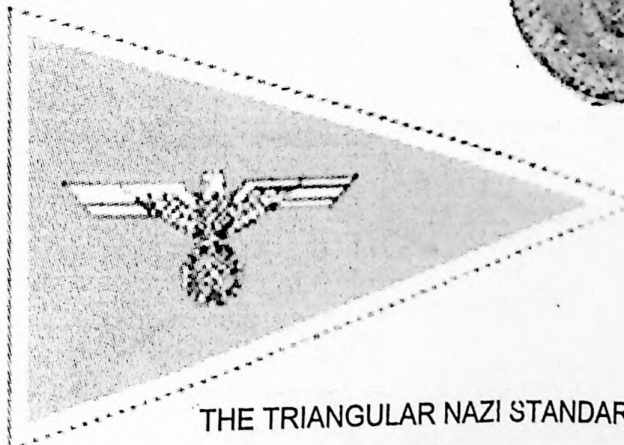
The Soviet people have become like the innocent bride who was left standing alone at the altar of marriage. Another example that illustrates my letter is the first couple of games of hockey between Canada

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and the USSR, somehow the Soviet hockey players were more on the ice through body checks than skating. Over time they learned how to give and take and became a power to be reckoned with.

This is how our people and people of the other former socialist countries find themselves in now, learning to defend their rights in this new situation and are gaining knowledge and strength.

And another thing, you asked me about all those people whom you met before in their thousands during the Soviet-Canadian exchanges over the many, many years of cooperation. Do not feel sorry for them. The people that had dealings with your friendship society were workers and communists who got paid for what they did, but not what they believed in. The situation has now changed and these people have lost all interest in your friendship. They look at you and myself as people who remind them of their renegade activities and feelings. There is a Russian proverb that says: that friends will recognize themselves during times of trouble,

Socialism now is in great trouble. When in 1990 my friends and I went into battle to save socialism, we did not understand as to how far the Marxist army was behind. What happened, happened! We have to look ahead!

*A demoralized army, wrote Lenin, learns very quickly.*

Now, Russian children and grandchildren of the heroes of Stalingrad and the Kursk battles are coming into the ranks. There will be a holiday on our street, said Stalin during the time when the Red Army was suffering defeat upon defeat at the start of the Great Patriotic War.

Never mind, historical progress without fail knows very well its road to the future.

Best wishes to all you comrades!

Vladimir Pronin

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FROM  
**PRAGUE**  
CZECH REPUBLIC

Dear friends:

The Czech Slav Committee agrees that the 2<sup>nd</sup> World Congress should be postponed until 2004 and to be held in Europe.

We agree in principle on the Credo of NSC.

I find the present situation in Russia as *"not providing an easy survey"*. The controversial Putin's policy cannot be ignored. His problematic role seems to be supported by a majority of Russian people in big centers of the country (*Moscow etc.*) but great passivity outside the main cities. The various communist parties and other organizations are now divided in controversy and splitting tactics. The resurrection of the Soviet Union is now at present more of a fiction than a reality. We must take into account very different situations in all of the former republics, the danger of nationalism, religious intolerance, the growth of criminality and terrorism. The former national economy is in a very bad state.

This fact does not mean that the role of our International Council and Northstar Compass should be or can be reduced. On the contrary! It must be strengthened and enlarged! It is necessary now to connect this activity with the struggle against imperialism and the present aggressive US policy and NATO, plus against all of the multinational corporations. This is the way of interesting many more people about socialism!

The restoration of socialism cannot be limited only to the former Soviet Union.

Dear friends:

The problem of finances is the *"main"* problem and at the present time an obstacle for our activity. This problem is also the problem in all of the former socialist countries.

I want to mention that our Czech Slav Committee is discriminated against as an organization, which is against US-NATO aggression etc.

Dear comrades! The future of human beings is only socialism, but we must try to achieve unity of all the progressive movements in the struggle for this aim.

I hold as very current the sentence in our NSC *"Credo"*, that *"the Soviet people themselves will choose the path they will follow towards socialism."* This should be

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accepted not only for *"Soviet people"*, but this is obligatory to peoples of all other countries!

Comradely

Dr. Professor Mirko Svoboda  
Member of the Editorial Board of NSC and of the International Council and First Deputy Chairman of the Czech Slav Committee

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FROM  
**NEPAL**

Dear comrades:

We support the struggle for the restoration of socialism in former Soviet Union and in the East European countries.

The articles that are published in Northstar Compass are contributing to the restoration to the former socialist countries.

The articles and documents against aggression, hegemonies, interventions and the interference of imperialist countries are relevant and correct.

NSC should avoid opposing and condemning some policies and differences among the existing countries. NSC should try not to get involved in any ideological controversy.

We are convinced that socialism will be revived in former socialist countries where capitalism and fascism have come back due to the ideological mistakes of the many communist parties and socialist governments of the former socialist camp.

The idea of postponement of the Second World Congress until 2004 is appropriate; it will give everyone more time to discuss further different subject matters.

We are glad to inform you that your call for establishing a Society of Friendship and Solidarity with the Soviet People is now a reality in Nepal. The Chairman of the committee is Uddhav Sujakhu, Secretary is Saroj Raj Gosai and Ms. Mohana Bhadra is a member of the Executive.

We hope that understanding and friendship will be strengthened in the days to come.

Narayan Man Bijukche  
Chairman  
Nepal Workers and Peasants Party



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE PROGRESSIVE SOCIALIST PARTY OF UKRAINE REGARDING IRAQ and USA

- 1: Condemn USA's aggressive intentions and actions against Iraq and other countries (Palestine, Afghanistan, Cuba and North Korea).
- 2: We demand that President Kuchma send a note of protest to the US government concerning the interference into the internal affairs of Ukraine.
- 3: To declare the US Ambassador to Ukraine Carlos Pascual as a person "non grata" and expel him from Ukraine.
- 4: To abolish the Ukraine decree about giving Ukrainian air corridors to USA and NATO.
- 5: Stop any attempts to get Ukraine into NATO.

We appeal to the people of the United States of America to take action, since: Your president and your Congress and Senate are willing to sacrifice your well-being for the sake of the oil monopoly corporations and for the sake of the military-industrial complex.

We appeal to the people of the world, political parties and public organizations, to unite in the fight for peace and against the looming war. We must defend our world from destruction!

*Natalia Vitrenko, Chairperson of the Progressive Socialist Party of Ukraine speaking at an International Conference in Bagdad, Iraq on September 10, 2002*

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FROM  
KIEV  
UKRAINE

Dear friends:

Since we are an opposition party in Ukraine and American imperialism (*which feeds its agents here*) there is a necessity for a real opposition to the present regime.

Everything was done by the Kuchma regime to disqualify our party as the election results showed. Our seats were stolen through mechanization of the election. The European Court on Human Rights has taken our complaint seriously. This is why our party is absent in the Ukrainian Parliament.

We'll cooperate with NSC and the International Council with pleasure. We'll keep on sending you our newspapers and together we shall fight for social justice and for socialism.

Sincerely yours  
N. Vitrenko

FROM  
SAN GABRIEL, CA.  
USA

The conference of NATO that was held in the city of Prague, in the Czech Republic was hosted by president Vaclav Havel, and it was an exercise of great foolery, ass-licking, plans for encircling former USSR, war bases in ex-USSR republics and the complete ignoring of the United Nations and even of the European Union. It had nothing to do with the "fight against terrorism".

The thousands upon thousands of police, US helicopters flying day and night over Prague, US guards guarding the NATO leaders and other invited and uninvited guests, presented a picture of a city under siege, afraid of what the people will do against them.

The leaders of former socialist countries have sold out their hearts

and souls to imperialism, in return for money and a promise of financial bail-outs and, a promise that NATO armies will come to their aid if their people should rebel and try to get rid of these traitors.

I wish you a Happy New Year and to keep on publishing NSC and struggling for the resurrection of Soviet Union and Socialism.

Pero Nikov

### REPLY TO A COMRADE IN BROOKLYN, NY. USA

In the issue #11, Vol. 10, 2002, page 34 of NSC, I read this letter with great interest since this letter contained very important questions regarding the former Soviet Union, international workers and the communist movements.

On us, Communists of former USSR lies a great responsibility for the dismemberment of the Soviet Union and the loss of socialism that was fought for in our country and in other countries.

Due to this catastrophe, there developed serious weaknesses in the international working class and all progressive anti-imperialist forces and a green light was given to war preparations and also attacks by imperialism against countries who opposed the US diktat. Now, with US and NATO invasion of Afghanistan and the preparations for war against Iraq, this was only possible because there is no force standing in the way, as did USSR and the Warsaw Pact countries.

The resurrection of the mighty socialist USSR is our debt, and in this attempt we are in need of international solidarity. The author of this letter correctly points out about the disunity in all of the communist movements in many parts of the world. Unfortunately in today's Russia, there is yet no unity in the communist movement. The path towards unity is not that easy, since amongst the many parties that call themselves communist, there is still much influence of the former revisionist CPSU.

But unity is already in progress. Our party, the RCWP-RPC has united in its ranks communists of 3 former independent parties - RCWP, RPC and the Union of Communists. The appeal that was adopted at the

2<sup>nd</sup> Conference on August 10 12, 2002, to all communists to unite their ranks, become a realistic, working political force, capable to overthrow the present bourgeois regime.

In the international arena, the RCWP-RPC together with other communist parties is striving for the establishment of an International Communist organization, capable to coordinate its work amongst the working class. This position was again supported at the meeting of 62 communist and workers parties that met in Greece, June 21-23, 2002. Chairing the conference as co-chairman was V. Tiulkin of the CC RCWP-RPC.

There is no doubt that the establishment of such a world-wide International Communist movement would enhance the prestige and effectiveness of communists, leading to a more dynamic and quality revolutionary struggles in the world.

We want to wish all comrades successes for the betterment of the working class.

Vladimir Chechentsev  
RCWP-RPC - Mosacov ■

FROM  
**MOSCOW**  
RUSSIA

Dear comrades:

I have read the article about the Anti-Capitalism March in NSC (December 2002) and I must say that this article gives a false impression about this action. In Anti-Capitalism Action, not only left organizations took part, but also the National-Bolshevik Party (NBP) not "*National Bolshevik*", as was written by the author, but "*National-Bolshevik*", as were the "National-Socialists" in Germany...and they cannot be characterized as a left-wing party. All of the photos published in NSC demonstrated that the NBP was only fighting with the police.

When we were preparing this action, we had invited the NBP, as an anti-imperialist force. But during the action, we saw that many NBP militants are Nazi skin-heads! They were shouting such slogans as "*Nation, Motherland and Socialism*" "*Chechens to Ocweizim*", "*Power to the Russians*" and others. They were angered when the Revolutionary Communist Youth

Union (Bolsheviks) – RKSM(b) were singing "*The International*".

You can see that their red banners were like the banners of Nazi Germany, the only difference is that they have a hammer and sickle and not the swastika. On occasions their tactics were like the tactics of the anarchist "*Black Rock*": they only wanted to fight the police –not protest against the war, imperialism or capitalism. After that fight, the police arrested the militants of other organizations and the demonstration was crushed. So we can only say that this action by the NBP was a provocation.

True materials and photographs can be obtained on our web site [www.comuniust.ru](http://www.comuniust.ru)

Victor Shapinov  
Secretary of CC RKSM (b) member  
of the CC of RCWP-RPC

#### COMMENT

*We received these photographs from newspaper "Molniya" (Victor Anpilov) and if you would have sent your photographs earlier, we would have printed them. This is a lesson for the future.* ■

FROM  
**EDEN, MD**  
USA

Dear friends:

These are frightening times. The world was a much safer and a happier place, there was hope before the traitorous acts by the leadership of the Soviet Union took place. The evil empire of the United States is aiming to take over the world. This is diabolical! The successes of the reactionaries in the US elections can be attributed to the brainwashed consumer orientated population with a complete lack of savvy.

Bush's anxiety for war with Iraq is a divisive tactic for some of the gullible American people. The US economy is desperate. It's on the verge of collapse and war is the traditional solution for a failing economy. Perhaps when Bush makes the economy bankrupt, and the people have lost everything, they might wake up.

Keep up the good work comrades!  
You are indispensable!

Tony Topolski ■

FROM  
**BUCHAREST**  
ROMANIA

Dear friends:

Romanian Labour Party salutes you and its an honour to thank you for all your efforts in publishing NSC and regularly sending it to our party.

We are with you in the cause that you promote and we are supporting the holding of the Second World Congress for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People.

The Romanian Labour Party is truthful to Marxism-Leninism, for the rebounding of the rule of the working people and for the socialist and communist movements in the world, placing man first and not capital. We are fighting against capitalism and to establish socialist economic relations.

We are for establishing of friendship with all parties. In the first place the communist parties, workers parties, socialist parties in the whole world, of equality of rights in the international movement.

The Romanian party organized a Committee for the unconditional freedom for the five Cubans held in jail in the USA...under the theme of **SOLIDARITY-FRIENDSHIP-PEACE!**

At this important conference there participated besides the Romanian Labour Party, guests from Romania Labour and National Association of Retired People. From the Cuban mbassy in ucharest there was the **Culktural Consul JULIO**

From the Cuban Embassy in Bucharest there attended Cultural Consul Julio Sarracent Montesino.

The large audience, unanimously supported the protest against the unjust jailing of the five Cubans.

The Conference elected 13 members for the new Romanian Committee for freedom of the Cuban five, headed by Chitigiu Stefan as president.

We hope that our cooperation will continue and prosper during these very difficult times.

With great respect  
Niculae Pavelesc, Secretary of the  
CC Romanian Labour Party

# SOVIET YOUTH ARE DEMONSTRATING!

On December 12, 2002 – on the so-called “Yeltsin’s Constitution Day”, the Moscow district of the Revolutionary Communist Youth League (Bolsheviks) took part in three planned actions.

**First**, we picketed outside the Council of Federation (Upper Chamber of the Russian Parliament). Putin’s regime now refuses to observe even these rudimentary bourgeois-democratic rights that the 1993 Constitution declared. That’s why our main slogan was “We will force you to abide by the Constitution!”

**Second**, we then moved to Pushkin Square, where we took part in a large demonstration against the war in Chechnia, which was called by various bourgeois-democratic

groups. The banner of the RKSM(b) was raised over the square. The Bumbarash newspaper, which we distributed was in high demand. We did not want to mix in with the other dubious political forces, which took part in this protest. We chanted slogans such as “Our Motherland is the USSR” and others.

To alert the attending multitude of people to the political prisoners, we chanted “Freedom to Political Prisoners!” The other participants showed a very keen interest in the “NRA case” and listened as we

explained the Russian Security Service provocation against the RKSM(b) members, who are currently in prison on charges of terrorism.

**Third** – to close off this active day of demonstrations, the RKSM(b) joined the Moscow Union of Atheists to picket the Russian Ministry of Education. We protested against the introduction into schools of compulsory religious teachings, both Christian and Orthodox bigotry.

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As we forgive you your September 11 lies,  
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For ever and ever,  
Amen.



## WHO CONTROLS THE MEDIA IN THE USA?

In 1983, 50 large media corporations controlled the vast majority of all news media in the US. At that time, Ben Bagdikian was called "alarmist" for pointing in his book "The Media Monopoly". In the 4<sup>th</sup> Edition published in 1992, he wrote: "in the USA, fewer than two dozen of these extraordinary creatures own and operate 90% of all the media in the US – radio, press, TV, magazines and Internet Web pages, books, records, movies, videos, wire services and photo agencies."

He predicted then that eventually this number would fall to about half a dozen companies. This was also greeted with "skepticism".

When the 6<sup>th</sup> Edition of his book was out in 2000, the number had fallen to 6, since then, there have been more mergers and the scope has expanded to include new media like the Internet market. More than 1 in 4 Internet users in the USA now log on in with AOL Time-Warner, the world's largest media corporation.

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