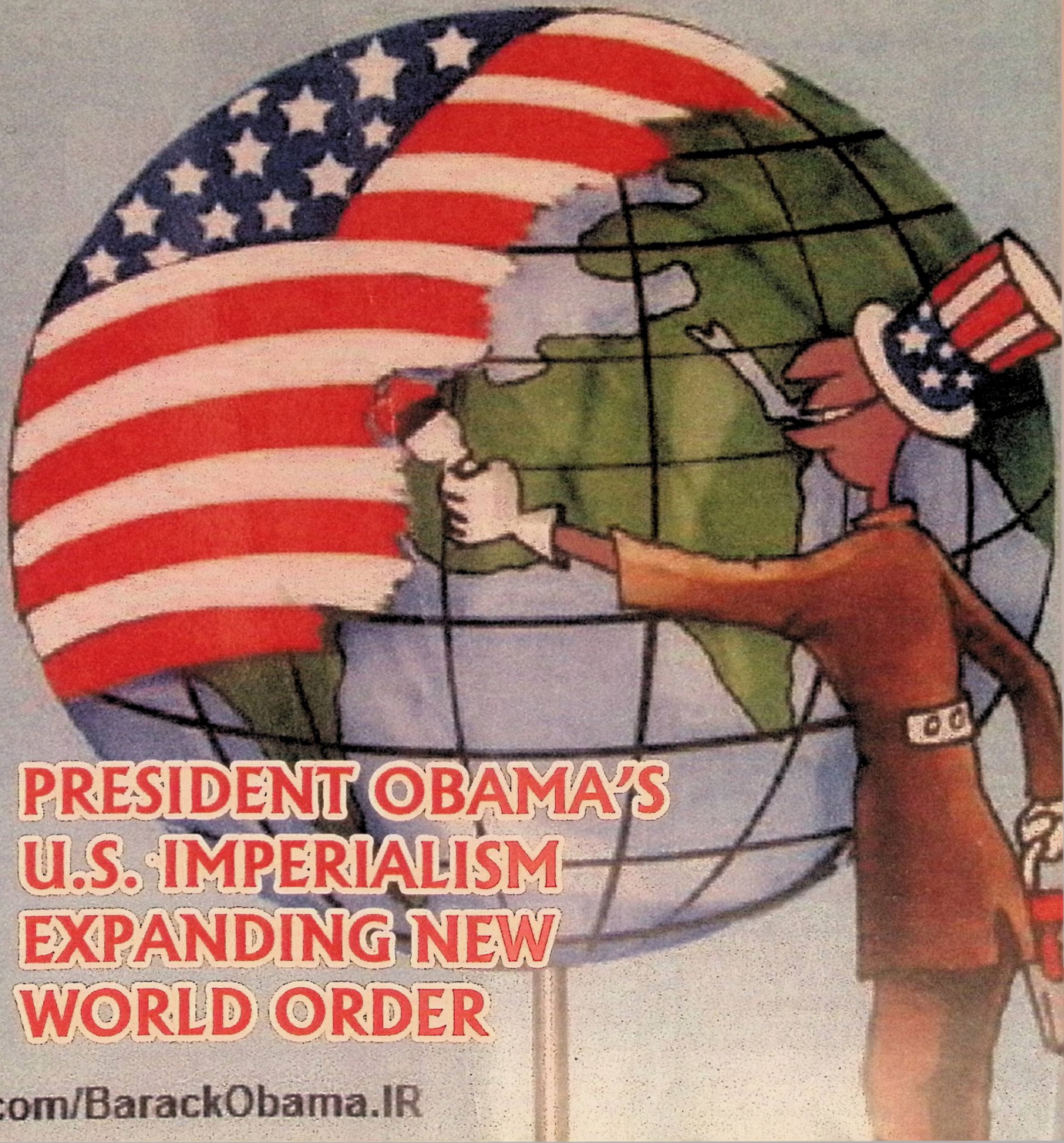


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EDITORIAL

WHAT IS REALLY BEHIND AMERICA'S GUN VIOLENCE

Based on article by Globe Research
December 18, 2012

There is more to this latest mass shooting in the US by this young gunman who killed 20 young children and several school workers in the public school in Connecticut, December 14, 2012, than is actually reported by the mass media.

The political system of America is the main culprit in promoting the culture of the gun – with the mass influence on the US Government by the powerful lobby of the National Rifle Association.

US have on average over 11,000 murders per year by firearms, and another 20,000 deaths from accidents and suicides.

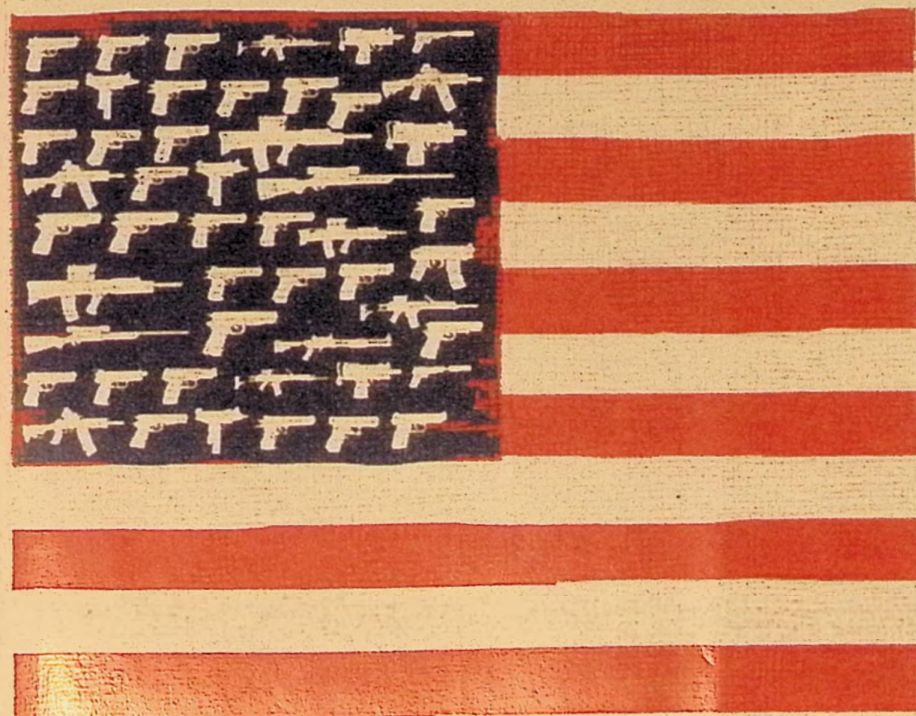
United States of America is the biggest seller of weapons in the world, and has the greatest Arms Budget in the global

history. This is the policy of the White House, the Pentagon in its glorification of the *US Military and of War*.

The policy of US Government through the media, films, war-games and TV is that the American people are meant to be a gun-slinging people at home as well as abroad and that God is on the side of the American people.

America is the most VIOLENT country in the world. The American policy in its history of displacement and annihilation of the native people, in order to have the white man rule the whole continent – then on to modern day wars of expansion and rape of natural resources,

How many Mothers all over the world are crying for the loss of their children due to the American sponsored and supported wars for the benefit of regime changes, torture of people overseas – and as H. Rap Brown wrote – "**Violence is as American as cherry pie!**"



THE FLAG OF AMERICAN GUN CULTURE

MICHAEL
LUCAS
Editor



US Imperialism! Are there any vigils, speeches of sorrow or flowers ever laid to these innocent victims in their tens of thousands?

Is there any condemnation in the United States against this military-gun-loving or supposedly god-fearing American culture?

The results of – gun mentality of the people – compliant US political system, fearful of the powerful US Gun Lobby – a national history of violence – US militarism – frequent aggressive wars against smaller and weaker nations – plus the ongoing militarization of the US Police – all of these factors (*plus being an aggressive Imperialist country with the aim of building a New World Order – Editor*) this has significantly helped to create a gun culture in the United States of America.

NATO SHOULD BE RENAMED TO -

North
Atlantic
Terrorist
Organization



NEWS FROM FORMER USSR

SOLIDARITY ACTION ORGANIZED IN UKRAINE WITH SYRIA AND AGAINST IMPERIALISM

Organizer- Galina Savchenko, Lieutenant of the Soviet Army



Scores of New Year Greetings for New Year were received by NSC from comrades in former USSR, wishing us to continue our work for friendship!

'SVOBODA' - THE RISE OF UKRAINE'S ULTRA NATIONALISTS

BBC News -Kiev-Dec. 25-2012

Ukraine's ultra-nationalist party-Svoboda- as a shock winner in last parliamentary elections, capturing over 10% of the votes and electing 37 Deputies to the Verhovna Rada. Immediately these ultra-nationalists members in the Parliament showed what and who they are.

The Parliament sessions became scenes of fighting, kicking, punching and profanity. These ultra-nationalists were all clad in the traditional embroidered shirts and demanding that no one has the right to speak in Russian in Parliament and that Ukraine should not adopt a policy that Ukraine should be come a bilingual country - Ukrainian and Russian.

RUSSIAN NAVY IS NOW HOLDING THE LARGEST WAR GAMES IN DECADES

From RT - January 2, 2013

The four major Russian Navy Fleets are holding the largest joint exercises in many decades in the Mediterranean and Black Seas. The commands of the Northern, Baltic, Black Sea and the Pacific Fleet made the announcement days after the launch of the nuclear-powered submarine Vladimir Monomarkh, which is armed with the Bulava ICBMs.

These four fleets conduct joint military exercises because of the growing dangerous situation in the Middle East and the expansion of NATO ambitions.

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US PENTAGON SIGN FIVE-YEAR MILITARY PACT WITH KAZAKHSTAN

Trend News Agency – Rick Rozoff – December 11, 2012

The signing ceremony took place in Washington DC by the US and Kazakhstan Defense Ministers. US-NATO took this step with co-operation of Kazakhstan to establish, build and maintain a very large **Military Outpost between Russia and China.**



These true Bolsheviks from Mineralny Vody in Russia are dedicated Communist who always honor Soviet history, Socialism, Lenin and Stalin. Here they are in front of Lenin monument, celebrating the 94th Anniversary of the Komsomol.

IS THE CPRF REALLY CHANGING?

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On Friday, December 21, 2012, a delegation from the Communist Party of the Russian Federation (leader G. Zyuganov) marched to the grave of Joseph Stalin at the Kremlin Wall of Red Square, Moscow, and conducted a wreath laying ceremony to mark the 133rd Anniversary of his death.

EX-SOVIET IMMIGRANTS CHANGE ISRAEL

From Associated Press
December 30, 2012

TEL AVIV - It's hard to find many Hebrew signs in a sea of Russian Cyrillic signs, shops, groceries stocked with non-kosher pork products, red caviar and Russian Vodka, plus Russian music playing in all the restaurants and bars.

Israel now has the third largest Russian speaking community outside the former Soviet Union, after the United States and Germany. These Russian-speaking Jews left the after the dismemberment of the Soviet Union and Socialism 20 years ago.

Today the Russian-speaking Jews in Israel and their children occupy virtually every corner of Israeli society, from academia and technology to military and politics.

But there is certain disdain between the Israeli Jews and these Russian-speaking Jews. Over one million Soviet Jews are in Israel, which has a population of eight million populations.

These Soviet Jewish immigrants have never connected with Israeli Society all the way - according law professor Roman Bronfman, who did a study on the Russian speaking Jewish immigrants.

WESTERN KIDS (ADULTS) DON'T KNOW WHO WAS THE FIRST MAN IN SPACE

By Irina Malenko

Last week I went to a local Planetarium in Armagh, Northern Ireland - and was shocked to find out that there was NOT A SINGLE mention of ANY of the Soviet space achievements: No Sputnik (1957), no Gagarin, no Tereshkova, no first man in open space (Leonov), Nothing!

Moreover they had the cheek of writing under the model of the Russian Space Station (which is

used now by other countries, including US and GB-Editor) it written under it "Progress" and that it was made by NASA, EU and only at the very bottom in small letters "Russia" nor Soviet Union!

This is how the West is wiping out our history, because this place is being visited by whole school classes, who will now believe that its only the Americans and Europeans (EU) who ever did anything for space research.

And this capitalist society claims that it has "no censorship" and that it is "free"!

I wrote a lengthy note in their visitors book, mocking their "one-sidedness". I am sick to my teeth of Western lies about my country, the USSR!

RUSSIA-CHINA HOLD STRATEGIC TALKS

com-news@yahoo.com
BEIJING- January 7, 2013

Russia and China held joint talks about their strategic security, this is 9th meeting the followed up the meeting between the two countries that was held in Moscow in 2012.

The meeting saw the strengthening of coordination and mutual cooperation on strategic security issues.

Their representatives exchanged views about the current main international political issues as well as regional issues that had to be solved.

OPEN LETTER TO CC - CPRF

An open letter was printed in Russian newspaper "Voice of Communist" in Dec. 2012. It outlines the situation and problems the communist movement and situation in Russia in particular. It calls upon the leadership of the CPRF to get back to Marxism-Leninism and take immediate steps to unite into a cohesive political movement and establish a coordinating Committee. It was signed by 10 leading members of CPRF regional organizations, members of CPRF Duma and members of the CPRF Presidium.

VALENTINA TERESHKOVA DEMANDS THE RELEASE OF THE CUBAN FIVE

From ACN, Jan. 7, 2013

Valentina Tereshkova, the world's first woman astronaut asked President Obama to listen to the international demands for the release of the imprisoned Cuban Five, held in prison already for 14 years. Tereshkova's appeal was broadcast in a video, as part of the international campaign to free the Cuban Five.

Tereshkova was the first woman to have traveled into outer space on June 16, 1963, on board the Vostok 6 Space ship, at the age of 26.

GEORGIA'S CANNON FODDER FOR NATO

From Civil Georgia - January, 2013

A total of 93 Georgian soldiers were killed or wounded in Afghanistan serving US -NATO - according to the Georgian Ministry of Defense.

Georgia joined NATO mission in Afghanistan already in November of 2009 with the deployment of 190 troops, but now it has over 1,500 soldiers serving NATO's occupation of Afghanistan.

President Saakashvili promised NATO that Georgia shall send more troops to Afghanistan.

This information was not available until foreign journalists, since 2009 demanded it and after constant complains to NATO high command.

APPEAL TO OUR NSC READERS in FORMER SOVIET UNION

Readers of NSC all over the world want to read reports about labour and trade union strikes and ongoing demonstrations. Please, send reports (in Russian or English) so that they could be published regularly in NSC- English, French, Spanish, Russian and Nepalese Editions.

RUSSIA OPENS UP RADIO-ELECTRONIC- SURVEILLANCE CENTERS

com-news@yahoogroups.com

MOSCOW - January 8, 2013

Nearly 20 radio-based electronic surveillance centers are operating the service Russia's Special Forces during this 2013 year, as part of the Priorities for strategic defensive rearmament as announced by the Russian Government. These are new centers of the modernization of the Armed Forces as announced by the Minister of Defense Serguei Shoigu.

According to

Colonel Alexei Zolotunjin, among these stations, they include "Gamma-C, "Nebo-U" and: "Podlet-K" while others are equipped with state-of-the-art detectors.

These modern radars are able to detect ore than 100 different types of objects flying, including planes, choppers, drones an missiles flying at different altitudes.

These new stations are set up in the territories of Krasnoyarsk and Altai in Siberia, and in the Orenburg region, the Asian part of Russia. This will control all of Russia's airspace by the end of 2013.

FACTS ABOUT PRESENT DAY CAPITALIST RUSSIA

From Golos Kommunista 5 -2012

* There are 112 Billionaires in Russia worth over \$297 BILLION DIOLLARS.

* These Billionaires pay the smallest tax of only 13%, while in France it is 57% , while in Denmark it is 61% and in Italy it is 61%.

* There is 27.8% of the population living in poverty.

In other words 90.9% of the population is living in harsh conditions, thanks to the present policies of the present Russian government.

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WHY DID PUTIN ALLOW NATO TO ESTABLISH A MILITARY BASE IN ULYANOVSK

*From newspaper
Molodogvardiets*



After Mr. Putin was elected (?) President of Russia in 2012, immediately he received very warm congratulations from President Obama, who knew that already in May of 2011 that an agreement was reached and signed by Putin to establish a NATO Military Base in Ulyanovsk!

Why did Putin on behalf of the Russian government signed this agreement in Ulyanovsk, which is the industrial centre of defense industry, research centre, rockets and airplane building and technological research hub of Russia?

This NATO Base agreement stipulates that NATO soldiers can travel unhindered all across Russia without any control by Russian authorities. This means that NATO can transport any goods, materials or missiles in and out - anything and everything without any CONTROL by Russian government!

There is another hidden aim also - when US-NATO troops will be leaving Afghanistan, they will go directly to Ulyanovsk and be stationed there as a permanent base of NATO's plans to break up Russia into many small components and in this way accomplish their expansion plans by the policy of divide and rule!

THIRD PRINTING OF THESE VERY IMPORTANT BOOKS!

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The Alliance of OUN-SS
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COMMUNIST PARTIES
IS A VERY VALUABLE
SERVANT TO U.S.
IMPERIALISM!**

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

USA OPPOSES CONDEMNATION OF NEOFASCISM

com-news@yahoo.com
November 27 – Prensa Latina

United States, Canada and Marshall Islands voted against the UN resolution to condemn neo-nazism, neo-fascism and other violent nationalist ideologies, based on racial and national prejudices.

Only these three countries opposed this Resolution while 57 UN countries abstained! WHY?

This Resolution was presented by Russia, member of the UN Security Council and the country (USSR) suffered over 26,000,000 people that were killed and the country devastated by Nazism-Fascism.

This Resolution was presented by Russia and was co-sponsored by 42 other countries – including Bolivia, Cuba, Nicaragua, Venezuela.

Hey Mr. Obama! Is this something that you support? What about the sacrifice of thousands of US soldiers that died fighting Nazism-Fascism? What about the 50,000,000 people in the world who died in WW II fighting the scourge of Nazism-Fascism?

Or maybe the policies of Nazism-Fascism are too close to the policy of NATO and the US New World Order/ Editor

MILLIONS OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN GENERAL STRIKE IN EUROPE

From Marxist-Leninist Party of Germany

Last November 14, 2012 at midnight, the first European-wide General Strike in history began in Spain and Portugal and then spread all across the countries of the European Union (EU). This was aimed at the "Troika" – the EU-ECB

and IMF.

Millions of blue color and white color workers in this 24hour General Strike, which shut down the entire economic sectors in transportation and commerce. In Poland, Bulgaria and Scandinavian countries there were many arrests, while in Germany there were strikes in 24 cities.

This general strike was able to united in action many different organizations, political parties and movements into this 24-hour General Strike. A vital lesson in unity and solidarity was the outcome.

SYRIAN REBELS HAVE THREATENED TO KILL ALL RUSSIANS IN SYRIA

From Voice of Russia
December 15, 2012

His could set off a chain reaction that will pull Russia directly into this conflict if the lives of their citizens are in danger, and international law gives them the right to protect their citizens.

If the Government of Syria requests their help, what will be the consequences since US and their Western Allies have battle ready forces right on the border and waiting to invade Syria?

This Western trained, armed and financed terrorists have effectively declared war. Like US itself, they do not declare war on Russia and Ukraine, just like they did not declare war on Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya, Yugoslavia, Syria and Iran – the use their "proxy terrorist groups".

Let us suppose that the US citizens were threatened in Syria now – the US Forces would be already invading Syria in the name of "democracy and protecting their citizens."

**START FORMING A
FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY WITH
SOVIET PEOPLE IN YOUR
LOCALITY!**

SYRIAN FOREIGN ARMED GROUPS VICTORIES ARE FICTITIOUS

Prensa Latina
Damascus, Dec. 11, 2012

Syrian Information Minister stated that the Western newspapers and the media stories are fictitious and fabricated, because they report as if they were on the spot in Syria said Information Minister Omran al-Aoabi.

The Minister also charged that these insurgents detonate car bombs in residential neighborhoods, near schools and mosques, launch mortar shells again apartment buildings in order to create panic.

Then these insurgents send messages over Western supplied communications lies of events – thus proving that their terrorist attacks are part of their military and media policy.

The withdrawal of some foreign diplomats from Syria is part of intimidation and propaganda against foreign diplomats, who were threatened by the rebels to leave the country.

NORTH KOREA LAUNCHED A SUCCESSFUL SATELLITE

Pyongyang- December 12, 2012

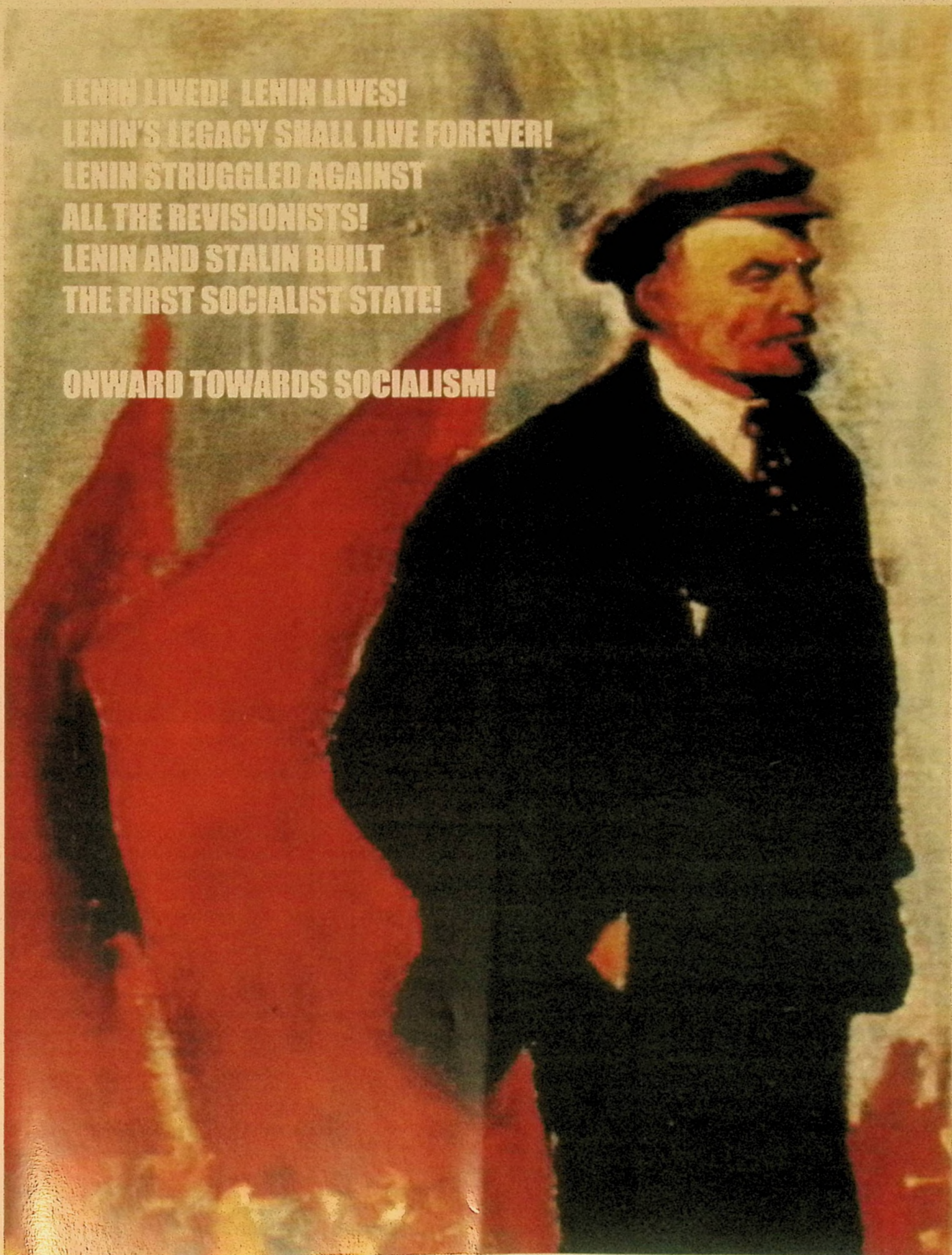
The satellite Kwangmyonsong 3 was put into orbit in North Korea on December 12, 2012 and is of great significance in the country's significant scientific-technological and economic development.

The carrier rocket was launched from Sohae, in the Cholsan district on North Korea. This action is for communication system necessary for global weather observation.



**LENIN LIVED! LENIN LIVES!
LENIN'S LEGACY SHALL LIVE FOREVER!
LENIN STRUGGLED AGAINST
ALL THE REVISIONISTS!
LENIN AND STALIN BUILT
THE FIRST SOCIALIST STATE!**

ONWARD TOWARDS SOCIALISM!





NATIVE PEOPLE OF CANADA DEMONSTRATED AGAINST THE CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA - "WE WILL STAND UNITED FOR OUR RIGHTS!"

The Canada-wide Native Protest was organized by the grassroots movement, calling themselves "Idle No More" against the Canadian Government protesting the anti-native Bill C-45 passed by the Government. Young and old Native people joined in these mass protests Canada. The hunger strike by Canadian Indian Chief Teresa Spence united the native Canadian people who urged them to stand united for our rights!





ISRAEL PLANNING TO STRIKE IRAN FROM AZERBAIJAN

From Xinhua News Agency

Israel plans to use unmanned drones to preemptively strike Iranian sites, according to the London-based Sunday Times, December 3, 2012.

These Heron TP II drones were delivered to Israel Air Force by France already in February 2010 and Azerbaijan, located on Caspian Sea, agreed to play a pivotal role in the coming Israel air strike against Iran by allowing Israel to use its bases as a very safe haven. Israel developed this craft and is using France and other countries to do the manufacturing.

COLD WEATHER IN EASTERN EUROPE AND THE LAW OF THE JUNGLE

The weather conditions in late December of 2012 clearly demonstrate the inability of the existing transportation systems under the present governments to ensure normal movements of people. Kiev and Moscow became virtually paralyzed by traffic jam, congestion in Leningrad. In Ukraine the media reported that in Ukraine 83 people froze to death and over 375 settlements were without power.

Many deaths are related to hypothermia were reported in Poland, Czech Republic, Croatia and Montenegro in December of 2012. In 2011 in Poland, more than 100 people died from the cold.

Severe winter conditions show that the present capitalist system, with technology system available, these new rulers think only of profits and operate on the principle of the jungle.

OBAMA INVADES AFRICA

Associated Press - Dec. 24, 2012

United States is deploying troops to 35 African nations in 2013. American troops based in Fort Riley, Kansas, is in raring for deployment to 35 African countries in 2013 on orders of the White House.

These US troops will train troops in these countries whose leaders are loyal to Washington and they will be used to fight against any protests by the people against the present US-lackeys in power in these countries.

WHY DID 237 ISRAELI SOLDIERS COMMITTED SUICIDE IN TEN YEARS?

J-PL0 against Zionism and anti-Semitism - saalaha@folus.name

At least 237 Israeli soldiers have committed suicide over the last ten years, according to the report released by the Israeli military - about 25 soldiers decide to commit suicide each year - reported the Israeli daily

U.S. TAXPAYERS RECEIVED A NEW YEAR'S PRESENT FROM OBAMA

Voice of Russia - Dec. 22-2012

The US Senate has unanimously approved a \$631 Billion Defense Budget for 2013. Even though President Obama promised to cut the defense budget and to put an end to the arms race, which drained the US economy, but the United States Budget deficit is now over \$200 Trillion.

The US military-industrial complex has turned e arms race into and endless source of tremendous profits for the war weapons manufacturers who actually dictate the policy of the White House!

Ordinary Americans will be stuck with terribly high tax burden this year. Over 15% of US population lives way below the poverty line, according to the US Census Bureau.

COMMENT:

That's as very generous Christmas Present President Obama that you gave to the American People,

newspaper Haaretz in December of 2012.

This was also released by an Israeli blogger - who was later investigated by the police. This Israeli blogger also found out that the real number of Israeli suicides has been much greater than what the official data given.

Maybe these soldiers had had enough of the Zionist expansionist policies and killing of Palestinians!- Editor

**PLEASE HELP!
DONATIONS ARE COMING IN
VERY SLOW!**

**FOR THERE TO BE A FUTURE
- IT MUST BE RED!**



3,000 US TROOPS SECRETELY RETURN TO IRAQ VIA KUWAIT

These US troops seen in the photo entered Iraq as occupiers and like sheep marching again to slaughter and be slaughtered to fulfill the wishes of US Imperialism, and the multinational corporations under the command of President Obama. Media reports that President Obama and the White House have over 17,000 more US troops that are secretly returning to Iraq via the same Kuwait route.

US had pulled all the US troops out from Iraq by the end of 2011, after the Iraq government refused to grant legal immunity from prosecution to the remaining US soldiers (occupiers- Editor)

More than 1,000,000 Iraqis were killed by this US invasion and occupation, besides the injured and the devastation of the country.

EUROPE'S UNEMPLOYMENT IS OVER 19,000,000 IN 17 COUNTRIES

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk>

Europe's lost generation all cross Europe with over nineteen millions while Spain and Portugal have each over 25% unemployment and pitched battles with police with scores being killed and hundreds injured. The economists predict that the youth unemployment will reach over sixty percent in 2013.



CONDOLENCE STATEMENT FROM THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF PAKISTAN

Issued by General Secretariat

The assassination of Senior Minister, Bashir Ahmad Bilour, who was a stalwart leader of Awami National Party, a very brave politician of tested integrity. His murder by the savage enemies of humanity (the religious fanatical extremists) is un-reparable loss for the Pakhtoons. His assassination has created a void for the national progressive political forces in Pakistan.

The Communist Party of Pakistan condemns in stronger possible terms this wicked murder of the beloved Pakhtoon national leader by these wicked fanatic extremists.



BRONZE STATUE OF VLADIMIR LENIN WAS DISMANTLED IN MONGOLIA IN 2012

In the capital city of Ulan Bator, last October, 2012, this statue of Lenin which stood in the main square of Ulan Bator for over 60 years was taken down on the order of the Mayor of Ulan Bator Bat-Uul Erdene, who denounced Lenin as a murderer. For decades The USSR helped Mongolia to rise from one of the most backward and impoverished countries in the world, into an industrial nation, schooling, health system and all the benefits of Socialism.

The Soviet Red Army also saved Mongolia from Japanese invasion. For decades Lenin was worshipped by Mongolian school children as- "Teacher Lenin".

Lenin and Socialism will live on in Mongolia long after this Mayor will be forgotten!



NATO MISSILES ARE ALREADY IN POLAND

By Michael Opperskalski

A battery of the American Patriot missiles is already deployed in Poland at the Polish town of Morąg - less than 60km from the border of Russia's Kaliningrad Region. Over 1000 American soldiers are stationed there. And where are these Patriot Missiles aimed at? Of course at former USSR!

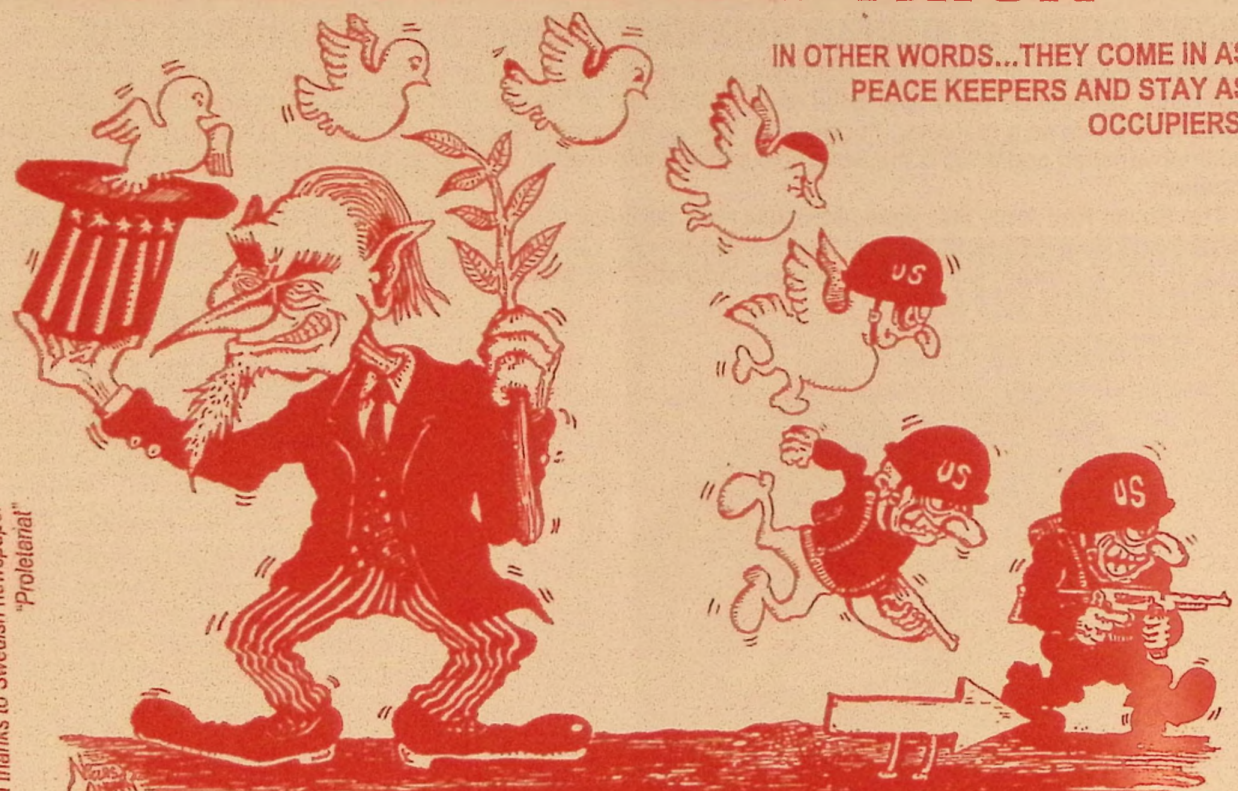
Hey Mr. Putin-Medvedev Twins! Are you still sleeping, or are you so in love with Mr. Obama that you can't see past your noses? Editor



DEMOCRACY IS THE CHOICE OF THE SYRIAN PEOPLE – NOT U.S. IMPERIALISM OR THEIR TRAINED, FUNDED, ARMED TERRORISTS! OBAMA YANKEES GO HOME!

THE AMERICAM HAT TRICK

IN OTHER WORDS...THEY COME IN AS PEACE KEEPERS AND STAY AS OCCUPIERS!



With thanks to Swedish newspaper "Proletariat"

IRAQ – LIBYA – SYRIA – IRAN – ONWARDS TO BREAK UP RUSSIA

TO STAND UP TO IMPERIALISM – WE NEED A REBIRTH OF THE USSR!



NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES DEMAND UN SANCTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL com-news@yahooqropups.com January 2, 2013

The non-aligned Movement (NAM) demanded from the UN Security Council to act quickly against Israel so that their illegal settlements in the occupied Palestinian territories stop immediately.

The Security Council must assume its responsibilities and take all the necessary actions to ensure that Israel - the occupying power - ends immediately with all of those illegal actions. Time is now to stop all of these Security Council maneuvers and suspend all the plans, measures and settlement activities in the occupied territories, including Eastern Jerusalem and its surroundings.

This Arab political cartoon expresses as to who really is at the wheel of the UN.

OBAMA SIGNED THE 2013 US DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

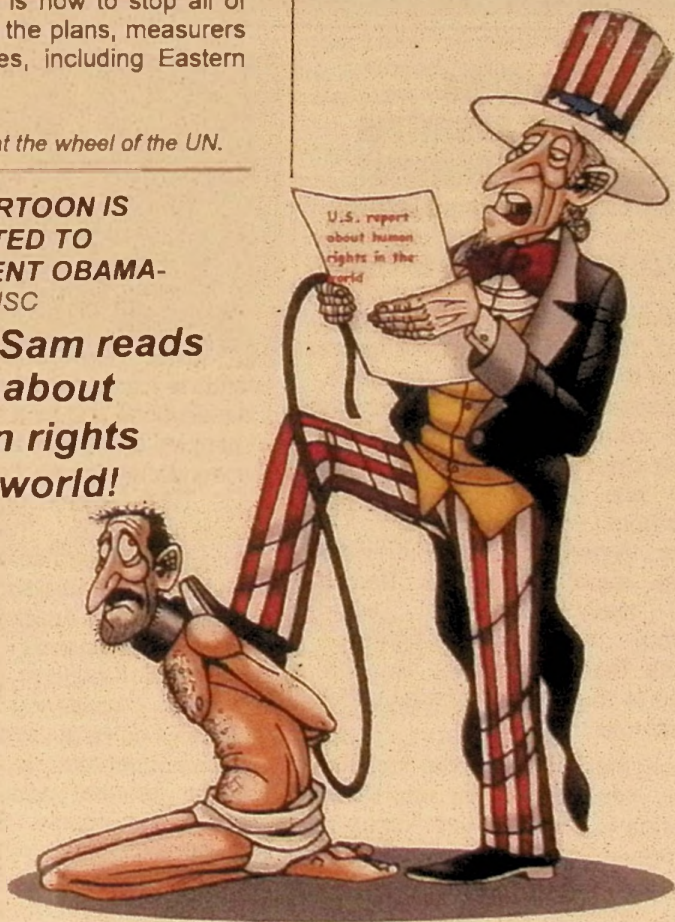
From Xinhua News Agency
January 3, 2013

- * \$ 528 Billion Dollars for Defense Department budget
 - * \$17 Billion Dollars for defense and nuclear programs in Energy Department
 - *\$88 Billion Dollars for Overseas War Costs
 - * NATO Expansion in Billions.
- Even the US Senate has no inkling about these costs, because they cannot be revealed.

WE MUST FULFILL NSC SUSTAINING DRIVE!

THIS CARTOON IS DEDICATED TO PRESIDENT OBAMA-
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Uncle Sam reads report about Human rights in the world!



DOCUMENTS REVEAL HOW OCCUPY WALL STREET MOVEMENT WAS BEING CRUSHED IN AMERICA

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New documents reveal how the FBI "totally integrated corporate-state repression in New York of Dec. 29, 2012". These documents obtained by Citizens for Legitimate Government show that this was very coordinated on the level of FBI, Department of Homeland Security, local police force and the Wall Street Banks themselves.

The Partnership for Civil Justice Fund document shows a terrifying network of cooperation and the private section actively merged into one another, so that this monstrous entity became ONE.

This revealed that this was centrally planned, executed, coordinated by the top echelon of corporate power - to target this peoples movement of "Occupy Wall Street", to arrest, and to politically disable the protests of peaceful American citizens!

SOUTH AFRICAN YOUTH DESPERATE FOR JOBS

Inna Malenko -UK

Unemployment in South Africa for young people is over 40 per cent is this one picture shows outside one factory.

In previous mass interviews of youth seeking work, tens of thousands of desperately poor and ill-educated young people descend on a location in the hope being the lucky one or two to be picked.

In the latest incident, over 150,000 young people applied for 90 jobs in the Kwa-Zulu-Natal police department, and the were instructed to go to the Harry Gwala Stadium for physical training tests.

The temperature in this stadium reached over 32C. Most of the applicants did not eat or drink anything all day - over 239 people collapsed — 6 died of dehydration while one slit his throat after finding out that he did not get the job.

South African Communist Party - which is in alliance with the African

National Congress is demanding an immediate inquiry and the people responsible to be fired from their positions. Their press statement said "No one in their tight mind could short list about 35,000 people for just 90 jobs and keep them in a stadium with over 32C centigrade temperature!"

**WE MUST UNITE AGAINST THE
EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL
ENEMIES!**



The answer my friends is not another Sir Nelson Mandela for South Africa - the answer is **UNITY AGAINST THE CAPITALIST CLASS!**

PRESIDENT CRISTINA FERNANDEZ OF ARGENTINA AND BRITISH COLONIALISM

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OPEN LETTER TO DAVID CAMERON

Mr. Prime Minister David Cameron, One hundred and eighty years ago on the same date of January 3, in a blatant exercise of 19th century British colonialism, Argentina was forcibly stripped of Malvinas Islands, which are situated over 8,700 miles from London, England!

Our Argentine people were forcibly expelled by the British Royal Navy, and the United Kingdom began implementation process that was similar to that applied to their other colonies under colonial rule.

Since then, Britain, the colonial power, has refused to return the territories to the Argentine Republic, thus preventing it from restoring its territorial integrity.

The question of the Malvinas



Islands is also a cause embraced by Latin America and by a vast majority of peoples and governments around the world that do reject colonialism.

In 1960, the United Nations proclaimed the necessity of "Bringing to an end colonialism in all forms and manifestations." In 1965 the UN General Assembly adopted, with no votes against - not even by the United Kingdom - a binding resolution, considering the Malvinas Islands a colonial case and inviting the two countries to negotiate a solution to the dispute between them. Of course this did not transpire.

This was followed by many other UN resolutions, but the Malvinas

Islands are still under colonial rule.

In the name of the Argentine people, I reiterate our invitation for us to abide by the resolutions of the United Nations.

Christine Fernandez de Kirchner
President of the Argentine Republic

MICHAEL MOORE ON, "I SUPPORT THE US TROOPS".

"I don't support the troops, America - and neither should you! I'm tired of the ruse we are playing on our selves (as White House promotes - Editor) and on the US troops in particular. Guess what? Most of these US soldiers, airmen and sailors, see right through the bullshit of these words - "I support the US troops"

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FEATURE ANALYSES

STALIN - THE UNTOLD STORY

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Profound changes have taken place on the world scale in the last ten years. With the collapse of the USSR and the Socialist bloc, leaders of the US and the Western powers not only proclaimed the "death of communism", but promised a "new world order", based on universal peace, prosperity and democracy". However, the reality is quite different.

The "democracy" of Boris Yeltsin has proven to be a democracy of criminal corruption backed by tanks, while throughout the world the masses of people, including those living in the "advanced Western democracies," feel more alienated than ever from political life. The economic crisis of world capitalism has intensified and a deep class polarisation is taking place. The international situation is increasingly marked by dangerous and growing rivalries between various powers, and new attacks on the freedom and independence of smaller nations.

The Western media would like the world to believe that the workers and farmers in the former Soviet Union are eagerly embracing capitalist rule. In the face of spiralling crime and the degradation of "free market" competition, the struggling people of Russia are looking for a way out. As the Russian people experience the full weight of capitalist austerity, there is a revived longing for the Soviet Union of Lenin and Stalin.

Across the lands of the former Soviet Union workers and farmers demanding the most basic rights proudly carry portraits of Joseph Stalin. Stalin, the architect of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) and the leader of the Great Patriotic War against Nazi invasion, is the preeminent symbol of resistance to Western enslavement. More than forty years after his death the name of Comrade Stalin still inspires devotion among former Soviet peoples. A Moscow lawyer, speaking during the last years of the Soviet Union, explained the view of many of his fellow citizens:

The situation is unpredictable. It is explosive. I'm talking about this as a veteran of the Second World War and as a communist with grief in my heart. People are saying that we are like the Fascists. If we are Stalinists it is in the sense that we are very sensitive to the pain which our country is suffering today. We're worried to death because we defended this state and we can see that what we defended is crumbling, and that hurts. Do you understand? That's the sense in which we are Stalinists. We're defending what Stalin made of our people. But we are considered as enemies of the people, and hung with these tags....It's disgraceful and dishonourable, and not a single Stalinist has been given the opportunity in the press to explain what it means to be a Stalinist.²

Another Soviet citizen recalls:

After the war ration cards were abolished. Stalin abolished them, and every year the general material welfare of the people got better and better, but now everything's going back. Everyone says this....And the well-ordered state which Stalin built with his own merciless right hand is falling apart.

During the quarter of a century preceding his death in 1953, the Soviet leader Joseph Stalin instigated the greatest revolutionary transformation in history. Stalin industrialised the USSR, collectivised its agriculture, defeated the fascist powers in 1941-45, and extended Socialism throughout eastern Europe. The chief architect of Socialist construction, he oversaw the creation of a mighty military-industrial complex and led the Soviet Union into the nuclear age. Under Stalin's guidance the lands of the Soviet Union were transformed from backward, feudal societies into an advanced super-power. J.V. Stalin is undeniably one of history's greatest leaders.

In his time, Joseph Stalin was hailed, by both friends and foes, as a genius. To the Soviet people, as well as working men and women around the world, Stalin was revered as a "great teacher and friend." His immense popular appeal invariably inspired fanatical devotion. By the time of his death,

statues of "Great Comrade Stalin" were erected throughout the Socialist states. His picture appeared everywhere. Recounting a visit to the Soviet Union the American film director John Steinbeck wrote:

Nothing in the Soviet Union goes on outside the vision of the plaster, bronze, painted or embroidered eye of Stalin. His portrait hangs not only in every museum, but in every room of every museum. His statue marches in front of all public buildings. We spoke of this to a number of Russians and had several answers. One was that the Russian people had been used to pictures of the czar and the czar's family, and when the czar was removed they needed something to substitute for him. Another was that the icon is a Russian habit of mind, and this was a kind of an icon. A third, that the Russians love Stalin so much that they want him ever present. A fourth, that Stalin himself does not like this and has asked that it be discontinued.³

The workers of all countries know that every word pronounced by Stalin is the word of the Soviet people, and that his every word is backed by deed. The triumph of the Socialist Revolution, the building of Socialism in the USSR, and the victory of the Soviet people in their Patriotic War have convinced the labouring masses of the world of the deep and vital truth of the cause of Lenin and Stalin. And today all freedom-loving peoples look upon Stalin as a loyal and staunch champion of peace and security and of the democratic liberties.... After Lenin, no other leader in the world has been called upon to direct such vast masses of workers and peasants as J. V. Stalin.

EARLY YEARS

Joseph Vissarionovich Stalin (Djugashvili) was born on December 21, 1879, in the town of Gori, Province of Tiflis, Georgia. In the autumn of 1888 Stalin entered the clerical school in Gori, from which in 1894, he passed to the Orthodox Theological Seminary in Tiflis.

This was a time when, with the development of industrial capitalism and the growth of the working class movement, Marxism had begun to spread widely through the Russian Empire. The Tiflis Orthodox Seminary became something of a centre from which libertarian ideas of every kind spread among the youth. The jesuitical regime that reigned in the seminary aroused in young Stalin a burning sense of protest and nourished his revolutionary sentiments. At the age of fifteen Stalin became a revolutionary.

"I joined the revolutionary movement," Stalin said, "at the age of fifteen, when I established connection with certain underground groups of Russian Marxists then living in Transcaucasia. These groups exerted a great influence on me and instilled in me a taste for illegal Marxian literature."

Stalin soon became one of the most active and prominent members in the Tiflis revolutionary Marxist movement. When Vladimir Lenin launched the newspaper *Iskra* in December 1900, Stalin completely identified himself with its policy. He saw Lenin as the one thinker and leader capable of building a revolutionary Marxist Party and guiding it to ultimate victory.

"I first became acquainted with Lenin in 1903," Stalin subsequently related. "True, it was not a personal acquaintance; it was maintained by correspondence. But it made an indelible impression upon me, one which has never left me throughout all my work in the Party. I was in exile in Siberia at the time. Lenin's note was comparatively short, but it contained a bold and fearless criticism of the practical work of our Party, and a remarkably clear and concise account of the entire plan of work of the Party in the immediate future."

In the years that followed, Stalin became a fanatical worker in the revolutionary underground, quickly gaining a reputation as a skilled organiser. In August, 1903, without a trial, Stalin was sentenced to exile in Siberia because of his political activities. Sometimes the temperature would reach fifty degrees below zero. A few weeks after his arrival he tried to escape but was slowed down by a blizzard and attacked by wolves. A second escape was successful. Eluding the police he resumed his underground political work. Joseph Stalin began to emerge as a leading Bolshevik. A revolutionary to the marrow of his bones, Stalin had little private or family life. He was a full-time, professional revolutionary, the type of person Lenin saw as vital to the Bolshevik Party's success. Lenin had said:

No single class in history has ever attained mastery unless it has produced political leaders...capable of organising the movement and leading it....It is necessary to prepare men who devote to the revolution, not only their free evenings, but their entire lives.

Stalin edited a secret Party newspaper, having personally expropriated the printing press in a daring raid. In 1908 he was again arrested and imprisoned. Once, as a punishment, prisoners were forced to run between two lines of guards, who beat them with rifle butts. Stalin, showing scorn for his captors, defiantly walked with a book under his arm between the two lines of soldiers, his head held high.

By now Lenin had learned of Stalin's courage and ability. He was just the kind of disciplined, committed revolutionary fighter the Bolshevik leadership needed. At only thirty-three years of age, Stalin had the honour of being personally named by Lenin to the Central Committee of the Bolshevik Party.

In February 1917, Stalin's life changed with explosive suddenness. At the battle front, Russian soldiers suffered defeat after defeat in the war against Germany. As casualties rose into the millions, the cry for peace grew louder. Under the pressures of war and hunger, the Russian Empire began to crumble. The Tsar was forced to abdicate and a new government, composed mostly of bourgeoisie liberals, took power.

On October 25, 1917, Bolshevik leader Lenin gave the order for revolt. Red Guards swiftly occupied the key points in the Russian capital. After years of exile, imprisonment, and underground revolutionary activity, the Bolsheviks found themselves in power. Stalin was a widely recognised leader of the Party and in organising the new government, Lenin appointed him to the sensitive post of People's Commissar for Nationalities. Stalin also belonged to the inner circle of seven Party leaders chosen as members of the Political Bureau.

Between 1918 and 1921 Stalin worked to consolidate the revolution in a period of civil war. With the defeat of Germany and the end of the first world war, the Western imperialists turned their attention to Russia. British, French and American troops joined the fight against the fledgling Soviet state. Ammunition and supplies poured in to aid the anti-Bolshevik forces. Gradually the Red Army won important victories and the imperialist forces withdrew. By the end of 1921, Russia was securely in the hands of the Soviets. In April, 1922, Stalin was elected General Secretary of the Communist Party (Bolshevik).

On January 21, 1924, Lenin, the Party's leader and founder died. The enemies of the Soviet Union took advantage of Lenin's illness and then of his death to try to deflect the Party from the path he had laid out and thereby pave the way for the restoration of capitalism.

Foremost in these attacks was Trotsky (Lev Davidovich Bronstein). Leon Trotsky, while claiming to be a Marxist revolutionary, enjoyed the support of prominent Western banking families. Chiefly through Trotsky and his agents, the Wall Street cabals poured money into Russia for the purpose of funding future counter-revolutionary uprisings and encouraging "agents of influence". These circles also hoped Trotsky's "ultra-Leftism" would so wreck the Soviet Union from within, capitalism could be easily restored. The biographer of US President Woodrow Wilson, J.C. Wise, wrote: "Historians must never forget that Woodrow Wilson... made it possible for Leon Trotsky to enter Russia with an American passport."

Trotsky was never popular with the Bolshevik Party members who saw him as an opportunist. The collapse of the Tsar's regime in March 1917 found Trotsky in New York City. On his return to Russia, he was detained by Canadian authorities, and only allowed to continue his journey after the intervention of the British Government. The notorious British spy Bruce Lockhart, in his memoirs, said the British Intelligence Service believed Trotsky would be more useful to them in Russia. Trotsky at first tried to set up a revolutionary group of his own, but realising Lenin's Bolshevik Party had strong mass support, Trotsky made a sensational political somersault. After years of opposition to Lenin, Trotsky applied for membership in the Bolshevik Party.

After his exile from Soviet Russia in 1929, a myth was woven by anti-Soviet elements throughout the world around the name and personality of Leon Trotsky. According to this tale, Trotsky was "the outstanding Bolshevik leader of the Russian Revolution" and "Lenin's inspirer, closest co-worker and logical successor." Now in the 1990s, with the collapse of the Soviet Union, Western Establishment historians no longer need to promote this fiction. They now openly admit Trotsky was an opportunist who actually opposed Lenin. We are told how Trotsky concocted "all kinds of lies and half-truths about his and Stalin's relationship with Lenin."

His version of events was reinforced by Deutscher's three-volume adulatory biography of Trotsky which rests on shaky documentary evidence. There are strong indications, however, that, except for the last four months of Lenin's conscious life, prior to March 1923, when he had the final debilitating

stroke and lost the power of speech, Lenin was close to Stalin, relied on his judgement, and entrusted him with ever greater responsibilities. At the same time there are no indications in the sources that he ever cared personally for Trotsky 4

Pursuing their inherent anti-Soviet line, the modern followers of Trotsky argue the Soviet Union was an aberration of Marxism-Leninism and that Stalin betrayed the Bolshevik Party of Lenin. When interviewed by the German writer, Emil Ludwig, Stalin paid glowing tribute to Lenin's genius, but of himself he simply said: "As for myself I am merely a pupil of Lenin, and my aim is to be a worthy pupil of his." In a very difficult period, Stalin defended Lenin's central ideas — on the nature of imperialism, on reformism, on the revolutionary struggle for power, on the dictatorship of the proletariat.

As Lenin's rightful successor, Joseph Stalin only ever claimed to be his faithful follower. Stalin's doctrine that Socialism had to be constructed in one nation, the Soviet Union, without waiting for revolution to occur in the main capitalist countries was not far removed from the line pursued by Lenin in 1921 when he introduced the New Economic Policy. The doctrine of "Socialism in one country" was simply the application of Socialism in the light of national conditions, something implicit in the Marxist movement since Marx and Engels penned the Communist Manifesto. Both Lenin and Stalin accepted the primary importance of the survival and strengthening of the Soviet state as the main bastion of the future world revolution, both accepted the need for a period of coexistence and trade with the capitalist countries as a means of strengthening Socialism in Soviet Russia. Nor did Stalin's later policy of industrialisation and collectivisation represent a departure from Lenin's doctrine.

REVOLUTIONARY TRANSFORMATION

Not even his most reactionary critics can deny that under Comrade Stalin's guidance the Soviet people achieved incredible successes. When Stalin emerged as the central leader of the Soviet Union in 1926, the country was backward, practically without industry, and militarily weak. It was still at the mercy of the Western capitalist nations who hated the Bolshevik revolutionary government. "We are fifty or a hundred years behind the advanced countries," said Stalin. "We must make good this lag in ten years. Either we do it, or they crush us." To build Soviet industry and still keep up the production of food, Stalin developed the doctrine of Socialist industrialisation of the USSR, as well as the collectivisation of agriculture. We are told:

To industrialize in so brief a period of history a country so vast and at the same time so economically backward as was the Soviet Union at that time, was a task of tremendous difficulty. It was necessary to build up a large number of new industries, industries that had been unknown in tsarist Russia. It was necessary to create a defence industry, non-existent in old Russia. It was necessary to build plants for the production of modern agricultural machinery, such as the old countryside had never heard of. All this demanded enormous funds. In capitalist countries such funds were obtained by the merciless exploitation of the people, by wars of aggrandizement, by the bloodthirsty plunder of colonies and dependent countries, and by foreign loans. But the Soviet Union could not resort to such infamous means; and as to foreign loans, the capitalists had closed this source to the Soviet Union. The only way was to find these funds at home.⁵

By the end of 1927 Comrade Stalin's policy of Socialist industrialisation was an unmistakeable success. At the Fifteenth Communist Party Congress in December 1927, Stalin pointed out that agriculture was lagging behind industry and this was jeopardising the national economy as a whole.

"The way out," he said, "is to turn the small and scattered peasant farms into large, united farms based on the common cultivation of the soil, to introduce collective cultivation of the soil on the basis of a new and higher technique. The way out is to unite the small and dwarf peasant farms gradually but surely, not by pressure, but by example and persuasion, into large farms based on common, cooperative, collective cultivation of the soil with the use of agricultural machines and tractors and scientific methods of intensive agriculture. There are no other ways."

Comrade Stalin announced the first of the Five-Year Plans. This was a colossal plan for equipping industry and agriculture with modern technology. "The fundamental task of the Five-Year Plan," said Stalin, "was to create such an industry in our country as would be able to re-equip and reorganize, not only the whole of industry, but also transport and agriculture — on the basis of Socialism." Whole new industrial cities were constructed east of the Volga River and the Ural Mountains — beyond the range of bombers which might be sent from the imperialist states of Germany, France or England.

Millions of workers and peasants mobilised to achieve the plans of Socialist development. To that time, it was the greatest movement of people in the history of the world. History had never known industrial construction on such a gigantic scale and such popular enthusiasm for new development. This produced many an instance of exemplary labour and of a new attitude to work. In many factories, collective and state farms, the workers and collective farmers drew up their own additional plans for an output exceeding that provided for in the state plans. The attitude to labour had changed. From the involuntary and penal servitude that had existed under capitalism, it was becoming in the words of Stalin "a matter of honour, a matter of glory, a matter of valour and heroism. There is not, nor can there be, anything similar to it in capitalist countries."

A new heroic attitude to labour took hold throughout the Soviet Union. One fundamentally different from the servility and selfishness of the capitalist West.

"In our country, in the USSR," said Comrade Stalin's close advisor Mikhail Kalinin, "labour — from the simplest to the most skilled — in both city and country has acquired a profound content, has become inspired by the great idea of Socialism, has become the creative principle that regenerates people, trains them in the spirit of Communist ethics."

"Our proletarian revolution," said Stalin in 1935, "is the only revolution in the world which had the opportunity of showing the people not only political results but also material results... Our revolution is the only one which not only smashed the fetters of capitalism and brought the people freedom, but also succeeded in creating the material conditions of a prosperous life for the people. Therein lies the strength and invincibility of our revolution."

In January, 1934, Joseph Stalin proudly announced the victory of the first Five-Year Plan. "The USSR," he said, "has cast off the aspect of backwardness and medievalism." He continued:

From an agrarian society it has become an industrial country. From a country of small individual agriculture it has become a country of collective, large-scale mechanized agriculture. From an ignorant, illiterate and uncultured country it has become — or rather it is becoming — a literate and cultured country covered by a vast network of higher, secondary and elementary schools teaching in the languages of the nationalities of the USSR... New industries have been created: the production of machine tools, automobiles, tractors, chemicals, motors, aircraft, combine harvesters, powerful turbines and generators, high-grade steel...

By 1937 Stalin's great success in rapidly industrialising a backward country was widely praised by enthusiastic foreign witnesses such as well-known writers H.G. Wells and George Bernard Shaw. These achievements could not even be ignored by the bourgeoisie press. In France, *La Temps* (January, 1932) said: "The Soviet Union has won the first round by industrialising itself without the aid of foreign capital."

The French writer Henri Barbusse, following an extensive visit to the Soviet Union, reported:

Now the real facts are these. The most poverty-stricken state in Europe (in spite of its vast size), ignorant, fettered, ill-treated, starved, bleeding and shattered, has, in seventeen years, become the greatest industrial country in Europe, and the second in the world — and the most civilized of all, in every respect. Such progress, which is unequalled in the history of the world, has been achieved — and this too is unequalled — by the sole resources of the country of which every other country has been the enemy. And it has been achieved by the power of an idea, an idea which was directly opposed to the ideas of the rulers of all other national societies.

The spartan lifestyle of Comrade Stalin was in sharp contrast to the extravagance of the opportunist bureaucrats who jostled for power and prestige after his death. He liked simple food and was contemptuous of comfort and luxurious living. In a plain office on the third floor of the Communist Central Committee building, Joseph Stalin — the son of Georgian peasants — worked at his desk until 5 a.m. before preparing to sleep through the morning (a habit learned in his days as a revolutionary, when it was safer for him to lie low in the daylight hours). Staring at him from the walls were large pictures of Marx and Lenin. His body guards and personal assistants, those Soviet men and women who saw him everyday, testified to Stalin's innate humility, his concern for others, and his respect for ordinary working people. According to Alex Shelepin, a party functionary who collected Stalin's possessions after his death:

There were no valuable objects at the apartment, except for a piano. There was not even a single 'real' painting. The furniture was inexpensive. Chairs with slipcovers. No antiques. On the walls — paper reproductions in plain wood frames. The centrepiece of the room was an enlarged

photograph of Lenin and Stalin. Two rugs on the floor. Stalin slept under an army blanket. Other than the marshal's uniform, the only clothes were a pair of simple suits, a pair of lined felt boots, and a peasant sheepskin coat...

The capitalist world was not idle in the face of the Soviet people's colossal achievements. Throughout the 1930s the Western imperialist countries accelerated their secret operations against the Soviet Union. The Great Depression, along with growing mass support for communist and workers' movements in the nations of Europe, prompted Western governments to back numerous covert attempts to wreak havoc in the Soviet Union. And in this secret war they relied on the networks established by Leon Trotsky, who had been deported from the USSR in 1929 for his traitorous activities. Setting up his headquarters outside Russia, Trotsky enjoyed the patronage of capitalist governments, agents of several Intelligence Services, as well as all manner of anti-Soviet elements. "Exile usually means eclipse. The reverse has happened in the case of Trotsky," Isaac F. Marcossou wrote in *Turbulent Years*.

A human hornet while he was within Soviet confines, his sting is scarcely less effective thousands of miles away. Exercising remote control he had become Russia's Public Enemy Number One... Master of propaganda, he has lived in a fantastic atmosphere of national and international conspiracy like a character in an E. Phillips Oppenheim mystery story.

Winston Churchill, a spokesman for the Anglo-American ruling circles, immediately realised the value of Trotsky to the worldwide anti-Soviet crusade. Summing up the whole purpose of Trotsky's actions from the moment he left the Soviet Union, Churchill wrote in his *Great Contemporaries*: "Trotsky... strives to rally the underworld of Europe for the overthrow of the Russian Army." A necessary prelude to a Western imperialist military attack on the USSR.

Trotsky issued a stream of orders to his agents and sympathisers within Russia. In many cases the same "ultra Left" elements who had opposed Lenin or were critical of his policies, supported Trotsky's plans to instigate crisis and turmoil. They were later exposed as saboteurs, agents of foreign espionage services, assassins and traitors to the Soviet Union. Outside of Russia, Trotsky's followers, aided by Intelligence Services, set about dividing the workers' movement and spreading hysterical anti-Soviet propaganda. They tried to convince Western "Leftists" that the Soviet Union threatened world peace and its leader Joseph Stalin was a bloodthirsty tyrant. They became capitalism's ideological battering ram against the Soviet Union, an important source of anti-Soviet propaganda, and a very useful fifth column within the worldwide communist movement. Trotsky's friends in the United States arranged for the capitalist press to promote his writings. The book publishing firm, Harper Brothers of New York, agreed to publish Trotsky's tirade against Stalin.

GREAT PATRIOTIC WAR

On June 22, 1941, the German army invaded the Soviet Union without a declaration of war. The Nazi military machine counted on a lightning victory over the USSR. Hitler had never concealed his intentions toward the East. Russia was to provide "living space" for the German race. Of the Slavic people, Hitler said one third were to be exterminated, one third reduced to serfdom, and the remainder deported for slave labor in the German Reich. This policy was to be implemented by Hitler's spy master SS General Reinhard Gehlen. In the German occupied areas, special mobile killing squads rounded up loyal Bolsheviks and machine-gunned them on the spot. The period of Socialist construction had come to an end, and a period of war began — a Patriotic War of liberation waged by the Soviet people against the German invaders.

To ensure the rapid mobilisation of all the forces of the peoples of the USSR for the routing of the enemy, all state power was concentrated in a specially established State Committee of Defence. Joseph Stalin became Chairman of the Committee.

On July 3, 1941, Comrade Stalin addressed the Soviet people and the men of the Red Army over the radio. In this historic speech, Stalin told the stern truth about the grave military situation and called upon the Soviet people to appreciate the full immensity of the danger.

He disclosed Nazi Germany's aims in the war against the Soviet Union:

The enemy is cruel and implacable. He is out to seize our lands which have been watered by the sweat of our brow, to seize our grain and oil which have been obtained by the labour of our hands. He is out to restore the rule of the landlords, to restore tsarism, to destroy the national culture and the national existence as states of the Russians, Ukrainians, Byelorussians, Lithuanians, Latvians, Estonians, Uzbeks, Tatars, Moldavians, Georgians, Armenians, Azerbaijanians and other free

peoples of the Soviet Union, to Germanize them, to convert them into slaves of German princes and barons. Thus, the issue is one of life and death for the Soviet State, of life and death for the peoples of the USSR, of whether the peoples of the Soviet Union shall be free or fall into slavery.

Stalin called upon the Soviet people to reorganise all their work on a war footing and to subordinate everything to the needs of the front and the task of defeating the enemy. The Red Army and all the citizens of the Soviet Union, he said, must defend every inch of Soviet soil, must fight to the last drop of blood for every town and village. He gave orders that in the case of Red Army units having to make a forced retreat, the earth itself must be scorched by fire, so that the German invaders would inherit a desolate land. "The enemy," declared Stalin, "must not be left a single engine, a single railway car, a single pound of grain or gallon of fuel.... In areas occupied by the enemy, guerrilla units must be formed; sabotage groups must be organised... to blow up bridges and roads, damage telephone and telegraph lines, set fire to forests, stores, and transport."

With the same courage, persistence, and iron will he displayed as a Bolshevik revolutionary, J.V. Stalin, the People's Commissar of Defence, rallied the Soviet people: "The German invaders want a war of extermination against the peoples of the USSR. Well, if the Germans want a war of extermination, they will get it."

"Let the heroic images of our great forebears," Comrade Stalin told the Red Army, "inspire you in this war!"

When the German invaders entered the suburbs of Moscow, Stalin assumed personal command of the Red Army. He sent most of the government officials east of the Urals to carry on the fight in case Moscow fell. But, defiantly, he stayed on in the besieged city to lead its defense himself. On December 6, 1941, on Comrade Stalin's orders, several Soviet armies which had been concentrated around Moscow suddenly struck at the enemy. After heavy fighting, the Germans collapsed under the assault and retreated. The Soviet troops drove the routed Germans before them and during that winter advanced westward, in places over 400 kilometres. Hitler's plan for the encirclement and capture of Moscow ended in a bloody fiasco.

The rout of the German armies at Moscow was a decisive military event and the first big defeat the Germans had sustained in World War II. It dispelled once and for all the Nazi myth that the German army was invincible.

In the spring of 1942, the Nazis again rushed to the attack. They threatened Leningrad in the north, drove toward Moscow in the central sector, and appeared certain to capture the Caucasus oilfields in the south. But their main objective was Stalingrad, the "city of Stalin." Comrade Stalin gave instructions that Stalingrad should be held at all costs.

The Battle of Stalingrad, the biggest military engagement in history, began. The Red Army heroically defended the famous city on the Volga. Between August 1942 and January 1943 the battle raged from house to house, cellar to cellar, room to room. With no way to bring in supplies to the besieged city, thousands of Russians died of starvation. Addressing the Soviet people, Stalin said:

I think that no other country and no other army could have withstood this onslaught of the savage gangs of German fascist brigands and their allies. Only our Soviet country and only our Red Army are capable of withstanding such an onslaught. And not only withstanding it, but also overpowering it.

On November 19, 1942, acting on Stalin's orders, the Soviet troops at the approaches to Stalingrad went on the offensive. They struck at the German's flanks, and then in their rear. This strategic plan of flank attacks ensured a resounding victory for the Red Army. Very soon, a German army of 300,000 strong found itself surrounded in the Stalingrad area..

This was the most outstanding victory in all the great wars of history.

Stalin later wrote of the significance of Stalingrad: "Stalingrad marked the beginning of the decline of the German fascist army. It is common knowledge that the Germans never recovered from the Stalingrad slaughter."

Having seized the initiative in the Stalingrad battle, the Soviet Army continued to press its offensive. The wholesale expulsion of the enemy from Soviet soil was underway.

The year 1944 was one of decisive victories for the Soviet forces. On the occasion of the 27th anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution, Comrade Stalin expressed his confidence that the Red Army, having accomplished its patriotic task of liberating the Motherland, would fulfil its historic mission to the end and hoist the red flag of victory over Berlin. On May 2, 1945, the Soviet forces took the German capital. The Red Army had obeyed Stalin's call!

On June 24, 1945, by order of Supreme Commander-in-Chief Stalin, a Victory Parade was held in Moscow. To the Red Square Soviet troops brought the standards of the German fascist armies and divisions they had vanquished and demolished. These were cast at the feet of the victorious Soviet people, at the foot of the Lenin Mausoleum, on the rostrum of which stood, Comrade J.V. Stalin.

In On the Great Patriotic War of the Soviet Union, Stalin wrote:

The strength of Soviet patriotism lies in the fact that it is based not on racial or nationalistic prejudices, but on the profound devotion and loyalty of the people to their Soviet Motherland, on the fraternal cooperation of the working people of all the nations inhabiting our country. Soviet patriotism is a harmonious blend of the national traditions of the peoples and the common vital interests of all the working people of the Soviet Union... At the same time, the people of the USSR respect the rights and independence of the peoples of foreign countries and have always shown their readiness to live in peace and friendship with neighbouring countries. This should be regarded as the basis upon which the ties between our country and other freedom-loving peoples are expanding and growing stronger.

The Soviet Union suffered tremendous devastation during the German invasion. In Soviet Russia 1,700 towns, 70,000 villages, 6 million houses, and 31,000 factories were destroyed. 8.6 million Soviet soldiers were killed and at least 17 million men, women and children murdered in this war which British historian A.J.P. Taylor described as "the most destructive of all time."

Some Western leaders believed it would take decades for the Soviet Union to recover. Others thought such catastrophic losses would bring the USSR to its knees. They were wrong.

J.V. Stalin, the man who for Soviet citizens embodied the spirit of resistance and symbolised heroic sacrifices, inspired the people to further victories.

SOVIET SUPERPOWER

The end of World War II saw the Soviet people embark on massive reconstruction and even greater development programmes. Following the example set by Stalin, Soviet workers, through heroic effort, realised great achievements. Soviet industry grew rapidly and began to compete with the advanced capitalist states of the West.

Winston Churchill, a rabid anti-Russian and anti-communist, alarmed by the rapid pace of development in the USSR, spoke of Stalin's threat to Western capitalist "civilisation". Using the terminology of Nazi propaganda minister Goebbels, Churchill described the Soviet Union as being behind an "Iron Curtain". He called for an Anglo-American crusade against the USSR to halt the advance of Socialism and restore capitalism in the newly liberated countries of eastern Europe. World capitalism could not tolerate a revitalised Soviet Union. Stalin, once a much needed ally of the West in the war against fascism, was now portrayed as world capitalism's chief nemesis.

The United States Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) was created in 1947. The CIA's primary purpose being to gather intelligence on Socialist states, principally the USSR, and act as a private police force to protect US multinational corporations.

In their anti-Soviet drive, the newly constituted CIA recruited to its ranks leading Nazi operatives, in particular German SS General Reinhard Gehlen, Hitler's Eastern Front espionage chief. This is the same Gehlen who was going to turn 50 million Russians into slaves, while some "forty million Soviet citizens would be eliminated by natural means, namely famine." The US provided Gehlen with a budget of \$200 million to carry out anti-Soviet activities.⁶

Gehlen's anti-Soviet Nazi espionage network was transferred virtually undisturbed to the CIA. "He's on our side," said CIA director and former Rockefeller lawyer Allen Dulles. "That's all that matters."

Gehlen and other top Nazi agents continued to practice their black arts against the USSR. They set to work devising new strategies to destroy the Soviet Union. Gehlen's intelligence reports systematically exaggerated the Soviet "threat," fuelling American paranoia about communist "subversion." Joseph Stalin was now vilified as a "tyrant" and "mass murderer". All the

old Nazi black propaganda about the "communist menace" and the "Soviet beast" was now directly taken up by the CIA. Nazi agents and collaborators inside the Soviet bureaucracy and the KGB now became trusted assets of the CIA.

"The only intelligence provided by the Gehlen net to the United States," asserts researcher and activist Carl Oglesby, "was intelligence selected specifically to worsen East-West relations and increase the possibility of military conflict between the US and the Soviet Union." The CIA was, in Carl Oglesby's words, "a front for a house of Nazi spies." These very elements shaped the Western world's image of Stalin and the Soviets. The "Cold War" had begun.

By 1950 the Soviet Union was in the front rank of the world's industrial nations. National liberation struggles were intensifying and newly independent nations were choosing the road of Socialism pioneered by Stalin. Great panic swept the boardrooms of London, Paris and New York. All kinds of espionage, political intrigue and dark conspiracy would be needed to crush the world revolutionary movement and isolate the Soviet Union.

Aware that the imperialist states of Britain and the USA, through their respective intelligence services and agents of influence, were trying to destroy the USSR, Stalin ordered the arrest — announced in January 1953 — of certain Kremlin doctors on charges of medically murdering various loyal Soviet leaders. Stalin had uncovered a nest of traitors, opportunists and spies among his senior associates. Before all the evidence could be assembled to put them on trial, Joseph Stalin 'died' suddenly on March 5, 1953. His sudden and unexpected death ensured none of the traitorous gang ever faced a People's Court.

The writer Abdulakhman Avtorkhanov, in his book *The Death of Stalin*, argues that KGB chief Beria planned Stalin's murder. He had been laying the groundwork for some time by getting rid of all those in Stalin's personal guard who were particularly loyal to him. The Indian ambassador, who met Stalin two weeks before his death, did not detect any signs of deteriorating health. According to a doctor who claimed to have attended Stalin in his last years, the Soviet leader had no health complaints. Stalin's son, Vasily, had no doubt he was murdered. "They killed him!" he shouted over the body of his dead father.

In his memoirs, Lev Kopelev, himself a prisoner of a Siberian gulag, wrote of the pain he experienced on hearing the news of Stalin's death: "....he was the last Communist in the Politburo — he really wanted something good — and I even cried in secret. I'm not ashamed to admit it, but when they were burying him and the horns were blowing I went into an empty hut where there was nobody, so that I shouldn't be seen either by my comrade prisoners or by the guards, and I cried, because I knew that when my brother had perished he was shouting for the Motherland and for Stalin."

Molotov, the distinguished Soviet Foreign Minister, whose own wife had been arrested for her involvement with anti-Soviet elements abroad, never denied Stalin's greatness. Speaking of Stalin's death, Molotov recalled: "I think that if he [Stalin] had lived another year or so, I might not have survived, but in spite of that, I have believed and believe that he carried out tasks so colossal and difficult that no one of us then in the Party could have fulfilled them."

The current Russian communist leader, Gennady Zyuganov, holds the view that Stalin was a wise ideologist, who "understood the urgent necessity of harmonising new realities with a centuries-long Russian tradition." Stalin is revered as a great "patriot", who, says Zyuganov, if he had only lived "a few more years," would have saved Russia from betrayers.

Stalin's death signalled the commencement of the steady decline of the mighty Soviet Union. Opportunist bureaucrats took control of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. Old Bolshevik comrades of Stalin with a distinguished record of revolutionary struggle were condemned.

Three years after Stalin's death the leaders of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union (CPSU) violently attacked him at their 20th Congress, and then again at the 22nd Congress. In these denunciations, the leaders of the CPSU aimed at erasing Stalin's indelible influence among the Soviet people and throughout the world. They also paved the way for negating the very revolutionary principles Stalin had developed and defended. The revision of the Marxist-Leninist theories on imperialism, war and peace, revolution, the vanguard party, etc., is inseparably connected to the CPSU's complete negation of J.V. Stalin. Under the cover of "combating the personality cult," the corrupt leadership of the CPSU tried to negate everything Stalin worked for and symbolised. This process of revisionism eventually led to the rise of such betrayers as Gorbachev and Yeltsin.

Significantly, the heirs of Trotsky praised Gorbachev and the very forces that led to the collapse of the USSR. The Trotskyists of the late 1980s made no secret of their joy, declaring that the undermining of the Soviet Union had "opened the door for Trotskyism" and "greatly helped the advance of Trotskyism".

At the end of the twentieth century, in the post-Soviet, post-Cold War world, global capitalism is said to have triumphed over Socialism. Working people are under increased attack. The Establishment tells us there is no alternative to the sham New World Order. No world leader is more vilified and demonised in capitalist culture than Joseph Stalin.

We are told by the monopolised capitalist press that Stalin is responsible for the "deaths of millions". Well, the research of contemporary scholars has disproved this. J.A. Getty, who wrote *Origins of the Great Purges*, is just one of several academics who challenge the Establishment view. As to the number of people arrested and executed in the upheavals of the 1930s, "research by Russian and Western scholars in recent years has produced estimates that are considerably lower than those previously posited."⁷ But, whatever the mistakes, whatever the casualties laid at Stalin's door, it can hardly be because of them that he is so violently attacked. Many imperialist countries have supported and rewarded mass murderers.

J.V. Stalin is vilified because, in his day at the helm of the Soviet Union, the exploiters all over the world had something to worry about! The mighty Soviet Union of Joseph Stalin was a bastion against exploitation, against capitalism, against selfishness and greed, an inspiration to millions of ordinary people all over the world. Yes, it had weaknesses and was beset by enemies both within and without. But while it existed, no exploiter could feel safe. Under Stalin, the Soviet Union embodied values and practices of a higher type, and pioneered a path different from and superior to the liberal capitalist West.

For millions of men and women the USSR represented a new civilisation directly challenging world capitalism. Stalin, the "man of steel", rallied them to great heroic achievements. Above all, Joseph Stalin was a true revolutionary and for this reason he will always be vilified by the forces of imperialism. As one Soviet citizen said:

We are sometimes called Stalinists, but we don't see anything to be ashamed of in that. I am a Stalinist because the name of Stalin is linked with the victories of our people in the years of collectivisation and industrialisation. I am a Stalinist because the name of Stalin is linked with the victories of our people in the Great Patriotic War. I am a Stalinist because the name of Stalin is linked with the victories of our people in the postwar reconstruction of our economy.

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DECLARATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF MARXIST-LENINIST PARTIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

From *En Marcha*, Central Organ of
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Declaration of the International Conference of Marxist-Leninist Parties and Organizations

With African hospitality, together with the workers and people of Tunisia, we Marxist-Leninist Parties and Organizations of the ICMLPO have taken up the debate on the international situation, the policies of imperialism, reaction and the employers; the development of the struggle of the workers and peoples; as well as the problems and perspectives of the struggle of our parties.

We confirm the existence of a deep crisis of the capitalist-imperialist system, which is developing in an unequal manner in different countries, affecting particularly, in a negative way, the working class, youth and peoples.

In spite of the neoliberal measures to "get out of the crisis," pushed by the monopolies and the ruling classes, that are trying to make us think that in this way we will definitely overcome it, reality is stubborn, the effects of the crisis continue.

U.S. imperialism is intensifying its wars of aggression, maintaining its imperialist troops in Afghanistan and Iraq. They are continuing their ferocious attack against the Libyan people, the threats against Iran and other peoples in order to take control of their wealth and occupy strategic positions. They openly support the military occupation by the Zionists in

Palestine. The imperialists of the European Union, despite their own specific interests, fundamentally act as allies of the United States in their confrontation with Russia and China.

The attempts of U.S. imperialism and the European Union to control Syria threaten to lead to a direct military aggression in the name of NATO. Such a situation could fan the flames of a regional war, which could even lead to a new general conflagration.

We Marxist-Leninists decisively reject the imperialist intervention, we uphold the defense of the principles of self-determination of the peoples. The problems of Syria must be resolved by the workers and peoples of that country.

As all the contradictions sharpen, inevitably the interests of the imperialist powers clash, some to preserve their zones of influence, others that look for their place in a new redivision of the world; the Western imperialist powers try to maintain their rule unharmed and their areas of control, while on the other hand the emerging imperialist powers try to occupy a place of greater leadership and territorial control in the world. This confrontation among the imperialist countries progressively leads to clashes, sometimes diplomatic ones, other times violent ones, but they always take the form of aggression and plunder of the dependent countries and greater exploitation of the working class.

China is becoming the greatest exporter of capital to the dependent countries of Asia. Africa and Latin America in search of raw materials

and the extension of its markets, as well as an aggressive competitor in the market and investments in the U.S. itself and in the imperialist countries of Europe. Russia is strengthening its economy, its capacity and energy resources, as well as its military power, playing an aggressive role in the new redivision of the world. The positions of Russia and China in the Security Council opposing the military intervention in Syria have nothing to do with the national sovereignty and the rights of the Syrian people; they correspond to their own interests in contending for hegemony with the Western imperialist countries.

The working class and people show themselves in mobilizations, work stoppages and the general strike, mainly in Spain, Greece and Portugal among others, in defense of their rights and in opposition to the measures of capital that seek to place the weight of the crisis on their backs.

In North Africa and the Middle East the revolts of the peoples against tyranny, in defense of freedom and democracy, are continuing. The revolutionary processes opened up by the workers and peoples in Egypt and particularly in Tunisia continue to raise the perspective of a change from the regime of oppression and for their definitive liberation.

In Latin America the struggle of the peoples and the workers in opposition to the looting by the international mining monopolies and in defense of national sovereignty and the environment and nature are mobilizing hundreds of thousands of people.

The fights of the workers, youth and peoples against the effects of the crisis, condemning capitalist imperialist rule, take place at different levels, in all the countries and regions. These struggles affirm the confidence of the working class on the path of struggle, they clarify

the nature of capital and reaction, they unmask the positions of social democracy and opportunism, and, at the same time they show their limitations and weaknesses to stop the offensive of imperialism and reaction of the employers and the governments at their service. It is up to us proletarian revolutionaries to give an ideological, political and organizational response. We take up our responsibility to involve ourselves in the organization and fight of the working class, youth and peoples, to find the communist initiative and courage to lead those mobilizations consistently and above all, to show them the certain course of the revolution and socialism.

The strengthening of our parties, the affirmation of their links with the masses, the task of placing our program in the street, within the reach of the fighting masses, putting ourselves at the head of the struggles, promoting and strengthening the Popular Front are the general orientations that arise from this Conference. The contribution of each party has been enriching and shows that Marxism-Leninism is being strengthened in the world, all of which places an extraordinary responsibility in our hands, to which we will know how to respond decisively.

The sharpening of the general crisis of capitalism, the imperialist aggression and the danger of a new general war, the accelerated development of the productive forces created by the scientific technical revolution, the development of the struggles of the workers, youth and peoples, raise new challenges for our parties and organizations; we must find in the course of the class combats new forms of organization and struggle.

The liberation of the workers and peoples must be the work of the workers and peoples themselves and the unwavering responsibility of our parties and organizations.

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HISTORICAL ROOTS OF THE 'WAR ON TERRORISM'; The pathology of a Single Super Power. NATO and Beyond

By Ellen Ray and Bill Schaap

Global Research Editor's Note

This incisive and carefully researched article originally published by Covert Action Quarterly in 1999 sheds light with tremendous foresight on the historical evolution of the US led "War on Terrorism" and the articulation of what has been described as "Global NATO".

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Michel Chossudovsky, December 5, 2012

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright referred to the August 1998 missile assaults against Sudan and Afghanistan (allegedly in retaliation for the U.S. embassy bombings in Africa two weeks earlier) as "unfortunately, the war of the future." (1) In one sense, she was lamenting the likelihood of various Islamic forces retaliating against American civilian targets.

There is, as Albright understands, another side to these wars, more than guided missiles launched from a thousand miles away, with no danger to U.S. troops. American military strategy calls for "the use of overwhelming force to minimize United States casualties." (2) But it is not that simple. Former CIA Director Robert Gates was more precise:

"[O]ur people and our Government must accept another reality: as potential official American targets are 'hardened,' terrorists will simply turn to non-official targets- businesses, schools, tourists and so on. We can perhaps channel the threat away from the United States Government, but not away from Americans." (3)

What grand scheme, then, is in place, that may bring these "unfortunate" wars back home, against civilians? Recent U.S. strategy, to implement the administration's self-appointed role as global policeman, is now defined by its evolving military unilateralism, at home and abroad.

The Pathology of a Single Superpower

With the end of the Cold War and the dissolution of the Soviet Union, the U.S. at last realized its objective to be the world's only superpower. Though Washington and Wall Street had always been possessed of a rapacious ambition to control the world's economy (what "globalization" is all about), there is now the conviction in many quarters that it is developing the military capability to do so. The acting Secretary of the Air Force, F. Whitten Peters, described the development as "learning a new kind of military operations [sic] in a new world." (4)

It is unrealistic simply to wipe out every non-compliant government; and a few are too powerful for such a strategy. So the U.S. had devised a more comprehensive plan, and now, after some 20 years, is approaching its millennial end game. One critical element has been a redefinition of the "enemy," in order to disguise greed as a dispassionate desire to spread western "democracy." Its complement has been the development of a military strategy for employing that definition to globalize U.S. power.

The New Enemy

It is commonplace to say that terrorism has replaced communism as the new enemy of western democracy. But this replacement has been selectively applied, geared to the goals of U.S. global hegemony. Washington's characterization of a foreign government can change radically when little or nothing has changed in that country. The Clinton administration's most recent pledge of more billions for defense came as the Pentagon upgraded North Korea, Iran, and Iraq, which they call "rogue" states, as no longer "distant" threats of possible nuclear missile attacks, an official position they had held only a few weeks before. (5)

Of course, when this happens, it ought to raise eyebrows among the citizenry. That it doesn't is often blamed on the average American's notoriously short political memory, but it is really due to the remarkable ability of the media to accept new policies, new "enemies," new "threats," without ever acknowledging their prior, unquestioning acceptance of the old ones. (6)

Enemies can become friends overnight, too. Recent events in Kosovo demonstrate how quickly and how hypocritically the U.S. government recharacterizes a situation when it suits their needs. The Kosovo Liberation Army was branded a "terrorist organization" in early 1998, but by mid-year U.S. officials, including Richard Holbrooke, were meeting with its leaders, while claiming they were not in favor of Kosovan secession and the resulting inevitability of a "Greater Albania." Holbrooke was uncharacteristically frank: "I think the Serbs should get out of here." (7)

Ironically, after the CIA financed, armed, and trained Islamic "friends" in Afghanistan, President Clinton now believes that the threat they pose may justify creating a new military command at home to fight terrorism. As we go to press, he is weighing Pentagon advice to establish a commander-in-chief for the defense of the continental U.S., a first in peace time. [More next issue.]

WMD and NATO

The government and its media spin artists have incited western fears by tarring enemy states like Iraq with the brush of "weapons of mass destruction" so repeatedly that the acronym WMD is now current jargon. Part of the "new vision" for NATO, discussed below, is to focus on WMD as a justification for military strikes anywhere, either as deterrence or as "preemptive retaliation." The campaign around WMD is described as "a microcosm for the new NATO, and for its larger debates and dilemmas." (8) None of the analyses, however, point out that the U.S. is the only nation that has used all of these weapons-chemical, biological, and nuclear.

The U.S. has employed biological weapons for 200 years, from smallpox in the blankets of Native Americans to spreading plagues in Cuba; from chemical weapons like mustard gas to cripple and kill in World War I to Agent Orange to defoliate Vietnam and to create a generation of deformed children. It is the only nation that has dropped nuclear bombs, and one that now makes, uses, and sells depleted uranium weapons.

The chemical weapons charges levied against Iraq are fraught with irony. When Iraq was at war with Iran, and the U.S. considered Iran the greater enemy (a view that changed under Israeli pressure), it was facilitating the sale of chemical weapons to Iraq. (9) The weapons inspectors in Iraq claimed that their inventories of "unaccounted for" WMDs came from boxes of secret Iraqi documents discovered "hidden on a chicken farm near Baghdad." (10) but there were easier ways to have compiled such inventories-like reviewing the CIA's reports of the secret arms deals it brokered in the 1980s.

Taking Control

For the U.S., the United Nations has been a double-edged sword. Because of its Security Council veto, it can frustrate actions it opposes, but cannot always force actions it wishes.

Thus the U.S. has fostered and funded U.N. tribunals to punish alleged war crimes in Bosnia and in Rwanda, but would never allow such extraterritorial tribunals to investigate crimes against humanity in Indonesia, for example, or in any of its other client states. For this reason, the U.S. refuses to ratify the proposed International Criminal Court and opposes the trial of Augusto Pinochet in Spain. (11)

Where geographically possible, the military planners have turned increasingly to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, which Secretary Albright described as "our institution of choice." (12) NATO is not "hostage" to U.N. resolutions, one "strategic analyst" said. (13) A U.S. "official" explained that the U.N. "figures in this as far as possible," but that the new definition of NATO is meant to include the possibility of action without U.N. mandate. (14)

A Times editorial warned against "transforming the alliance into a global strike force against threats to American and European interests." (15) But Secretary Albright reaffirmed that the shift is from collective defense of the NATO members' territory to "the broader concept of the defense of our common interests." (16) This means, in practical terms, the U.S. forcing the NATO imprimatur on military interventions in the internal affairs of sovereign states that are not members of the alliance. (17)

Kosovo

The most obvious and illegal expansion of NATO's mandate has been its intervention in Kosovo. As we go to press, NATO is voting whether to authorize air strikes against the Serbian military. The rationale for the Clinton administration's push for the bombing is described as to "do something" for the sake of "credibility," especially because President Milosevic might "belittle the celebration marking the West's triumph over Communism," planned for April in Washington. (18) He might otherwise, one Pentagon official feared, try to turn the celebration into a "Kosovo summit." (19)

After President Milosevic agreed to allow a monitoring ("verifying") team into Kosovo, the U.S. chose career diplomat William Walker to head the mission, under the auspices of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. (20) Walker, when U.S. Ambassador to El Salvador, oversaw and condoned some of the most brutal oppression and murder in the Western hemisphere.

The UNSCOM Scam

U.S. abuse of the U.N.'s mandate became apparent in the UNSCOM Scam. For some time, United Nations Special Commission inspectors in Iraq had attempted to gain access to President Hussein's homes and similar sites on the unlikely excuse that they could be CBW laboratories or storehouses. The media continually berated Saddam Hussein when he claimed that espionage was involved. Nonetheless, it came as a surprise to some to learn in January that U.S. spies had been operating against Iraq under cover as UNSCOM inspectors. To add insult to injury, Iraq had been forced to pay for the inspectors from its "oil for food" program income. (21)

UNSCOM was always beholden to the United States. From 1991 to 1997, UNSCOM had no U.N. budget, "but existed on handouts, especially from Washington." (22) Like the Hague Tribunal on Yugoslavia, He who pays the piper calls the tune.

Acting Alone

The U.S. has increasingly preferred NATO to the U.N. to avoid having its militaristic adventures vetoed. But with some disagreements within NATO as well, the Pentagon has taken to acting alone, or with a compliant ally. The August attacks on Sudan and Afghanistan were examples of totally unilateral military action by the U.S. The recent bombing of Iraq, a joint U.S.-U.K. operation, was taken without consulting either the U.N. or NATO. As one reporter noted, "the global coalition arrayed against [Saddam Hussein] in the Gulf war has been badly frayed. The United States and Britain are its only steadfast members." (23) The arrogance of such an action (compounded by the repeated failure of its rationale, the removal of Saddam Hussein, and by the UNSCOM scandal), has generated considerable anger around the world, albeit mostly by people and governments that can do little or nothing about it but voice a "growing resentment." (24)

However, some of that resentment has clout. Russia, China, and India have all voiced concerns, and the recent air strikes may have prompted Russian Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov's informal proposal for a strategic alliance between the three nations. While visiting India to discuss the initiative at the time of the attacks, he said, "We are very negative about the use of force bypassing the Security Council." (25) France and Canada also withdrew support. To the consternation of the Americans, France, has formally ended its support for the embargo on Iraq, forcing a reexamination of sanctions and the tightly restricted "oil for food" program. (26)

The "Parallel NATO"

Notwithstanding resentment and opposition, Washington is forging ahead with complex, ambitious, and risky plans, if not to supplant, at least to rival NATO, whenever it balks at American cowboy operations. The program is already well entrenched in Eastern Europe, where the Pentagon has bilateral military programs in 13 countries. Plans to expand into the Caucasus and former Soviet Asia are in the works. (27)

The result "is an informal alliance that parallels NATO, but is more acutely reliant on its American benefactor." (28) Another consequence of this operation is that "the Pentagon is eclipsing the State Department as the most visible agent of U.S. foreign policy." (29)

Funding for some of the programs has an Orwellian flair. The U.S. European Command in Stuttgart runs a program called the Joint Contact Team Program, which was, according to the Washington Post, "initially paid for from a discretionary fund held by the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. To work within congressional prohibitions of training foreign troops, the visits by U.S. military experts are called 'exchanges' and the experts are called 'contact teams' rather than trainers." (30)

One of the convenient side effects of the operation is the astonishing expansion of U.S. arms sales to the region. Eastern Europe "has become the largest recipient of U.S.-funded military equipment transfers after the Middle East." Some Eastern Europeans are justifiably concerned about "whether the United States is fueling a regional arms race." (31)

Another sobering aspect of the Pentagon's preeminence is its growing collaboration with the Central Intelligence Agency. "Ever since the Persian Gulf war, when military commanders and CIA officials became convinced of the need for closer coordination between their services, planning for covert missions has been conducted jointly." (32)

The New Balkanization

The western powers, having successfully re-Balkanized the Balkans, find this Nineteenth Century tactic to their liking. Indications are that there is a serious and far-flung effort under way to Balkanize Africa, redrawing its borders. Three of the largest nations on that continent, Congo, Angola, and Sudan, face violent struggles to divide their territories. In Angola and Sudan, the rebellions, supported quite actively by the U.S., have gone on for years. The move to divide the Congo, however, began only after the recent overthrow of Mobutu Sese Seko, the greedy dictator whom the U.S. had installed and kept in power for more than 30 years.

Learning from the breakups both of the Soviet Union and of Yugoslavia, or more to the point, having long planned for such eventualities, the U.S. recognizes that it is easier to dominate a region when the governmental units are small. Already the media parrots are taking the cue, after years of silence on the subject. A recent, perhaps prophetic, piece in the New York Times, makes the point:

The borders of African nations, set up arbitrarily by the Europeans who colonized the continent a century ago, are supposed to be inviolable. Yet Congo is now split in two, perhaps for good. (33)

Although the Organization of African Unity enshrined the colonial borders in its 1963 charter, and has generally seen them respected for 35 years, the western powers now purport to blame themselves for having imposed these unnatural divisions upon the hapless Africans. (34) This, of course, encourages Balkanization and eases the path to further domination.

In some cases, U.S. strategy is more convoluted and Machiavellian. In the Sudan, for example, it has long been evident that the U.S. wants to keep the rebels sufficiently viable to avoid defeat, but not strong enough to pose a serious threat of the government's overthrow. "Peace," an "official" is quoted as saying, "does not necessarily suit American interests.... 'An unstable Sudan amounts to a stable Egypt.'" (35)

The Consequences

Perhaps we act alone because we have to act alone. Former CIA Director Robert Gates hinted about future wars when he wrote:

"Another unacknowledged and unpleasant reality is that a more militant approach toward terrorism would, in virtually all cases, require us to act violently and alone. No other power will join us on a crusade against terrorism." (36)

But the terrorists have been created – the US Imperialist crusade goes on!

Notes:

1. New York Times, Aug. 23, 1998, p. 21. And see Sudan article in this issue.
2. James Risen, "Pentagon Planners Give New Meaning to 'Over the Top,'" New York Times, Sept. 20, 1996, p. 18.3. Robert M. Gates, "What War Looks Like Now," New York Times, Aug. 16, 1998, p. 15. 4. "The Pentagon After the Cold War," Aerospace America, Nov. 1998, p. 42.
5. New York Times, Jan. 21, 1999, p. A7.
6. Recall that Mobutu became a "dictator" in the press only when his overthrow was imminent; for thirty years, while he brutally raped the Congo, he was our anti-communist ally, Mr. President. And the New York Times always referred to the "Pinochet government" succeeding the "Marxist Allende regime," even though Allende was elected and Pinochet took power in a coup.
7. Chris Hedges, "U.S. Envoy Meets Kosovo Rebels, Who Reject Truce Call," New York Times, June 25, 1998, p. A6.
8. At the upcoming NATO celebrations in April, the U.S. is to propose a "NATO Center for Weapons of Mass Destruction." Steven Erlanger, "U.S. to Propose NATO Take On Increased Roles," New York Times, Dec. 7, 1998, p. A1.
9. Most notably through Chilean arms dealer Carlos Cardoen. See Ari Ben-Menashe, *Profits of War* (New York: Sheridan Square, 1992), *passim*. Cardoen vigorously denied any links to the CIA until his company was indicted in the U.S., when he immediately invoked the CIA-knew-all-about-it defense.
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11. See "The Pinochet Principle" in this issue, p. 46.
12. Roger Cohen, "NATO Shatters Old Limits in the Name of Preventing Evil," New York Times, Oct. 18, 1998, Sec. 4, p. 3.
13. *Ibid.*
14. William Pfaff, "Washington's New Vision for NATO Could Be Divisive," Los Angeles Times, Dec. 5, 1998.
15. "New Visions for NATO," New York Times, Dec. 7, 1998, p. A24. Alexander Vershbow, the U.S. representative to NATO, immediately responded, in a letter to the editor, that there are "no such proposals." The new strategy, he said, "will not turn the alliance into a global police force, but will affirm NATO's adaptability in tackling new risks, like regional instability, weapons of mass destruction, and terrorism."
16. Steven Erlanger, "U.S. to Propose NATO Take On Increased Roles," New York Times, Dec. 7, 1998, p. A12.
17. "The Holbrooke-Milosevic agreement on Kosovo in October was accurately described by Richard Holbrooke as an unprecedented event. NATO had intervened in an internal conflict inside a sovereign non-NATO state, not to defend its own members but to force that other state to halt repression of a rebellious ethnic minority." *Op. cit.*, n. 14.
18. New York Times, Jan. 21, 1999, p. A3.
19. *Ibid.*
20. Walker reminded his audience at a Washington briefing that, while he spoke on behalf of the OSCE and the Kosovo Verification Mission (KVM), he was still "a serving career [U.S.] Foreign Service Officer." Department of State release, Jan. 8, 1999.
21. The revelations, which first appeared in the Washington Post and the Boston Globe, and then belatedly in the New York Times, caused a "furore." Tim Weiner, "U.S. Used U.N. Team to Place Spy Device in Iraq, Aides Say," New York Times, Jan. 8, 1999, p. A1. An unnamed "senior intelligence official" quoted in the Times said that the news "should not shock people." An also unnamed U.N. official said it would be "naive" to have thought otherwise.
22. Barbara Crossette, "Reports of Spying Dim Outlook for Inspections," New York Times, Jan. 8, 1999, p. A8.
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24. Richard N. Haass, the director of foreign policy studies at the Brookings Institution, describes the concern as a "growing resentment factor." Serge Schmemmann, "Attacks Breed a Complex Unease About U.S. Goals," New York Times, Dec. 20, 1998, p. 21.
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28. *Ibid.*, p. A28.
29. *Ibid.*
30. *Ibid.*
31. *Ibid.*
32. *Op. cit.*, n. 2.
33. Ian Fisher with Norimitsu Onishi, "Congo's Struggle May Unleash Broad Strife to Redraw Africa," New York Times, Jan. 12, 1999, p. A1.
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

OBITUARY

SLAVKO SAKSIDA

February 9, 1933 –
December 4, 2012



Slavko Saksida was born in former Yugoslavia and after immigrating to Australia, he and his family moved to Canada where he worked in industry and was active in the working class in their struggles for a better life.

Slavko was an active member for years in the Canada-USSR Association, being part of its Executive Committee. After the collapse of the USSR, the name of the Association was changed to Canadian Friends of Soviet People, Slavko was very active and supported the monthly publication – "Northstar Compass".

He was also a member of the Canadian Slav Committee and took part together with his wife Maria in the many activities that were held at the Friendship House in Toronto, Canada.

On behalf of the Canadian Friends of Soviet People, Northstar Compass and the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with the Soviet People, we express our deep sorrow to his family and friends,

He shall be missed.

**NATIONALISM EVENTUALLY
LEADS TO FASCISM!**

FROM
INDIA

Dear comrade Lucas:

Your Editorial in NSC on Putin and Russia's record has created an interest in our young comrades here. A record of the USSR achievements would be a good counterpoint to the present regime in Russia. Our students want to publish all of these materials in their journal.

Indian youth are bursting and demonstrating with indignation against the brutal gang-rape of this Indian women.

SUCI, being the for-runner of the mass movement did come out into the streets in protests all over India.

Comradely yours
Amitava Chatterjee
SUCCI

FROM WINFORD
UNITED KINGDOM

Dear Michael / Helen and friends:

Sending you a calendar with best wishes for 2013 and wishes for good health and happiness for both of you. Let's hope that the fragmented left forces in former USSR can at last come together and make it the best New Year ever!

Incidentally the last issue of NSC was excellent, well done!

Our best wishes
Cliff and Pat

FROM KITIMAT, BC
CANADA

Dear friends,

Capitalism never did work and never work! It is only lies and wars. I wish NSC all the best and a Happy New Year.

Enclosed is a donation of \$200 for my renewal and donation to help NSC a bit.

Best of the 2013 New Year!

Sebastian Ribeiro

FROM SAO PAULO
BRASIL

Dearest Friends:

Best wishes to all you comrades. Enclosed please find my contribution of \$50 to Northstar Compass. Keep up the excellent work.

Guaracy Gouvea
Vice President of
Uniao Cultural pela Amizade
dos Povos

FROM VERDUN QUEBEC
CANADA

Dear friends:

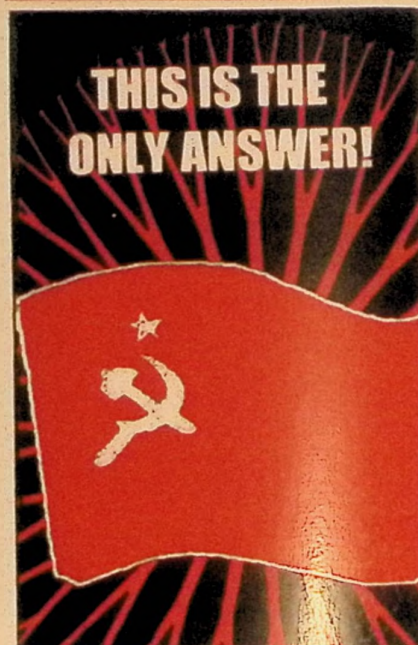
Best wishes for 2013 and many thanks for NSC which I receive regularly. Enclosed please find my \$100. donation to keep on regularly publishing NSC.

Lisa Sabourin

FROM WROCLAW, POLAND

Dear comrades and friends,
Greeting on this New Year, good health, success in your noble work in NSC and for friendship and solidarity with the Soviet People. Just returned from China and sending you for your translation from Polish an article about their Communist Party Congress.

Professor Zbigniew Wiktor



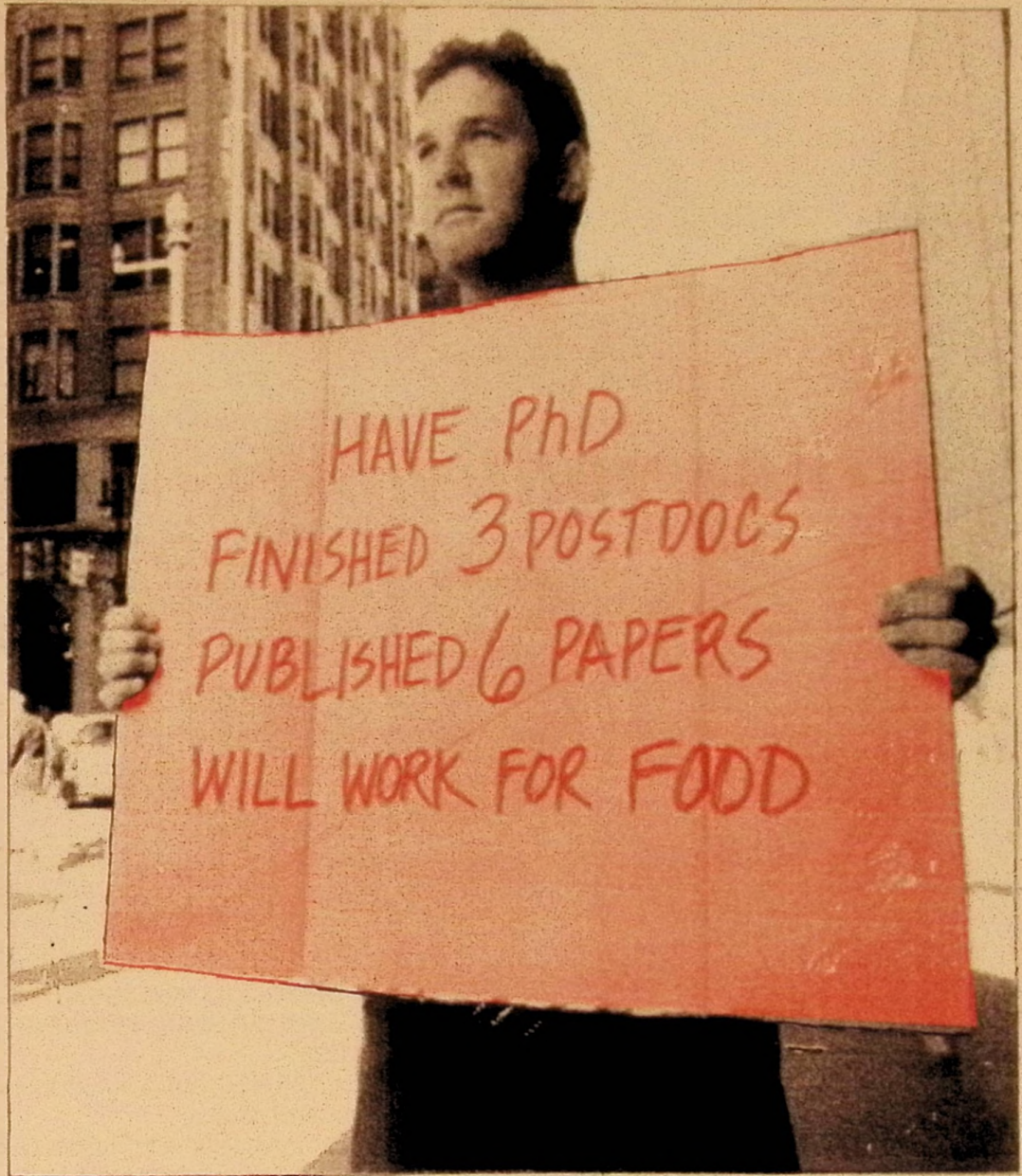
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MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT OBAMA AND HIS MANY PROMISES-

I have education and dedication to work. I just do not photo-ops like you.

I want work and my parents paid taxes these past years. Please, no more blowing hot air for the media!
OK?

P.S. There is absolutely no difference between you and the Republicans! Wall Street loves both of you!



QUOTES TO REMEMBER

"No man should think of himself as a zero, and think that he can do nothing about the affairs of the world. We all have the potential to move the world, and the world is ready to be moved".

Bernard Baruch

"You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one. I hope that someday you'll join us and the world will live together as one."

John Lennon

IRAQ WAR/OCCUPATION COST TO US TAXPAYERS

*Number of Iraqis slaughtered to now -1,455,590

*Number of US personnel killed in Iraq war - 4,883

*Number of NATO troops killed in Iraq war - 3,243

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