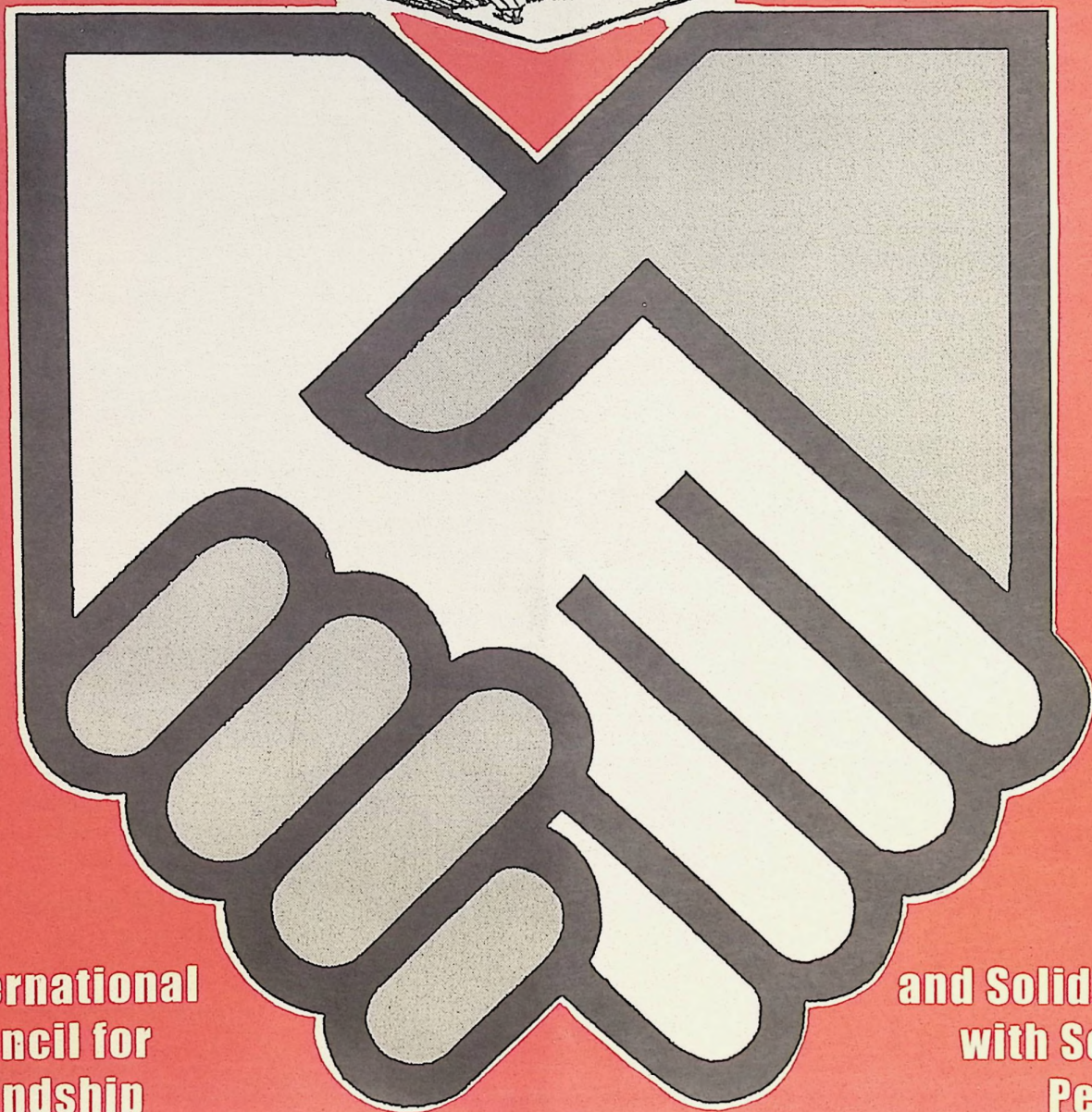
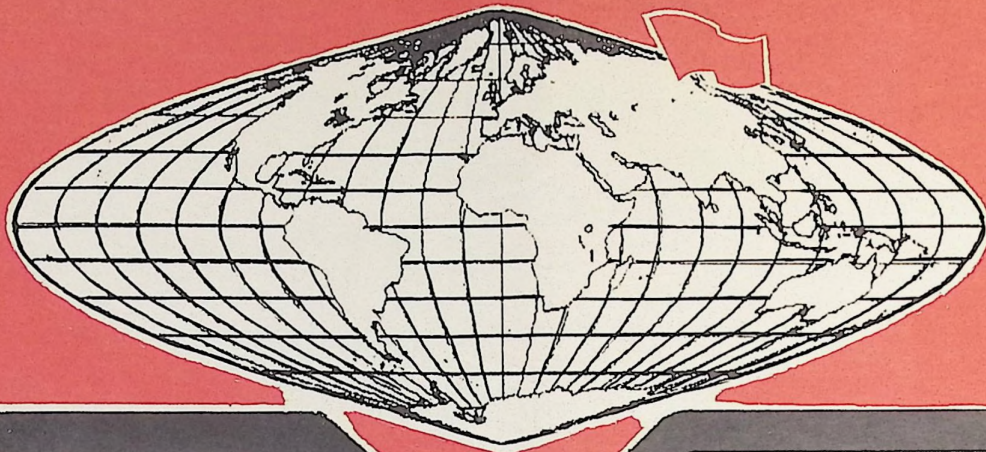


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EDITORIAL

AN APPEAL FROM THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR AN INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF FRIENDSHIP AND SOLIDARITY WITH SOVIET PEOPLE

Dear readers:

We are asking for your input to the proposed Statutes for the forthcoming World Conference in 2001. All Organizations, parties, publications, movements and individuals that have signed the "Call" for the World Conference are asked to take part between now and 2001 World Conference by sending in ideas as to what you feel should and must be accomplished at this extremely important Conference!

Imperialism is not letting up their ongoing rush for domination of all countries and the liquidation in the first place of the Soviet Union. Humanity cannot wait any longer for the time when there shall be achieved that illusive unity and a united front of all progressive forces inside the Soviet Union or in the world in general. There is now a desperate need for an International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People!

Your proposals shall be discussed by the Organizing Committee and shall find their place on the pages of the future issues of Northstar Compass.

On the cover you will see one of the first "logos" for the International Council designed by Michael Lucas, Editor of NSC. Let us receive many more so that we can pick the best design.

PROPOSED STATUTES

We the undersigned representatives of parties, organizations, associations, publications, trade unions and youth movements, hereby proclaim the formation of an International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People.

This International Council shall have a broad character and act as a United Front, independent of any political movement, religion or of present governments. The International Council shall promote and support all struggles of the Soviet people for the resurrection of the Soviet Union and socialism without any interference from world imperialism in their struggles for their destiny as they, the Soviet people deem necessary to accomplish.

The International Council opposes the subjugation and exploitation of the world through imperialist globalization and supports actions against Multinational Corporations, World Bank, IMF and WTO and other bodies that are instruments of world imperialism.

The International Council calls for all workers, peasants, teach-

ers, trade unions, youth and women's organizations, environmental movements, peoples movements, journalists and all peaceloving peoples to join in this struggle to help the Soviet people resurrect their country and thus have the Soviet Union stand up to the growing reactionary forces and neo-fascists whose aim is to dominate, exploit and help US imperialism to be the gendarme of the world.

AIMS AND PURPOSES

The aims and purposes of the International Council includes the following, in order to achieve the above mentioned policies:

*To stimulate and coordinate on a world scale a common line of actions in order to help the Soviet people.

*To raise resources as needed in order to support these aims and also to help the Soviet people not only morally but with any help that is deemed necessary.

*To cooperate with all possible organizations, institutions and governmental officials that have agreed to help in this endeavor.

*The International Council shall endeavor to do research, advocacy, conferences, seminars, publications that shall act as organs of the International Council. The Council shall promote social and political actions meant to help the Soviet people achieve their goal of resurrection of their state.

PARTICIPATION IN THE COUNCIL

1. Any organization, movement, association, political party and publication that agrees with the Statutes of the International Council can apply for membership.

It must be clear that the participants in the Congress must not use this venue for ideological de-

bates about how the Soviet people must achieve their resurrection or what kind of Socialism must be achieved by them. These two questions must be decided by the Soviet people themselves.

2. All participating organizations, movements and publications shall have equal basic rights and duties...such as -

*Equal participation and with one vote per delegation

*Equal opportunity to be elected into the International Council

*Every member organization or publication must carry out their assigned task as per decision of the International Council or the World Conference decision.

*All participants are duty bound to promote in their own countries the decisions of the Council and promote any adopted campaigns devoted to help the Soviet people in their struggles.

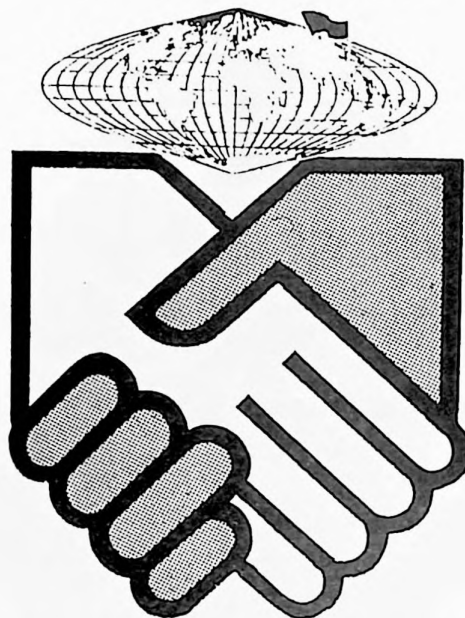
* every member shall help to the best of their abilities to help finance the work of the International Council in holding congresses, seminars and other planned activities.

* The policy to be adhered to is that no member of the International Council shall be a paid functionary. All work must be done on a voluntary basis.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

1. The International Congress for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People shall be held every two years, or until such time as the Soviet Union is resurrected and at that time the International Council shall become an international body promoting friendship with Soviet people in each country whose organizations, parties and publications are taking part and establishing Friendship Societies with Soviet people plus promoting cultural and other exchanges. The venue for each

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR



FRIENDSHIP AND SOLIDARITY WITH SOVIET PEOPLE

*Above is a proposed "logo" by Michael Lucas.
Send in your suggestions!*

Congress shall be decided by the International Council, after a consensus is taken with the member organizations

2. The International Council shall decide how many delegates and how the criteria is to be formed and processed after consultation with the members.

3. Any issue at the Congress shall be decided by a simple majority and each representative(s) shall have the opportunity to present his/her or their organizations point of view.

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL

1. The composition of the International Council shall be decided by the Congress and it shall be the highest decision-making body

between Congresses.

2. The Council shall propose the program, the actions to be taken on certain issues decided upon and pursue in each country its implementation.

3. The International Council shall have closer contacts with Soviet representatives on the International Council and thus be able to coordinate the activities which shall be necessary to help the Soviet people.

4. The election of the members of the Executive Committee of the International Council shall be done at the First Meeting of the International Council after each International Congress is held.

5. The International Council shall strive to meet at least once per year to carry out the decisions made and to plan future actions.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL

1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chairman, 4 Vice Chairmen, Financial Secretary, 2 Secretaries and Editors and as many others as the International Council deems necessary to fulfill the decisions of the Congress. There shall also be elected 3 controllers for financial control.

2. Since all of these functions are to be on a volunteer basis, this Executive Committee shall keep in touch with each other through different media (letters, fax, e-mail, telephone). In order to have a personal continuation and exchange of opinions, the Executive Committee shall try to meet 2 per year if necessary, with each venue to be decided by a majority vote.

FUNDS AND RESOURCES

1. All activities shall be financed by membership fees and different methods of raising funds and resources through different projects, either locally, nationally or internationally.

2. Funds thus received shall be controlled by the 3 Controllers and statements shall be mailed out once per year to all members of the International Council.

FIRST WORLD CONGRESS SEPTEMBER 2001

1. The Organizing Committee for an International Council that was elected in 1998 in Toronto, Canada, is the body that is organizing the World Congress and shall exist as a pro-tem body until 2001 when the first World Congress is held and an International Council is elected.

2. The monthly publication "Northstar Compass" shall act as the official organ of the Organizing

Committee for an International Council until the first World Congress is held and decides whether Northstar Compass shall act further as the official organ of the International Council, or whether there is a need to establish a new publication.

3. The Editorial Board of Northstar Compass now existing shall act as the official body of the publication until the first World Congress, at which time the newly elected International Council shall elect a new Editorial Board of Northstar Compass.

PROPOSED AGENDA FOR THE WORLD CONGRESS

It is proposed that this Congress last 2 days plus a night for reception, concert and sightseeing for all of the delegates.

FIRST DAY-

- *Opening of the Congress by the Organizing Committee
- *Introduction of delegates
- *Approval of the Congress agenda or additions to it
- *Main Report by the Organizing Committee
- *Discussion to the Main Report
- *Proposed Statutes of the International Council
- *Discussion, amendments, proposals
- *Adoptions of the Statutes
- *Soviet representatives
- *Questions and answers
- *Workshops pertaining to different topics as agreed upon
- *Evening reception for all delegates

SECOND DAY

- * Speakers -allowing each delegate 15 minutes
- *Discussion and questions to the speakers
- *Proposals for the first tasks to be started by the incoming International Council

- *Discussions to the proposals and its adoption
- * Presentation of resolutions for adoption
- *Discussion and adoptions
- *Nominations for the International Council
- *Voting and counting of ballots
- *Closing remarks by the Soviet delegation
- *Closing remarks by the Chairman of the International Council
- *Playing of the International
- *Evening reception and concert for the delegates

SUGGESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT

- *What should be the registration fee for each delegate?
- *A suggestion was received that, in order to shorten the name that we are using now, we might use - "SISCO" Soviet International Solidarity Council
- *We should try to establish an Internet International Website for the International Council. Should it be only one, or should we have in the other languages for maximum effect? And...who should control the Web site on Internet as to content?
- *We should open up a competition for a graphic logo for the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People. Have this winning logo displayed at the Congress and honor the Artist
- *Should we try and have an agreed-upon spokesperson in each country, so that the agreed upon policies of the International Council shall be the same?
- *When the agreed upon publication, acting as the organ of the International Council will be published, do we just publish articles of member organizations?

*With thanks to Vic Ratsma
Winnipeg for suggestions.*

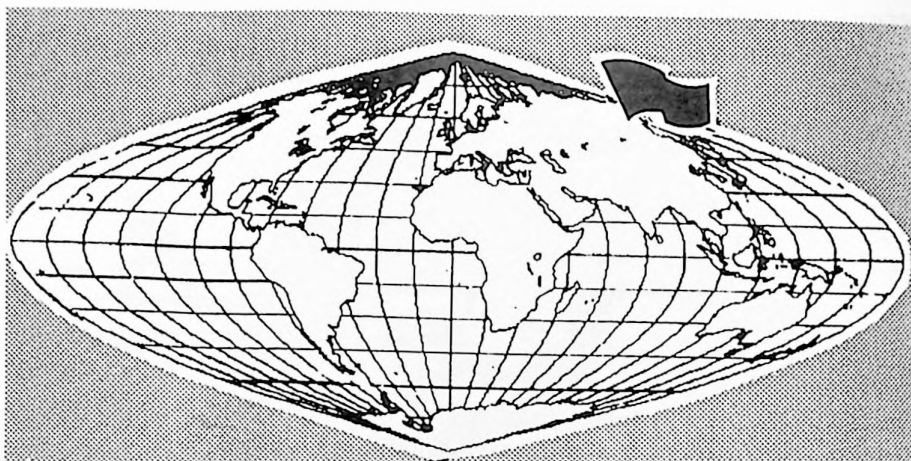
*Organizing Committee
for an International Council*

OUR RANKS ARE GROWING!

We list below the latest list of Communist parties, Socialist parties, Workers parties, Peoples movements, Marxist-Leninist parties, newspapers and periodicals who have signed the "Call" for an International Council which shall be elected at the World Conference in 2001 in Europe.

FROM THE SOVIET UNION

- *All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks
- *All Ukrainian Movement for USSR
- *All Union Communist Party (B) of Ukraine
- *Arguments and Counter Arguments newspaper - Russia
- Bolshevik Platform - CPSU
- *Central Committee of Communists and Bolsheviks-Azerbaijan
- *Central Committee of Azerbaijan Front of Left Forces
- *Central Committee - Party of Communists (B) Ukraine
- *Communist Herald journal-Ukraine
- *Communist Party of Russian Federation - Novocherkassk
- *Executive Committee of Congress of Citizens of USSR
- *For a Soviet State Movement of Ukraine
- *Georgian Association of Friendship with People
- *International Committee for Unity and Brotherhood of Peoples - Russia
- *Molniya newspaper - Russia
- *AUCPB, Orlov Region - Russia
- *Our Compass newspaper-Minsk, Byelorussia
- *Peoples Movement for USSR
- *The Progressive Socialist Party of Ukraine
- *Proletarian Gazeta newspaper in Leningrad
- *Russian Communist Party - CPSU
- *Russian Communist Workers Party



IS YOUR PARTY, ORGANIZATION, MOVEMENT, PUBLICATION OR NEWSPAPER LISTED BELOW?

- *Socialist Choice Movement - Murmansk, Russia
- *Social-Political Movement, Marxist Platform and Enlightenment journal - Moscow
- *Stalin Block - Trudovaya Rossia - Russia
- *Union of Communist Parties-CPSU
- *United Marxist-Leninist Party of Russia
- *Word of a Communist newspaper - Ukraine
- *Workers Ukraine-Canada Society
- *Workers-Farmers newspaper (AUCPB) of Ukraine
- *Workers-Peasants Russian Party
- *Young Communist League - Novocherkassk - Russia
- *Trade Union Zashchita of Russia
- *United Front of National Salvation of Kuban and the Adygeya Republic - Russia

FROM EUROPE

- *Circolo Lenin - Italy
- *Centre D'Etudes Politiques et Sociales - France
- *Communist League of Britain
- *Communist Party of Finland
- *Communist Party of Spain (PCE(r))
- *Communist Party of Sweden
- *Editions Democratic journal - France
- *La Forge newspaper - France
- *Kominform - Finland

- *Kommunistisks Partiet (KPML(r)) Sweden
- *Lalkar newspaper - Great Britain
- *Marxist Labor Party of Germany
- *Michael Opperskalski -Editor of Marxist newspapers - Germany
- *New Communist Party of Britain
- *The New Worker newspaper - Britain
- *Parti du Travail du Belgique - Belgium
- *Proletaren newspaper - Sweden
- *Red Rebel newspaper - Scotland
- *Slav Committee - Prague - Czech Republic
- *Socialist Labor Party of Britain
- *Revolutionary Marxist Organization A/synchia - Greece
- *Union of Working People of Greece
- *Mass Formation of the Youth of Greece
- *The Stalin Society - England
- *Wales Section of the New Communist Party of Britain
- *Workers Party of Finland
- *Socialist Party of Romania

FROM NORTH AMERICA

- *Canadian Friends of Soviet People
- *Northstar Compass journal
- *U.S. Friends of Soviet People
- *Society of Carpatho-Russian Canadians
- *Communist Progressive Alliance-USA
- *Ray O Light Group - USA
- *The Hammer magazine - USA
- *Freedom Road Socialist Organization - USA

FROM CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA

- *Resistencia Redskin - Colombia
- *Central de Trabajadores de Cuba-
- *Chilean Committee of Friendship with Peoples of former USSR
- *Communist Party of Brazil
- *Instituto Brasilio de Cultura Socialista - Brasil
- *Partido Comunista (Accion Proletaria) - Chile

FROM AFRICA

- *Rassemblement es Travailleurs Africains - Senegal, West Africa
- *XAL WI - Journal du Movement et Populaire - Senegal, W. Africa

FROM ASIA

- *Workers Party of Bangladesh
- *Communist Party of India (ML)
- *Communist Revolutionary Party of Turkey
- *Ila Al-Aman newspaper of Syria
- *Indian Council of Trade Unions - India
- *National Democratic Front of the Philippines
- *Revolutionary Communist Union of Turkey
- *Revolutionary Democracy journal of India
- *Revolutionary Left of Turkey and Kurdistan
- *Revolutionary Workers Party of Nepal
- *University of Mumbia - India

FROM OCEANIA

- *Marxist Workers Party of Australia
- *Marxist-Leninist Collective of New Zealand

We are appealing to those parties, organizations and publications that have not yet heeded the "Call" to establish an International Council... to reconsider this extremely important request. We need unity against the Imperialist-Fascist menace!

APPEAL FROM THE RUSSIAN ALLIANCE OF LABOR UNIONS



Oleg Shein, Co-Chairman of the "Defense of Labor" and Deputy to the Russian Duma

The fascist regime of Murtaza Rakhimov of the Republic of Bashkortostan now threatens not only the life of Aleksei Rybalko, but the life of his little granddaughter as well

Recently, the trade union association "Defense of Labor" reported a brutal police attack against the Communist Rybalko - a turner from the Ufa tool-making factory and also a Co-Chairman of the Bashkortostan chapter of this association - and asked for international solidarity in his defense.

In response to the international protests and the legal action taken by Aleksei and his comrades, the authorities used against him the meanest methods imaginable: he began receiving threats that the life of his granddaughter would be in danger unless he stopped the legal action taken against his assailants and changed his account of the events.

Aleksei Rybalko is one of the best sons of the Russian proletariat, the unbending fighter for the emancipation of his class. We must prevent the Ralkimov regime from making violence against him and his loved ones.

Please send letters of support to the following address:

RUSSIA

Bashkortostan, Ufa
ul.Sverdlova 56-37
Aleksei Rybalko

- *Council and the Editorial Board of NSC has sent protests to the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Bashkorstostan. ▣*

OBITUARY



LYDIA S. KARHU

After a short illness Lydia passed away in her 86th year and all of the progressive movement has lost one of the staunch fighters for Socialism and for the Soviet Union.

As a life-long fighter in the progressive movements and in her own Finnish organization, Lydia was a staunch supporter of the USSR, Stalin and the Communist movement. She was generosity supporting the progressive press and her support is legendary. Her love for Northstar Compass and her generous support was like a bright shining star in our work. Her countless letters and positive urging was an inspiration to all of us.

On behalf of the Editorial Board of Northstar Compass and on behalf of the U.S. Friends of Soviet People of which Lydia Karhu was a member, and on behalf of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People, we bow our heads to the memory to this great Lady. We shall miss her optimism very much!

A. MAEVSKY



THE FASCISTIZATION OF THE POLITICAL LIFE IN THE UKRAINE

On December 8, 1991 three traitors of all the Soviet people - Yeltsin, Krawchuk, Shushkewich, under the guidance - but also silent Gorbachev, Yakovlev, Shevernadze and other state leaders of the USSR and the CPSU, signed the Belovezh Agreement and thus dismantled the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

The most active role in the Ukraine in this was performed by all the Ukrainian nationalists and other groupings, who promoted the nationalistic ideology plus anti-Communism and rabid anti-Sovietism. Even at the end of 1980's RUKH started its work of making heroes out of Bandera and his cutthroats - and after the Second World War these elements were in full swing praising American imperialism. This was started first of all in Western Ukraine and after that, slowly but systematically all over Ukraine. They started to tear down the Soviet red flags from buildings and the Ukrainian flags also and putting in their place the Ukrainian nationalist flags, the blue and yellow flag of Ukrainian fascism.

After the dismemberment of the USSR and the formation of the capitalist "Independent" Ukraine, this yellow and blue flag was flown over all government buildings all across the country-even though, according to the 1978 Ukrainian Constitution the legal Ukrainian flag was the red and blue flag of the USSR - Ukrainian Republic.

June 8, 1995 president Kuchma of Ukraine with the former chairman of the Ukrainian

Supreme Soviet, Alexander Moroz (*leader of the Socialist Party of Ukraine*) signed a new unconstitutional Constitution which abolished the 1978 legal Constitution. On June 28, 1996 the Ukrainian parliament during the night, under the leadership of Moroz (*the socialist*) made the deputies sign this new constitution under threat of arrest and without the people of Ukraine having an opportunity to vote or even be informed about this travesty of justice. Thus the fascist Banderite flag that is now the flag of Ukraine was adopted.

In the adoption of this new Constitution and flag, the main role was played by the nationalists, but unfortunately also by some of the left forces. In fact practically the whole socialist fraction in parliament voted for this constitution and nationalist flag. Besides all these nationalists and socialists, even 23 members of the Communist Party of Ukraine as deputies joined the nationalists. Let me remind you that in order to change the constitution and adopt a new flag you needed 2/3 majority of the deputies, that means 300 out of 450 deputies were needed. The "new" constitution was adopted by 321 votes! If the 23 members (*deputies*) of the Communist Party of Ukraine would have voted against this or even abstained, then this nationalistic constitution and flag could not have adopted! After this unbelievable vote, "new" constitution was adopted, the 40 members of the Communist Party of Ukraine deputies, under their leader Simonenko voted to elimi-

nate now the legal 1978 Ukrainian Constitution and it to be replaced by this nationalistic constitution. Yes, the bourgeoisie pays its servants well, even those that call themselves "communists" of the CPU.

The Ukrainian nationalists now in the government are rewriting the whole history of Ukraine in their own image. All that was Soviet is being eliminated and dirt and falsehoods are heaped upon it Unfortunately helping these nationalists is the leadership of the Socialist Party of Ukraine, stating that there was no Socialism in the USSR, heaping dirt and calumny on Stalin and his government. On the position of anti-Stalinism unfortunately there also stands some of the leadership of the Progressive Socialist Party of Ukraine and to certain extent (*although in embalmed phraseology*) is the CPU.

Ukraine has now become a colony of IMF, WB and NATO and no longer holds its place as an industrial and agricultural power in Europe.

During parliamentary elections in 1998 there was elected from Western Ukraine (*Lvov region*) the most rabid anti-Communist that there ever was, the wife of Yaroslav Stetsko who was the Ukrainian fascist head of the "Anti-Bolshevik Bloc" and leader of the Congress of Ukrainian Nationalists. Many more Ukrainian nationalists got elected to parliament.

The cheating and outright falsification was very rampant, leading even to the attempt assassi-

nation of N.Vitrenko the leader of the Progressive Socialist Party of Ukraine Even the Kuchma regime had to admit that they spend millions upon millions of US dollars on the election. As the saying goes, who pays the fiddler, calls the tune!

Kuchma now is in full gear., selling off to foreign investors Ukrainian lands and forests. According to the latest information, as of April 1,2000, 95% of all collective and state farms have been privatized. That means that the former farm workers are going to be thrown into the same position as were beggars under Czarist times.

Knowing full well that these policies shall bring an outburst from the workers and peasants, the Kuchma regime is now putting the squeeze even on its own small bourgeoisie and thus the so-called "Referendum" held on April 16th which gave president Kuchma full dictatorial powers.

(We wrote in the last issue of NSC as to what this Referendum tried and what it achieved. Editor)

Now the move is going on to factually get rid from Ukrainian parliament any left wing or considered left-wing deputies for one reason or another. Deputies like A.Tkachenko, A.Martiniuk and to replace them with rabid Ukrainian nationalists such as I.Plush, V.Medvechuk, S.Gavrish and others. This parliament has now factually abolished from the Ukrainian calendar the holidays and the meaning of November 7th - the Day of the Great October Socialist Revolution.

The same reactionary process is happening also in the regions, such as Ivan-Frankovsk, Ternopol and Lvov regions where there are laws being enacted in order to ban the Communist Party of Ukraine. Young Ukrainian fascists are let loose to take over buildings, wreck the premises of any communist party and their newspapers, such as was being done to the newspaper "Workers-Peasants Pravda" of which I am the Editor, being published in the Carpathian Region of Ukraine, in

Mukachevo.

The attacks against the AUCPB (All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks) are continuing. In April of 1996 there died very, very suddenly and under strange circumstances a member of CC AUCPB, S.P.Subbotin (city of Cherkassy).The official cause of death, according to authorities was old age and heart. But we all saw the terrible marks of blows to the head which were visible. His body was found at night on his way home.

October 12, 1998, after 4 days of taking part and directing the strike of workers at the industry "Hammer and Sickle" together with the Kharkov district AUCPB, died in a fatal auto crash (very suspicious) the organizer of the AUCPB, A.L.Bondarenko..

In Sevastapol in 1998 there took place another attempt to close the publication of our newspaper. But we managed to fight off these unconstitutional attacks for now.

At our February 2, 2000 Conference we undertook to adopt the statement about the "Danger of national-fascist dictatorship in the political life of Ukraine". We cannot allow this to happen and we must organize to stop this attempt at all costs. We must unite all of our forces in this effort, before it's too late. We must resurrect the Soviet Union and Socialism.

We see as our main task to organize and help the workers and peasants in their struggle for their rights, to help the working class to unite its efforts, to help them to arise from there narrow economic demands and into the realm of the class struggle for socialism and for a revolutionary change, to fulfill its task as the grave digger of capitalism. We must build this foundation again and go forward towards a communist future - the future of all humanity!

A.Maevsky
Secretary CC AUCPB
Editor of "Workers-Peasants Pravda" newspaper

FROM
MOSCOW
RUSSIA

Dear friends:

My best wishes to you comrades on May Day and Victory Day. Keep up the good work!

As regards our present day situation, it is far from favorable. Our people again voted for Yeltsin's regime and its candidate Putin for Russian president. The big sharks of our domestic capitalism, such as Berezovski and Gusinsky and many others are still at the head of our government in fact and are robbing us in cooperation with their Western masters. But the ordinary people do not realize it. The same hands direct the dirty tricks of their daily propaganda and the dirty tricks and cheating of the results of the last election.

The election to the Russian Duma and to the presidency were rigged again. As a result of all this we have a pocket Duma and another head of state of their own cooking. This Duma has already canceled the help to the elder and sick people (such as was half rent, free medicines and other help) and even ratified the Start-2 Treaty, thus practically leaving us defenseless.



Unfortunately the ordinary people keep silent, thinking that everything will be more falsified in case of outright protests. The CPRF tries to explain everything to the people, but they seem to be deaf and dumb from this media barrage. By the way, Victor Anpilov now is cooperating with the CPRF, but not the other progres-

sive or the communist parties or groups unfortunately.

I enclosed the newspaper "Russian Pravda" the organ of the CPRF and the protests of election rigging that was going on during the last election, plus other information.

Best to all my friends
Rudoph Kurkin

COMMENT

Reading the excellent documentation with facts and figures about the outright cheating, manipulating, terrible falsification and actual physical interference by the Putin regime in the election process is devastating is unbelievable!

The newspaper lists all the Russian electoral regions, cities, provinces where there were thousands of falsifications that took place, even stuffed election boxes etc. etc. Of course the results produced the win for Putin and his Western backers.

There is a letter from Gennady Zyuganov to the Central Election Commission, outlying all these facts.

Unfortunately the leader of the CPRF is "asking" the Commission to look at all of these charges. Why ask? Why not DEMAND that the results be abolished? Why not have called all of the progressive forces unto the streets right after the elections in order to solidify the unity of the people against this falsification?

Even better...knowing full well that these falsifications were going on and shall be going on under this bourgeois capitalist regime...it would have been better to boycott the election instead of lending it legitimacy! ■

**KONSTANTIN
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For six months before year 2000 came upon us, the Russian press was full of prognosis by different authors and different variations about the many different tragedies that might happen in the coming 2000, the third millennium: natural disasters and technological catastrophes, regional and world conflicts and wars.

But if we look at the situations taking place in the world today, the tendencies, we see that these prognosis can become a reality in the not too distant future, since they are not mystical imaginations.

When it was only difficulties and potential conflicts between capitalism and socialism, the international capital had to contend with the fact that in the West that the demand for products of mass consumption is bigger by 2-3 times and larger than the production of these goods. Since this was the main factor in the internal stabilization of Western world, in the realm of global counterposition with the Soviet Union.

When the world's socialist system in 1992 was liquidated, here then appeared the question in the West of the liquidation of the conflict between the consumption and the production in the West.

Until the middle of 1990's, this question was put on the back burner due to the prognosis that the high standard of living in the West was in most instances due to the disintegration of the USSR and thus, together with the Russian bourgeoisie there was a constant outflow of raw resources to the West, of strategic reserves of raw resources in the USSR,

Why is there coming a World Crisis?

accomplished by the Soviet people from 1946 to 1987.

But reaching 1996 these Soviet reserves were already utilized by the Western economies. At that time a cardinal decision was made to try and save the crisis through financial manipulation in the South East Asia and the Far East in 1997-1998. Due to this manipulated financial crisis (according to figures released by New York banks) there was siphoned off to the USA many millions of dollars.

Together with all this manipulation by Imperialism in order to forestall or try to eliminate the looming crisis, there took place a quick and fast flowing amalgamation of industries, institutions and multinational corporations in order to save costs, trim the work force and thus make certain that the profit margin is there...all meant to have maximum profit at a minimum expense...and thus amalgamations of corporations on a world scale.

But all these measures do not solve the cardinal question of the standard of living in the West. Therefore during the last 50 years, Imperialism has utilized in their orbit of exploitation and profit the social-political structures of Western nations, its traditional political parties, professional trade unions, different religious sectors in order to have them believe in the strategy of Imperialism.

With this in mind and in order for the West to achieve its plans, it is necessary to liquidate the traditional concepts of the socio-political life in the West. That meant to start a grandiose world

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political revolution. Or as some people stated about this "phenomenon" attempt-to make much smaller the world's elite and the national elite"!

Since, the disintegration of any society brings on unforeseen energy, not smaller than an atomic blast, then the planned "world revolution" cannot but bring a World War. This Third World War shall be much different from the previous two world wars since it shall involve not only conflicts between different states but shall also be enmeshed in the outbreaks of civil strife and wars inside these warring states, using all known weapons of mass destruction, atomic, hydrogen, chemical and bacteriological weapons.

Practically this new scenario of "world revolution" was discussed and formulated in Indonesia in 1997-1998. In Indonesia the crash of the Stock Markets, brought about a tremendous crash of living standards for the Indonesian people. This in its turn led to mass demonstrations and fighting and led to the overthrow of the former regime and the disintegration of the country.

The fall of large states-this is the 2nd only in importance for the worlds financial capital. First task is the fact that it is much easier to exploit smaller, disunited and weak countries then it is to achieve same results in much larger countries.

If we are to draw lessons from all this and apply it to the huge territory that is Russia, the same process to trim to size the elite bourgeoisie started here in the crisis of August 1998 with the coming to power at that time of Primakov. The second crisis came with the coming to power of Putin. Coming to save Yeltsin was already thought about and planned, for in 1997, when it became clear, that General Lebed was not the man for this job, since he did not have the training or undercover diplomacy and also he was too ambitious and not following his Western masters in their plan for his future. The project and plans

for coming to power of Putin was written up in an excellent insightful book by S. Norka "Inquisitor-M."Walrus".1997.

The aim of "trimming the elite" in Russia, from December of 1999 started also in the Ukraine - transition of "wild capitalism" 1992-1998, to the next step of "civilized exploitation", under the aegis of "law and order".

Another tendency in this "world revolution" was the process of resurrecting Trotskyism, as a new ideology of "world revolution". This rebirth of Trotskyism nurtured by Imperialism is being promoted in many forms amongst the working class and peasantry of the world...(1) "classical Trotskyism", the believers who utilize this name of their leader (2) different forms of organizations which call themselves "Marxists" and in this they now and then utilize the name of Lenin and using parenthesis they even mention Stalin...(3)and, if we can use this terminology " Right Trotskyism". In the West this "Right Trotskyism" is represented by Bill Gates and George Soros. In Russia the "Right Trotskyism" is represented by the Editor of the newspaper "Independent Newspaper" Tretiakov, who is very tightly connected with billionaire Berzovski.

The "Right Trotskyism" does not mask itself with Marxist phraseology and is Conservative in all essence, as one of the tenants of the left liberalism - the ideology of the world financial capital.

What I have written is not to be taken that this is all and be all, that everything is decided. The harder is the "mechanism of reality"-- there are more and more holes in it. This was shown to the world by the last two World Wars, which did not give the desired results for the financial capital bourgeois of the world.

It is very hard to perceive all in the future without becoming yourself "dead meat" in history, that is why the very bright and farsighted Russian writer wrote in 1844 in his synopsis of the book by Yezhgeb Su "The Paris Secrets"

In his overview, Belicky looking at the situation at the time of 1830 in Paris in the struggle between French industrial capitalists which upheld the Monarchy of Karl X together with European financial capital, wrote this: "The Kings behavior in 1830 was changed by the French Constitutional Charter. In reply, the French working class in Paris, was brought to the fore without realizing the real problems and consequences. The workers and the King's army were at war with each other. In their dedication and misunderstanding the people arose, thinking that they shall overthrow the King and that the future problems shall be solved with the country in their own hands. They fought against unlawfulness which did not solve their problems and was not too readily understood by the revolting working class...they knew who the enemy was, but did not realize who were behind the enemy, in their rear.

They fought in individual pockets, not tied completely to each other, no overall plan or leadership, not knowing who was their enemy for all the reasons that they were not being successful. When the revolt subsided, the bourgeoisie came out of their hiding places, walked over the dead bodies of the French Communards and came very slowly to rule France as the government. They then proceeded to throw out all the dedicated patriots, the real Communards and took power into their hands, the factories, lands and riches. The people, whose dedication overcame their understanding, gave their blood in vain since one ruling class replaced another!

After their victory, the people saw through the present "new" government that their situation did not only not improve, but in fact became worse than before." V.T.Belitsky - 9 Vol. page 63-64) ■

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**NOT A STEP BACKWARDS!
NOT A STEP TO THE RIGHT!**



The newspaper from Lvov, Ukraine, which had its first number published on May 10, 1919 is again being published in Western Ukraine, the seat of Ukrainian nationalism and outright Fascist actions now taking place there.

In a very interesting article (*an Editorial*) this newspaper, which is the official organ of the Lvov City CPU party, headlined its editorial

in this way: "The Communist Party of Ukraine (CPU) must unite and lead the forces of opposition, and not try to transform the CPU into an opposition that serves the regime!"

Amongst many proposals for the improvement of the work of the CPU, here are just some points:

*CPU must not be an apologist for the present (*Kuchma*) regime.

*We must be more active amongst the youth and we cannot win the state just with the hands of the pensioners.

*CPU must defend the working class against the cruel ongoing onslaught of privatization and taking away the rights of workers.

*We must constantly explain that the election of *Kuchma* by the masses was a terrible mis-

take...there are no "good presidents". We need socialism.

*We must break the information blockade that is now imposed upon us. We have to learn what old Bolsheviks did before. We must be using all methods of propaganda and not just depend on the mass media.

*Our fraction in the Ukrainian parliament must be utilized much better...our deputies must be seen and be more amongst the people.

*Our party must be more knowledgeable, more dedicated, more forward, and much more leadership shown.

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HOW PUTIN-RASPUTIN WAS LED TO THE PRESIDENCY!

With a new election bloc formed just a few months before the presidential election; with no election program but lots of foreign and internal Mafiosi finances; by Russian millionaires connected to military and foreign industrial complex and by all the forces of IMF, NATO, WB and CIA...he became a willing groom! Leading him on is Berezovski and Gusinsky!



Collage based on the newspaper "Russkaya Pravda" and art work by Michael Lucas, Editor of NSC

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

The "land of the free?"

In an excellent column in the bourgeois newspaper in Canada, the "Toronto Star" by Conservative well known columnist had this to say about the "Land of the Free?"

"The CIA, you may recall, tried to assassinate Fidel Castro. US Presidential orders were: Take him out! Was it the poisoned fountain pen?"

In those days assassinations were part of the Cold War strategies. But Castro survived. By executive orders of the US president, the assassinations of foreign leaders- was forbidden. With the possible exception of Libya's Moammar Gadhafi: Recall the U.S. Air Force bombed his tent., hoping he would be in it. He wasn't, but they killed his child

You could say of the US Gang That Couldn't Shoot Straight, otherwise known as the CIA, it had a run of bad luck during the Cold War, but you'd be wrong. A river of blood rising in Vietnam and running through Chile, East Timor, Indonesia, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Guatemala, emptying into millions of unmarked graves, testified to sanctioned slaughter of innocents - men, women and children, peasants, nuns, priests, bishops, intellectuals, journalists, liberals - and many columnists of course. The armies that did the killings were armed by the CIA, supported by intelligence gathered by the CIA.

The Soviet Union fell, ending the Cold War to the distress of the US arms industry and the Republican Party. All that survived was Cuba - and Castro. It has been hard to convince Americans, as it was Canadians, that Castro remained a threat to world peace, hemispheric or global stability, or the national security of the United States.

Canadians have been allowed to see for themselves, flying charters to Cuban beaches, enjoying the climate and the people. But in the "land of the free and home of the brave", Americans are forbidden to visit Cuba. Whatever the American people know about Cuba, they know from their politicians. Militant pro-Cold War freedom fighters and militant anti-Communist, such as Senator Trent Lott, the Senate majority leader and war draft dodger, who ducked his only opportunity to fight personally against Communism in Vietnam, and who is second to none in his vigilant opposition to the Castro regime.

Such posturing has its uses, the pretense of the Cuban menace stirs the macho juices of Cuban-Americans in Miami, veterans of the Bay of Pigs debacle, children of the relics of the Cuban fascist regime of Batista. Keeping their hatred alive produces a harvest of Florida Republican votes, while helping a mighty nation perpetuate its squalid, vengeful vendetta against a small island of unoffending harmless people. Denying American citizens the right to free

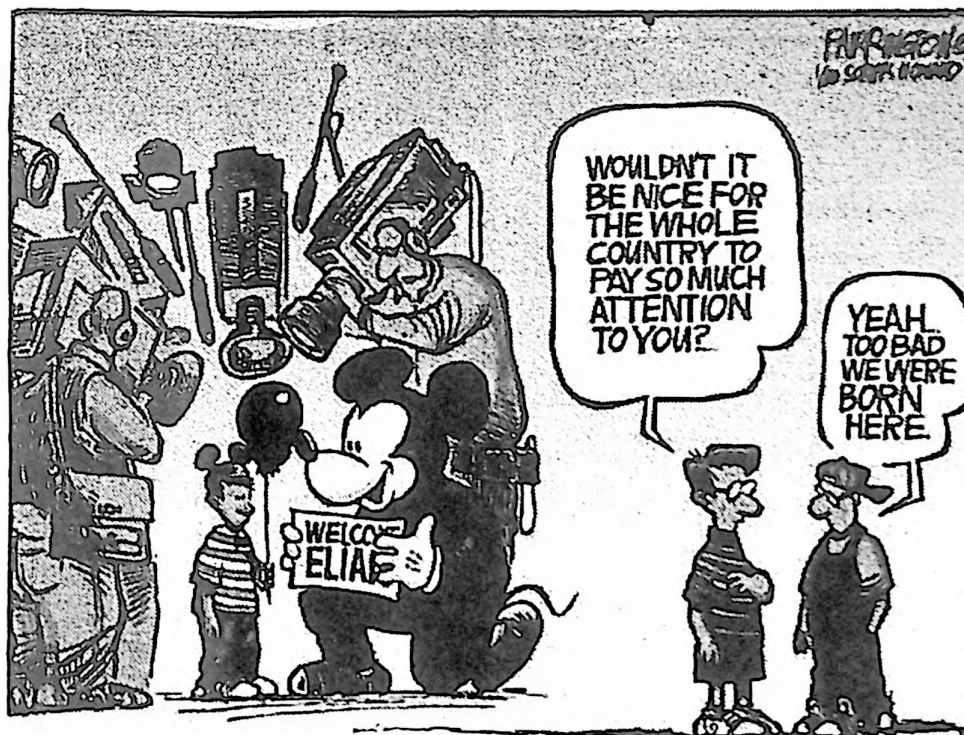
travel in the world is a small price to pay for advancing the political careers of those such as Lott, Connie Mack, George W. Bush and those in the international fear-mongering business.

Consider the power of the mighty nation - the singular creation of an act of God (at it is widely held by the Americans)- and the size of this 6-year old Cuban boy, Elian Gonzalez, rescued from the sea and now a captive of the American politics at its most unseemly and preposterous, and of Cold War residual paranoia and hysteria, latent in Miami among the luckiest refugees in the unhappy history of the world.

Consider all the efforts of the Senate majority leader and his Republican colleagues as witnesses to the child's daily exploitation as a political pawn, and the Republic party's efforts to seek to prevent the child from joining the father and returning to Cuba.

The boy, for months a captive of his Miami benefactors, had developed prospects as a commercial property and bestowed, by mere proximity and the assumption of possession, celebrity and patriotism upon all who upheld the right that he be kept on display before the cameras while confined to cramped quarters of his backyard

Cartoon from US newspapers, published by "Granma" newspaper



toyland, a token triumph of commercialism as the magic additive in happiness, freedom and the American way. Surrounded by crazed relatives, demagogic members of US Congress, right-wing talk-show hosts, local psychiatrists, preying lawyers, praying devouts, T-shirt salesmen, community "leaders", media luminaries and other addicts, the boy was hugged, squeezed, thrown in the air, borne of the shoulders - poignant visualization of his plight as property of the Miami family Gonzalez and CNN television news. Since nothing exceeds like excess, the Gonzalez family in Miami went into film production, releasing to the world film of this hapless child, in a desperate effort to please, reciting mindlessly: "Papa, I do not want to go to Cuba."

Truly, idiocy and depravity had joined forces in this miracle of God's own creation. Finally, the father pleaded in desperation for the return of his child; finally the government snatched him from his little theater of the Cold War in Miami. Senator Lott, complained of the amount of armed force deployed; he will investigate. He does not want the child restored to his father and returned home to Cuba. He trembles at the thought of life in Cuba. Clearly he has given little thought to the deaths - in East Timor, Salvador, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Vietnam, Yugoslavia, all of which he has so blithely endorsed and condoned. Pity America for its helpless need to suffer and endure such men."

Mr. Dalton Camp could have added that its not only Mr. Lott that sabotaged this scene, but the blame goes directly to President Clinton who just stepped back and smiled, while this tragedy was unfolding. After all, is it the Miami based Cuban-Americans that make the laws or is the American Congress?

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HOW PRIVATE IS YOUR e-mail?

Modern communications technology is enabling millions of people around the world to obtain information on the Internet and communicate messages via E-Mail. Virtually unlimited, instant communication on a global scale is at everyone's fingertips at a click of the mouse.

These indeed are revolutionary changes in the way we communicate but it of course affected the security networks that have been put in place by governments all around the world to protect the State against terrorist attacks and other illegitimate actions.

No one will be naive enough to suggest that no protection is necessary, but the question of "what" is being protected and for the benefit of whom is a valid question. In a democratic society, protection of the State should mean the protection of its citizens against violence, but it should never mean that the State itself (e.g. the capitalist state) protects itself against the actions of legitimate organizations who have as their objective to change the State's social system.

But what powers do the states put into motion today? One system that has been put into place for some time now is called "ECHELON". It is being run by the USA, Canada, United Kingdom, France and Australia. This system, as part of a larger security system is believed to be the portion that intercepts satellite-based communications. Echelon has been in existence since 1971, but its capabilities have been drastically expanded since then. It has been suggested (and facts prove this) that Echelon can intercept as many as 3 billion separate communications per each day, including phone calls, E-mail messages, Internet downloads and also satellite communications etc.

Such indiscriminate interception and information about individuals and organizations goes far beyond the protection of its citizens

against "terrorism". And instead of curtailing these activities so as to restrict them to legitimate concerned, other countries are in the process of expanding their capability to spy as well. And this is not restricted to military matters only. The possibilities of spying on other countries economic activities and creating favorable conditions for ones own enterprises is also another aspect. Of course, with all the secrecy surrounding these activities it is difficult to prove that illegitimate actions do take place. I leave this to your imagination.

There are indications that in some countries there are actions being taken to curtail these activities. Whether these actions will succeed in appropriate restrictions however will remain to be seen.

With thanks to Vic Ratsma, Winnipeg, Canada

We ran in NSC an expose how this system works for the US military-industrial complex. The US government and the US multi-national corporations are as one. Their aim is for US to dominate militarily and also economically the whole world! This is the aim of the Global Economics.

REQUEST FROM MOSCOW

SPECIAL FOR NORTHSTAR COMPASS

Dear comrades:

My name is Victor Sh. (for obvious reason I cannot give you my family name). I'm a young Communist and I think that your Northstar Compass journal is really communist and a revolutionary one. Your non-conformist line in defending Stalin, fighting against Trotskyism, all revisionism etc. is the line that the world Communist movement really and truly needs. I would like to subscribe to NSC and also write articles in Russian since I know that the NSC Editor translates from

Russian.

I wish you all good luck and success in your struggles!

COMMENT

We understand your dilemma regarding your name and we shall be sending you NSC and hoping to receive your articles regarding the situation amongst the young generation.

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SPECIAL: FROM PHILIPPINES BY MEMBER OF NSC BOARD

Armed Struggle Surges in 1999

Felipe Tagabalita

In the previous issues of NSC, some developments of the Philippine legal mass movement were reported. This issue, the focus is on the armed struggle. It also saw an upsurge in 1999. Here is an incomplete list of armed actions by the New People's Army (NPA) in 1999.

Feb. 9 — The NPA in the Southern Tagalog region captured T/Sgt. Wivino Demol in Rodriguez, Rizal. Demol is an intelligence officer of the 16th Intelligence Unit of the Philippine Army — the unit responsible for the capture of Comrade Danilo Borjal, consultant of the National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP) in the peace talks. As a spy, he was also involved in planting agents within the ranks of the revolutionary forces, particularly the NPA.

Feb. 13 — Without firing a single shot, the NPA successfully raided the 60-hectare pigery and breeding farm for fighting cocks of Jejomar Binay, head of the Metro Manila Development Authority and ex-mayor of Makati City in Brgy. Maligaya, Rosario, Batangas. The NPA confiscated two M16s, two shotguns, four pistols, one telescope, one cellular phone and one handheld radio.

Feb. 17 — The NPA captured Brig. Gen. Victor Obillo, commander of the 55th Engineering and Construction Brigade based in Davao City; Capt. Eduardo Montealto, the brigade's logistics officer; a Corporal Lipaolipao, Obillo's aide-de-camp and their driver Rogelio Mendoza in So. Tabak, Brgy. Carmen, Baguio District, Davao City via an entrapment operation. Hours later, Lipaolipao and Mendoza were released to relay the local NPA com-

mand's message to the military. Both Obillo and Montealto were armed with .45s when apprehended. Both men were arrested for counterrevolutionary activities in Davao.

Feb. 21 — The NPA arrested Chief Insp. Roberto Bernal, intelligence officer of the Philippine National Police (PNP) who currently holds office in the Department of Interior and Local Government in Quezon City in San Juan, Bacon, Sorsogon. Bernal was consulting one of his assets in the barrio. Bernal frequents Sorsogon to check on his intelligence network and to visit his mistress.

Feb. — A .45 pistol was seized from a Maritime Police member by farmers who belonged to a revolutionary mass organization in Salvacion, San Isidro, Northern Samar. The farmers immediately gave the .45 to the NPA.

Mar. 5 — The NPA arrested Sgt. Alipio Lozada in Lianga, Surigao del Sur.

Mar. 9 — Two soldiers of the 19th Infantry Battalion (IB) were punished in an operation conducted by two peasant members of the people's militia. Two M16s were confiscated in the tactical offensive conducted in Barangay Cabatuan, Palapag, Northern Samar.

Mar. 14 — A Citizens Armed Forces Geographical Unit (CAFGU) member, Romeo Morado, under the 19th IB surrendered to the NPA in Brgy. Gihulgan, Pambujan, Northern Samar after killing Edner Cabides, an abusive CAFGU who owed blood debts to the revolutionary movement. Morado also surrendered two M14s, five magazines and 62 bullets to the NPA. Further north, the NPA punished SPO4 Leodegario Maiquez in Brgy. San Pedro, Lupao, Nueva Ecija; and then SPO1 Jose Ordinario in Barangay Tayabo, San Jose City the next day. Both were from the PNP. Maiquez had murdered two Lupao residents and was

involved in the murder of a resident of Cuyapo. He was also the leader of the a break and enter gang that victimized the people of northern Nueva Ecija and was a notorious extortionist who preyed on vendors and tri-cycle drivers. Ordinario was responsible for killing a peasant leader in 1990.

Apr. 25 — A platoon of NPA guerrillas ambushed the 48th IB's "Bravo" company in Balbalan, Kalinga-Apayao. 2Lt. Joel D. Pacis, a graduate of the Philippine Military Academy, and one of the unit's commanding officers was killed. Two other soldiers were wounded in the ambush.

Apr. — Meanwhile, the NPA successfully raided a detachment of the CAFGU in Mungkayo, Compostela Valley without firing a single shot. The CAFGU elements were unable to fight back. Instead, they surrendered a dozen M14s, three Garands, one M16 and a radio.

May 12 & 19 — The NPA ambushed in Bislig, Surigao del Sur a group of men belonging to PICOP resources Inc.'s private army. A member of the PICOP security force died in the ambush. PICOP, which owns a 195,000-hectare concession that straddles the borders of four provinces in Mindanao, is the biggest corporation in Asia that manufactures and exports plywood and paper products and engages in industrial tree farming. PICOP and the 28th and 29th IB colluded in 1998 to break the PICOP workers' strike. PICOP also used the Special Civilian Auxiliary Army that serves as its security force and private army and brought in hired killers. Seven days later, the NPA raided the PICOP Resources Inc. factory and burned the company's machinery.

May 23 — The NPA attacked the 29th IB detachment in Doña Carmen town, Surigao del Sur and confiscated three M16s, three carbines and a handheld radio.

May 25 — The NPA ambushed soldiers of the 76th IB along the highway in Brgy. Walay, Padre Burgos, Quezon. The soldiers were aboard a Kennedy-type jeep when their vehicle hit a land mine planted by the guerrillas. Two soldiers were killed and two other soldiers were wounded. Earlier, another soldier was killed and another was wounded when the NPA ambushed a team from the 31st IB that was on combat patrol in Barangay Biga, Gumaca, Quezon.

May 30 — NPA guerrillas punished SPO2 Antonio Terro Jr. of the PNP who was an active intelligence operative in Salay, Misamis Oriental. Killed with Terro was Loreto Tagarda, village captain of Looc, Salay. Tagarda was also involved in counterrevolutionary activities in Misamis Oriental.

May — NPA guerrillas raided a Philippine Army detachment in Sitio Ilayang Crossing, Brgy. Sayao, Mogpog, Marinduque. The raid was one of the first tactical offensives of the NPA in the province. In the same month, NPA guerrillas disarmed an abusive mayor and two elements of the PNP in La Paz town, Agusan del Sur. Two M16s, Armalite bullets, a .38, a handheld radio and a radio base were confiscated from the house of Mayor Rufino Torralba of that municipality. Raids on the nearby houses of SPO4 Honorio Campus and SPO2 Jorge Plana also yielded another M16.

June 1 — A CAFGU member and a soldier were slain when the NPA ambushed a composite unit of the Philippine Army and CAFGU conducting a patrol in Laac town in Compostela Valley. An NPA blocking force also opened fired on the enemy's troop reinforcements.

June 10 — Five security guards of Golden Country Farms Inc. were killed in an ambush by NPA guerrillas in Brgy. Balansay, Mamburao, Mindoro Occidental on June 10. The se-

curity guards serve as a private army of Ricardo Quintos, the despotic landlord who owns the 7,000-hectare GCFI. Quintos and his guards are responsible for numerous killings, land-grabbing, intimidation and other abuses against the peasant masses of Mamburao.

June 10 — The NPA raided a PNP sub-station in Brgy. Pilitan, Tumauni, Isabela and confiscated two bandoliers full of bullets for an Armalite rifle, fatigue uniforms and other military equipment.

June 11 — Eighty-four firearms were seized by the NPA when it raided the headquarters of the 7th Regional Mobile Group-Combat Support Company in Brgy. Rizal, Batuan, Bohol. This is the largest number of arms seized by the NPA in a tactical offensive since the Second Great Rectification Movement was launched in 1992. The raid was successfully launched without the NPA firing a single shot. It was conducted by Red fighters led by the NPA Regional Operational Command in Central Visayas. The 7th Regional Mobile Police is the leading PNP unit waging suppression campaigns against the people and the revolutionary movement in Central Visayas and is responsible for numerous violations of human rights. The raid was conducted in response to requests from the people of Brgy. Rizal that punishment be meted out to the abusive PNP unit. More than a hundred NPA arrived at the detachment aboard vans, posing as PNP troops bringing in a captured guerrilla. This enabled them to enter the camp. Not one of the 36 PNP elements in the camp was able to fight back. Before the NPA withdrew, they were able to hold a mass meeting, conduct propaganda among the policemen in the detachment and distribute leaflets explaining the political basis for the raid. Two captured policemen were immediately released after

an intensive discussion with them. The following day, the PNP command in Central Visayas relieved the detachment chief, Insp. Richard Caballero, along with the entire Combat Support Company. All in all, 55 M16 and M14 rifles, 3 M203 grenade launchers, 1 light machine gun, 1 60 mm mortar, 1 shotgun, 18 auto pistols, 5 revolvers, 52, mortar ammunition, 50 plus M203 ammunition, 20 plus hand grenades, 20 plus rifle grenades, and other supplies were captured.

June 16 — An NPA unit overcame its defensive situation when its camp was encircled by the enemy in Brgy. Dominga, Calinan, Davao City. Seven soldiers were killed when the NPA fought against attacking elements of the "Alpha" Company of the 73rd IB-Philippine Army. Six soldiers were also wounded while another six sustained other injuries. Two NPA died instantly when the military opened fire upon discovering the NPA camp. After the first volley of fire, the NPA quickly seized a more favorable position and were able to launch a counter-offensive. This shocked the attacking troops' commanding officer, 2Lt. Dominic Baluga, who ran and abandoned his men in the midst of the battle.

June 20 — An NPA team punished CAFGU Rommelson Puig in an ambush in Brgy. Balite, Magpet, North Cotabato while the latter was riding a motorcycle. He was part of the 206th Special Forces Team, a composite group of soldiers and CAFGU specially assigned to conduct "counter-insurgency" and responsible for numerous violations of human rights.

June 21 — Five soldiers were killed while three other soldiers were wounded in an ambush by the NPA on the 22nd Special Forces Coy. of the 3rd Special Forces Battalion-Philippine Army. The ambush occurred in Brgy. Mainit, Bon-

toc, Mountain Province. The ambush was a punitive action against the soldiers who were deployed to defend the interests of foreign mining companies in the province.

June 27 — Three CAFGU who were part of a team on patrol were killed when they were ambushed by the NPA in Brgy. Libulon, Mabini town. The same day, a corporal was wounded when the NPA ambushed elements of the 25th IB in Barangay Matbol, Maasin, Sarangani. The soldiers were then on patrol. The NPA had wounded two other soldiers from this same battalion a week before in another ambush. Meanwhile, the NPA punished Bong Acula in the municipality of San Vicente, Camarines Norte. Acula was an ex-NPA guerrilla who surrendered and became an enemy asset. He served as a guide in military operations and facilitated the surrender of other former fighters. He also bribed parents of Red fighters to convince their children to surrender or leave the NPA.

June — Two elements of the CAFGU were killed when the NPA ambushed a composite force of the 36th IB and CAFGU in Brgy. Oromica, Esperanza town, Agusan del Sur in June. Two M14s were seized in the ambush.

July 3 — An intelligence operative of the 203rd Brigade was punished by the NPA. Sergeant Toreret, an enemy spy, organized and coordinated barrio intelligence networks in Camarines Norte. In addition, he headed drug, kidnap for ransom, carnapping and illegal logging syndicates. He also ordered the massacre of innocent civilians in Canapawan, Labo last March. A special NPA team ambushed Toreret in Sitio Cucod Kabayo, Barangay Bagong Silang I, in the town of Labo.

July 6 — A NPA special unit arrested the intelligence chief of the Philippine Army's Southern Luzon Command in a

special operation for his intelligence activities that wrought damage to the people and the revolutionary movement in Southern Tagalog and Bicol. Buan, formerly the intelligence chief of the 76th IB, was assigned to Bicol in 1989. He was transferred to Southern Tagalog in 1990, reassigned to Bicol in 1992 and to Southern Tagalog in 1998. He was arrested in San Pablo City through the use of stratagem.

July 10 — The NPA punished Ronald Creer, a former NPA guerrilla who surrendered to the enemy and became an informer for the 203rd Brigade. Creer was also involved in theft, holdups and murder.

July 30 — The NPA successfully conducted a special operation in Sorsogon. Punished in Brgy. Bacolod, Juban was SPO1 Alfredo B. Baraquiuel, an abusive policeman. Seized from Baraquiuel were an M16 and a 9 mm pistol.

Aug. 1 & 2 — Forces of the PNP and CAFGU were taken by surprise by a tactical offensive launched by combined forces of the CP provincial committee in Masbate and the NPA-Bicol regional guerilla unit. The NPA punished a PNP agent, ambushed the PNP and CAFGU elements that served as reinforcement and came to the agent's rescue and confiscated 18 assorted firearms. Brgy. Captain Roberto Inopia, an active PNP spy who was guilty of a long list of crimes against the people, was punished in Sitio Bat-og, Balite, Aroroy, Masbate. An M16, a .45, a .357, a .22 and two riot shotguns were confiscated from him. The following day PNP troops aboard a jeep, a truck and two motorcycles charged towards the spot where Inopia was punished. They were ambushed by the NPA who concentrated their fire at the jeep and one of the motorcycles, as the truck and the other motorcycle quickly retreated. Four policemen and a

CAFGU were killed. Three others who were wounded, surrendered. The NPA confiscated six M16s, two garands, one M14, two .45s, a .38, magazines and assorted ammunition. Also that morning at Lukbanan, Capalonga, Camarines Norte, an NPA special team punished Nilo Elip y Rosas after he was proven to have tipped the enemy on the NPA's movements on two occasions. He also served as guide in enemy operations. He was punished after he ignored the opportunity given him by the movement to reform, and because the people of the area demanded his punishment. Finally, a special team of the NPA meted out revolutionary justice on PNP Sr. Insp. Nomeriano Relorcasa. He was punished for being a counterrevolutionary and for the blood debts he owed the people of Tomolin, Ligao, Albay.

Sep. 10 — Three soldiers were killed and five others were wounded when NPA guerrillas ambushed a Philippine Army convoy in Dimasalang, San Luis, Agusan del Sur.

Oct. 11 — An M16, two carbines, a Garand and two grenades were confiscated by a NPA unit in Barangay Matipungo, San Antonio, Quezon. The raid targeted the houses of Brgy. Capt. Domingo Mendoza and Raymundo Gavino, barangay tanod chief in the village.

Oct. 22 — The NPA in Oriental Mindoro punished Insp. Leodegario Turno, chief of police of San Teodoro town. Turno was riding a motorcycle when ambushed at 12 noon in Lumangbayan, San Teodoro. The NPA confiscated a .45 from Turno.

Oct. 30 — The NPA punished a Korean company, the Keangnam Construction Co., in Brgy. Sta. Rosa, Mulanay, Quezon. The NPA burned company machinery worth P25 million and confiscated other equipment such as video cameras and a

computer. The NPA punished the company for its refusal to abide by the revolutionary movement's taxation policies. This, despite the fact that it operates within the NPA's guerrilla zones that fall under the people's Red authority. Meanwhile, two Philippine Army troops were killed in an NPA ambush on their unit in Tubo, Abra. The soldiers were attacked as they were crossing a hanging bridge.

Nov. 1 — The NPA raided the PNP station in Pola, Oriental Mindoro. The raiding NPA unit were aboard an L-300 van, a jeep and four motorcycles. Seized from the PNP station were an M14, two M16s, a 9mm, ammunition, a radio set and typewriters. Elsewhere, a notorious policeman was meted revolutionary justice in Oriental Mindoro. SPO4 Ciriaco Manalo, who is assigned to Naujan, was punished in Sitio Murangan, Barangay Alcate, Victoria town. Confiscated from him was a .38, ammunition and a hand-held radio.

Nov. 3 — The NPA captured Chief Insp. Abelardo Martin of Dolores town, Quezon when the NPA attacked its PNP station. Also seized were an M14, five M16s, four .38s, two 9 mm's and a radio.

Nov. 7 — Seven CAFGU members were killed in an ambush by the NPA in San Miguel, Surigao del Sur. They were part of a truckload of CAFGU.

Nov. 9 — Three Scout Rangers belonging to a composite team of the 415th Police Provincial Mobile Group and the 9th Scout Rangers Coy were killed in an NPA ambush. The soldiers who were aboard a truck were part of the enemy forces sent to comb through towns near Dolores to look for Martin.

Dec. 2 — Three policemen were killed when the NPA raided the headquarters of the PNP's 702nd Provincial Mobile Group in Sta. Fe, Danao, Bohol.

The 702nd Provincial Mobile Group is the PNP unit primarily responsible for waging suppressive campaigns against the people and the revolutionary movement in Bohol province. The raid was launched by about 50 NPA guerrillas who were in police uniform and aboard a truck and 10 motorcycles. The NPA were able to get close through a ruse. Pretending to hold a Christmas party, the guerrillas brought with them two roasted pigs, bread, rice and drinks.

Dec. 15 — An ambush was launched by the NPA against Philippine Army elements in Barangay Lale, Pinabacdao, Samar, wounding three soldiers.

Dec. 22 — Three policemen assigned to the PNP station in MacArthur, Eastern Samar were seriously wounded in an ambush by the NPA. The policemen, who were aboard a patrol car, were ambushed in Sitio Palanas, Barangay Vigan, MacArthur, Eastern Samar.

Meanwhile, As proof of the continuing development of close coordination between the revolutionary mass movement in the countryside and town centers, residents of Isabela successfully expelled the abusive 21st IB in the third week of Feb. The 21st IB, which is involved in numerous cases of killings, rape, theft, arson and other violations of human rights, was named "Best Battalion" by the Armed Forces of the Philippines in Dec. 1998. The expulsion was the culmination of a series of mass struggles that began in Nov. 1998. Thousands from the countryside and middle forces from town centers waged actions to expose militarization and human rights violations in the region. The campaign peaked in a march-rally attended by thousands in Santiago City, Isabela on December 5 of that year.

"They brought it on themselves!"

By Edward S. Herman

One of the tricks of Imperialism is to pretend that the targeted enemy has been offered a great negotiating option, then quickly claim that that option has been rejected, and then ruthlessly attack or continue sanctions that may be taking a heavy human toll. The beauty of this system is that no matter how many are killed by

bombs, and how numerous the children who die as a result of these sanctions, it is not our fault: they (the enemy) refused our (by definition) reasonable offer to sincerely "negotiate". They brought it on themselves.

The United States as an imperialist power has done this repeatedly. Of course just with really petty targets like Manuel

Noriega or Muammar Kaddafi it doesn't even bother with any such "pretense" - it just simply bombs the country or invades, its "patience" with the bad guy finally exhausted. But in cases where world attention is focused and larger issues seem to be at stake, it very often plays the negotiations game and gambit, nominally offering its victim a chance to arrive at some mutually acceptable solution by discussions and bargaining at a diplomatic conference.

But in these cases the United States is not prepared to make

THE RULE OF LAW IN A CAPITALIST SOCIETY!

The favorite phrase of "our side" as opposed to "their side" is that "we must protect the rule of law", but this rule of law in most cases has nothing to do with morality. The rule of law can be vicious, murderous and completely unjust.

All over the world, millions of people still live under a rule of law that gives them no freedom or right at all. In fact the rule of law lets women in Iran, Iraq, India and in Afghanistan

and many other places, be beaten by their husbands, even to the point of death. In Africa and other places the rule of law turns its back while 40,000 children a day die of starvation and disease.

The rule of law let the colonial empires develop and together with religion promoted slavery and complete extinction of races.

In the history of Christianity the rule of law gave license and power for inquisitions, stonings, burnings, crusades and witch hunts.

In the history of modern law as practiced by US-NATO alliance, the mass killings and genocide against Yugoslavia is

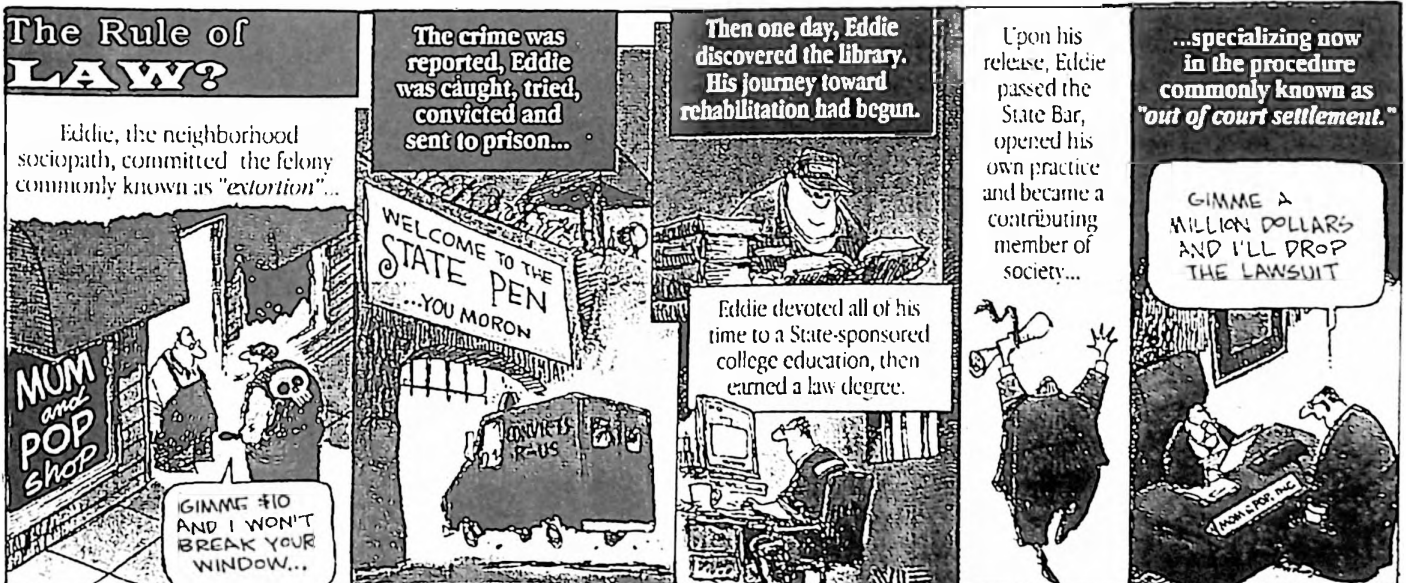
being justified that the Serbs are to blame according to "International Law" and that the US-NATO onslaught now against Yugoslavia (without even declaring war) is within the law and it's not war, but "peacekeeping".

With over 12,000 sorties by airplanes-bombers since the conflict began (more than the combined Allied bombings against Germany during the 4 years of World War II) is also within the framework of the law.

"Law is an ass!"

George Bernard Shaw

With thanks to Bill Crigg, USA



any real concessions and engage in genuine diplomacy. It doesn't feel it has to, as it can easily beat up its targets, and it may be eager to do that to teach all the recalcitrants - and others who might step out of line - a lesson, or to give the military establishment an occasion to show its value and to test its weapons, and perhaps for other political or geopolitical reasons as well. Public relations, however, call for expressions of an interest in settling all disputes by peaceful means, and the U.S. leadership is willing to oblige.

What they do is announce to the people their willingness to meet, sometimes even exchanging diplomatic messages and participating in any conference with the enemy about to be pulverized. They tell the media that they are truly eager for a negotiated settlement, but that the enemy refuses to meet with them or is also being stubborn about accepting the reasonable terms that are being offered. The gambit is to offer the enemy the option of de facto surrender to only U.S. terms or be bombed, and to get the media to swallow the surrender option as very reasonable and to portray the enemy as stubbornly refusing to "negotiate" with the patient leaders of the imperialist power. *It works every time unfortunately!*

During the Vietnam war, with public opposition in the United States substantial and growing, the Johnson administration offered a very clever "bombing halt" to begin every six months or so, at which time it claimed to be offering North Vietnam unlimited talks looking toward peace. In this case, however, as was acknowledged in the released Pentagon Papers, the administration told North Vietnam through their back door channels that nothing would change unless they were willing to completely sur-

render - also to withdraw its troops from the south, get the indigenous NLF to lay down its arms, and allow the minority and the puppet government installed by the United States to rule as a "South Vietnam". The media swallowed this, and James Reston (US media) expressing amazement that the North Vietnamese didn't accept this generous offer: "the enduring mystery of the war in Vietnam is why did the Communists not have accepted the American offer of sincere and unconditional peace negotiations?"

During the Gulf War, the Bush administration refused to let Saddam Hussein get out by negotiations, turning down out of hand half a dozen or more diplomatic options, and insisting on bombing Iraq. The Bush team had always claimed to be trying to get Iraq out of Kuwait by only diplomatic means, when in fact it insisted on abject and total surrender. But... all of the U.S. mainstream media made the diplomatic failure, and hence the destruction of Iraq that ensued, the responsibility of only Iraq and the government of Saddam Hussein. Similarly, Madeleine Albright has repeatedly explained that the thousands of dying children in the Republic of Iraq are strictly Hussein's responsibility as all the killing sanctions remain in place only because he has rejected our (by

definition) reasonable offer on continuing all of the UN-USA inspections of all his military facilities.

Part of the reason the surrender option can be quickly interpreted as a diplomatic option is that the mainstream media always portray it as entirely reasonable, so that any give and take and bargaining that characterize negotiations and diplomacy is inappropriate. This was made very clear in the Kosovo war case where the pre-Rambouillet and Rambouillet "negotiating position" of NATO, which NATO repeatedly stated to the world to be non-negotiable, was that, first and foremost, NATO be permitted to occupy Kosovo. As NATO was very clearly the Serb enemy and allied with the KLA, this called for Serb surrender, but as the Serbs had been demonized and any sovereign rights they might have had to Kosovo had been put in question, their complete surrender was made to seem reasonable. The Serbs were willing to make negotiating concessions - to be international, but not only NATO monitors, and significant autonomy steps for Kosovo - but NATO would have none of this. NATO got real impatient, then stuck in the Appendix B requirement in the Rambouillet agreement that Serbia must permit NATO occupation of all of Yugoslavia to assure Serb rejection. ■

CREDO OF NORTHSTAR COMPASS

Northstar Compass is the origin of the Organizing Committee to establish an International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People in their struggles to restore the multinational Soviet Union as a Socialist State. Northstar Compass carries on the traditions of the "Hands Off Russia Committees" which was internationally established in 1918 to help protect the young Soviet Republic from foreign intervention. The aim of all Friends of Soviet People is international co-operation in building socialism and solidarity with the Anti-Imperialist forces of the world who are struggling and fighting against U.S. Imperialism - the main enemy of mankind. Northstar Compass is the voice of all the Friends of Soviet People.

Northstar Compass acts as a unifying force to consolidate and help co-ordinate the Anti-Imperialist forces of the world with the ongoing movement to restore the Soviet Union. We act as a united front, but we are not a forum for ideological debates. Soviet people themselves will choose the path towards socialism. □

REVIEW

By Dr. Adelard Paquin

La Forge is a very interesting newspaper from France (which is one of the signatories to the Call for an International Council of Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People) fighting against revisionism with many analyses and interesting articles worthwhile translating for NSC readers.

In the March 20th issue, for example, a dossier on the 30th Congress of the FCP (French Communist Party) entitled "The revisionism extended to the extremities of logic" shows very clearly how the FCP, after 50 years of its foundation, from a Communist revolutionary party, has become a revisionist party and finally nothing but a social-democratic party. This revisionism is a complete departure from Marxism-Leninism, like their relinquishment of the "dictatorship of the proletariat" thus making a complete departure from Marxism inevitable.

According to FCP, the working class is not the only revolutionary class and the notion of the working class must be replaced by a "social movement" and thus quickly capitalism shall be done

away with. I can state this obviously resembles what Krushchev preached at the XXth Congress of the CPSU, when he said: "the working class can attain socialism by conquering with a strong majority a bourgeois parliament and thus transforming this bourgeois instrument to the popular will".

What happened to the French Communist Party and the party in the former USSR and other Eastern European countries is a tragic illustration what really happens when the fundamentals of socialism and also Marxism-Leninism are forgotten.



"La Forge" is the central organ of the Communist Party of the French Workers, which celebrates this year its 21st Anniversary. This history is here now because many members of the FCP decided to leave its ranks and form a real communist party...to fight against revisionism which is tied to the struggle for a revolution and socialism.

We must never forget what Lenin said: "The true test of a Communist was one's stand on the question of the dictatorship of

the proletariat!" and I state that anti-Stalinism of the old French Communist Party is inextricably linked to its revisionism and reformism.

As Kevin Walsh of the USA remarkably said in the March issue of NSC in response to the remarks made by Barry Lituchy "anti-Stalinism is the renunciation of the achievements of the Great October Revolution, and we cannot afford anti-Stalinism to be a "gray area" as Lituchy recommends."

I agree completely with Kevin Walsh that the rehabilitation of Stalin is, now more than ever before, and important task, and that the complete surrender to anti-Stalinism is the false path of Trotskyism and leads to reformism. I feel unfortunately that this is the path that was followed by the French Communist Party.

I want to congratulate NSC for the help it provides us, the readers, in our study of the struggles waged by the Bolshevik Party under the leadership of Joseph Stalin against Trotskyism and all of the revisionists. By rereading this history, we can improve our understanding of what is presently happening today in the ex-Soviet Union and, for the indispensable information on the present situation all over the world!

PEOPLE UNITED DO WIN!

People in Edmonton, Canada did it, by stopping the complete privatization of Healthcare!

CANADIANS ARE FIGHTING BACK!

Below we publish just a part of one of thousands of letters being written by Canadians protesting the privatization of healthcare.

To Premier Ralph Klein
Health Minister Halvar Jonson
of Alberta

Dear Gentlemen:

As a citizen of Edmonton for the past 57 years, it is with great concern that I strongly convey my opposition to Bill 11. It is my

opinion as well as of the majority of people of Alberta that Bill 11 is the first chip that will begin the dismantling and destruction of our Public Healthcare as we know it and as we become accustomed to.

Contrary to your statement through all the media, regarding the NAFTA agreement, it is falsehood that healthcare is not part of this agreement. There are many of us who fought hard against so-called "Free Trade," especially NAFTA agreement. This will open up to the American pharmaceutical corporations and also the

American hospital corporations to set up shop in Canada. This will begin the Americanization of our healthcare, one which considers that healthcare is a privilege, not a compassionate human right.

To claim that this privatization will produce better healthcare is absolutely ludicrous. (In the USA there are 45 million citizens who have no healthcare insurance or can afford it.) It is clear Mr. Klein that you misled the people. You are silent on specifics. Silence is a sign of guilt. In the USA they would openly call you a liar, but in Canada we are more polite. We

state that you (*mised the people.*)

In 1998, after your drastic and deep malicious cutbacks, I had the misfortune to be laid up in the Royal Alexandra Hospital for 11 days. If I had been in the US privatized healthcare system, this operation of mine and also hospital stay would have cost me my home to pay the debt.

It is obvious Mr. Klein that you and your cronies are following the agenda organized for you by the Multinational Corporations. You are not listening to the people of Alberta. You are spending millions of dollars to shove down our throat something that the people do not want.

I insist that you replace all the money that you slashed from the Alberta Medicare! Remember, governments are elected by the people of our society, not the few with vested interests.

I have myself collected over

1,000 signatures against privatization and believe me the public is angry with your moves. I can truly say that over 89% of the public signed my petition all agree with it.

Mr. Klein, do not resort to name calling of people that oppose your bill. To be called a **LEFWING NUT** because I oppose the Bill is an honor, for I can now conscientiously state that I am serving all Canadians in the struggle for justice.

Your agenda is not to listen to the people but it is geared towards creating freedom for the rich corporations to get rich while the poor get poorer. Because you have not led our province democratically, I insist that you table Bill 11 and resign your position as Premier of Alberta!

Paul Greene
Member of NSC
Editorial Committee

of thousands of them, ended up in such places as Detroit, where I had the honor of working with one of them against the Crime of Vietnam when the war was still popular in the early 60's. (He told me about his father's resistance to the Boer War, but I digress). Sending people into exile is dangerous for the ruling class and I speak from personal experience from the Nation of Quebec, do I not, as a German Communist from Quebec, not without growing support here teamed up with another exile, our beloved comrade Sister Donia Johnson Bunge from the British hell hole of Dominica.

This revolutionary zeal was re-energized by the Great Depression following the Stock Market Crash of 1929. People could feel the Revolution as we were on the brink of one. The impoverished and humiliated Quebecois converted Dr. Norman Bethune who was working at Sacre-Coeur Hospital in Montreal and hanging out with Reds in the East side of the fine city, Park Extension. He reported on the enthusiasm of the workers, many unemployed, for the revolution, so concrete, so needed that it was more real than a Christian Scientist's proximity to Heaven. Claude Lightfoot and half Native United Stateser from Lake Village, Arkansas driven out of that small place to Chicago and his numerous Red friends, on Chicago's southside were making confident predictions that the Revolution would occur before Christmas in 1931.

What proved to be premature was finally seized upon by the oppressing class and ridiculed as "Come the Revolution, Comrade" and for over one half century we revolutionaries have been Pavlovianly conditioned against predicting revolution. So just when will our long awaited revolution come, and where too for that matter?

SPECIAL

COME THE REVOLUTION, COMRADE

With the success of the Russian Revolution under Lenin's leadership in 1917, the workers of the world were riveted. Like the Haitian slave revolution in 1791 which raced through the slave population of the American Hemisphere fast as Voo Doo drums could travel which was much faster than any European invention to date, so to the establishment of the first workers state was almost instantly known and widely celebrated throughout the world. News of such revolutions can not be surpassed by "control" of the media. At the same time action was taken by the workers almost instantaneously. The steve-

dore dock workers at Clydeside in Scotland refused to load ships during the first invasion of Soviet Union. The Intervention, by some seventeen imperialist nations from the "democracies" of Western Europe plus Japan. Believe it or not, the "defeated" Germans were used by the Finnish Fascist, General Mannheim to try and defeat Lenin inspired revolution in 1918 just one year after the Soviet rising, a taste of what was to come in 1941. Stevedores in Seattle in the United States also refused to load ships. There was much mass deportations too, the Palmer Raids of the early 1920's sent thousands of foreign born Reds back to Europe. The deportation continued into the Reign of Terror called McCarthyism when self-described "dialectical materialists" Charlie Chaplin was sent packing and so was Kurt Weiler who gladly returned to the anti-Fascist portion of Germany and wrote their national anthem. The deportations from Scotland, tens

The time and place of Revolution has been always one of the industrial proletariat rising which always has an urban location. But what really happened was not an urban proletariat rising but a landless peasant rising. Lenin's winning slogan was "bread, peace and land" and the Red Army which was formed when the conscripted men shot their officers was overwhelmingly one of the landless peasants. The historic geography repeated in Mao's Chins in 1949 after the disastrous proletariat attempt in Shanghai. All members of the Central Committee were killed in that one except Mao who was off in the hills with his landless peasants. Fidel who inspires so many came out of the hills of Sierre Mastre to liberate the workers in Havana with an army of landless peasants. "Farmers of the World Unite". Why is such a slogan an error? Because the landless peasants think their problem is that they have no land but the real problem is that they have no tractors. To have tractors you must industrialize your nation which is practically what Lenin did.

Factory hands have a much better life than peasants who in Czarist Russia in 1917 were still plowing the land with wooden plows and whose diet was so terrible that each winter they would go half blind and could not see at night. But as the astute Lenin noticed "people as they are today." There are no landless peasants left in English dominated North America, north of the Rio Grande, that is. Farms are now factories, increasingly owned by banks and agricultural multinationals. They resemble in appearance the collective and state farms of the Soviet Union, vast sheds with tractors all lined up. We have one where I live. Hogs are now raised in hog factories.

Long ago chickens suffered a similar fate. The industrial proletariat in California lies down in long hammocks and pick crops and place them on a conveyor belt. Cotton since World War II, has been machine picked and there went the semi-slaved Black share croppers off to Chicago, Detroit, Milwaukee and Sitton by the Dock By the Bay on the Pacific Coast.

We Reds are either playing dumb or we are actually dumb if we do not recognize the industrialization of the outdoors. We were able to surmount our prejudiced with the Teamsters as a "street union" cab drivers too in Toronto where I was one, but the obliteration here of farmers as peasants seems to baffle us into a blindness of the real world as it is today and as it is unfolding tomorrow. Are there no landless



peasants left in the world? Look at all of the Andes! Landless peasants in Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, Mexico and that revolution trembling to happen, Brazil, whose stock market keeps crashing along with all the rest of the world. Who cares if Tony Blair visits Moscow? No one knows who Tony Blair is except Englishmen and a handful of scientific socialist elite. The day Tony Who visited Moscow their stock market crashed still further practically nothingness like Richmond's slave stock market as Grant was approaching. Zimbabwe is in a landless peasant uprising and the head of their state refuses to take a loan from the English to compensate the

English farmers with their huge estates because, as he put it, the English did not pay the Africans anything when they took the land in the first place. Touché!

So what united landless peasants and industrial proletariats as natural and crucial allies? It is injustice, injustice at such a scale as to be impossible to live under. Injustice is not just a lack of bread when bread is so available. It is the schoolchild in Detroit with the headache of malnutrition, with no breakfast in her stomach, walking by the grocery store chuck full of food, protected from her stomach by bullet proof glass and an armed rentacop readily to shoot her dead if she tries to eat anyway. It is half material, her stomach, and half spiritual the insult to her Black Soul, as the people who wrote: "The Souls of Black Folks" and "Up From Slavery". What does it say about you, how you are valued, if you live on the Chippewa First Nation Reserve in Muncey, Ontario, a rural slum in such proximity to the horsy set in London, Ontario? It is bad enough that you live without running water, without sewers, with Third World roads and worse, with youth unemployment at eighty or ninety per cent, so there is no place for you in life. Someday youth will stop suiciding and revolt in a great joyous jubilee like the freed slaves followed Sherman in his march from Atlanta to the Atlantic. "Free at last, free at last, thank God Almighty, free at last." When shall we overcome this dying disease of worldwide exploitation, when will the revolution come, comrades? Each day, no matter how excruciating that day for you, indeed, because of your pain, we are one day closer to it!

Dr. William Bunge
Arthbaska in The Nation of
Quebec

"Unprecedented Prosperity", Russia and oil at \$40 a Barrel

By ANNA LUCIA GELABERT

Let us tak TWO ENTITIES called A and B, each having \$10. If A robs B of its \$10, then B sees sudden poverty while A will go on enjoying "unprecedented prosperity." In 1980, comparatively speaking, the US had \$20 to every \$10 the USSR had. Richer and more advanced technologically, especially on the production of household and everyday consumer products. Yet the USSR clearly was a superpower, even if by comparison not yet as rich or powerful the USA.

From 1980 to 1993, with the underlying strategic goal of bankrupting the USSR, which they calculated would feel compelled to follow suit, the Reagan and Bush administrations daily engaged full speed in a mammoth arms race, gigantic even by Cold War standards, "Star Wars" and all that, and to finance it hiked the US national debt from \$908 billion in 1980, to \$4,412 billion in 1993, in 12 years a debt increase 385% higher than in the previous 204 years. US "Reaganomics", cutting taxes of big corporations and the very rich, contributed a bit to the deficits, while the cutting of social services reduced them a bit, but the bulk of the huge deficits was the weapons program.

The Reagan-Bush arms build-up would have bankrupted the USSR,

but did not, because contrary to expectations the Soviets did not follow suit, instead of going overboard with one arms proposal after another. All of them were rejected. Sure, in the end the USSR collapsed, but under its own deadweight, due to its own revisionists plus contradictions and, above all, the demoralizing effects of decades of revisionist leadership after the death of Stalin.

In turn, the astronomic Reaganomics debt - \$3.5 trillion, in \$1 bills a pile 340,000 miles (540,000 km) high, enough to reach the moon and 40% back - should have crashed the US economy in no time flat, yet was followed by Clinton's "unprecedented prosperity". How come? Notice here the similarity of both half-parties of the rich Masonic elite, **Demoesblicans and Republicrats**, how quickly they strike claims that aren't theirs. Reagan-Bush claiming as their very own the complete USSR's "demeriquement" and Bill Clinton claiming as his "unprecedented prosperity". And now Mr. Bushito claiming that Reaganomics is to be thanked for "unprecedented prosperity" and threatening to bring it back. Merciful God!

Well, there are prosperity's and prosperity's.

The post-Nazi Leprechaun

There's the "normal prosperity" which followed WW II. when the victorious US, unscathed by war damage and sole possessor of the atom bomb, emerged then as the world's largest industrial producer and very soon replaced England, France, Holland, Belgium as top global highwaymen and rakers of third world superprofits. Based on the real industrial output, scarce competition in the world razed by

war and a positive trade balance, this did finance the GI-Bill homes and also scholarships, built them Levittowns, sent onwards an unprecedented number to colleges, pampered the baby boomers with silk-lined diapers, jobs available to all who went through the 50's and 60's and well into the 1970's which also enabled the Cold War arms race, neocolonial wars of aggression against Korea, Vietnam, also the bourgeois democratic Guatemala of Abnez, Bay of Pigs, "saving" Santo Domingo, sundry counterrevolutionary wars throughout all of Central America, the "surgical": bombing of psychiatric hospitals in Grenada and paid for the SOA tuition's to train assassins and torturers.

That "normal prosperity", though its psychological effects are still now felt, was critically wounded by the Vietnam defeat, wounded further on by the 1973 OPEC oil embargo and, none the least, by the elite's resolve to reign it in favor of some "new world order." It could not withstand a high monstrosity like the \$3,504 billion Reagan-Bush debt.

By 1980, the export based on post war US economy, where from 1950 to about 1980 exports exceeded imports by a whopping 25.8%, a cumulative deficit of \$1.8 trillion, or 23 times the US gold reserves at today's price. Unsustainable were it not for (a) theft of the wealth of Eastern Europe and USSR (b) "globalized superexploitator"; and (c) usury, extorted from third world nations by way of the IMF and World Bank.

The rape of Eastern Europe

Luckily for Reagan-Bush-Clinton and their Masonic puppeteers in 1989 the Warsaw Pact collapsed and by 1991 the USSR itself, which turned the Soviet's \$100 eligible for sacking.

With the complicity of treacherous harborers in the Yeltsin's "Vodka Robbers" clique - Chernomydrin, Primakov and above all Gorbachev plus myriad's others,

all of them were "ex communist *aparatchiki*" and ex-directors of state enterprises - the wealth accumulated in decades of socialist construction by the blood, sweat and tears of the heroic Soviet toilers, was all "*privatized*" and the sales proceeds openly stolen in broad daylight, taken abroad, laundered and deposited in Western banks. Such as the Bank of New York of recent fame. The trillions of dollars sacked from the ex-USSR and Eastern Europe dampened the shock of the Reagan-Bush debt and fueled in part the "unprecedented prosperity".

Factories, mines, farms, land, prized industrial machinery, even 16th to 19th centuries works of art from Russian museums, even the golden throne and appurtenances of a few Czars, headed West. The proceeds engrossing the newly-found fortunes of the Mafiosi ruling "*democratic*" Russia and their Eastern cronies.

Look at the Gold and Petroleum!

In 1980 the USSR had gold reserved comparable to those of the US and perhaps even higher, after the 1970's gold run on Fort Knox, when in order to keep on printing dollars - backed by lead (*military force*) a-la-Dr. Faust - Nixon was forced to relieve the US dollar from, gold convertibility. The ruble remained fully backed by gold. US gold reserves than were of the order of 2400 million troy ounces, which only meant 30 years of gold production.

Today, that Soviet gold has "*vanished*" and nobody is able to track it to anywhere. In 1996 ALL ex-Soviet gold reserved were 17.3 million troy ounces, barely twice the annual production, ridiculously low. Less than (*in million ounces*) England (18.4), Japan (24.3), Holland (34.8), France (82), Italy (66.7), Switzerland (83.7), Germany (95) and the United States (261.6).

In 1980, to assess the boycott suffered due to apartheid, first world producer South Africa (55%

of world gold in 1980) began dumping gold, which pushed down the price from \$1000 an ounce in 1980, to about \$300 an ounce by the second half of the 80's. But Apartheid ended in year 1991 and South Africa accordingly curbed production (*to 22% of world gold in 1996*). The gold price should have increased, if not to \$1000 an ounce as in 1980, at least not the artificially low **BELOW** \$300 an ounce as it is today. 1985 marked the ascent to power of Gorbachev mania and the start of **PERESTROIKA**. Ostensibly since 1985 US gold production quadrupled, Canada's doubled, Australia's quintupled, the ex-USSR's remained about the same as South Africa's went down by a third. The connoisseurs would agree that 1965 was a lousy year. Some might even suggest that the more than 200 million ounces of "*vanished*" ex-Soviet gold account for today's low gold prices.



The 1973 OPEC embargo hiked crude oil prices from #3-5 a barrel to nearly \$40 a barrel. Later on the prices stabilized around \$19-21 a barrel due to various factors. Mexico, which following the 1938 nationalization became a black sheep, again becoming a major USA oil supplier. Renewed drilling started in the North Sea, Java Sea, West Africa. The US arm-twisting the Middle East countries into producing more. Overall, prices stabilized and all affected made adjustment.

Estimated world petroleum reserved are now in (*billion barrels*): Saudi Arabia (260), ex-USSR (190), Iraq (100), United Arab Emirates (90), Kuwait (95), all of South America (85), all of

Africa (78), all of North America including Mexico (77), Oceania (54). The ex-USSR reserves are largely in the Caspian Sea Basin.

In 1991 the world oil market lost Iran, as a result of which prices should have skyrocketed. But instead they went down, from the \$18-22 range to as low as \$9 a barrel for "*Arabian heavy*", but modestly in the \$10-15 range. Explainable only because also in 1991 the whole of USSR disintegrated, which opened Caspian Sea oil to Western oil vultures, more than compensating the loss of Iraq.

Well, if the USSR was still around, neither the 1991 Gulf War nor the 1999 genocide of Yugoslavia would have occurred. But we can be sure also that, had Caspian Sea oil not become such a cheap source to replace Iraq, no later than 1994 Clinton would have noticed that Saddam wasn't such a bad guy after all and even would have named Monica (*or Hillary*) Ambassador to Baghdad. Never think that Buffalo Bill would miss that chance to kill several birds with one stone.

The main oil pipeline from the Caspian Sea was until recently the Baku-Novorossisk pipeline, through Chechniya and into European Russia, reopened it in late 1997. In 1999 (last year) a Baku-Supsa pipeline opened, to the Georgian Black Sea, bypassing Russia. But the master piece of NATO's oil scheme was the projected 24-inch (600 km) Baku-Ceyhan pipeline, 1,200 miles (1,900 km) requiring 12 pumping stations, to the Turkish Mediterranean, to carry 12 million metric tones of crude (90 million barrels), which would "*provide a vital link to NATO's security*" as well as "*forever shut Russia off the Caspian oil business.*"

As in the Bay of Pigs, the CIA keeps getting an "F" in geography. Baku-Ceyhan needs to go through Armenia or Nagorno-Karabach, a population not overly fond of Azeris and even less of Turks. Easy to sabotage. The alternative would be an 1,800-mile (2,900 km) pipeline south of the

Iranian Persian Gulf coast. Safe as long as the US has no future "need" to bomb Iran again. And even then it crosses eastern Kurdistan.

These plans are all meant to keep sacking the ex-Soviet oil. But there is more.

The only Colt-45 in the saloon

By March of 1993 the CIA had concluded, in its "leaked" document "Defense Planning Guideline" that the top US priority in the new unipolar world should be to prevent any potential rival from even considering the possibility of trying to achieve competitive balance with the USA. Since, as we have seen, by 1980 the US no

world superpower. Junior partners like Japan or the NATO allies are OK, but not another superpower, whether Communist, or Capitalist or, as in the case of India or Pakistan, feudal. That applies to China if she keeps on growing, but above all it applies to a USSR reconstituted as a mighty socialist power, and even a capitalist Russia as a superpower is intolerable to the US in today's geopolitical scheme.

Increasingly since 1960 agreements like GATT and organisms of compulsory loan-shark collection like the IMF, World Bank disbanded the changeover from an export-based to an import-based - truly "usury based" - US economy. By which the US industry would

it "hampers free trade". Government subsidies to assist the embryonic industry of third world nations are prohibited, yet subsidies by the government of an imperialist nation to produce more weapons are OK.

While ostensibly the TNC is "global", in fact it is controlled by the US imperialist bourgeoisie. As long as the US remained the only armed bully in the neighborhood.

The hibernating Russian bear

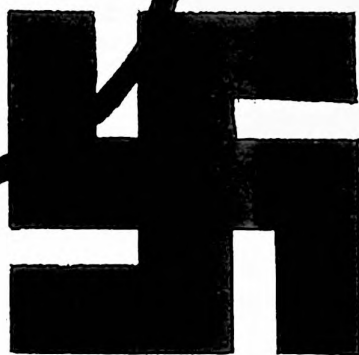
There is a dandy bridge in Brooklyn (USA) for sale, cheap, to anyone not yet sure if the CIA is behind each and every "Islamic Jihad" in the Caucasus. Whether in Chechniya, Dagestan, Ingushia or elsewhere. Earlier they were behind the bloodthirsty Afghan Mujagedine, or the ones who initiated grisly characters like Saudi aristocrat Osama bin Laden in the "arts" of terrorism. Part and parcel of NATO's enrichment is to forever cut Russia off from the Caspian Sea oil. Ultimately to split her into a myriad of third-world statelets stripped off nuclear power. Just as J.V. Stalin forewarned.

Forced by the political equation in Russia, on January 1, 2000, "Vodka Boris" President Yeltsin ceded power to Vladimir V. Putin, the last figurehead on a long string of prime ministers. The malcontent eroding quickly Yeltsin, he was brewed from several quarters. Of course from the sacking of Russian wealth by the "vodka robbers" and their Western accomplices. Of course by the unending skydive of Russia's economy and the resulting unemployment, months of unpaid due wages to the few lucky ones still having jobs, hyperinflation that swept overnight pension funds and a family's lifetime savings, and no signal that matters would soon improve. But none the least by the callous US/NATO genocide of little Serbia.

Because, as some romantics hold, even in literature, Russians are notorious for their seemingly infinite capacity to endure in ab-



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longer the world's foremost industrial power, or even competitive with countries like Japan for such basic commodities as steel, here the "competitive balance" clearly means that overwhelming military superiority. Hence the arms buildup continuous despite Bush's promise of "the end of history" and "a thousand years of peace in a democratic world."

The sacking of ex-USSR patrimony very much over and done with (except for petroleum), in order to continue "unprecedented prosperity" needs to solidify the globalized super-rape of the rest of the world. Possibly only as long as the US remains the **ONLY**

produce naught but still get the produce of the entire world and to boot for free. But the mechanism devised by the Masonic imperialist US elite to constitutionally structure "globalized exploitation" is the arch-secretive World Trade Organization, as was so courageously exposed by the Seattle protesters. A supranational world government empowered to nullify the laws of any nation, whether environmental, child protection or whatsoever, including the laws of the USA, if in its arbitrary opinion

solute silence, for generations on end, some of the most unbearable of conditions. But the fate of Little Serbia seems to have awakened the Russian conscience like a thunderbolt from hell. In the days of Alexander II, or later or now. The criminal leveling of Yugoslavia, as well as NATO's encroachment and the obvious anti-Russian agenda, sent clear signals.

Is V. Putin a communist? Not very likely. He doesn't seem to have any particular ideology...or it is well hidden for the moment.

resolve all the problems in general, this needs dialectics, which move the wheels of history. It is not individuals like Putin, but the correlation of political forces that outwitted Yeltsin and put Putin in power, that have the last word on what will happen. The Soviet restive masses will not tolerate an obvious sellout in the foreseeable future. Such an outcry will provoke widespread generalized strikes, even a civil war. Perhaps even a return to power of the Communists. But the real Bolsheviks this time.

clear holocaust. That is no longer the situation today nor can it be. Too late for that.

As the August of 1998 or March 2000, Wall Street - "minor corrections" prove, taking the ground off "unprecedented prosperity" would plunge the US economy into the direst of recessions, a "great depression", capable of triggering an internal US revolution. Since nothing awakens the fighting spirits like going overnight from "unprecedented riches" to dismal rage.

Why the genocidal Masonic elite now misruling the US and controlling its nuclear arsenal remain passive while a people's revolution overthrows them? Don't bet on it. Go refurbish your 1950's "atomic shelters".

Only 10 years after "the end of history" and the imperialist bourgeoisie is once again ready to incinerate the world.

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BOOK REVIEWS

COUNTER- REVOLUTION The Politics of "Perestroika"

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(This is 120 pages available for research and reference and obtainable directly from NSC for only \$10.00. Send your purchase price to the NSC address.

It has taken ten years for an exhaustive and thorough research job to be done to tear the clouds of smoke-and-mirrors off the period of the Soviet history dubbed



A pragmatic man, cold blooded, he responds to his class interests and these are hardly proletarian. For the moment he poses as a patriotic Russian, a nationalist and promoting himself as fed up with all of the crime, prostitution, losing Caucasus and NATO's inroads. But, Yeltsin too posed as a "patriot" no so long ago. Putin's task is to wait for the right moment to once again stab the Russian proletariat in the back and then go and continue "business as usual".

But, he pushed through his plan of giving "immunity from prosecution" to Yeltsin and his "family". He then rattled somewhat, stating that Russia still has the nuclear capability and apparently got US disturbed by his anti-US and NATO's Caspian oil designs.

So, up goes petroleum to nearly \$40 a barrel. Because the US maybe is the only superarmed bully in today's unipolar neighborhood, yet whenever the ex-USSR sneezes, the Wall Street catches the "Panikod Pneumonia." Don't ask why.

Trouble for US imperialism is that it's not the genius, or can

Look, we're not talking here of a resurrection of the USSR as a Socialist superpower, but the demobourgeois Russian Federation as only a Capitalist superpower, or more likely, as "mixed economy" superpower with all sorts of private and public ownership.

Why this hodgepodge? Because today we see too many factories, enterprises, private farms, collective farms and big and small businesses, all standing still, dead stop. Maybe, until such time as the coming overthrow of capitalism is achieved, this arrangement might be the best of a temporary solution. This would also worry US imperialism to no end. Why would not the Russian Bourgeoisie follow this avenue? The alternative would be the complete disappearance of Russia as a country.

But today the US and Western economies can no longer adapt to a "status quo" frigid bellum ante 1980. At which time the revisionist "peaceful road to socialism" kept all pro-Soviet revolutionary forces throughout the third world while "strategic equilibrium" and "detente" all but precluded a nu-

"Perestroika" by the wreckers of that world Socialist power

The 120 pages amassed by our Australian friends in Melbourne, to the knowledge of this reviewer, is the first such document, readily available and based on massive documentation, full of quotes and genuinely Marxist assessment. It cannot be recommended too highly. In a single page flyer accompanying the work, Dr. Vera Butler who edited the massive task says: "...The purpose of this study is to fill the information void which blanketed from public consciousness the human cost of all of these (counter revolutionary) events". What she described as "research material on the destruction of the Soviet Union." that has produced "The market, that alas has NOT created a 'civil society' BUT HAS ONLY PAVED THE WAY FOR EXPLOITATION, CORRUPTION AND CRIME ON AN UNPRECEDENTED SCALE", she writes, (*emphasis added*). In her preface's final paragraph she writes: "We have embarked on the laborious task of fitting together information as it became available, in an effort to gain a more complete picture of events which culminated in counter-revolution." She asks the reader to be the judge.

Pages five to seventeen contain very graphic heart-rending materials of the destitution, poverty and criminal assaults (*told by participants in that misery*) on the lives and standards of the Soviet People. From page eighteen the analyses examined in some detail the connections and effects of "Russia's Foreign Policy". The role of USA from 1946 to 1991 is detailed through the massive anti-Soviet materials and documents of the Cold War policy to page 27.

This is followed by a detailed examination of the full economic "Cold War" carried on by the USA's, CIA and other forces that included connivance with the OPEC oil producers to drive down the export value of Soviet oil production. At page thirty six we find detailed analyses of "Who Runs

Russia" and on page 51 we find materials on the arch traitor of the Soviet Union under the heading "Gorbachev's Political Requiem: And He Talked and Talked."

A lengthy exposé under the heading "The Deconstruction of the Soviet Union - Reformers and Wreckers" (follows the section of cartoons and pictures) by the Editor-writer Dr. Butler, brings to light the nebulous role of Andropov, the former KGB head who succeeded Brezhnev as well as that of Yakovlev, and even raises pertinent questions about the current head of state, Putin, his origin and policies. In short, within these 120 pages is to be found massive damning materials that came to a devastating head under "Perestroika" and the so-called "new thinking" of master anti-Soviet destroyer Gorbachev.

This reader, after intensive examination concludes that the work is of immense historical significance and should be as widely as possible brought to the attention of those who today confront the obscenities and crucial threats imposed on our world and people by the deadly counter-revolution of 1991...before and after the event. To fail to come to grips with the breath taking corruption, the treachery and looming and present dangers that have grown like a deadly cancer on the fertile ground of that counter-revolution is to court disaster of limitless proportions.

It is difficult in the extreme to review this work for the simple reason that the quotations, tables and general tearing aside of the carefully erected TNC curtain of lies, half truths and deceit follow one after the next in a procession that makes selection difficult.

From the introduction which states bluntly "At the threshold of the third millennium, the vast territory stretching from the Baltic to the Pacific is convulsed by financial-blood-letting, plus the eventual socio-economic decline, and separatism. Whether Russia will sink deeper into the quagmire

of institutional corruption and crime, or whether the nadir has been reached with Yeltsin's departure remains to be seen. **YET WHATEVER WILL IN THE NEAR FUTURE BE THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC COURSE THE EURASIAN HYBRID MAY TAKE TO RECONSTITUTE ITSELF IS BOUND TO HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE REST OF THE WORLD FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE**". (*Emphasis added*) to final page 120 titled the "CHRONOLOGY OF PERESTROIKA" from 1985 to 1991 inclusive, the reader is thrust into a meaningful study of personalities, events, quotations that have been sadly lacking in the literature and news of the event.

The work (*on page 112*) examines in considerable detail the Geo-Strategic fulmination of Cold Warrior and Anti-Sovieteer supreme, Zbigniew Brzezinski and his notion of "Pax-Americana" through the eyes of Russian historian Valerie Kudinov... and extensive quotes from Brzezinski himself. Page 94 gives the reader a tabulation of the referendum vote of March 1992 that showed that 76.4% of an 89% referendum of all the Soviet people, were **OPPOSED TO THE DISMEMBERMENT OF THE USSR** a fact blithely ignored by the Yeltsin-Gorbachev forces.

Page 119 gives detailed UNICEF sources as to the level of crisis in eighteen of the former Socialist countries and republics...including that of Albania. Real wages level in all instances have fallen by 1995 in a range from 11.7% to an extreme of 71.5% in Ukraine and 36.2% in Russia. In the same time-slot, crime rates had skyrocketed from a high of 401% to a low of 10.4%...with a majority well over 50% increases under the "new" capitalism.

The history and events of the abortive coup led by Gennady Yanayev and his fellow Politburo members is given and analyzed. But what emerges is the crucial anti-Soviet role of Gorbachev and his immediate assistants and

collaborators such as Sheverd-nadze, Yakovlev, Medvedev, Pri-makov in shaping perestroika policies that inevitably led to the strangulation of the Socialist economy and state and the alienation of the working class and people. Although not mentioned in this work, these were much the same social-reformist and pro-capitalist economic policies that Krushchev initiated right after the death of Stalin...who to his final days fought constantly such counter-revolutionary attacks on the USSR and the proletarian socialist revolution. Krushchev's policies also led directly to the alienation of the working class and people.

While credit and acclaim should go to this "ten-years-late" examination of what has to be the most significant defeat for the working class of the entire world, this reviewer does not believe the entire story has by any means emerged.... although Dr. Butler's work is very substantial and a welcome start down the road of scientific analyses of all the vast counter-revolutionary activities that were mounted against the Soviet Union and its people by both external and domestic sources. We would have expected such work to come from the USSR first or even from some other leading Marxist-Leninist Party of Communists. That it has not in itself has elevated the pertinent question...were the same political, ideological defects that obviously were present in the bureaucratic echelons of top leadership in the USSR also a disease that had spread its viruses far and wide? Cornerstone to that must be the question of the desertion and burying of unending scope that led to the temporary victories on the blood-soaked Imperialist-Transnational corporate power world wide. That is a matter for debate, but to ignore (as has been almost universally the case) what had happened in the USSR brings to mind the ostrich-like posture of political suicide. Surely, the Marxist proposition of the working class as the "grave-

diggers" of capitalism and the Leninist ideas of the class struggle remain in force and awaiting full resurrection from the graveyard that Gorbachev - Yeltsin Krushchev et al prepared and tried to consign it to.

A great vote of universal appreciation should go to our Australian friends (readers of NSC) for taking the initial steps along the road, one that will be difficult

and long to a Socialist, and eventually Communist future, in country after country...eventually to a world from which exploitation, war and impoverishment will be forever removed. This IS the historic task of the working class everywhere. Marxism-Leninism is the science that will assist and make that future practically possible...perhaps even sooner than we think. ■

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

MONGOLIA TODAY!

This is an abridged article by Miro Cernetig of the Globe and Mail newspaper in Canada, who wrote this from Ulan Bator, Mongolia.

'I believe things were better when the Russians were here. We didn't have children [living] in the sewers then. Now we do, and it is very dangerous. We are showing them we don't care about them, and when they get older, they will of course not care about us. It is a big problem for our society.'

Genghis Khan once again riding high across the steppes of Mongolia.

In the bars of Ulan Bator, young men quaff Genghis Khan Beer. In a nomad's yurt, a traditional circular tent, you often find a bottle of Genghis Khan vodka, with the great conqueror riding his steed across the label. Tourists favour the Genghis Khan hotel.

Mongolia's best and brightest get honorary memberships in the Academy of Genghis Khan, something akin to the Order of Canada or the Legion of Honour. There's even a Genghis Khan atlas to let you retrace the path of "our greatest national hero" as he stormed through Asia eight centuries ago.

"Many young men now want to change their name to Genghis Khan," said Lutaa, an editor at Mongolia Today, an Internet magazine. "People think it will be good to be named after such a great man."

But the Great Khan's renaissance can't disguise the truth. Despite a renewed nationalism, Mongolia is an impoverished land awash in melancholy, hobbled by economic malaise, social tragedy and bureaucratic bungling.

When the coal trains trundle over the Mongolian steppes, on their way to Siberia, the children are never far away. Dirty-faced and dressed in ragged clothing, they are sent out by their parents with long sticks to knock bits of coal from the rail cars, or even worse, climb aboard and fill up an empty sack.

Sometimes, though, they stumble or slip on the ice, or fall between the steel wheels. Then they lose limbs, crippled in a land where such an injury usually means a life of destitution.

"Families are poor and they need to have coal for heat in the winter, so their parents tell them to go to the trains," said Dr. Enkhsaikhan Gigjid, a physician at Mongolia's national rehabilitation centre for the disabled. "In the last two years alone, I have seen five children injured like this. Now they have no legs."

It wasn't supposed to be like this when the Soviet Union collapsed more than a decade ago, and the Russians left the steppes overnight, leaving behind not much more than empty MiG hangars and cheap vodka. Facing a sudden shortage of billions of dollars in subsidies

Mongolia's 2.4 million citizens blazed a radically different trail.

They embraced democracy, kicked out their aging Communist government in 1996 without bloodshed, and embraced the principles of Adam Smith. Their current government, a coalition of democratic parties, won election by creating a "Contract with Mongolia," crafted, with the help of visiting U.S. Republicans, to enshrine the neoconservative nostrums of Newt Gingrich's 1994 Contract with America.

That leap of faith has brought economic disaster, social tragedy and a pronounced nostalgia for the days when Ulan Bator was full of Russian soldiers and foreign experts.

Not many Mongolians can forget that in the first year of their love affair with the free market, their young government lost \$120-million — most of the country's foreign reserves — in a few days of disastrously amateurish commodity trades. Ulan Bator's stock market, in an old cinema not far from the statue of Lenin, has never really recovered its reputation.

"I believe things were better when the Russians were here," Dr. Gigjid said, sitting in a rundown building used as a hospital. She makes about \$60 a month, less than

what she would have made when Mongolia was dependent on the Soviet Union.

"We didn't have children [living] in the sewers then. Now we do, and it is very dangerous. We are showing them we don't care about them, and when they get older, they will of course not care about us. It is a big problem for our society."

The only element of the economy that seems to be thriving in Ulan Bator, a collection of Soviet-style apartment blocks surrounded by tens of thousands of yurts, is the nightclubs. There are more than 600 drinking establishments in Ulan Bator, one for every thousand residents.

Inside them, you find the brothels. In the karaoke rooms, Mongolians come to sing sad Russian ballads and imbibe prodigious amounts of vodka.

"The Russian saved us," Dr. Gigjid said. "Before they came, we were being destroyed by syphilis. The Russians stopped that; they treated the syphilis. But now, after the democratic revolution, we have freedom. But syphilis is on the rise again."

To try to stimulate its troubled economy after the Russians left, the Mongolian government tried to privatize industries and contract out services. It has been poorly executed, however, and there is wide-

spread suspicion that corruption is marring the process. Politicians who make about \$150 a month, and were poor before democracy, are now driving \$100,000 Mercedes and Range Rovers.

"It's been a sad decade for Mongolians," a Western diplomat in Ulan Bator said. "Almost everything that could go wrong has gone wrong. Just as they attempted to change to a free-market system, gold and copper prices plunged, killing any hope for foreign investment and new mines and businesses."

Now it seems that even Mother Nature is conspiring against Mongolia.

The steppes and Gobi Desert have turned into a graveyard for more than two million animals that have been killed by a brutal winter and drought, called the *zud*. That has further highlighted the fact that the country's social safety net is in tatters.

"Before, when I lost all my animals, I still had a salary from the government," a nomad said. "But now the herds are privatized. When I lose my animals, I have nothing more."

About the only thing that has come back to Mongolia after the departure of the Soviet Union, and the birth of democratic freedoms, is the pride in Genghis Khan. ■

The Reason Behind the \$1.6 Billion Colombian Aid Package

By Michael T. Klare - Pacific News Service

In the biggest step-up in US military aid to Latin America since the Reagan era, the Clinton Administration is preparing to provide Colombia with a \$1.6 billion in all sorts of helicopters, communications gear, combat training, and other forms of assistance.

"All this aid is supposed to strengthen Colombia's capacity to fight narcotic traffickers and the leftist guerrillas. But there is another, hidden objective - to protect US access to the largest untapped pool of petroleum in the Western Hemisphere.

US interest in Colombia's drug production is well known. Government sources claim that Co-

lombian drug traffickers supply as much as 90 per cent of the cocaine flowing into the United States, plus a large proportion of the heroin sold in the US Eastern third of the country.

Far less known is the Colombia's role in satisfying America's vast and growing petroleum habit. According to the US Department of Energy (DOE), US oil consumption rose by over 15 per cent between 1990 and 1999, rising from 17 to 19.5 million barrels per day.

During the same period, Colombia's oil production rose by about 78 per cent, with most of the added amount going to the United States, making it today,

the seventh largest supplier of oil to the USA. But the US strategic calculations are more concerned with the future US consumption which is expected to rise by another 5 million barrels per day over the next twenty years, and most of this oil will have to come from foreign sources.

These quantities could easily be provided by the Persian Gulf countries, especially such petro giants as Iran, Iraq and also Saudi Arabia.

However, the US strategists are reluctant to increase America's dependence on the unstable (and very increasingly unfriendly) states of the Middle East - and so seek more accessible suppliers. This is now where Colombia and neighboring Venezuela enter the picture.

Although Colombia's current oil production is dwarfed by the petro giants, the country is believed to possess 2.6 billion bar-

rels of untapped petroleum and perhaps ten times this amount in possible reserves.

Since the Gulf War of 1991, US leaders have moved to increase the importance of Western Hemisphere. "We are undergoing a fundamental shift in our reliance on imported oil away from the Middle East," the White House noted in a May 1997 report on national security policy.

Noting that Venezuela is the number one foreign supplier and that "...Venezuela and Colombia are each undertaking new oil production ventures," the report called access to these supplies is a "vital interest" to the United States.

This has significant security implications. Once a source of oil is designated a "vital interest" it becomes incumbent on Washington to assure the long-term safety of these supplies.

In the past this has entailed direct intervention by US forces or providing large military aid to friendly governments. In calling now for stepped-up aid to Colombian military, US officials have stressed the need to go after Leftist guerrillas.

Rarely mentioned, however, is the fact that the guerrillas are attacking US oil interests in Colombia, especially pipelines in 1999, for example the pipeline from the Cano Limon field - operated by US based Occidental; Petroleum Co. and Royal Dutch Shell - was bombed 70 times.

In fact the key point in guerrillas stated program is to expel foreign interests and use future oil profits to improve the lot of Colombia's extremely impoverished masses. All this raises important questions about the aims of the aid program. The \$1.6 billion is described as a one-time "emergency" measure, intended to tip the scales on the narcotic battlefield in government's favor.

But it is very doubtful that this amount - five times the amount of previous allotments - will make a lasting difference, and additional infusions of US aid will be needed in the future.

When we add Colombian oil supplies to the strategic equation, it appears that we are now talking about a very extended future indeed.

Given the risk this military package will lead to protracted and ever-expanding involvement in Colombia's messy conflicts, it is essential that the administration and the various pro-aid factions in Congress be more forthcoming about America's long-term interests in Colombia.

If increasing our dependence on Colombian oil means expanding our involvement in that country's internal wars, we may be better off looking elsewhere for our future oil requirements."

COMMENT

An excellent expose of US imperialism, but the author lacks the needed step to call US what it really is - an Imperialist bully, trampling the interests of all humanity for its own greedy profits and exploiting everyone in its path. That is why the wars in Chechniya and Kosovo...not for "human rights" but for "oil and gas" riches which USA has no longer adequate supplies. The need for a unified force to fight American imperialism (akin to Fascism) is desperately needed now, not in the future, but as soon as possible! ■

OUR PARTY'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Japan (Left) held the national Commemorative Meeting in Shimonoseki City on March 5 in order to properly celebrate the Communist party's 30th Anniversary. There were over 450 delegates present from all parts of Japan

In this commemorative celebration in the midst of our anti-imperialist and also anti-revisionist struggles, we deep-

ened our knowledge based on the 30 years of struggle in re-establishing the political and ideological base on our anti-revisionist rebellion in the then party which took place in 1966 and the party foundation in 1969 in order to hold the line of full scale anti-American struggle. The party delegates affirmed their vow to further develop the much needed second anti-imperialist and anti-revisionist struggle.

Many people came ahead of time before the official opening took place in order to see displays of the anti-American struggles plus the 30-year old history in many photographs and publications. The newspaper of ours "Jinmin No Hoshi" (People's Star) and the theoretical organ "Kakumei Senshi" (Revolutionary Fighter) were on display in kiosks. The exhibited materials helped the delegates to deepen their recognition of the historical revolutionary Marxist-Leninist traditions of postwar Japanese people's movement, the Party's backbone.

The celebration started with a one minute of silence for the comrades who passed away or died in the struggle in the past 30 years.

After the Conference was over, all of the delegates were treated to a cultural program. ■

Expansion of Japanese Imperialism

Knight Ridder/Tribune

For the first time since World War II, a Japanese Prime Minister suggested to parliament that this nominally pacifist nation could soon end its imposed ban on sending troops overseas. In his inaugural speech to the Diet, new

Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori said that his government will propose legislation that will allow Japanese soldiers to carry weapons abroad and take part in United Nations peacekeeping operations. Japanese forces might also be permitted to take action against ships that violate Japan's territorial waters.

Couching his words carefully on a sensitive issue in Japan, the legislation would fulfill part of the agenda of his predecessor Keizo Obuchi, who remains comatose in a Tokyo hospital after suffering a cerebral hemorrhage.

INCREASE TENSIONS POSSIBLE

A more forceful Japanese military posture could increase tensions with North Korea and China, both of which have sent warships into or near Japanese water, and set off alarms in East Asia, where memories of Japanese imperialism run very deep. Japan's constitution, written by US occupation forces after World War II, renounce war and forbids the use of any Japanese troops for all but defensive measures.

In recent years, there have been growing calls within Japan for its soldiers to act more like those of other nations, and Japanese participation in multilateral peacekeeping has been viewed as a way to move very gingerly in that direction.

NO PROMISES FROM OBUCHI

Under Obuchi, parliament may have been moving toward eliminating Article 9, on Japanese use of force, from the constitution. The chief policymakers of the three political parties in Japan's ruling coalition agreed in principle last month to scrap the ban on deploying the Japan's Self-Defense Forces overseas. But Obuchi never promised to act on the proposals.

Mori devoted most of his speech to promising to carry out Obuchi's plans for Japan's sagging economy and administrative

reform. He said that a major goal of his government would be to create a nation that "engenders the trust of the world."

Not known for his strong views on domestic or foreign policy, Mori tried to assure the nation that he would carry out Obuchi's legacy and "not shy away from strengthening quickly the Japan's military posture. "Contributing to the maintenance of international security is an important task for Japan". Mori said. "I intend to further advance Japan's cooperation in the United Nations peacekeeping activities."

Is this the beginning of the Imperial Sun of Japan rising to try and dominate the East...of course with US help? Regarding UN, it is so deep in the pocket of US imperialism that its role is just a rubber stamp for Washington! ■

SIX CONCENTRATION CAMPS FOR CAPTURED SERBS

According to the Helsinki Committee, it has the evidence on initiating an indictment against Besim Ceku. The president of Helsinki Committee for the Protection of Human Rights in Novi Pazar, Sefko Alomerovic, has now stated that his organization "has very reliable evidence regarding the existence of six concentration camps in which the Albanians are holding kidnapped citizens of Serbian nationality."

"We also have the names of the people who are heading these Six Albanian concentration camps, and we also have the man who is the head of all of them, a secret service chief who heads all these Albanian camps in Kosovo" said Alomerovic, during an interview given to the Beta news agency.

"There is enough evidence to

indict Besim Ceku, the brother of the top commander of the Kosovo Protection Corps (the KLA) General Agim Ceku. Besom Ceku, head of the secret police of the KLA, they are located in the Raj Bank in Pec."

When the representatives of the Helsinki Committee all confronted the KFOR officials with these facts, panic broke out amongst the KFOR officials and all of them rushed out of their offices, but they demanded to know as to who told us, not denying the fact that these 6 concentration camps exist. The International Red Cross also knows about these Six Albanian concentration camps, but this news does not seem to reach the international news media.

According to the evidence of this Helsinki Committee, there were 65 Bosnian Muslims that were killed by the KLA in Kosovo after the Albanian KLA arrived there. Over 100,000 Bosnian Muslims have been expelled from Kosovo.

"Until the beginning of the war in Kosovo in 1998, in that province there was not a single Albanian kidnapped, or even a single village cleansed, not a single Albanian was killed or a single Albanian home bombed or even set on fire. In Sandzak, in the years prior to signing of the Dayton agreement, more than 50 villages were completely ethnically cleansed by the Albanians of Serbs and other nationalities. Six highjackings took place where over 50 Serbians were kidnapped and then murdered. In addition to this, in Sandzak 36 Bosnian Muslims were killed at their place of work or in their homes. The Helsinki Committee has documented proof, including sworn testimonies of witnesses of 16 attacks against the villages during which the Serbian population was killed and their houses set on fire." said Alomerovic on March 28, 2000. ■

WORLD CONGRESS 2001 UPDATE

Organizing
Committee



FROM THE
**REVOLUTIONARY
MARXIST
ORGANIZATION
A/synechia**
GREECE

Dear comrades:

Please accept our warmest comradely greetings! We thank you once more for sending us your publication. The Northstar Compass is, on an international level, a very precious source of information about the situation in the ex-Soviet Union and of solidarity with the struggles of all of the Soviet people. Our publication "Aristera:(Left) is often based on your articles and translations in order to analyze the developments in this region. From this month, we will start sending you each month a copy of "Aristera", together with our "International Bulletin" (which is the only publication of our Organization in the English language).

Dear comrades:

We would like to ask you to add our Organization, plus the Revolutionary Marxist Organization named A/synechia from Greece, to the growing list of

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organizations, the parties and movements that support the **Call** of an International Conference which will establish the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People. As we already have wrote to you, "we agree with you that it is a duty of us all to **support** in every possible way our Soviet comrades, and we consider that the creation of the necessary International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People will greatly contribute to this cause". We confirm once more this position and we inform you that we will send a delegation to take part in the International Conference.

Moreover, we are authorized to inform you that the Greek *Union of Working People* and the *Left Mass Formation of Youth* are also supporting your call. Those are two front organizations constructed in the

nineties with the initiative and the support of the Greek Revolutionary Marxist Organization called A/synechia. The Union of the Working People (UWP) is active in the trade union movement in Greece, mainly in all the sections of teachers, paramedics, construction workers, private employees, etc. The Left Mass Formation of Youth (LMFY) are active in the youth movement, having an effective organized presence in the secondary high education, technical schools and most universities. You will soon receive the relative resolutions of the Panhellenic Committee of the UWP and of the Coordination Committee of the LMFY!

Dear comrades:

Let us inform you, on this occasion, about some developments that marked our country during the last months, and the relative activity of our Organization.

As you may know, the **earthquake** of September 1999 provoked serious damages in the capital city of Greece. 150 people lost their lives, thousands have been injured and many buildings are uninhabitable, mainly in the poor neighborhoods. Our organization has also suffered very considerable losses because of the earthquake. We lost one comrade when the factory in which he was working collapsed, causing the cruel deaths of tens of workers. All the locals of the Organization in the region of Athens are either destroyed or seriously damaged, included is our Cultural Center, the newspaper's offices and the Organization's offices in the center of the city, as well as the offices of Nikea, a neighborhood near the port of Pireas. Many of our dear comrades became homeless.

The Organization from the first moment came near the people who have been harmed by the earthquake. A People's

Committee has been already constructed, with the active participation of our comrades. The mobilization of the homeless people aims at obliging the government and the capitalists, which are responsible for the extensive losses and for the criminal violation of the most basic and elementary security regulations, to immediately reestablish human conditions of life for all the victims of the earthquake and to compensate them.

Despite this extraordinary situation, the whole membership of the Organization made and makes all efforts in order to respond to our duties. These damages were not able to slow down our activity and development.

The following months, we actively participated in our important people's movement. *The Anti-imperialist and the Anti-War Movement* (which was co-founded by the Revolutionary Marxist Organization called A-synechia, the Marxist-Leninist Communist Party of Greece and the Workers Anti-imperialist Front during the NATO's naked aggression against Yugoslavia) played an important role in the great anti-imperialist massive demonstrations against Clinton and his local supporters, which took place in tens of cities all over Greece. During the month of November 1999 - the anti-imperialist, anti-Yankee morale of the Greek people, of the working masses and of the youth, has been expressed in a multitude of ways. The people defied the state terror and the interdiction to freely demonstrate, and gave a sound and militant answer through these protests which took place in Athens, Thessaloniki, Patras and many other Greek cities. The government is accountable in the eyes of all progressive people for the terrorist pogrom it launched in Athens which was under the direct order of

the USA, showing once more its subjugation to imperialism. The "socialist" government of Simitis dared to bring into effect "laws" dating from the years of the fascist dictatorship in order to forbid the demonstration to the US Embassy. It steeped in blood a peaceful march of thousands of people in the center of Athens.

Once more, it is confirmed that the **policy of dependence by imperialism** goes along with the most cynical terrorism and the violation of the most elementary democratic rights. It transforms our country into a huge military base used by the NATO imperialists in order to conduct their aggression in the Balkans and elsewhere. It leads to the partition of Cyprus. It also brings to the people unemployment, poverty, sadness. A/synechia vehemently denounces the arrests, which then marginalizes the youth. The Revolutionary Marxist Organization also organized mobilization against their committal to trial with heavy accusations. Between them were four members of our Organization and of the anti-Imperialist movement.

Our organization also supported the mobilization of the **secondary education students**, which from October 1999 to January 2000 occupied hundreds of high schools all over Greece. The Union of the Working People and the Left Mass Formations of the Youth are active in all the small and big struggles that are developing in Greece during the last few months.

In the forthcoming **parliamentary elections** held on Apr. 9, 2000, organizations such as The Revolutionary Marxist Organization A/synechia (mostly known in Greece under the name "Aristera"-(Left) and the Marxist-Leninist Communist Party of Greece (MLKKE) will present a first Unity List. The

existence of this unity list is a positive response to the demand for unity of the genuine left forces on a principled basis. It marks the beginning of a new and hopeful course of the genuine Left. Our **Unity List "Aristera!-MLKKE"** aspires to become one of the cornerstones of the reconstruction of the Communist Left, which then will oppose the compromising policy of the reformist and revisionist parties, a cause of great damage to the left movement. The reconstruction of the Communist Left is indispensable in order to create the conditions that will permit the people's movement to confront successfully the policy of the bourgeoisie and of the imperialism. We realize that this is a most urgent and difficult task. But at the same time, it is the only path to be followed if we want to mobilize and inspire more and more militants in our country, if we want to reconstruct the total faith of the people's masses in the road of the revolutionary struggle.

*Open the road for the genuine Left!

*Resist successfully against imperialism and globalization!

*Oppose resolutely the New World Order and the destruction of the Balkans!

*Withdrawal of Greece from the European Union, the Economic Monetary Union and NATO!

*Set a bar against the anti-imperialist policy of the right-wing and the "socialist" parties!

For the Leading Committee
E.F. - International Relations

COMMENT

We hope that your example shall be followed by all the the parties inside of former Soviet Union and in all the countries of the world. Unity - is the order of the day!

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The US National Security Agency (NSA) has access to 2 billion messages on around the clock basis every single day and “creates its market” with the help of a powerful system of artificial intelligence based on key words, tones of voice, names, etc. It is estimated now that more than 10,000 conversations are reported on daily. In some countries, callers may have no idea that if there is a delay in the dial tone, and that someone or also something

other than the operator or the repair service could be a party to their conversations.

For its plan, code-named P.415 Echelon, the NSA has a network of around 120 spy satellites or many different communication satellites around the world, in approximately 20 countries. All of these spy facilities then transmit what is received to the main NSA headquarters in Fort Mead. Very simple.

Is this Yankee paranoia?”

No! The White House can spy on everything, or almost everything, as Vincent Jauvert, a journalist of a well-known French weekly magazine, has been pointing out since December of 1998, in one of the first pieces of investigative journalism about the USA.

It is likely that the United States could have continued undisturbed with its global operation, if an explosive report had not reached the desk of an office of the European Parliament in Brussels, which held a public hearing on the subject on February 22-23. The NSA's enormous **Echelon** network, in all probability known to only a very few experts in the world now, abruptly emerged from the shadows into the world public domain.

In this affair, it has not only become apparent that Western Europe is one of United States' target, but the fact is also that even Great Britain, traditionally considered Big Brother's natural ally, is now in a difficult position. It has been revealed that the NSA installed,

with London's agreement, a large major listening station in Manwith Hill, northern England. It is suspected that other Anglo-Saxon countries, such as Australia, even Canada and New Zealand, could be links in the **Echelon Plan**, that is an authentic multinational intelligence service. There are links in Germany and Japan for use only by the USA.

The Campbell Report is named after the well-known journalist Duncan Campbell, an electronic communications expert and television producer in Edinburgh, Scotland, who carried out the research at the request of the European Parliament and its freedom commission, and went personally to Brussels to present the conclusions of his inquiry. His report immediately provoked and avalanche of protests and statements confirming the unease and concern of all European political leaders, including right-wingers. It is anticipated that debates will be held in all national parliaments, particularly in France and also in Great Britain.

But the shockwaves are so great now that British Tony Blair felt it necessary to stress he had not betrayed his European friends. In France, the very large businesses have been authorized to “codify” all transmissions believed to contain “very sensitive” information, according to a very recent statement by the minister of justice, who denounced “this economic espionage”. For the Belgian government this clear expose “is unacceptable”. But Nicole Fontaine, president of the European Parliament expressed regret that this spying by Echelon had not given rise to immediate official protests by all European governments.

Previous to this, the US **Echelon** project was nothing more than a hypothesis from the perspective of all of the

official European media. But by this later stage the European Parliament was condemning the NSA for "infringing on the privacy of communications by no-US citizens, including governments, companies and European nationals." A great publication from New Zealand, a book on the market astonished all European members of Parliament. After that all hell broke loose and even Australia admitted that it was part of the **Echelon Plan**.

It is a historical fact that USA and Britain even in 1947 set up a large spy network, with military and diplomatic goals. Later it became known as one of the most sophisticated spy networks in the world, present even below the oceans in cables... even in the Mediterranean Sea bed, between Europe and Africa.

Now, with NSA, industrial espionage on its competitors became child's play. For example, even in 1994 the French group Thompson-CSG negotiated an enormous contract with Brazil for a radar system designed to monitor all rainfall in the Amazonian jungle. The USA's NSA intercepted all the negotiations and informed its "friends". As a result, France lost the big contract worth over \$1.4 million US to a competitor, the Raytheon Corporation of the United States.

A year later, France and its giant firm Airbus, the European aeronautic consortium, lost another contract, to Saudi Arabia in this case. Who were the happy winners? Boeing and McDonnell of USA. The US government denied any and all involvement in the affair of course.

In 1993 the outcome of certain important meetings of GATT (currently known as the World Trade Organization) unexpectedly favored the USA. The French participants had been under surveillance.

As far as the *INTERNET* is concerned, a new U.S. invention par excellence, the majority of its global network passes through the United States and it is there that the NSA and its Comint (*Communications Intelligence*) appear to have no problem. Their software is easily adapted to reading messages received. And as if it is necessary, according to the Campbell Report, the decoding software supplied by certain manufacturers may be easily employed.

Last December, the U.S. Congress announced it would hold hearings on the activities of the NSA, which is accused of wire-tapping US citizens. The USA law officially forbids these activities...but!!! it does not say anything about electronic communications.

In the meantime the NSA is saying nothing to the press of course. Could it be that the abbreviation NSA stands for "Never Say Anything"?

At the end of his term as president of USA, Mr. George Bush, speaking to the NSA executives was recorded as saying that "I assure the public that listening devices were a vital element in the process of decision-making in all of our international matters." This couldn't be clearer...The former NSA Director, John MacConnell, quoted by Vincent Jauvet that: "there was or is no foreign political event of any kind in which the NSA was not directly involved."

Is there any morality in all of this?

COMMENT

You can be certain that US is dominating and wants to dominate in all aspects not only its perceived enemies, but also its friends. There's never any love lost between capitalists when it comes to get the profit edge on each other. Imperialism has no scruples or any morals, just sheer profit! ■

PROFIT ABOVE ALL!

By JERRY MORSE

Capitalism's search for profit will enter Black Holes.

Wanting to patent chemical components of DNA, genetic landscapes, cloning of sheep, monkeys, pigs, rats and mice, and the produce from genetically modified plants, has become a new whip in Capitalism's slave-trade.

Opposition arises. When Marx, Engels and Lenin stated "Workers Of The World Unite", this included DNA.

Albert Einstein, a worker in patent offices, a claimant to the world's most workable DNA, (relatively speaking), comes under the general theory of Workers Of The World Unite.

Recorded by Einstein and co-workers, each of whom had DNA, when working in fields of electromagnetism, noted, agreed and recorded cosmic rays do alter genetic combinations, which in essence are electromagnetic units within atomic and nuclear structures.

Wave and particle experiments prove electromagnetism easily pass among and through human beings. One easily proves this by having X-Rays, while sitting on a radio.

Dr Hawking has shown cosmic waves and particles are indeterminable, unidentifiable as to source and effects caused by such bundles when passing through DNA of living beings.

Attempts to patent any DNA components of living beings, ancestral beings, or future beings, without claiming patent rights on cosmic waves and particles would require genetic patent seekers to enter Black Holes to examine such factors which has, does, and will alter DNA.

Without being catty, Capitalistic arguments, debates, and claims on complete DNA, for example, a mouse will require the entrance into one or other of the Universe's Black Holes. ■

LETTERS

FROM
ODESSA
UKRAINE

I'm writing a reply to the comments by Vic Ratsma in the March issue of NSC where he had critical comments on my article that appeared in the January issue.

His letter touches on six points, but I shall only dwell on the two main ones, knowing that the NSC has space limitations.

Mr. Ratsma queries the figures and statistics that I had in my article that stated the parasitic character of Western civilization in the second part of 20th century.

These figures were taken by me from numerous sources in the Ukrainian press from 1992-1994 and there are numerous economic data about the economic competition between USSR and USA and Western Europe at the beginning of the 1980's. These figures and analyses were all published by economists in economic journals and the Statistical Department of the United Nations.

As the Soviet statistics showed, at the beginning of 1981 the production volume achieved in the large scale industry was 80% that of the USA but, the production per capita was 50% of that of the USA, but compared to Western Europe this was 70%.

Looking at these figures, it would seem that the American worker should have been able to earn twice as much wages as the Soviet worker, while the European worker should have received 1.5 more wages than the Soviet worker.

In reality the US worker received more than 4.5 times the wages of the Soviet worker while the European workers received 3 times higher wages than the Soviet worker.

This means that the American worker received 2 times higher wages compared to their production output. This difference was covered by the exploitation of

other countries resources and the manufacturing at low wages, and from 1992 the same fate happened to the Soviet Union.

The second point is that in my article I called Clinton "socialist" and "social democrat".

First of all Clinton and his US Democratic party are called "socialist" by the American conservatives and fundamentalists. If you could, read a book by one Ralph Jefferson "*Unknown Hand*" which was published from 1985 to 1992-13 times, and in Russian it was published in 1996-1999.

In the Moscow journal for young people called "*Tecnichs for the Youth*" No. 1, 2000, page 32-40 there were published articles by the young millionaires from USA, the so-called (*Yuppies*) based on the journals "Young Businessmen", plus "New Businessmen", "Junior", "NABMW". In all these journals they call Clinton "*hidden communist, trying to stamp out businessmen*" and "*hates Western civilization*" an "*alcoholic and an illegitimate child*", etc. etc.

Besides, the US Democratic party was started in 1944, is just like all the social reforms of Europe.

If I am to talk openly, this "*social reformism*" of Clinton does not look different or act different as the German "*national socialism*" of Hitler.

The Reichfuerher and SS H. Himler stated the following: "*Other nations are developing or dropping dead from hunger, I am interested in this only from the point of view, how does this help our German people?*"

Does this phrase not remind you of what is happening now?

Konstantin Kolontaev ■

CHECHNIYA

By Ana Lucia Gelabert
Texas, USA

Comment of the article "Let's Denounce Russian Imperialism Unambiguously!" (NSC, 3/2000) by C. Francisco Brotons.

Before I comment on the above article, I want to express all my solidarity with comrade Brotons and all of the **Grapo** prisoners of Spain and join the world protests to demand strongly from the Spanish authorities their immediate freedom. Also, let me clarify that, I myself am subject to deprivation of news, what we learn on national affairs, is what "filters" through letters or occasional publications like NSC for instance. In an institution in USA as I am now in Texas, I have no access to regular daily newspapers or TV, or to even a general (school) library where all sorts of newspapers are found.

That being clarified, instinct tells me that **NATO/KLA** are fully behind all of the various "Islamic Jihad's" in the region of Caucasus, with Turkey as the main participant (*of course as a minor pawn of US imperialism*) with immediate goal of controlling the Caspian Sea oil, and the ultimate goal of partitioning Russia into a myriad of statelets, as C. Brotons admits is very obvious.

Whether Russia can genuinely be called "*imperialist*" today - if so - an extremely weak "*empire*" - clearly the USA is the only world superpower, controlling the whole world including Russia, and with designs to take a much more active hold of Russia and cause its disappearance.

In that context, the situation is more analogous to the Japanese invasion of China in the 1930's, than that of 1914, when Lenin and Bolsheviks correctly proposed a policy "*to oppose our own Russian autocracy*" - as the primary goal. To beat the aggressor was mandatory, or as Lenin put it, an alliance of "*all that is decent and alive in Russia today!*"

We have seen such alliances in the past, in the USSR following 1917 the (*civil war*) and when the USSR in year 1941 made the necessary alliance in order to force all the Western imperialist powers to later become allies.

Since there is no single communist unified party in Russia, nevertheless the Chechen popu-

lation should not be pushed into the enemy camp. But on the contrary, take full advantage of their legitimate patriotic zeal against encroaching US imperialism.

Allowing imperialism to fraction Russia then Ukraine, Kazakhstan and other former Soviet republics, (keep in mind that the present revisionist China and Japan have also territorial ambitions in Siberia, as has Turkey in the Caucasus) is a disservice to the cause of world revolutionary movements in today's geopolitical context.

On the other hand, in that context, US imperialism cannot afford a second world superpower to exist... It depends on absolute hegemony, to prevent its own final collapse.

I ask comrade C. Brotons to take into account all of these circumstances.

*In Lenin's work "Two Tactics" he brilliantly analyzes the two stages and confirms the necessity of the united patriotic struggle. ■

RESPONSE TO ARTICLE RE: PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Comrades! I write in an effort to respond to the article on China by Ang Byan from the CP of the Philippines. The People's Republic of China is the single largest nation in the world. It is organized through the efforts of the Communist Party, its interests are those of the working people who struggle untiringly for dignity and justice based on the working class values. The work has been going on for a lot longer than the fifty one years, and the comrades have controlled the power structure and circumstances have thrust many obstacles in their way, however they are carrying the torch and I for one am armed and buttressed by their courage and fortitude. The organs through which the people exercise state power are the National Peoples

Congress (NPC) and local peoples congresses. Deputy's to the people's congresses at all levels are elected and are responsible and accept supervision from the people. Of the 2,979 deputies elected to the Ninth NPV in 1998, 18.9 per cent were workers and peasants, 21.08 per cent were intellectual, 33.17 per cent were cadres, 15.44 per cent were representatives from the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, and 1.24 per cent were returned overseas Chinese, 15.44 per cent were representatives of various democratic parties and non-party patriots, while 9 per cent were representatives of the People's Liberation Army (PLA)

In the early days of the New China, 80 per cent of urban residents' income was used to buy food and clothes, and 90 per cent in the rural areas, which dropped to 55.6 per cent and 59.6 per cent respectively in 1998. The Engel coefficient (the proportion of food expenditure in consumer expenditure) of urban residents was always over 57 per cent before the policy of reform and opening to the outside world was introduced, a figure which dropped to 44.5 per cent in 1998. Consumption has reached the well-off level as a whole. In 1954, the Engel coefficient decreased to 53.4 per cent, their cultural, recreational and service expenditures has risen to 25.4 per cent, and the proportion of accommodation and clothing expenditures were 15.1 per cent and 6.2 per cent, respectively. This indicates that in the consumption the proportion dedicated to mere means of subsistence has remarkably decreased, and that dedicated to development and enjoyment has greatly risen.

At present, over 95 per cent of rural people in China have enough to eat and wear, and about 25 per cent of them live

well-off-lives. Over the past 20 years, the Chinese government has helped more than 200 million rural people to get enough food and clothes, and has reduced the number of poverty stricken rural population from 250 million in 1978 to 4.2 million. The proportion poverty people in the world increased from 206 RMB yuan in 1985 to 1,318 RMB yuan in 1998, and the production worldwide has risen year by year, and poor have become poorer. In China, however, the number of poverty-stricken people has been decreasing by 10 million every year on an average, making China lead the world in reducing the number of poverty-stricken people. In 1999 the World Bank and the UN Development Program issued a report after a comprehensive survey of China's help-the-poor-work, which points out: "The number of poverty-stricken people is increasing in many places in the world, but China is an exception." And "China has achieved world-renowned progress in solving the poverty problem."

The rights of workers have been realized to the full. In 1949, the number of unemployed workers was 4,742 million, with unemployment rate of 23.6 per cent. In addition, millions upon millions of peasants were bankrupt. In 1998, the number of employed people nationwide reached 699.57 million, and the number of registered unemployed persons was 5.71 million, with a registered unemployment rate of 3.1 per cent. Three security systems...the basic living security system for people laid-off by state-owned enterprises, unemployment insurance and the basic living security system, for residents of cities and towns...have been established, and thus the basic needs of life of laid-off and unemployed people have been effectively guaranteed.

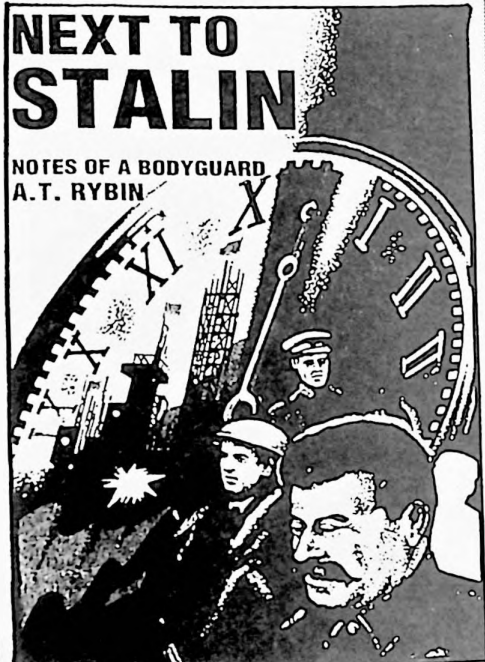
These statistics are taken from

the Web page maintained by the People's Republic of China through its Embassy in Britain. They reveal the struggles of a people steeped in socialist activity and sapience, fighting at ground level with staggering realities in a world polluted with hostile forced armed to the teeth.

Working people the world over side with the efforts and victories of these brothers and sisters in arms. Their failings are our failings, their advance, ours. Just as the Soviet people sacrificed and bled to break the new ground of revolutionary human advance, so the citizens of the Chinese People's Republic take up the Red flag, forcing the bourgeoisie of the world to tremble. We stand together for socialism. Arise you mighty peoples.

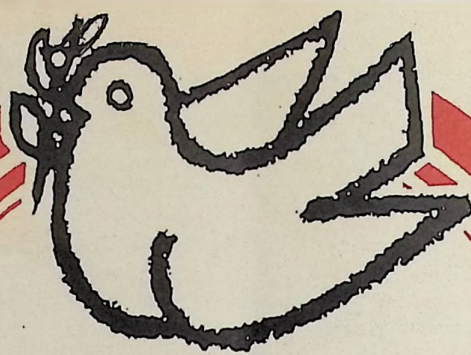
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OUR TASK AHEAD

This is an appeal to those parties, organizations and publications that have not yet added their signatures to the "Call for an International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People".

While it is incumbent on our comrades in all of the territories of the Soviet Union to strive with every ounce of their energy for the restoration of the Soviet Union, their task will be facilitated by fraternal solidarity and friendship from abroad as shall be the role of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People. All those who call themselves friends of Soviet People, Communists, friends and adherents of socialism, who profess and cherish the memory of the once glorious Soviet Union, have a duty to render every assistance to our Soviet comrades. They have a duty to propagate the cause of our Soviet comrades - A CAUSE WHICH IS OUR OWN.

The Soviet Union at its height gave unstinting and generous fraternal support - material, political, ideological and diplomatic - to the proletarian revolutionary and national liberation movements the world over. It is now our turn to return this generosity by rendering every conceivable fraternal support to our Soviet comrades in their noble mission to re-establish the Soviet Union by overthrowing the present corrupt, filthy and rotten regime of the Russian Mafiosi and their

Imperialist backers.

In order that we may render this fraternal assistance, it is necessary for us to organize ourselves in the proposed International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People.

I call upon you on behalf of the Organizing Committee to give your support to this project by signing the CALL and, in 2001 by sending your delegate(s) to the First World Congress for establishing this International Council.

This International Council will not in any way take away the effectiveness and dedication that is being waged by parties and movements in their own countries for Socialism and the resurrection of the Soviet Union!

The official "Call" is available by request from the Organizing Committee.

It is my hope that you will give a positive response to this appeal.
Organizing Committee

On behalf of the
HARPAL BRAR
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