

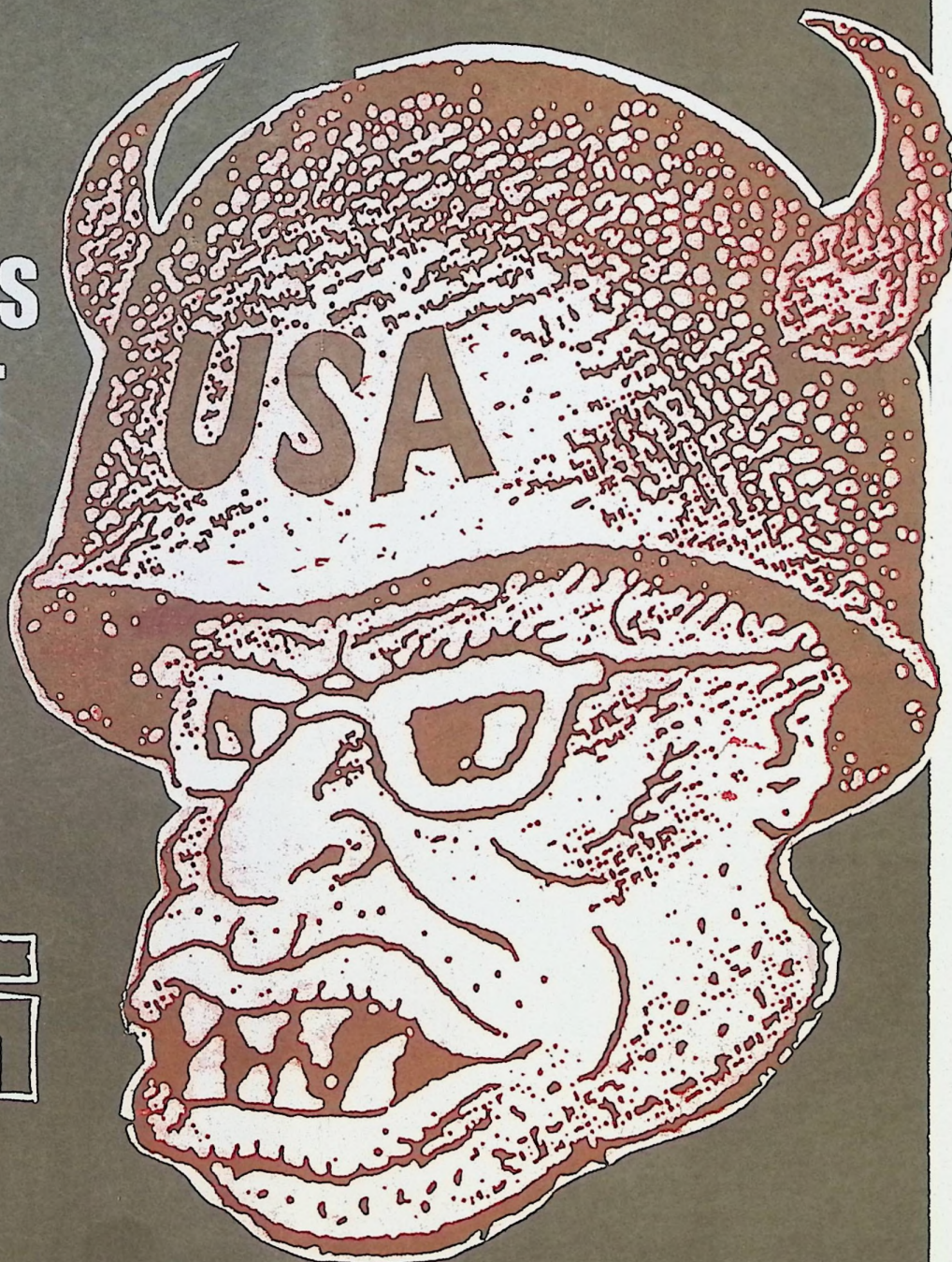
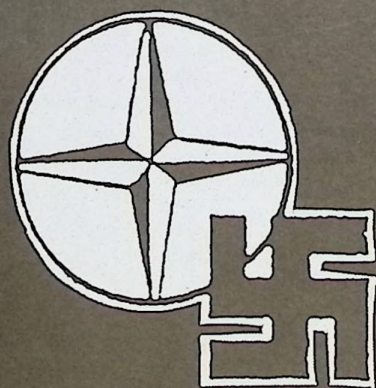
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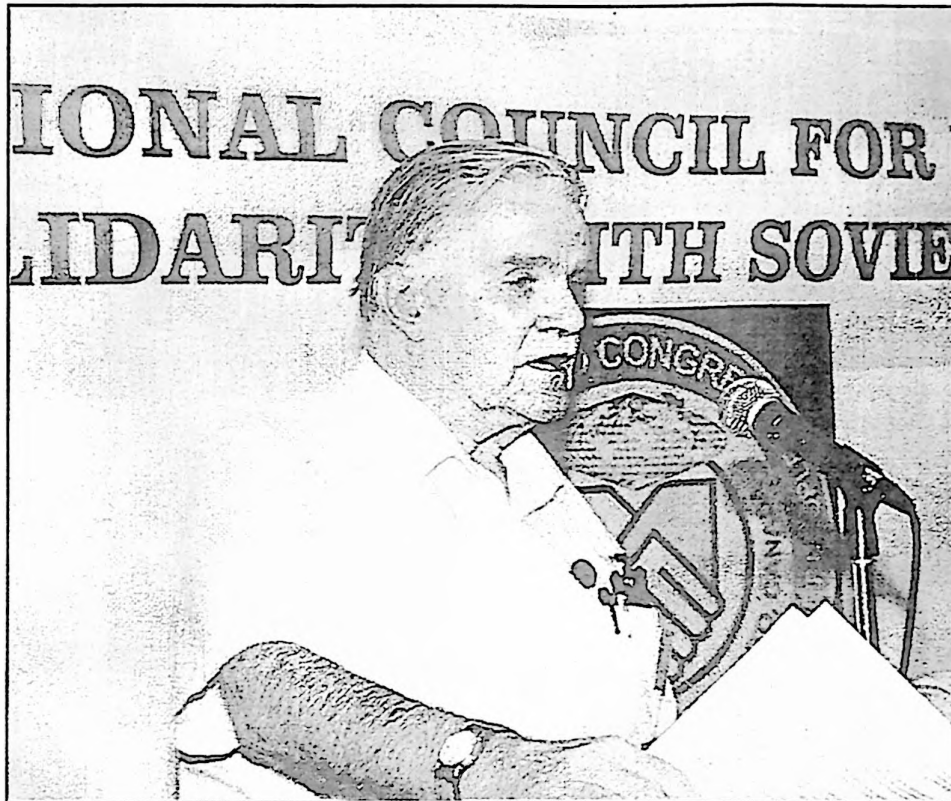
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RAY STEVENSON PASSED AWAY



Ray speaking at the First World Congress in 2001

It is with great sorrow that we inform the readers of Northstar Compass that Ray Stevenson, the Associate Editor of NSC and Executive member of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People, passed away after a long illness on Wednesday, August 25, 2004 in Toronto at the St. Michael's Hospital.

He is survived by his extended family, and by his wife and partner in the struggle - Lil Greene.

Remembering Ray is like looking into an historical era in the life of Canada, but not only in Canada, because Ray left his mark internationally as well. He is remembered and will always be remembered as a dedicated fighter for a principal cause from which he never ever wavered. His devotion to the cause of Socialism, peace, brotherhood of man is something that all of us can learn from, and cherish. Not all of us will be able to accomplish what Ray did in his lifetime, accomplishments that no doubt, eventually will be in history

books of Canada for the future generations to learn from, admire, emulate and dedicate themselves to the struggle for the emancipation of mankind from oppression and wars.

Ray was a great friend of Socialism and the Soviet Union, and therefore was involved with the Canadian Friends of Soviet People, and he was one of the founders and the Associate Editor of Northstar Compass journal that is read in 78 countries of the world, with an English and French edition.

Ray is remembered in the world for his activities on behalf of the World Peace Congress. He was a staunch trade union organizer, activist and leader in Canada. Ray was also a great Marxist who fought against any deviation from Marxism-Leninism. As a member of the Communist Party of Canada, in its Central Committee and on many of its Commissions, Ray struggled strongly against the CPC's tendency towards deviation and away from real Marxism-Leninism, and, after seeing that the CPC was no longer a

Marxist party, he resigned from its ranks after more than 60 years.

The biography of Ray Stevenson spans a lifetime of struggle. His early years were spent on a farm in Southwestern Manitoba, near Woodworth. He was a product of the 1930's drought crisis conditions that affected the prairies. He began his working-career as a miner in Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec and Ray remained associated with the mineworkers for forty years until 1978. He became very active in the Mine, Mill, and Smelter Workers' Union and took part in the seminal union recognition strike (1941-1942) in Kikland Lake, Ontario. This was followed by assigned and voluntary work in Northeaster Quebec for the union, and coupled with his political activities for the Canadian Total War Committee. He joined the Canadian Army in 1942 and served in it until 1946, gaining the rank of Captain and was honourably discharged in 1946. In the capacity as a Captain, he acted as a leading Information and Education Officer for the Armored Corps of Canada.

On his discharge, Ray was appointed Educational Director for the Worker's Co-op of Northern Ontario and then to the post of Regional Organizer for the Labour Progressive Party until 1950, when he returned to the underground nickel mining in the Sudbury area. During 1952 Ray was placed on a fulltime staff and served in many functions, including Editor of "Local 598 News". As the elected member of the original autonomous Canadian National Executive Board that was established in 1955, he was in charge of the organizational work and other leadership roles during half the decade. After 1960's Ray became the Editor of the union's "Mine-Mill Herald" and the national educational director, conducting trade union stewards leadership schools from coast to coast and also in the Yukon and Northwest Territories.

With the merger of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union with the

United Steel Workers of America in 1967, Ray edited the popular "Information Magazine" for the union until 1972 when he was appointed "Acting Public Relations Director" for that union in Canada by the Canadian Steelworkers' Union director W. Mahoney. But, for political reasons, this appointment was never confirmed by the US Steelworkers' Headquarters and he was banned by the US Government from entering the country. The Cold War was in full swing in the trade union movement as well.

In 1978 Ray accepted a posting as the Canadian Secretary for the World Peace Council in Helsinki, Finland – also carrying out the responsibility for the global policy of the US peace movement relations. In this capacity as the WPC Trade Union Commission Secretary, Ray gave central assistance to the establishment of the very important "Roundtable of Trade Unionists for

Peace", and at the 1980 world-wide Sophia, Bulgaria "Parliament of Peoples for Peace". At that gathering, there were more than 300 active trade unionists from seventy different countries that took part in laying the basis for the "International Union Committee for Peace and Disarmament", also called the "Dublin Committee."

In his final years he engaged in researching and writing a manuscript entitled: "A Worker's Memoir and Survey of 20th Century History". His general line was "Globalization and Armageddon in the Workplace"... Failing health and advancing age prevented its completion, although a major part of it is now in the Toronto's York University Archives, where more than 9 meters of archival materials have been placed as the "Ray Stevenson Fonds", Inventory #167.

Private service and cremation were held and his ashes scattered in

his native Manitoba at the site of his first school.

Donations would be greatly appreciated by the family to Northstar Compass, 280 Queen St. W. Toronto, On. Canada, M5V 2A1, Canada.

In saying goodbye to you our dear comrade, let us express the sorrow of thousands of friends across Canada and the world, who read and learned much from your hard-hitting editorials and comments on the pages of Northstar Compass for the past 13 years.

Our deep feelings go to your extended family and to your loving partner in struggle – Lil Greene.

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FROM THE EDITORIAL OF THE FRENCH EDITION OF NORTHSTAR COMPASS

Published in Montreal, Quebec

Dear friends of NSC and especially Helen and Michael Lucas, allow me to congratulate you on behalf of all the readers of the French Edition of NSC and also in my own name, on the occasion of the 86th Anniversary of the "Hands Off Russia Committee" and the 13th Anniversary of Northstar Compass.



The last page of the NSC August edition will be the front page of the NSC French Edition – this gives a perfect image of the impact of your work which is prodigious. We can see the link between these two Anniversaries; the 86th Anniversary

of the "Hands Off Russia Committee" and the 13th Anniversary of "Northstar Compass", the organ of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People. These anniversaries give evidence of lots of courage on your part, during all these years, to face all those who wanted to stop your activities. The best proof is that the organization "Canadian Friends of Soviet People" was practically the only one all over the world that succeeded to survive after the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Needless to add, that you played and are playing a significant role in the fight against anti-communism, against all of the smear campaigns of the fanatics, and against all revisionists.

You are part of the powerful and consistent anti-imperialist force. That is why in many of your activities you had to face the brutality of imperialism's anti-communist obsession and personal physical attacks. With the fall of the Soviet Union and Socialism, the anti-communist propaganda took on another face, and is becoming more and more insidious and subtle.

Many people believe that Socialism is dead. I wonder as to

why Imperialism is fighting a dead body, why is it so important for all these enemies to continue to fight "Stalinism" even fifty years after its death?

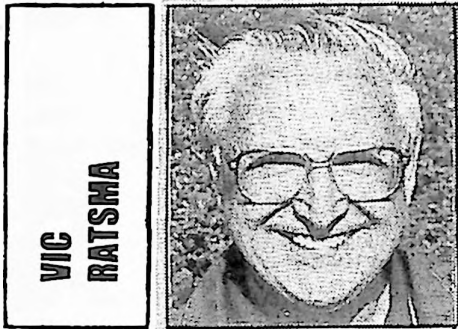
In all of your publications, you give us an opportunity of an answer, spreading the truth about history of the rise and fall of socialism in the former Soviet Union and in the erstwhile socialist countries. Northstar Compass is important "partly because it explains how it happened, but primarily because we must get it right when our turn comes" – as was explained by Ernie Troy in his book "How Did It Happen?"

All of us here wish you good health, so that you can go on with your great work. I take this opportunity to congratulate too all those who support and help you in your work - during all those years. In our greetings, we must not forget to thank the Society of Carpatho-Russian Canadians for all of their help.

Again, with all my best greetings!

Dr. Adelard Paquin, Editor of NSC French Edition
Member of the Executive Committee of International Council ■

Bringing Democracy to the World, the American way



During the last four years the US government has engaged in a foreign policy of "Might is Right". Previous international covenants and agreements that laid down the rules for international behaviour of nations and functioned as safeguards for peaceful solution of conflicts - have been discarded by the Bush administration, and they behave as though the USA is above international law. They produced a long list of the so-called rogue nations that they claim, are a threat to the security of the USA, and gave themselves the right to launch "preventive strikes" against any of these countries. All the while they claim to be working for the furtherance of democracy in the world.

Although one could argue that the type of government foreign nations employ is none of the business of the USA, the issue is usually presented as one that such nations pose a threat to security of the United States itself, thereby providing a sort of justification for interfering in their affairs. Although it is very hard to believe that small countries like Cuba, Iran, Iraq, Venezuela, or North Korea could be a realistic threat to the mighty United States, the majority of US citizens seem to accept their government's actions with little concern, so long as it does not affect their personal lives too much.

But while extending democracy in the world may be seen as a positive

and worthwhile goal, unfortunately this represents only the cover for the real purpose of US interference. And while the USA has always been an aggressive nation (*it has fought more wars than it has been years in existence*), the past four years have seen a very significant change in the US attitude towards foreign intervention. International laws, mostly adopted after World War II have established what represents "acceptable behaviour" in the international arena, and these rules have kept major world conflicts from breaking out for nearly 55 years.

After the 2000 US election however, the people in the new Bush administration decided to take advantage of the demise of the Soviet Union and their sole superpower status in the world, to throw out the existing international conventions and agreements, and embark on a policy of "might is right". With this, it sought to use its economic and military superiority to establish its will upon the rest of the world by implementing the policies outlined in the document "The Project for the New American Century" (PNAC), which projected America in the 21st Century as the new 1000-year Reich, similar to what Adolf Hitler dreamed of in his days.

In the last four years however, this policy has proved to be a colossal failure. The justification for implementing the new policy was triggered by the events of September 11, 2001, and was henceforth presented to the American public and the world as the "War against terrorism". The enormity of the 9/11 events initially gave rise to great sympathy with America in a large part of the world, but later many questions have been raised about the possible complicity of the US administration and their failure to prevent the attacks despite many warnings - questions that linger to this day. Timely warnings about the

pending attack have been sent by the intelligence agencies from Germany, Russia and Israel, among others, but all of them were ignored. And the continuous resistance of the US administration to any serious investigation into the attack, only increased the mounting suspicion of complicity.

Nevertheless, America's answer to the 9/11 events was by attacking the Taliban regime of Afghanistan for their apparent unwillingness to deal with Osama bin Laden and El Qaida, and this met largely with international understanding and approval. But while the Taliban regime was removed from power, they, bin Laden and El Qaida have all survived. Today's Afghanistan is anything but a peaceful nation, and democracy remains just a dream. Only the capital city of Kabul is relatively safe, and should US and foreign troops withdraw from the region, the warlords of the past are sure to re-establish themselves and the Taliban regime may even return to power. This is hardly the success Bush & Co. were said to be aiming for, but the skeptics will argue that the US never did intend to leave Afghanistan, as they are mostly interested in an oil/gas pipeline from this region, to feed the insatiable need for energy. Thus a US military

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presence over the long term was always in the cards – while terrorists and resistance fighters continue to operate and democracy is but a far-away dream.

The subsequent invasion of Iraq has proved to be an even greater failure. Colin Powell's presentation to the United Nations Security Council consisted of pure fabrication, and all the "*convincing data*" he produced that was to prove that Iraq was a serious threat to America and the free world, has long since have been proven false. The stand-off in the UN which didn't buy Powell's arguments, caused a serious rift in the Atlantic Alliance, which resulted in Bush declaring the UN irrelevant and going it alone, barring Tony Blair and a handful of politicians from other nations who defied the majority opinions in their own countries. Prediction of a quick victory in Iraq, accompanied by a huge support from the Iraqi population proved totally wrong, as is obvious from the current situation of struggle of the Iraqis against the foreign occupiers of their land. And just like in Vietnam before, America cannot win this war against a determined people who fought on their own territory against a foreign invader who brought them death and destruction – and conditions worse than what they experienced under former ruler Saddam Hussein. This is not a war against terrorism or for democracy, but a war to secure Iraq's energy resources for America, to establish a military presence in the region – to support Israel and to further threaten countries in the region, such as Syria and Iran. Surely, if Iraq's resistance had been weak, US troops would have already moved on to their next target in the "*Axis of Evil*", be that Iran or North Korea. But the US is bogged down in the quagmire of Iraq, something that the plotters of the invasion never thought possible.

Bush also embarked on a "*Roadmap for Peace*" between Israel and the Palestinians. However, the intransigence of the Israeli government and the unflinching support of America for Israel ensured this initiative was also doomed to failure.

Instead, Israel continues building a wall to keep Palestinians out of Israel – and it presses on with the expansion of all settlements on

Palestinian soil, besides continuing its policy of assassination of Palestinian leaders they regard as "*terrorists*". The policy of "might is right" ensures the continued state of war between the two sides, all with the overt support of the United States.

America's threat against the Democratic Republic of Korea (DPRK) has also been totally ineffective. The DPRK suffered a serious energy shortage after the dissolution of the Soviet Union, which had been its primary supplier of energy. It also suffered drought conditions as well as floods. Having



no energy resources of its own, it sought to remedy the problem through a program of nuclear power, which led to charges that it was developing nuclear weapons.

An agreement between the USA and DPRK was worked out in the mid-nineties, whereby the US would provide oil and replace the two graphite-moderated reactors with a light-water reactor power plants that pose less of a risk of proliferation. After a substantial part of the new generators were completed (*which in actual fact was not done*), the DPRK would allow inspectors from the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) into the country to prove its compliance with the nuclear non-proliferation treaty.

When the Bush administration took over it cancelled the oil supplies to the DPRK, accused it again of nuclear weapons manufacture and threatened it with military action. As one of the countries of the "*axis of evil*", North Korea was labeled a rogue state and a threat to the USA. Instead of working for a negotiated, peaceful solution to the DPRK

problem, US chose to use the heavy-handed approach by threatening to use military force.

North Korea's reaction to this was totally predictable. It will defend itself against an attack by US forces with all the means in its possession, which may include nuclear weapons. Thus, relations between the USA and DPRK have been lowered by the Bush administration to possibly the lowest level since the Korean War of the 1950s.

One of the most telling examples of the lies that America is actively bringing democracy to the world can be found in the case of Venezuela. Despite the fact that the Government of Hugo Chavez has been elected twice with approximately 60% of the vote, and, recently won the recall election by nearly the same margin, the US continues to side with the rich minority of Venezuelans who support the opposition. The involvement of the CIA in an (*unsuccessful*) attempt to overthrow Chavez, also its support for the long strike in the oil industry, which was trying to cripple the government and bring it down, as well as other overt and covert actions by the Bush & Co. to undermine Chavez – these are ample proof that the USA does not respect the will of the people as expressed in the free elections. However the success of the Bolivarian revolution, which addresses the needs of the Venezuela's poor and uneducated masses, is undeniable and already influences other South American nations to free themselves from the influence by the IMF World Bank and the US-dominated free trade agreements. Without the use of the US military, who are already bogged down in Iraq and other parts of the world, the Bolivarian revolution of the people will not be stopped. And if US military force is employed, it will become yet another Vietnam or Iraq for America. Once again, US foreign policy is a failure.

And finally, there is the American Missile Defense System (MDS), a project opposed practically by the whole world. Yes, there may be some countries, who, for economic reasons decide to participate in its manufacture, but there can be no question that the opposition to this project is massive. Aside from the fact that there is no proof that it actually works, or that it is a defense

against terrorism, it is frequently seen as a start of a new arms race that no one wants. The MDS is nothing more than yet another step in the total military domination of the world by the USA - precisely as is written in the PNAC document, which foresees the establishment of a military space-force as a means to monitor and control the whole world. But, military might had on more than one occasion proven to be no match for peoples and nations seeking self-determination and freedom from foreign domination and control. All Empires of the past thought that they were unbeatable, but all have ultimately failed, so will the US imperialist designs on the world.

Americans are rightly concerned about their security at home and abroad. However, this security is unlikely to be enhanced by behaviour in the world arena that places Americans above the laws others are expected and pressured to adhere to. Neither is security enhanced by the wanton use of military force and the trampling and disrespect of local cultures, customs and ways of life. America has so much potential for good in the world, if it would only use this potential to improve the lives of the people in poorer nations, in a co-operative manner, instead of through exploitation of other countries' resource wealth for the private gain of its own corporate giants.

In conclusion, in the past four years, America's foreign policy has succeeded in only one high: To create more hostility and more enemies in the world than it ever had before. The dream of George W. Bush, Rumsfeld, Cheney, Rice, Powell, Perle, Wolfowitz and others who are complicit in the Project for the New American Century for a new 1000-year Reich through the use of USA's military supremacy and subordination of the world's nations to American rule, is an absolute and total failure and, if pursued much longer, it can only lead to the ultimate, unimaginable disaster, for the Americans, as well as for the rest of the world.

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URGENT MOTHER'S APPEAL !!!



The Soviet Mother of political prisoner Igor Gubkin is asking readers of Northstar Compass to help raise \$3,000 to cover lawyer expenses for a new trial to free Igor Gubkin, who was jailed on trumped up charges for defending his socialist principles and fighting for the cause of socialism.

Justice should prevail not only in his case but, in all the scores of cases of other young political prisoners who are patriots in the cause for the resurrection of the USSR and of Socialism. These political prisoners are held in the dungeons of President Putin.

In the last issue of NSC you have read about Igor Gubkin and his Mother in an article by Felix Gorelik.

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"The manufacturing base in the US continues to shrink as US finance capital, backed by military might, continues to scour the oppressed nations, semi-dependent countries and former socialist countries for cheap labour and maximum profits.

Neo-liberal trade deals like NAFTA and computer technology accelerate this process. From 1979 to 2000, over 4.5 million manufacturing jobs were eliminated in the US. Since George W. Bush took office over three years ago, an additional 2.7 million jobs have been lost. The new jobs that are created are generally in the low wage sector (*now representing 80% of jobs*) such as hotel, hospital, retail clerks and cashiers. While a minority of people in US live by clipping coupons (*stocks, bonds, real estate and commodity investments, etc.*) more than half of all workers live from pay check to pay check.

One area of growth has been the US prison industrial complex, a vast source of cheap labour where workers have no rights. The US prison population is at an all time high, with some 6.5 million people - either in prison, on parole or probation, over triple the number 25 years ago.

The gap between the rich and the poor is widening rapidly. The wealthiest 1% of the population owns the same amount of wealth as the bottom 95%. The CEO's of the largest 500 US corporations average over 500 times the salaries of their employees.

US government regulatory agencies, established to enforce workplace safety, side more and more with the corporations and businesses, and thus over 10,000 workers are killed every year in the US workplace accidents. ■

MILLION WORKER MARCH PLANNED FOR WASHINGTON, D.C., FOR OCTOBER 17, 2004

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The American workers and other strata of the population marched on Sunday, August 29 in New York, with the numbers swelling to over 500,000 marchers in order to protest the policy of the present Republican administration and to show the delegates to the US Republican Convention the anti-war feelings of the American people. There were hundreds of arrests, including that of the Producer-Director of the film "Fahrenheit 11" - Michael Moore.

The marchers in the thousands carried signs such as: "Say No to the War Economy!"- "Bush Must Go!" and "Bush Lied! Thousands Died!" The security called by Bush was the largest that was ever held in American history. Protestors were also denied a permit to gather in the Central Park of New York. Streets were blocked with concrete barriers for scores of blocks around Madison Square Gardens where the Republican had their Convention to nominate Bush again for President.

But the planned march on October 17th will be so large that the organizers predict over 1,000,000 people will march!

Why are we marching?

Only our own independent mobilization of working people across America can open the way of addressing our needs. Join us to restore democracy, secure power for the overwhelming majority of working people and restore America!

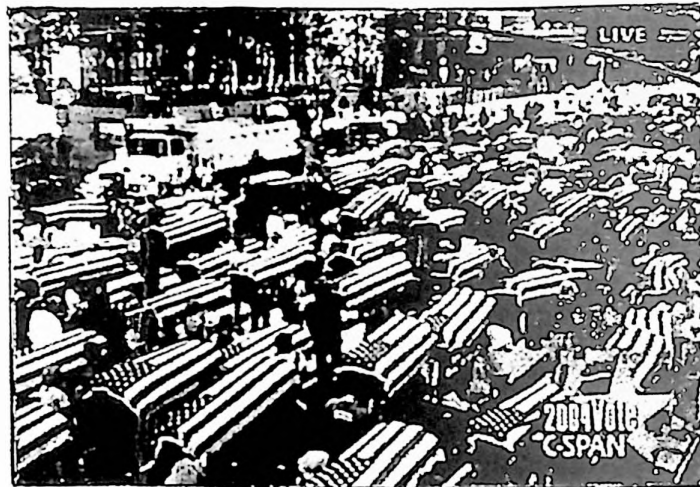
What is our mission?

Thirty-six years ago Martin Luther King Jr. summoned the working people across America to a Poor Peoples' March on Washington to inaugurate "A War on Poverty at Home." He said: "The United States government is one of the greatest purveyors of violence in the world. America is at the crossroads in history and it is critically important for us as a nation and society to choose

a new path and move on it with resolution and courage." Of course Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated for these very words.

The crisis facing the working people today is even more acute. Under the cover by this administration of systematic lies and deceptions, wars of devastation and carnage have been launched in the world at the expense of the working people everywhere.

The vast majority of US people are under siege. Social services, essential funding for schools,



Coffins representing US soldiers killed in Iraq, Afghanistan carried by protestors in New York.

libraries, affordable housing and health, are slashed and eliminated. There is untold poverty for millions of Americans. This war is waged against the working families and our children, enforced by the adopted anti-labour legislation and decrees and the US courts are serving the exploiters of the working masses.

The war of conquest for the rich oil resources in Afghanistan and Iraq and the Middle East is following in the footsteps of colonialism and for the projected New World Order headed by US Imperialism.

The Patriot Act in the US itself is to terrorize and suppress the struggles that are mounting ever more frequently. The pretext of terrorism and enemies from afar became a smokescreen for repression here in America and for an autocratic rule!

The time has come to mobilize the working people for our own agenda.



Let us end the subservience to the powers of the privileged few and their monopoly of the political process in America.

Come together, brothers and sisters. Join **The Million Worker March on Washington** as we launch a great movement for social change. Let us forge together a social, economic and political movement for the working people. We are many, they are few!

Let us mobilize through our unions, labour councils, social and community organizations, friends and neighbours everywhere.

We are on the move and we shall not be denied

Just before press time, here are the latest news items:

*NY police arrested close to 2,000 protestors.

*Those arrested were taken into makeshift detention centers, held for over 24 hours with no water or toilet facilities – surrounded by a chain-link fences topped with razor wire.

*The New York police brought together practically outnumbered the protestors 2 to 1.

*The police waded into the crowd at full speed with their scooters, hitting and knocking down numbers of marchers.

* N.Y. Transit officials confirmed that the police herded the marchers into a filthy garage where very dangerous chemical spills were on the floor, and made them sit or lie down. Asbestos was all around, making some protestors ill and having to go to the hospitals.

*The police also refused to have the arrested marchers to telephone their lawyers or families.

*The lawyers Guild of NY charged that the aim of the police was to instill fear and intimidate them from trying to stage any street demonstrations in the future. ■

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MARK THATCHER CAUGHT IN BRITISH PLOT TO STEAL AFRICAN OIL

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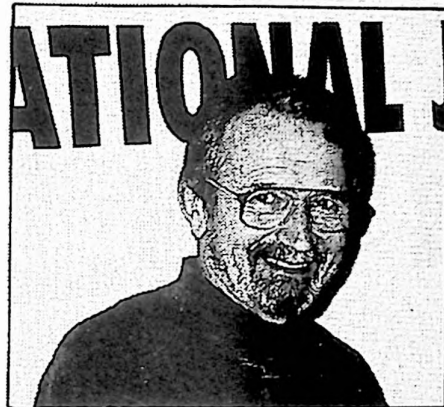
Sir Mark Thatcher, son of the former British Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher, was arrested last month for financing a terrorist plot to overthrow the government of Equatorial Guinea and install a new regime in return for very lucrative contracts.

In Britain this was top TV news story on every channel and radio, plus the press. The plot involved close friends of Sir Mark, including former SAS officers, so the British intelligence service MI6 was also involved.

Of course the British corporate image damage control went all out to justify his innocence. But Britain's true motif for a regime change in Equatorial Guinea was oil, but the British media of course played the old "brutal regime" card as though this somehow explains or even justifies this plan headed by Sir Mark Thatcher. ■

NEWS DIGEST COMMENT

The destruction of Yugoslavia



By FRANK TRAMPUS

The year of 1991 will be remembered as the saddest one in the hearts and minds of the Yugoslav people for many and many generations to come. The destruction of this nation is one of the biggest betrayals by the leaders of the Republics and the leaders also of the Federal Government of Yugoslavia. In order to clearly understand what was the reason that led to this tragedy, we have to look analytically into the leadership of the Communist Party itself. Revisionism, which took place in the late 1940's and early ninty-fifties has led to the destruction of the planned socialist economic development. The country then drifted slowly into the so-called "socialist market economy" – a real capitalist market economy, with creditors like the World Bank and the World Monetary Fund. Now the creditors started to dictate little by little the priority economic development, but it was not for the benefit of the Yugoslav people, but for the development and profit of the worlds imperialist powers, and thus the inevitable destruction of the socialist society and the beginning of the counter-revolution.

In a relatively short time after the Second World War, under the leadership of the Communist Party of

Yugoslavia, the country started and rebuilt the destruction caused by the war, and went on towards a rapid development of the heavy industry, schools, medical facilities, institutions of higher learning, research centers, palaces of culture etc. Rapid revolutionary changes of society also took place and nationalization of the means of production were enforced, land reform started, collective farms were established and there took place the necessary dictatorship of the proletariat with a planned economic development.

One political party, the Communist Party of Yugoslavia became the political force – the "Vanguard of the working class." But the tragic events of 1948 did irreparable damage to the Party. The Party at that time was purged of all the dedicated and true Communists, many of them were put into prisons for very long period of time for "ideological reasons". Now the doors into Party were wide open for an inflow of a majority of not very ideologically prepared so-called communists, opportunists, position seekers – many shades of different nationalistic elements and even counter-revolutionaries were willingly accepted into the party.

At the Sixth Party Congress held in 1952, the name of the party was changed and altered to be the "Communist League of Yugoslavia" (ZKJ). This departure from the working class led even further away from the revolutionary theory of Marxism-Leninism. The ideological education of its members was neglected, small private enterprises were encouraged, the participation and exchange meetings with other international communist parties was ignored, thus the Communist League became a privileged class.

On top of that, a "military defense pact" was signed with the military dictatorship of Greece and Turkey, aimed against the neighboring socialist countries of Eastern Europe. The constitutional amendments in 1967 reduced the power of the Federal Government, but increased the powers of the republics and autonomous regions. Federal controls over the internal security and investments were severely weakened.

After Tito's death, deterioration and nationalist divisions of

Yugoslavia were faster and faster, rushing towards the abyss and to its final destruction by 1991. People were confused and misled. As an example, the people of Slovenia voted over 90% in a referendum for independence. The people were never told the truth that the socialist infrastructure will be destroyed with the wild privatization of the industry,

thievery? Where was and is the World Court? Where is justice? It is nothing more than lies, piled upon lies, upon lies! All the countries of Eastern Europe, the former socialist countries are in the same shameful and tragic situation, led by these counter-revolutionaries, who work on behalf of world imperialism.

Privatization, physical destruction

counter-revolutionaries.

Many of these people regret that they did not believe what I told them years ago when I was visiting them. Nostalgic support for Socialism is very strong, but the people are full of apathy, distrust and disappointed. They do not trust the "communists" and see them as traitors, as counter-revolutionaries and the lumpen



Frank Trampus in the center at a meeting of members of Central Committee of Communist Party of Slovenia and Croatia

natural resources, health care and education, plus the return back of the nationalized land to the landowners, and to the Catholic Church etc. The citizens did not have the opportunity to decide or vote in a referendum against the unlawful privatization.

The leaders of the Party and also the party secretaries of the publicly owned enterprises, who were all members of the League of Yugoslav Communists, suddenly became the owners and millionaires – they became the owners overnight and, thus they are now the new bourgeoisie capitalist class. The Secretary General of the League of Communists of Slovenia (ZKS) and his close associates are the Quislings who never told the people the truth. They were the leading "counter-revolutionaries" who all through this unlawful robbery enriched themselves and now maintain power in this newly created "Independent State of Slovenia". These traitors are now happily working as stooges for the interests of the multinational corporations and the imperialist powers.

Who can ever justify in this century, this outright criminal

of the existing modern industrial enterprises, research centers, and the wild privatization and robbery of all the natural resources have enslaved the people – mostly Slavic peoples of Eastern Europe and thus this made them fully dependent on imports from the industrial West. Thus the USA's New World Order is the modern introduction into slavery!

My latest visit to Eastern Europe, assured me overwhelmingly that the people have now become very dissatisfied with the present capitalist dictatorial system, under the phony name of "democracy". No matter where I was and where I spoke with the people – in Ljubljana, Slovenia, Istra, Croatia, Belgrade, Serbia, Kremnica or the present Slovak Republic – the majority of the people remembered as how good the life was before under socialism. It was a true democracy for the majority of the population. People had a relaxed life without worrying about jobs, education, health care or the social needs of the people. Now, they are unhappy, depressed, and in actual fact ashamed, and, they feel like fools, because they believed the lies and the propaganda of these

proletariat. No wonder that people have these feelings, since former high officials of the communist party became the newly rich businessmen while others sold out and became leading figures in the capitalist and nationalist parties that are now in power.

Even though the Communist parties exist in all of the above mentioned countries, they did not succeed in getting rid from their ranks of revisionist tendencies in order to enable them to create strong unity in one strong and unified party. This party must have a revolutionary Marxist-Leninist ideology and they must explain to the masses as to why the socialist system collapsed.

After thirteen years of capitalism, unfortunately not one of these parties have been able to explain to the people - in a critical analyses - what led to the revisionist infiltration of the leading positions in the Communist parties after 1953. In some countries the revisionists were inside the party and in leading positions even before that time. This was the case in former Yugoslavia.

People have to know the

difference between a party's policy, not just the name "Communist Party" or the "League of Communists". The name is important only if it is supported with a revolutionary party policy of the working class ideology and above all, the dictatorship of the proletariat. But if the party carries the just the name "Communist Party" but its policy is revisionist, it will create a division and apathy and it will lose the support of the working class.

I have met with the leaders of the Communist Party of Slovenia (KPS), who are very dedicated Marxists-Leninists and who are working hard to establish good relations with other parties in former Republics of Yugoslavia. Through them I was able to connect and meet members of the Communist Party of Serbia "Komunisti Jugoslavije" in Belgrade and we had very fruitful discussions. A Conference that brought together Communist Parties from other Yugoslav territories (*now independent and divided countries*), was held last year on November 28-29, 2003 in Ljubljana, Slovenia. There were delegates from Slovenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia. All delegates agreed that there is a desperate need to improve contacts and working relations with the Communist and Workers Party of Croatia, MonteNegro and Macedonia. The delegates united themselves under the principals of AVNOJ (*a basic and fundamental constitutional document of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia*) which does not recognize the unlawful, criminal destruction of the State and it also does not recognize the creation of the many small police states on the territory of the legitimate, lawful state of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (SFRJ).

I have read many documents, statements and the official monthly journal "Zvezda" with an excellent program of the Communist Party of Slovenia – but to my surprise there is not enough, or hardly any criticism of the revisionist policies of the former Communist League of Yugoslavia and its highest officials - including former President Tito! The country of Yugoslavia did not collapse by itself – why avoid the historical truth? Where are those high officials and leaders of former Yugoslavia today?

Those traitors, liars, chameleons are now in leading positions in big businesses and in the very top robbery positions of these newly created and unlawful small countries that were once part of the mighty Yugoslavia.

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FRIENDSHIP NEWS

FROM
PRAGUE
 CZECH REPUBLIC

Dear friends:

I am writing in answer to your letter of July 7, 2004 to all members of the International Council.

I agree with the proposal to "approach other comrades in ex-USSR" in order to set up a Russian Friendship Society with Foreign Countries – people like the newly formed Trade Union Federation of Russia, in particular the trade union "Zashchita". It would perhaps be a "way out" of the unsatisfactory situation in the formation of the Russian Friendship Society with Foreign Countries.

I also agree in principal with the preliminary announcement to organize the forthcoming Second World Congress in September 23-24-25, 2005 in Toronto, Canada. Probably it would be better to postpone this Congress out of the season – perhaps in October? I regret that at the moment I am in no position to confirm my attendance – but I will answer you later on this.

My opinion is that it would be very useful to instigate a discussion in NSC about the further orientation of the International Council, with the view to take into account the present situation in ex-USSR. It would be better if the 2nd World Congress is prepared to achieve a real pragmatic program of activity in the future. It is very necessary to consider the dangerous and urgent problems in our world in the period of the global imperialism.

The "Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People" is of course fundamental to our activity, but not only! Global Imperialism is the urgent menace for all of humanity. We cannot solely concentrate on the situation in ex-USSR. For the time being it looks as if the resurrection of the Soviet Union is not realizable.

**DR./PROFESSOR
 MIRKO SVOBODA**



But, for the victory of Socialism, the time will come – not only in Russia!

Yours as ever

Docent Mirko Svoboda, Dr. CSc
 Member of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People

FROM
DHAKA
 BANGLADESH

Comrades of Northstar Compass:

We understand that your journal is dedicated to the re-establishment of the Soviet Union as a Socialist state. By this we know that you mean - the USSR is to be reestablished as it was before revisionism took over at

the 20th Congress of the CPSU. We know that you are free from the two major revisionism which played such havoc in the communist movement on a world scale since after 1953.

We are sending you our party booklet that explains our position and you will see that we are trying to uphold the red flag of Marxism-Leninism in the face of about a dozen revisionist and social-democratic parties that are working here. We feel that it has become the foremost duty of revolutionary communists in those countries, where parties are free from all kinds of revisionism, helping to build up parties purely on the basis of the teachings of Marx, Engels and Lenin, and thus create fraternal relations between them and, above all, create an international organ.

We strongly support the cause that you are working for. You will agree with us that more and more concerted efforts are needed by Marxist-Leninist organizations to face the onslaughts of the imperialists and revisionists, and thus bring the communist movements back on its correct course worldwide!

With communist greetings

M.A. NOOR
General Secretary
Bangladesh Communist Party ■

ALL UKRAINIAN MOVEMENT "FOR THE SOVIET UNION"

Dear comrades:

Regarding the letter from the International Council that we received in July of this year – here are our comments:

(1) We feel that in case the comrades in Moscow that undertook the organization of the Friendship Society, as was adopted by the First World Congress cannot fulfill the decision, you should search for other comrades and organizations in the ex-USSR for starting the Friendship Society with Foreign Countries. There is short information about setting up this organization in the "Communist Herald" journal that we sent you.

I also wrote a letter about this to Viktor Bourenkov in Moscow but I did not receive any reply at all. We are

certain that there are other organizations that will help to set up this Friendship Society with Foreign Countries.

(2) We sent greetings to the 13th Anniversary of NSC that we hope you have received. Thank you for printing this news item.

(3) Regarding the venue for the Second World Congress, you comrades know best since you will be the organizers and financing this undertaking. We would support with attendance if the Congress was held in Europe, but...

We see and support the main rallying cry and theme of supporting the resurrection of socialism and of the Soviet Union.

At the moment we cannot see our way - due to finances - to be able to travel across the ocean to Canada.

Yours as always
S.G. Saveliev
Chairman of the All-Ukrainian
Movement for the Soviet Union
Editor of Communist Herald ■

FROM
TAVERNY
FRANCE

Dear comrades from NSC:

Communists in Struggle sends you sincere greetings for the 13 years of publishing the Northstar Compass, which has allowed people not only to be informed about the different parties and struggles in the USSR, but above all to be able to develop the necessary fighting solidarity for Communists of the whole world against imperialism.

Concerning the holding of the Second World Congress in Toronto, Canada, we will do everything possible to try and send a delegate. We will keep you up to date on this.

Long live NSC!
Long live the USSR!
Down with Imperialism!
Long live the Socialist Revolution!

Communists in Struggle ■

FROM
KRIVOY ROG
UKRAINE

Dear comrades and friends:

On behalf of the Republican Committee of the All Ukrainian Movement for the Soviet Union and on behalf of the Editorial Board of the

Communist Herald Journal, I'm sending you greetings on the 13th Anniversary of Northstar Compass journal.

Your journal is a remarkable publication, which asserts the noble aim of the revival of the first state in the world for workers and peasants and for socialism. Soviet people are grateful to you, our international friends, for the support of the restoration of our great Socialist Motherland.

With our best wishes to you,
S.G. Saveliev
Chairman and Editor ■

BRAZILIAN INSTITUTE OF SOCIALIST CULTURE

Dear comrades of Northstar
Compass!

Dear comrades and friends!

On the 13th Anniversary of this combative organ of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People, a real spokesman of the noble cause for the resurrection of the glorious Soviet Union and Socialism, we take this opportunity to congratulate you and all the readers on this Anniversary.

Success on your good work!

GIOVANNI VIERA
Secretary General
Brazilian Institute of Socialist Culture
Rio de Janeiro ■

BULGARIAN COMRADES WRITE

FROM
SOFIA
BULGARIA

Dear comrades:

We receive NSC regularly and we send you our thanks. Each copy we receive, we hand them out to friends and acquaintances who read English, and then we discuss the contents and decide as to what articles we will reprint and distribute widely. The readers that I mentioned are very grateful for NSC, and they think that the magazine is both needed and very useful.

We are only sorry that we have not the means to translate it into Bulgarian and distribute it also widely.

If you have articles in Russian, please send them to us also. More people read Russian here and more of Bulgarians will get in touch with you.

There is a need to have a Russian edition of Northstar Compass...then NSC will get well known in the countries of Eastern Europe.

Regarding the letter in NSC from Brazil, we would like to give our commentary!

Regarding the Second World Congress in Toronto in 2005.

Here in Bulgaria we cannot travel anywhere. For us it is a problem to travel even to the country to see friends and relatives. Sometimes it is a problem to travel even into the center of Sofia.

None of us unfortunately will be able to attend the Congress in September of 2005 in Toronto, Canada – except maybe CIA-MOSSAD stooges who call themselves "leftists" with the money from different US agencies like Soros and the "Endowment for Democracy" or the "Open Society".

Regarding organizing Friendship Societies with Soviet People as you comrades propose –

We don't know the situation in other Eastern European countries, but the situation here in Bulgaria is deplorable. Everything here has gone according to the Globo Monsters schemes - unfortunately the masses of our people are totally brainwashed, tragically divided and opposed to one another.

Some say that they are Communists, but they keep hatefully criticizing the Bulgarian Communist Party, the Soviet Union, and generally the period before 1989 (*Some of these are surely following somebody's orders, others simply don't understand whom they are working for.*)

There are about 20-30 communist parties and groupings here and every one is at loggerheads with each other.

Some declare that they embrace Lenin's ideas and reject Stalin. Others declare that they are for Stalin against Lenin. Some are against both Lenin and Stalin, and declare that they are for Georgi Dimitrov.

It's a real mess and the left forces are split asunder – the work of many

agents doing their work for their masters.

On the other side there are honest communists, retired officers, former WWII guerillas and against NATO and against US-NATO military bases in Bulgaria. Some are members of the Bulgarian "Socialist" Party who favor NATO bases on Bulgarian soil and keeping Bulgarian troops in Iraq.

We have no explanation for this phenomena – if you can offer any, you will be most welcome.

Regarding the proposed change in name of the organization, "International Council for friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People". We like it the way it is! We like the word "Soviet" in it together with "Friendship" and "Solidarity" – it warms our hearts. I personally would be sorry, if you dropped the name- especially now when there is internal conflict and killings. Look at the Caucasus – look at Georgia, which is in the pocket of US imperialism. Just now, the Soviet people need both Friendship and Solidarity.

Besides – your organization has a long history of friendship – a unique, special history connected with the Soviet people since 1918 in Canada.

We would like the word "Soviet" to live and be repeated over and over again. I like to see it written. This makes you comrades unique. If you drop it – you turn into one of thousands of left movements around the world that do not understand

what that word "Soviet" signifies. So, there is no use changing the name, since the proposal for change has nothing new in it.

That word "Soviet" together with "Friendship" and "Solidarity" makes you special.

Please – let it live!

Would you be able to send us Soviet songs on tape that you advertised in NSC, because the ones we received from Irina Malenko from N. Ireland are getting worn out from playing, re-recording. We thank you in advance.

Regarding the Russian language books and your catalogue of them. I am reporting to you that the present Bulgarian regime has been destroying these libraries for already 15 years. This destruction passes through several stages.

First – the Soviet magazine are collected, packed and given away to feed the toilet industry.

Second – the Bulgarian magazines from the period of 1944 to 1989 are collected, packed and given away to feed the toilet paper industry.

Third – The Soviet classic books that NSC has advertised, and the political writings and memoirs of Soviet politicians, generals etc. are collected, packed and given away to feed the toilet paper industry.

Fourth – the freed space on the library shelves are filled up with the new US style magazines and the US soap porno and half porno books.

In other words, an ideological purge is being carried out in all of the Bulgarian libraries for already 15 years.

The community centers are turned into discos, which teach the Bulgarian teenagers to perverse and premature sex and turn them also into drug addicts.

Many of the Bulgarian villages and small town's libraries are already totally annihilated.

It is very difficult – or next to impossible – to find any Soviet classics or Soviet authors political analyses and memoirs in Bulgaria anymore.

We appeal through you and your readers, to send us packages of Soviet magazines and books, Soviet classics, political analyses, and stories by the participants of the

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Warmest regards
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robots.**

By JOHN CORLETT

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FROM
MOSCOW
RUSSIA

Dear comrades:

We deeply regret for the loss of activity of the Russian Society for Friendship and Solidarity with Foreign Countries in recent months. However, we are determined to continue our work in the area of international relations of the communist and anti-imperialist movements. This will not depend on whether we obtain the present regime's official registration or not.

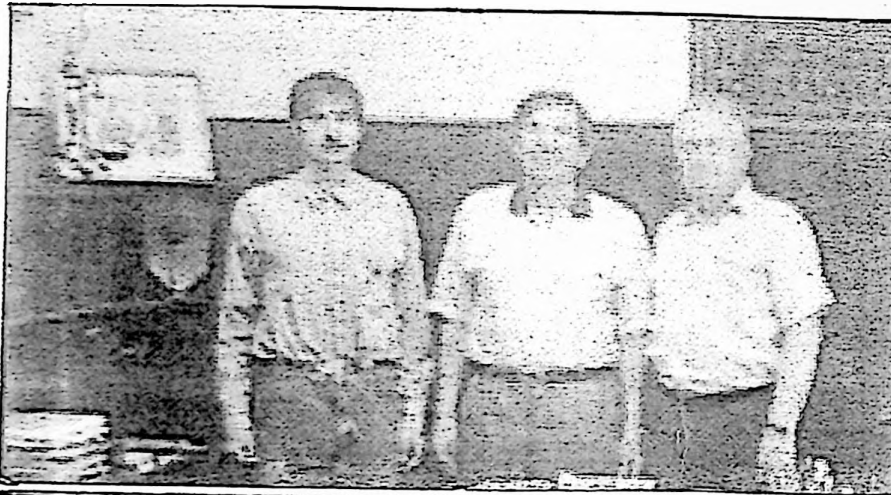
RUSSIAN SOCIETY FOR FRIENDSHIP WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES

Our current plans are to hold several events upon the 100th Anniversary of the world-famous proletarian writer Nikolai Ostrovsky (on September 29, 2004) as well as holding some international meetings with guests from progressive movements from different parts of the world.

Our visits of course will be bilateral. We, in the Revolutionary Communist Youth (*Bolshevik*) are sending a two-member delegation to the 30th Festival of Communist Youth of Greece and Odigitis newspaper in Athens this September 2004.

Our young comrade from Gorky (*Nizhni Novgorod*) was on a visit to France, where he is making contacts with the Coordination Communiste (*an organization fighting the PCF's revisionism*) as well as other progressive movements.

This is all related to the activities of our Friendship Society which is linked to our party, the Russian



Viktor Bourenkov, Vladimir Chechentsev are Vice Chairmen and Georgi Tikhonov is Chairman of the Russian Society for Friendship with Foreign Countries.

Photo below shows the young hunger strikers in Moscow.



Communist Workers Party- Revolutionary Party of Communists (RCWP-RPC) and to Revolutionary Communist Youth (Bolshevik), other communist and pro-communist organizations – such as the RPC-CPSU, Workers' Association of Moscow, "For USSR" newspaper and "Lenin and Motherland" Society.

The leadership of the Russian Society for Friendship and Solidarity with Foreign Countries will be confirmed this month at our conference in Moscow. Currently the Coordination Council is the same as we started with, with Georgi Tilkhonov as the Chairman and enclosed are some photographs that you can publish if you wish of our Executive and activities,

Please let us know the dates and place of the Second World Congress.

We will keep you informed. Thank you Michael for your endless

determination. We wish you all the best. Give our best to all comrades and members.

With Communist greetings:
Viktor Bourenkov, Vice Chairman
Vladimir Chechentsev, Vice Chairman

P.S. the revolutionary youth is currently taking part in a hunger strike in Central Moscow to protest against the new Duma legislation abolishing social benefits for the people. ■

ASK BOOK STORES TO HANDLE NSC!

YOUNG HUNGER STRIKERS IN MOSCOW!

The young hunger strikers started their hunger strike in Moscow on August 5, 2004 on the Theatrical Square in Moscow. They were apprehended by the police and

OMON security detail who tried to move them off the square, but the young comrades were determined and fended off the police and remained in their place.

The determination of the members of the communist youth is to stay and protest against the decision of the government to stop social guarantees and services to the people. These young patriots chose this method of struggle.

The group represents different young leftwing, Communist and Komsomol organizations, banded together as one in this struggle against Putin government's drastic actions against the working class.

Amongst the hunger strikers, is Viktor Bourenkov, Vice Chairman of the Russian Society of Friendship, who was a delegate at the First World Congress.

Greeting of support was sent to these young patriots on behalf of the International Council and Northstar Compass. ■

NEWS FROM FORMER USSR

US ATTACKS LUKASHENKO

By INTERFAX

Belarussian President Lukashenk said that he is not afraid of statements made by US Senators which are calling for a change of regime in Belorussia. "We have people in Byelarus, who can overthrow or appoint and only our people have this right", he said.

US Senator John McCain lashed out at Belorussian President, calling him a dictator and pledging to help fight tyranny in former USSR, by officially supporting the Byelorussian opposition groups.

One of the Byelorussian spokesman of the business community and its newspaper "Komersant" said that in two years they will get rid of President Lukashenko. ■

GIVE A GIFT SUBSCRIPTION OF NSC IN HONOUR OF RAY STEVENSON!

GEORGIAN PRESIDENT WARNS OF WAR WITH RUSSIA

From DeWaarheid, August 25, 2004

Georgian President Mikhail Saaskashvili has said that war with Russia is close and it is necessary to prepare the people of Georgia for such an eventuality. He said: "We are very close to war, the population must be prepared", he told the Liberation newspaper.

He denounced the Russian aid to South Ossetia which declared its independence from Georgia. Georgia massed its troops on the border with Russia, which infuriated Russia and worried Washington. South Ossetia is inhabited mostly by ethnic Ossetians.

COMMENT:

President Putin is also to blame for these ethnic clashes, by boot-licking

Washington, by continuing to sell out to US imperialism and by recognizing the US installed president of Georgia. Is it possible that Georgia, the birthplace of Stalin will allow itself to go to war with the people that saved them from extinction and backwardness under the Turks? ■

Monument to Brezhnev to be erected in Russia

MosNews

A monument to the leader of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, Leonid Brezhnev, will be erected in the south Russian city of Novorossiisk.

The city mayor, Vladimir Sinyagovsky supported the idea of a Krasnodar territory member of parliament, Dmitry Shishov, and it was decided to erect the 2 meters high monument in the center of the city to mark the city's anniversary on September 11 and the liberation of the city from the German invaders during the Great Patriotic War.

It was agreed that it is necessary to retain the memory and deliver to other generations.

Leonid Brezhnev took an active military part as a Commander in the

battles for Novorossiisk and the city's postwar restoration after the war. In 1960 he became head of the CPSU. He died in 1982. Brezhnev became the symbol of Soviet life during the second half of the 20th century.

Brezhnev's book, "The Lesser Land" was dedicated to the battles for Novorossiisk, and the book was republished in 2002 in the Krasnodar territory.

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

On August 15, 2004 in Kiev there took place the IV All-Ukraine Conference of the "Front of Help for the Revolutionary Prisoners". At this Conference there took part many delegates from different Regional Organizations of this Front.

The Conference decisions were as follows:

- 1: Protest the anti-democratic processes in Ukraine, republics of former USSR and the Baltics.
- 2: Protest the tendency towards the

growing number of political prisoners.

- 3: Change the use of psychiatric hospitals as a method of fighting against the present state opponents.

- 4: Demand the elimination of special forces using psychiatric and physical methods against the political prisoners in Ukraine, Russia, Kazakhstan and the Baltic countries.

- 5: Protest the formation of special "Death Squads" from the police apparatus in the struggle against the political opponents of the present regimes in the above mentioned states.

The Conference also decided to nominate during year 2004 in Ukraine candidates as "Sadist of the Year" and "Pocket Judge of the Year".

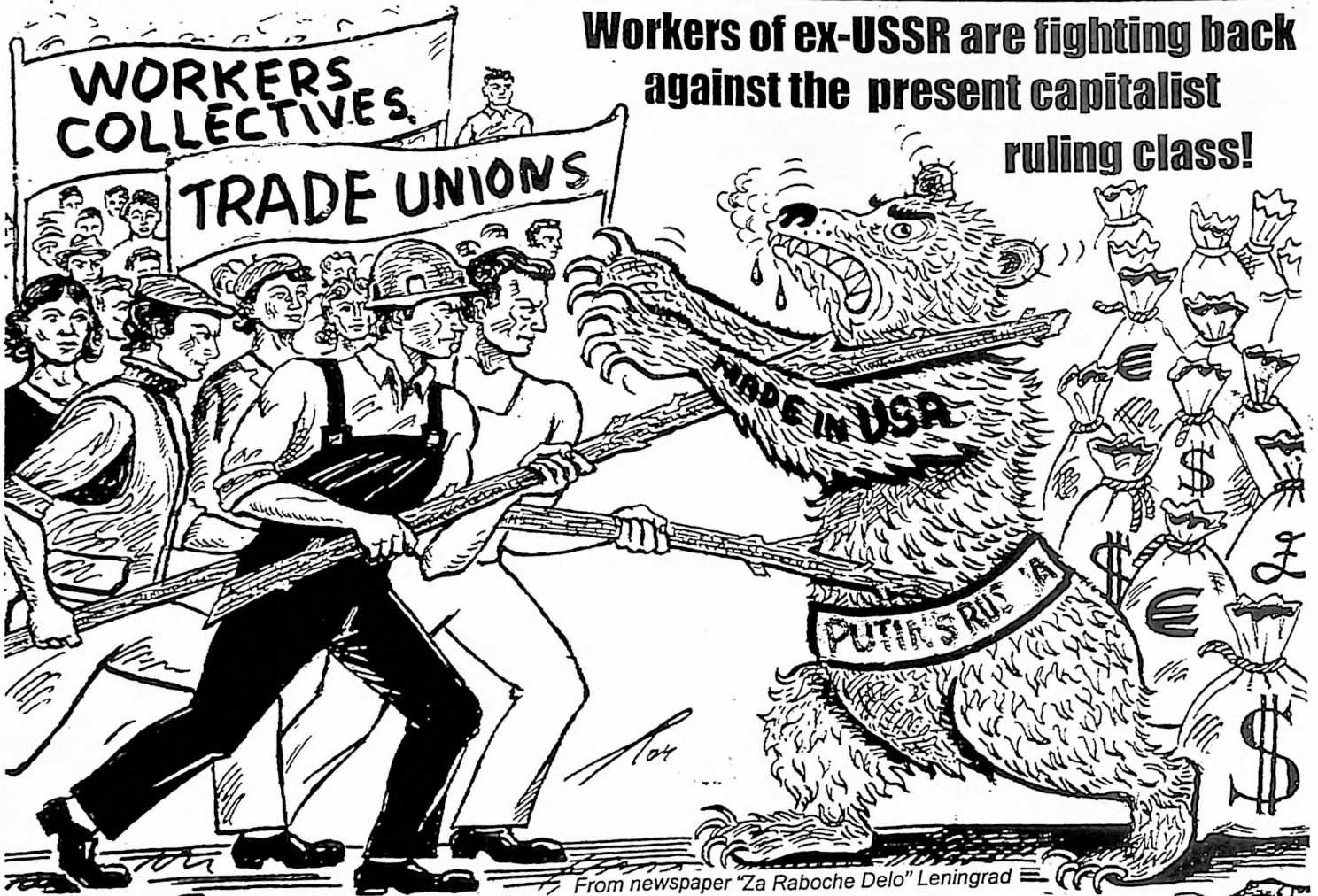
The Conference adopted a new Constitution, elected a Coordinating Council and the many resolutions were adopted.

NEWS FLASHES

Russia has developed a unit that uses water stream pressure to cut specifically hard materials, including Tank armor. The unit's unique pump can create a fantastic pressure of 5,000 atmospheres. The water speed almost reaches 3 Mach. But more importantly, the stream contains tiny sand grits that follow each other closely, and this is what actually cuts any material. Researchers have established that by passing through the unit, the water gains curative qualities that also help heel skin diseases.

From The Voice of Russia News

The winners of the pop-song performer competition have been announced at the International Art Festival, called "Slavic Bazaar" held in the Byelorussian city of Vitebsk. The grand prize—a golden lyre—had gone to Pyotor Yelfimov of Byelorussia. The first prize went to Yevgeny Gor of Russia, the second



the third prize went to Marzhan Arapayeva of Kazakhstan and Rodik Novak of Moldavia.

Mikhail Shvidkoi, who heads Russia's agency for film making and culture, feels that the recently held Slavic Bazaar Art Festival has consolidated the unity and friendship of the Slavs. This year's Vitebsk Art Festival brought together more than 6,000 Slavic representatives of 27 nations. For the first time this year, classical and folk music, film and stage shows, as well as pop-art, delighted its audiences. This year's gala festival closed with a gala concert and impressive fireworks. ■

JUST IN BEFORE PRINTING!

Georgian officers trained in the US plus US Officers will head the Georgian Defense Ministry in the preparations for the war with Russia. President Saakashvili said that this joint team is necessary to show that US is in solidarity with Georgia.

As the saying goes- every dog has his day, and Saakashvili's day is coming at the hands of the Georgian people!

British Territorial Army trains with former Soviet Army!

By IRINA MALENKO

The British TA soldiers are working alongside the Kazakhstan Army. Nearly 200 TA soldiers from the 3rd Battalion of the Princes of Wales Royal Regiment have already completed many months in Iraq and now are in Kazakhstan.

Now the challenging sandy terrain and hot weather in Kazakhstan is being seen as a good place to train for Central Asia and the Gulf region for future duty.

Kazakhstan became an autonomous republic of the USSR in 1920 and then became a full union republic of the USSR in 1936.

Lt. Colonel Tony Guthrie of the TA, the battalion's commanding officer, said that he finds it hard to

believe that they are working alongside the former enemy USSR's troops. "I spent my formative years in the British Army, learning tactics and learning how to fight these people," he told the BBC South East Today. "You have to pinch yourself and remember that these are your friends now, not the Communists we were trained to fight."

The British troops are learning all about the Soviet weapons and using Soviet-built helicopters, rockets, missiles and other weapons.

Yes, it certainly looks like the former First Secretary of the Kazakhstan CPSU Nazarbaev, and now head of Kazakhstan, is willing to sell his own mother for US dollars! ■

JAPAN TRYING TO REVISE THE OUTCOME OF 2ND WORLD WAR

The Prime Minister Koizumi of Japan was sailing last month on a Japanese war ship around the South Kurile islands in order to show that the present government of Japan, (of course with US approval), wants these islands to be given to Japan in order to placate the revanchist and extremely nationalist movement in Japan. There are also being organized marches all across Japan to force Russia to give back these Islands that were given to USSR by the United Nations, as a guarantee against anymore atrocities that were committed against the Soviet people during the Great Patriotic War fought in the East.

Of course Mr. Putin will cave in to Uncle Sam and Japan's colonial expansionism that is gaining strength now. ■

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UZBEKISTAN — SUICIDE BOMBING

Explosions struck the US and Israeli Embassies in Tashkent on July 30 and the Prosecutor's office, causing a number of casualties. Russia's Interfax news agency quoted a US official at the US Embassy as saying that the blast had been caused by a suicide bomber with explosives attached to his waist.

Fifteen people are on trial for trying to overthrow the present pro-Western government in connection with the attacks last February that killed 50 people.

Uzbekistan was and is a staging area for the US operation that ousted the former Taliban government in Afghanistan and has allowed US air space and airfields in this regards.

The administration of President Karimov, who unabashedly uses tough and horrific methods to crush any opposition, stands accused by all the human rights groups in the West and in the East of widespread human rights violations. ■

ABU-GRABIAN STARS AND STRIPES BLOOD-STAINED FLAG FLIES OVER GREECE

By BLAGOVESTA DONCHEVA

Are all of these Americans "AbuGrabians" really the supermen/women – or some inhuman species that have popped unto our earth from some mysterious Galaxy- as both the present bourgeois Russian and Bulgarian so-called "democratic" sport commentators want us to believe as they report from the World Olympics in Greece.

No, they are not!

They are only one more form of realization of the world's riches being siphoned from the countries whose elderly people are refused medical help and are dying of hunger, whose broken-hearted youth are drowned in drugs and prostitution, whose homeless children are being deliberately shot in the streets. The siphoned, blood-dripping riches of these countries and whole nations, tribes, peoples all over the world are being only for the benefit on US imperialism.

In the past, the well-organized and state supported sports in the USSR, Yugoslavia, German Democratic Republic and others, used to balance these AbuGrabians (American) inhuman arrogance.

The present Americans, these AbuGrabians have turned those countries into dust as they are in the process of turning Iraq also into dust.

But still, how does the stolen money work in the field of sport? What is the scheme? Actually, it is quite simple.

These Americans buy people with it. They build sports facilities with it. They deliberately kill the sports in these enslaved countries. First, they buy trainers from these countries.

How many professional trained trainers from USSR and even from Bulgaria – are now working under the AbuGrabian Stars and Stripes flag? These Judas Trainers, betraying their own countries, their own peoples – for less than 30 pieces of silver!

I am appealing to my Russian friends to publish the long list of Soviet world famous sport trainers, working shamelessly under the Stars and Stripes flag! Add to this list other Soviet and Socialist trained trainers who sold themselves to other countries.

I also appeal to my Yugoslav friends to publish the list of Yugoslav trained trainers who have left their battered country for good. Some of them are serving and working for the very murderers who murdered and dismembered Yugoslavia.

I also appeal to the excellent trainers from former GDR who have left the work in the sport field for good.

These American AbuGrabians buy sportsmen and sportswomen from the enslaved countries as well.

These AbuGrabians buy their own men and women with promises of riches and sweet life and college diplomas. They turn them into public favorites for a short time – and then kick them out onto the streets.

I also appeal to the Americans to publish a list of the sportsmen and women that died in the streets after they were no longer useful to the promoters – also they died in abject poverty, forgotten, kicked out, humiliated – by those who have benefited from their services in order to prove that America is the greatest in everything!

Have you seen by chance, the basketball match between the delicate Chinese girls and the monsters of this Abu-Grabian team? If not, do it! It would be unbearable to watch the whole match, but some minutes will do to make you both red angry and screaming miserable and very bitterly ashamed of these

American representatives of the human race!

For your information, these Americans were going after the Chinese girls as Israeli bulldozers went after Palestinian children!

Oh yes, have you watched the Sport Gymnastics?

If you have, you will know that the AbuGrabian sport authorities have used part of our money to BUY the Sport Gymnastics Judges in order to put the American team first. They kicked successfully the Russians in the face, and tried real hard to do the same to the Romanian team, but they then contended themselves only by taking some of the gold medals from the Russian and Romanian girls in order to lavish them on the American ones.

Good job! They will of course be the judges at other sports events – no doubt about it! The last two Olympics were nothing more than the AbuGrabian events. It was the last winter one and now this one in Greece.

RUSSIA IS A SHEER FAILURE IN GREECE: THE USSR IS TO BLAME!

That is the message from the Russian “*democratic*” commentators from the Russian Sector of EuroSport TV Channel.

Can you imagine what that damn Soviet Union had done? In their stride for better sport results – **damn them** – they had built huge sports centers all over the USSR, instead of only in Russia! For instance, they built a boat/canoe training center in one of the Baltic countries, by the sea. And now the Russian sportsmen and sportswomen had to go to a foreign country in order to train!

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Why should these present misfits on the Sport Channel call the Soviet Union's attempt to better their sports training for better results are described as criminal, despicable, derisive, damned, blameworthy etc. etc.? Besides, the Baltic Republics were part of the Soviet Union and by the sea – what was wrong in building a training boat/canoe facility there?

Of yes, why has not this Putin (*Put-In*) build this training facility in Russia, during all the years that he was serving faithfully the AbuGrabian Annihilators of the Soviet Union – and now also of Russia?

Putin is too busy giving away to American imperialism Adjaria, South Ossetia, then Abghazia will follow, North Ossetia and so forth – and then Russia will be divided into small fiefdoms!

Those Russian commentators could not kiss the ground enough of the US participants and if some other small country happened to win or come close, these sell-out Russian commentators were shocked. The one that pays the piper, calls the tune. Obviously these Russian commentators were not objective, or even subjective – they were like prostitutes - **You pay, I perform!**

When will all the progressives all over the world open up their eyes and look at the AbuGrabians gulags all over the world?

Everyone knows that in the USSR, in Bulgaria, in GDR and other East European countries the state did all in order to promote sports and build arenas, training facilities, sports of all kinds – everything was for the development of the people.

This should be talked about more and more and exposed to the world.

I still hope that one day the really **honest** people all over the world will get free of the aggressive manipulation regarding the Soviet Union, Socialism and Stalin – and will get the truth at last.

But will it not be too late? □

Blagovesta Doncheva is a Bulgarian Communist at heart, proud and happy for having had the opportunity to live in the glorious times of the great Soviet Union.

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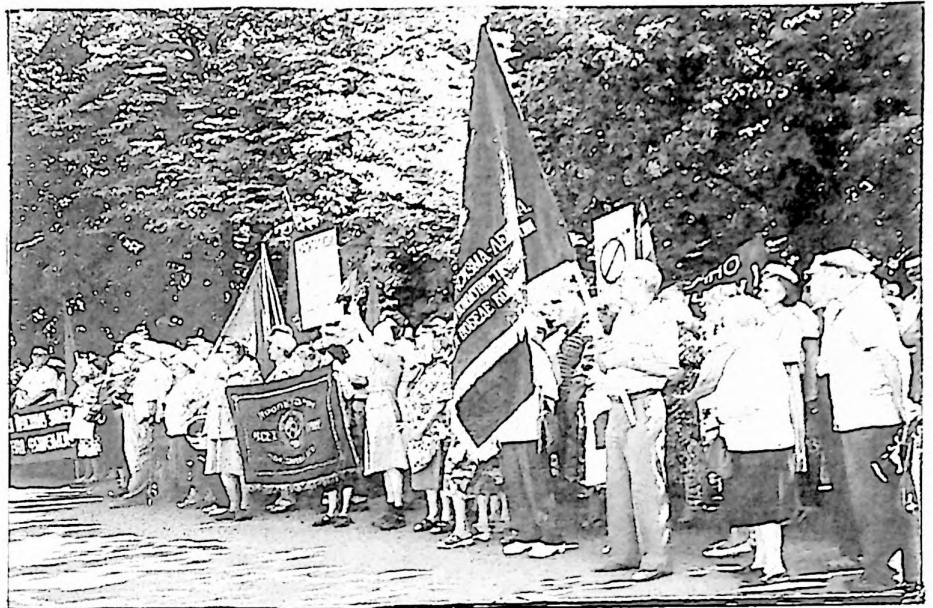


“WHERE THE TABLE WAS OBVIOUS – THERE STOOD THE GRAVE” ON THE WRECKAGE OF THE USSR

The burnt-out building that you see in this photo, during Soviet times was a beautiful children's kindergarden in the city of Lugansk, Ukraine. When you at that time entered this building, the beautiful architecture, the spaciousness, the happy faces and happy laughter of the children in there, made your heart sing with joy. The staff of this beautiful Children's Home were so devoted, so expert, so innovative that they were honored at the All Union Exhibition of Peoples Culture. More than 200 children were taken care in this children's palace each day. Here they were fed, they were taught, they sang, they danced, they drew, they were also taught about nature and preservation.

But this former children's palace is in ruins. One part was bought by one of the “New Ukrainians” while the other was robbed of everything that was in the building and it was infested with drunks and bums and then set on fire.

Could this be called just a chance happening? But in the USSR the children were called the “most privileged class”! For them there were build children's palaces, pioneer camps in the Crimea, schools of learning, of innovations and these schools were even called “Young Academy of Sciences.” Now the privileged class are the new businessmen and the speculators, racketeers, bandits, former directors and all shady characters of the underworld. The children of this new class are the only ones that can go to these resorts and these privileged children are even sent to resorts all over the world.



Meeting in Lugansk, Ukraine against the rising prices.



This is the former Children's Palace in Lugansk, Ukraine.

But the daily propaganda keeps churning out vicious diatribe about “Stalin Repressions” in all of the media, which is owned by these new oligarchs. The former racketeer and member of the band Alex Greka, Tinat Achmetov from Donetsk, Ukraine, is the richest billionaire in the Ukraine. The crooked zhulik, R. Abramovich, is the richest billionaire in Russia and at the same time the Governor of Chukotka, appointed by Putin. Here is just a short summary of Abramovich's businesses:

*He owns the best soccer team in England –Chelsea Club.

*He owns his own jet Boing 767 which is a home away from home. This plane is even bigger and more

lavish than that of the President of the USA.

*He has three Yachts worth millions – one of them costed 72 million sterling –132 meters long.

*His London residence is worth 4.7 million Euro dollars.

*He is buying a whole summer resort in Italy plus many homes in the French Alps.

Other millionaires are trying to keep up with him, while at the same time helping Putin, as they did, in the last presidential election.

It is no wonder that in the last 10 years, these millionaires have sent across the border of Russia, over \$300 billion dollars into the foreign banks.

The tragedy of all this is the

deaths of millions of people due to the terrible conditions now prevailing in former USSR. This is the kind of "dictatorship of law" that Putin has put into force. He stated again and again that "rethinking of privatization

will not be looked at again!" The new bandits have replaced the old bandits of Yeltsin and Gaidar.

We can really predict: the historical overthrow of these grave diggers of socialism and USSR, is coming! ■

THE OLIGARCHS OR, HOW THE VIRGIN BECAME A WHORE

By URI AVNERY – an Israeli writer and peace activist with Gush Shalom

There is being shown in Israel a TV series about Russia. But it could have been about Israel or about the United States. It is entitled "The Oligarchs" and it was produced in Israel and is being screened on Israel television.

Some of these episodes are simply unbelievable – or would have been, if they had not come straight from the horses' mouths: the heroes of the story, who gleefully boast about their despicable exploits. This TV series was produced by Jewish immigrants to Israel from the USSR/Russia.

The "Oligarchs" are a tiny group of entrepreneurs who exploited the disintegration of the Soviet system to loot the treasures of the USSR/Russia and to amass plunder amounting to hundreds of billions of dollars. In order to safeguard the perpetration of their business, they took control of the state. Six of the seven former Soviet citizens are Zionists.

In popular parlance they are called "oligarchs" – from the Greek word meaning "rule of the few".

In the first post-Soviet Russian capitalism, they were the bold and nimble ones who knew how to exploit the economic anarchy in order to acquire enormous possessions for a hundredth or a thousandth of their actual value: oil, natural gas, nickel and other minerals. They used every possible trick, including bribery, cheating and murder. Every one of them had around him a small private army. In the course of this TV series, they are proud to tell in great detail as to how they did it.

But the most intriguing part of this TV series recounts the way they took control of the political apparatus.

After a period of fighting each other for the spoils, they decided that it would be more profitable for them to cooperate in order to take over the complete state.

At that time, President Boris Yeltsin was in a steep decline. On the eve of the new election for the presidency, his rating in public opinion polls stood at 4%. He was an alcoholic with a severe heart disease, working only about two hours per day. The Russian State, was in practice, ruled by his bodyguard and his daughter; corruption was the order of the day.

These oligarchs decided to take power through Yeltsin. They had almost unbelievable funds, control of all the TV channels and most of the other media. They put all these at the disposal of Boris Yeltsin's reelection campaign, denying opponents even one minute of TV time and also pouring huge sums of money into this effort. It is interesting that this TV series completely omits a very interesting detail: **these oligarchs brought from the US the most outstanding and high-priced election experts and copywriters who applied promotional methods that were previously unknown in USSR/Russia.**

The campaign bore fruit. Yeltsin was indeed reelected. On the very same day he had another heart attack and spent the rest of his term in hospital. In actual practice the oligarchs ruled Russia. One of these, Boris Berezovsky, appointed himself Prime Minister. There was a minor scandal, which was hushed up very soon - when it became known that he (like the other oligarchs) had acquired Israel citizenship. He gave up his Israel citizenship, so the press

reported, and everything was in order again.

By the way, this Berezovsky in this TV series boasts that he caused the war in Chechnya, in which tens of thousands have been killed and the whole country devastated. His main interest was in the mineral, resources in Chechnya and a prospective oil pipeline there. In order to achieve this end, he put an end to the peace agreement that gave the country some kind of independence. These oligarchs then dismissed and destroyed Alexander Lebed, the general who engineered the agreement, and this war has been going on ever since.

In the end, Putin who was put in and became president - immediately absolved Yeltsin of any crimes or wrong doing and said that Yeltsin will not be punished for his crimes. The same guarantee was given to Gorbachev also. Putin then himself took over all the media and as a public relation stunt, has jailed temporarily Mikhail Khoderovsky, but did not take away his billions in holdings and also caused others to flee... Berezovsky with his billions to England, Gusinsky and others with their billions to Israel.

Now, moving from Russia to America – the same thing happened, more than a hundred years ago. At that time, the great "robber barons" Morgan, Rockeller at al. all of them good Christians, used very similar methods to acquire capital and power on a massive scale. Today, it works in far more refined ways.

In the present US election presidential campaign, the candidates collected hundreds of millions of dollars. George W. Bush and John Kerry, both brag about their talent for raising enormous sums of money. From whom? From pensioners? From the mythical "old lady with tennis shoes"? Of course not - but from the cabals of billionaires - the giant corporations and powerful lobbies (arms dealers, Zionist organizations, doctors, lawyers and such). Many of them give money to both candidates – just to be on the safe side.

All of these donors, of course, expect to receive a generous bonus when the candidate is elected. "There is no such thing as a free lunch" as the right-wing economist Milton Friedman wrote. As in Russia,

every dollar (or ruble) invested wisely in an election will yield a ten - a hundred-fold return.

The problem is rooted in the fact that presidential candidates (and all other political candidates for political office) need ever-increasing amount of money. Elections are mainly fought on TV screens and cost huge sums. It is not a coincidence that all of the present US candidates in the US are multimillionaires. The Bush family has amassed a fortune from the oil business (helped of course by their political connections). Kerry is married to one of the richest woman in the USA, who was once the wife of the ketchup king, John Henry Heinz. Dick Cheney was the chief of a huge corporation that had garnered contracts worth billions in Iraq. John Edwards, candidate for Vice President, has made a fortune as a trial lawyer.

In Israel too, talk about "Money and Power" is now in vogue. Ariel Sharon and one of his two sons have been suspected of accepting bribes from an Israeli real estate magnate. But an indictment against them was blocked by the new Attorney General - who just happened to be appointed by the same Sharon government at the height of this scandal. Another investigation into Sharon and his sons is still pending. It concerns millions of dollars that reached his election coffers by roundabout routes, crossing three continents.

Shimon Peres' connections with multi-millionaires are well-known, as are huge sums of money poured out by the American Zionists multi-millionaires for the extreme right-wing causes in Israel. One of the Russian Jewish immigrant oligarchs is part owner of the second biggest Israeli newspaper.

A political scandal concerning the Israeli Minister for Infrastructure has mushroomed into an affair involving giant multi-national corporations competing for contracts for supplying natural gas to the Israeli Electricity Company, an affair worth billions in which underworld figures, politicians and private investigators play their parts. This disclosure has made it clear to Israelis that here, too, politicians of the highest rank have long ago been acting as mercenaries for powerful financial interests.

These facts must alarm everybody who cares about democracy - in

Israel, Russia, the United States and elsewhere. Oligarchy and Democracy are incompatible. As a Russian commentator in the TV series said about the new Russian democracy: "They have turned a virgin into a whore!"

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OPEN FORUM

OPEN LETTER TO SENATOR JOHN KERRY - U.S. PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

By **WARD REILLY**, *The Baltimore Chronicle*

Dear Senator Kerry:

The entire Iraq war has gone wrong. **Say that!** The neocons led us dishonorably into this disaster. **Say that!** Say that all of you in the US Congress made a horrible mistake. **Say that!**

Greeting from a common American citizen, and a fellow veteran. I am writing this letter to you because our nation is in dire distress, due to the reckless lack of leadership from the White House concerning our nation's foreign policy. Our country is "out-sourcing" itself, to borrow a modern phrase.

I have been pondering for weeks now on what words of mine might have a chance of making an impact upon you. I wrote a similar "Open Letter to President Bush" that was published in the US "Baltimore Chronicle" ten days prior to when he began bombing Baghdad last March 19th, 2003.

My time in the US infantry allowed

me to learn a great deal from men who were "in-country" grunts, to learn about the effect Viet Nam had on their lives, and also to learn what a "mistake" that the Viet Nam War was, as per your own words in 1971, the year I volunteered for the US Army.

Iraq is the latest "mistake" that our nation made, and now I have two draft-age sons, and at this time I must invoke your own words of 1971, in my attempt to save my sons, and other children of many other American families, from the US neocon dream of World III.

"How can you ask a man to be the last man to die for a MISTAKE?" This is what YOU said in 1971. Senator, we **MUST** leave Iraq **NOW!** The "mistake" is happening again. **YOU** can stop it! Let's make some **REAL** friends in the Middle East through benevolent actions and giving respect to those around the world, a world that we **ALL** share. That is

how you **"win"** a war against **"terrorism"**.

You have spoken of the Iraq war in the context that *"it was carried out insufficiently to achieve some sort of victory"*. That is **NOT** what I want to hear, that is not what **YOUR** supporters want to hear, and that is **NOT** what the nation wants to hear from you, Senator.

The entire war has gone wrong, **Say that!** Say that the US neocons led us dishonorably into this disaster. **Say that!** Say that all of you in the US Congress made a horrible mistake. **Say that!**

We do not want to hear about another 40,000 US troops going there. We want to hear about a **Cease Fire** and withdrawal, and we want to hear it now **Before** the coming election. We want **Our** money to go to the USA, to our own country, which is collapsing on the poor and the middle class, as the Bush Administration spends (*an unbudgeted*) **\$200,000,000** on pre-emptive imperialistic war.

You are going to try to win the White House for one reason, and one reason only, that reason being that our nation has seen that Iraq is a disaster that was propagated with (*documented*) lies told us by President Bush, Vice President Cheney, Secretary of State Powell, Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld, and National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice.

Those lies are choreographed in House Minority Leader Waxman's *"Report on Iraq"*, which documents 237 *"lies or misleading statements"* made by those five *"leaders"*, and that alone is enough reason to stop this Occupational War against Iraq. Have you read the report? This **"war"** was planned long before the 9/11. It's a fact.

You have compromised your integrity many times in your Senatorial career. Your support of pro-Israel

ANOTHER "BUSHISM" GEM!

President Bush offered up a new entry for his catalogue of "Bushisms" declaring this gem: "Our enemies are innovative and resourceful, and so are we. They never stop thinking about new ways to harm our country and our people, and neither do we." ■

policies is borderline-criminal, for example. Once you are president, none of that will matter anymore. Your history will be written starting the day you the *"oath of office"*. And from the actions that you will take as president.

A 23-year CIA anti-terrorism veteran said that: *"the war in Iraq has helped Osama bin Laden and alQaida"*. Bush & co. **have helped** the very terrorists they claim to want to stop.

Senator Kerry, there is no **"right way"** to attack and **"occupy"** an innocent country. Iraq did nothing to us. You can become a hero by asking for a cease-fire **now**, before the presidential election.

On March 23, 2003, VP Cheney said of the Iraqis: *"They will in fact welcome us as liberators"*. He in fact was completely **wrong**. We knew that he was **wrong**. So why didn't all of you that are in **power** know it?

We are building 14 military bases in Iraq as I write. That certainly looks like an **"occupation"** to me. Almost 200,000 troops are there. Is this not an **"occupation"**?

If you should win the presidency and continue this illegal occupation, you will lose for us as a nation the opportunity to say *"we were wrong, we are sorry, and please forgive us."*

We **cannot** as a nation, afford to lose this opportunity. Let's **"liberate"** our own nation. Let's **"liberate"** the White House. Make us proud to want peace.

Let's not wait for *"politics"* of the election to start the ending of this mistake, **let's start now!**

Thank you, and **peace to you** from Ward Reilly.

COMMENT:

An absolutely excellent Open Letter. Let us remember that Mr. Kerry is a multi-millionaire and involved in the web of multinational corporations. Will his love of his financial empire and the support of the multinational corporations be forgotten by him to go against the tide of imperialist take-overs and the US New World Order by the financial powers that be? We hope that he will understand the tragic consequences if he does not. ■

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FACTS! JUST FACTS!

According to the statement made by Helen Mirren at the United Nations, as Ambassador for Oxfam – it's shocking what she said:

*In this year of 2004 there will die over 500,000 people from armed violence – each minute.

*Over 88 per cent of the world's arms are supplied by the permanent members of the UN Security Council – US, China, Britain, France and Russia.

*Arms exports estimated at \$21 billion per year and Britain and US are making massive amounts of money out of this deadly trade.

There is a staggering 639 million small arms in the world, one for every 10 people.

*The hypocrisy is that the very countries of the UN Security Council that are urging self-reliance, are helping to fuel the conflicts that destroy people, livelihoods, and trap countries into cycles of violence and poverty in the name of profits. ■

We congratulate George W. Bush for winning for the second time in two years the **"Stupid Award"** which is awarded each year in Montreal, Canada. This award was presented to Bush in absentia by the son of former Prime Minister Trudeau of Canada, Justin Trudeau.

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FROM US CENSUS BUREAU

The number of Americans living in poverty increased by 1.3 million people in 2003. Now it stands at 35.9 million and the number without health insurance swelled by 1.4 million, making the total 45 million Americans without any health care insurance.

This also does not include the millions of immigrants that are not citizens of US and are not even listed as being there.

Yes, God really loves America!

NEEDED; A NEW TEAM OF AFL-CIO LEADERS *By Harry Kelber*

If everything goes according to plans, AFL-CIO President John Sweeney and the 51-member Executive Council will again be elected for a four-year term at the Federation's convention in July of 2005.

If that happens, it will be a disaster for the nation's men and women, who need a much stronger union movement to defend their basic rights and living standards.

In the nine years since Sweeney and the Council have run the AFL-CIO, their organizing efforts have been dismal failures. In 1995, when Sweeney and his team were elected, organized labor represented 14.9% of the nation's work force. Today, it represents less than 12.8%. Union membership in the private sector has declined to only 8%, the lowest in many decades, despite millions of dollars spent by the AFL-CIO on organizing.

In the US Congress Sweeney and his staff offered only weak verbal resistance to President Bush's sweeping attacks on workers rights, including the new overtime regulations.

With such a woeful record, how can Sweeney and the Council hope to win re-election? It's quite simple! They control the convention election machinery, under which less than a dozen leaders of big unions hold a majority of the convention votes and assure themselves and other Council members of automatic re-election.

They won without opposition or campaigning at the 1987 and 2001 conventions, and unless the outrageously and very unfair convention voting rules are changed, they'll win again in 2005.

Andy Stern, President of the 1.6 million-member Service Employees International Union, has been saying publicly while many national leaders have been thinking or saying privately: the AFL-CIO has to

change radically in its structure and the way it functions, implying that a new top leadership is required. There should be a membership debate about the future of AFL-CIO.

WHERE ARE THE OPPOSITION LEADERS?

The choice of a new AFL-CIO leadership should not be left to the back-room deals by leaders of the big unions. A "Palace Revolution" with some of the same old faces and one-track minds will not solve the problems of the labor movement.

Union leaders who aspire to the top positions should campaign amongst the membership for it, but not have bestowed upon them by a hierarchical group of kingmakers.

One essential reform that even Stern - or any other group has mentioned - is the need to change the convention voting system that gives delegates now from one of the large trade unions as many as 30,000 votes, while hundreds of delegates are limited to one vote each. Each candidate for the top position in the AFL-CIO should be made to pledge for a "One Delegate-One Vote" convention rule in order to ensure a fair and free election.

A few of the present top AFL-CIO leaders want to postpone the changing of the Convention rules until after the November presidential elections. Sweeney made the same comment close to two years ago when he announced his candidacy for his AFL-CIO reelection.

The 51-members of the AFL-CIO Executive Committee have held office for 9 years, but union members do not know who most of them are or what they do, because they were elected and re-elected without ever having to utter a word about their qualifications.

If we're going to restructure the AFL-CIO, we have to make sure that the elections to the AFL-CIO Council are open and fair, and that each candidate must offer evidence why he or she is worthy to be chosen.

So, let the debate begin! ■

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US MAN MADE HOAX EXECUTION VIDEO BY AL-QAEDA

By JARI TUOMINEN

A man in San Francisco, USA admitted staging a hoax video that appeared to show him being beheaded in Iraq.

Benjamin Vanderford said that he made that tape months ago as part of his campaign for local office, Associated Press News agency reported. The video was reported to have been made by militants linked to top al-Qaeda suspect Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

The videos that have hit the airways of executions have to be looked at again, in view of this expose. The dark images of the fake video showed a man dressed in a plain T-shirt, sitting on a chair with his hands tied behind his back and bloody knife on the floor etc.

Mr. Vanderford, age 22, said that he had taped this fake video at a friend's house, using fake blood.

He told the AP News Agency that he had begun to distribute this video on the internet months ago, in order to draw attention to his campaign to get elected as a city supervisor.

"It was part of stunt, but no one noticed it until now" he said. "I did this for a stunt and to attract attention, But, I did it also to show how these videos can be easily faked."

COMMENT:

Who in their right mind will take all these videos of executions seriously now? Which are fakes and which are real? ■

NEW ZEALAND CAPTURES ISRAELI SPIES

Two Israeli agents - working for Mossad were apprehended by the New Zealand authorities. These two are Uriel Zosha Kelman and Eli Cara and they were attempting to obtain New Zealand passports illegally.

Both were sentenced to 6 months in prison for working with NZ criminal

gangs. Prime Minister Helen Clarke branded the Israel government agencies a violation of New Zealand sovereignty. When addressing the Auckland Court, where the men were tried, Ms Clarke said that she will suspend all government visits to Israel, plus all foreign ministries contacts and is planning to ban Moshe Katsav of Israel government from visiting New Zealand for a month.

Source: news.bbc.co.uk ■

THIS JUST IN!

The leading Israeli newspaper "Haaretz", confirmed on July 16, 2004 that at least two employees of the Israeli-based telecommunications company "Odigo" knew what was about to happen two hours before the twin Towers of the World Trade Centre were attacked on September 11, 2001.

Israeli and American security services were informed about this prior warning. This all happened before the attacks took place, yet the US intelligence services and the military claimed that they were not warned or prepared. Who gave the command from above? ■

SRI LANKAN REBELS COMMIT THOUSANDS OF CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS

From The Star Online – Canada

Tamil Tiger rebels have violated the two-year cease-fire nearly 2,500 times, largely through recruiting child soldiers, while Sri Lanka's military committed 112 violations, the UN truce monitors said last month.

The truce monitored by the Norwegian-brokered cease-fire of February 22, 2002, which ended two decades of fighting and killed over 65,000 people. The most rampant violations by the Tamil Tigers was the recruiting of children from 10 to 18 years of age.

Unrest in the region of Batticalos, where in recent months one rebel Tiger leader broke way from the mainstream Tamil Tigers with his 6,000 fighters. ■

THESE NATIVE PEOPLE KNOW!

When US-NASA was preparing for the Apollo Project, it took the astronauts to the Navajo Reservation in Arizona for training. One day, a Navajo grand elder and his son came across the space crew walking among the rocks.

The elder - who spoke only Navajo, asked a question. His son translated for the NASA people. "What are these guys in the big suits doing?"

One of the astronauts said that they were practicing for a trip to the Moon.

When the son relayed this comment to the Navajo elder, the elder got all excited and asked if it would be possible to give these astronauts a message to deliver to the moon.

Recognizing a promotional opportunity when he saw one, a NASA official accompanying the astronauts said: "Why certainly!" and told an underling to fetch a tape recorder.

The Navajo elder's comments into the tape recorder were brief. The NASA official asked the son if he would translate what his father had said.

The son listened to the recording and laughed uproariously. But he refused to translate. So the NASA people took the tape to a nearby Navajo village on the reservation and played it for members of the Navajo tribe. They too laughed long and loudly, but they too refused to translate the elder's message to the Moon.

Finally, an official government translator was summoned. After he finally stopped laughing, the translator relayed the message:

**"Watch out for these US
assholes. They have come to
steal your land!"**

US TRIES A COVER-UP IN AFGHANISTAN, BUT...

By MICHAEL OPPERSKALSKI

KABUL – Three Americans accused of torturing prisoners at a private jail in Afghanistan played videos at their

trial last month, showing a top US sponsored Afghan official pledging his full support to the vigilantes, then sending his security force on a raid with them. The videos, including one showing NATO peacekeepers on a separate raid, were part of the defense's effort to prove that the counter-terrorist operation had the backing of the Pentagon and Afghan officials, and was not a rogue mission as the prosecution alleges.

Jonathan Idema, Brent Bennett and Edward Caraballo face up to 20 years in jail if convicted on charges of kidnapping and torture. Michael Skinnie, a lawyer for Caraballo, showed a video of former Afghanistan Education Minister Yunus Qanooni offering Idema his help in arresting terrorists (read *Afghan patriots fighting US occupation – Editor*). Another video showed a raid involving Idema's team and a man identified as Qanooni's chief of security, which helped the US to oust the Taliban regime in late 2001, and is one of the main rivals to President Hamid Karzai in the election scheduled in Afghanistan for October 9 of this year.

Caraballo, a US journalist, says that he believed that he was chronicling a legitimate operation. But the US military insists that the defendants were operating without the knowledge and outside the law. NATO peacekeepers said that they were duped into helping Idema. Since Idema was arrested, the (USA's) International Security Assistance Force admitted helping his group with ordnance disposal on three occasions, but said that it was misled into believing that Idema and his colleagues were part of the US Special Forces.

But Idema said that NATO knew exactly who he was and that they had explained to NATO exactly who they were and that the US peacekeepers would never have sent 50 soldiers on this mission without knowing who they were. Last month Idema accused outright the US FBI of withholding evidence, which proves their links to the US authorities.

Then this hearing was dramatically halted last month when the FBI returned to the Afghan authorities evidence that it had seized. ■

HUMAN RIGHTS- THAT'S RIGHT!

I got fed up with all those egg heads bellyaching about us Americans not having any freedoms anymore! So I figure to write out a big fat list of our rights right here and now. That'll show up those phonies. So hang on to your hat and Old Glory, cause here goes:

RIGHT to equality for broads – as long as they know their place

RIGHT to say and write anything you please – as long it's not subversive

RIGHT to democracy and freedom in the work place – but no unions

RIGHT to freedom of religion – specially for good old Christianity

RIGHT to peace on earth – unless there's some enemy out there, acting all tough

RIGHT to democracy – don't get too many people in the act though, people gum up the works

RIGHT to freedom of the individual – just don't act like some dam freak

RIGHT to work – unless there's a depression

RIGHT to a clean environment – unless it interferes with production

RIGHT to medical care – as long you can afford it

RIGHT to unemployment insurance - except for lazy people

RIGHT to a decent place to live - if your credit rating's A-1

RIGHT to travel anywhere – unless it's not in the national interest

RIGHT to criticize your government – no need to make a damn pest of yourself though

RIGHT to meet and assemble together with other people – as long as they are respectable folks

RIGHT to have parades and demonstrations – as long as you don't slow traffic

RIGHT to vote for candidates of your choice – well, maybe not your choice exactly

RIGHT to safety on the job – unless it costs too much

Well that's enough to prove my point. Well anyhow I guess....Our compassionate, born again Christian President, Mr. Bush, would agree with me 100%, and he's a real expert on freedom and terrorism and God stuff like that. ■

WEST AFTER SUDAN'S OIL AND GOLD RESOURCES

"This high-life that the West enjoys now is a result of the theft of the colonies and their riches and its people" charged Sudanese President Omar Hassan al-Bashir last month.

Sudan is under intense pressure by Britain, whose colony Sudan was, is inflaming the Darefur fighting to destabilize wider Sudan. Sudan now is producing 300,000 barrels per day.

Because of this strife, with foreign powers competing for influence in Sudan, the results are over 200,000 refugees in neighboring Chad and about 2 million people short of food and medicine. ■

FABRICATING TERROR

By WILLIAM RIVER PITT

Let me get this straight, US Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge came out barnstorming in August with a blizzard of warnings about the looming terror attacks against targets in New York, New Jersey and Washington, DC. Our nifty color-coded alert system was raised to Orange, or High Alert. Headlines of US newspapers from coast to coast blared the bad news, and the Wall Street stock market began by giving itself a sound beating.

But later on the newspapers Washington Post and the New York Times reported: *"Most of the al-Qaeda surveillance of the financial institutions that led to this new terrorism alert was conducted way before the September 11, 2001 attacks. There is nothing right now that we're hearing that's new"*, said one senior law enforcement official, who was briefed of the alert. *"Why did we go to this level? I still don't know why!"*

This data was three years old!

George W. Bush and his administration are using terrorism – the fear of it, the fight against it – to manipulate the US domestic politics.

They had and they are for almost three years using September 11th against their own people. We are being lied to, clumsily, again.

Pakistan's Secret Service, as on cue, produced the "terrorist" supposedly responsible for bombing the US embassies in Kenya and Tanzania in 1998. Pakistan got the message from Tenet, Powell, Rocca, Black and the Bush administration itself. It came on cue and the Orange alert was put into play.

Pakistan delivered the "terrorist" right on cue!

They are also trying to dissuade the expected over 500,000 US protestors who are planning to march and surround the Republican Party convention in New York City at the end of August.

WHAT'S NEXT?

I can see it now. A flash will come across the news wires some morning soon: *"The Homeland Security had released an Orange Alert notification, based on credible and up-to-date evidence, that a bug in millions of computer systems could cause major disruptions at the turn of the millennium!"*

They are thinking of calling it the *"The Millennium, Terrabug."*

Keep your eyes peeled! ■

CUBA BREAKS TIES WITH PANAMA

By Anthony Boadie & Elida Moreno

Cuba has severed diplomatic relations with Panama in anger over its outgoing leader pardoning four Cuban exiles imprisoned for plotting to kill President Fidel Castro in 2000.

Panama's conservative President Mireya Moscoso, who left office last month, said that she freed the Cubans for humanitarian reasons.

Three of the plotters were Cuban-born US citizens and on their release they flew directly to a small airport in Miami, Florida, USA.

The Cuban government called Moscoso an "accomplice and protector of terrorism" and said in a statement that diplomatic relations with Panama are broken off indefinitely.

Havana described the pardon as

"an affront to the victims of terrorism and their families and history would hold Moscoso responsible for new crimes that these abominable assassins commit in the future".

The pardoned men were among six that were sentenced in April for their part in a failed attempt to bomb a University of Panama auditorium where Fidel Castro was due to speak during a summit of Iberian and Latin American leaders.

Among those freed was a prominent anti-Castro activist Luis Posada, who escaped in the 1980's from a Venezuelan jail where he faced charges of planning the 1976 bombing of a Cuban airliner that killed 73 people. Posada is not a US citizen so did not travel to Miami and it is unclear as to where he was or where he went.

Moscoso said that she freed the four because they were convicted for relatively minor crimes and she denied the charges that the United States had pushed her into it. "I knew that if these men stayed here, they would be extradited to Cuba and Venezuela and there they would surely going to get killed" she told the news conference.

A Panamanian Court last April sentenced these exiles to prison terms of 7 and 8 years on charges of endangering public safety and falsifying documents.

Cuba wanted the men extradited and Venezuela also wanted Posada. He was never convicted of the Cuban airliner bombing, but was arrested in Venezuela and denied bail for 9 years until he escaped prison disguised as a priest in 1985.

Panama's President-elect Martin Torrijos said that he disagreed with the pardon and pledged to work to repair the damage to relations with Cuba, once he takes office. ■

KERRY IS SO VERY WEALTHY

By PETER WORTHINGTON

Dear reader:

When a writer like Peter Worthington, writing as an anti-Sovieteer, anti-Communist and for a newspaper that is as right-wing as they come, the Toronto Sun, Canada

– his analyses of Kerry the US presidential candidate is so explicit and truthful, that sometimes we wonder as to why some "progressive" parties in the US cannot even come close to expose Kerry? Why? Why this argument that it must be "Anyone but Bush?"

NOW THAT the Democratic Party Convention in the US is over, with what was billed as a 55-minute speech by John Kerry, it's time for analyzing the effects.

Although Kerry carefully avoided any controversy in his speech (*no gay marriage or abortion issue*) and instead stressed Vietnam (*he was there, you know*) and his own courage, one could not help thinking of Rush Limbaugh's observation that a 10-minute speech by Kerry seemed like 55 minutes. His repeated reference to Vietnam was a bit much. (*He was only there four months, for heaven's sake*).

When the convention started, he was visiting the Kennedy Space Center, where he wore one of those head-to-toe protective suits that someone remarked made him look like a sperm from a Woody Allen movie.

While everyone knows that Kerry became rich when he married the Republican Senator's Heinz's widow, Teresa – most people don't realize how wealthy he is. His first wife, Julia Thorne, was worth a few hundred millions, but Teresa, as heir to Heinz ketchup fortune, makes every other



rich president in US history seem like a piker.

Noemie Emery in the weekly "Standard" has done some research and figures that the Kerry's are worth between \$1 and \$3 billion US, "making him by far the richest man ever to run on a national ticket, as well as the most indulgent in his lifestyle."

US media is now dwelling into his lifestyle – and here are just some examples:

*Kerry maintains huge and fancy mansions all over USA.

*He maintains a 12-room, five story townhouse worth \$9.8 millions in Nantucket.

*A ski resort worth \$4.9 million US.

*He owns a 15th century Manor mansion, taken down and re-assembled and shipped from England into Idaho, USA – worth many, many millions.

*He has his own private Gulfstream Jet at \$35 million US, while Kerry rides on his motorbike Ducati original, worth \$8,600 US.

*Kerry also owns a \$700,000 42-foot yacht.

*The Washington Post reported that he sold paintings of his former wife for millions of dollars and he also pays \$1,000 to have his hair styled each time. This same newspaper wrote the following about Kerry: "Whatever his politics, Kerry is living at a level of luxury wholly unseen in American politics."

Life has sure changed for John Kerry since Vietnam.

Oh yes, Kerry will fight for the working man, as promoted by the leadership of the AFL-CIO unions – while some progressive leaders think that they will "force and hound" Kerry to be different than Bush! ■

IMPERIALISM, FASCISM AND THEIR CULTURE

By VEERASENGAM

Americans when they invaded Vietnam, they regarded and called the Vietnamese people as gooks (*a slimy sticky substance*) and dinks (*the penis or foolish/stupid person*) and also slopes.

In Vietnam, the shooting of women and their babies in the Village of My Lai was called an "American Tragedy".

Too bad that the present

Vietnamese leadership has forgotten this and is on the road towards capitalism.

Paul W. Wolfowitz, the US Deputy Secretary of Defense and the architect of the invasion of Iraq, called Iraqis snakes and draining the swamps in the uncivilized parts of the world.

After that of course he opened up the Torah and prayed??!!

An American high-ranking officer during the 1991 Iraqi slaughter said: "We count every screw driver, but we don't count Iraqis."

In mid 1980's Sri Lanka armed forces and Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) were trained by the Israelis at the same place and at the same time. But these two opposing groups did not know that this was being done. The Israeli officers made many racist comments which went something like this: "These people just came down from the trees." ■

ISRAELI SPY STORY

By Eric Walberg

This latest spy story makes no sense, and may be part of a set up to protect the real traitors.

As the story is being reported, the alleged spy for Israel in the US passed on information concerning American foreign policy towards Iran to AIPAC, which in turn passed it on to the Israeli Government. This makes so little sense that it is almost funny.

Why should anyone even consider this convoluted, and dangerous route? We have to assume that there is a direct communication between Feith's Washington office and Sharon's office. The fax machines and e-mails must just hum. I'm sure that Sharon gets the latest and relevant Pentagon matters before anyone else does. Why should Sharon get a particular American spy, when the entire group of Washington and Pentagon neocons are his agents?

The fellow that is being fingered as the spy is Larry Franklin, a career analyst and an expert on Iran. He is not a member of the neocon cabal, and, according to Haaretz, is not

even a Jew. What motive would he have to risk everything to assist Sharon? Money? Why would Sharon pay money for something that he can get for free? The standard Mossad model, which has made Israeli intelligence so very powerful, is that some Jews living in countries around the world are enlisted to help the cause of the Jewish homeland.

There are many Jewish neocons in the Pentagon who fit the model, some already under various clouds of suspicion in the USA for helping Israel in the past, who fit right into the Mossad model. Picking the only prominent non-Jew as the culprit - seems almost somebody's idea of a very sick joke. If he was paid money to enlist him to pass materials on to AIPAC - it was to enlist him as a patsy - in this US presidential election year, to take the heat off the real culprits.

The story appears to be intended to direct attention away from a real scandal. Sharon of Israel didn't need someone to slip him America's position on Iran due one simple reason: **Sharon writes America's position on Iran!** ■

HAITIAN RESISTANCE IS GROWING

In a Report released at the end of July by the Haiti Accompaniment Project, which describes "a new wave of demonstrations by the people and the horrific repression by the US-backed authorities. The people in ever greater numbers are demanding the return of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide."

Last July 28, mass demonstrations were held all over Haiti on the Anniversary of the US Marines invasion of Haiti in 1915. There were thousands of demonstrators in the streets. These demonstrations followed on the heels of the July 15 protests, on Aristide's 51st birthday and called for his return from exile in South Africa.

Everyone agreed that the present repression backed by the USA is even worse than the aftermath of the brutal 1991-1994 coup. Convicted

death squad leaders responsible for the massacres have now been freed and are now extracting revenge on those who testified against them.

President Aristide's ouster was the culmination of a planned US-led destabilization campaign which included withholding loans, funding of political opposition groups and arming and training former military officials and death squad leaders.

Since the US-backed military insurgency began in late January of this year, the militia has murdered hundreds of people, burned hundreds of homes, and forced tens of thousands of President Aristide's supporters of the Fanmi Lavalas Party to flee for their lives.

There is an occupation force led by the United States, France, Canada and Chile that replaced Haiti's legal government and installed the puppet President, an Haiti exile, Gerard Latortue, who did not set foot in Haiti for over 15 years and is a citizen of the USA! ■

OVER 2,000 US TROOPS KILLED IN IRAQ

By VLADIMIR RADYUSHIN

MOSCOW: The US suffered far heavier casualties in Iraq than it officially admits, a Russian military expert said. This is more than twice the official figure of 900 that Washington admits to.

He said that: "Official statistics do not include casualties among non-US nationals who sign up in order to get their "Green Card" and thus the promise of being legally US citizens". According to leaked information the share of non-Americans in US forces in Iraq may be as high as 60 per cent, plus over 12,000 wounded. ■

LATIN AMERICA

From Heikki.sipila @saunalahti.fi

PUBLIC HEALTH STRIKE IN NICARAGUA

Thousands of public health employees went on a 48-hour strike last August 19 to protest low wages and lack of supplies in the nation's

public hospitals.

Tania Quezada, a spokesperson for the Federation of Health Workers (FETSALUD) reported to the Associate Press that despite attempts by management to intimidate the strikers, the strike was observed by over 95% of the membership.

The Federation is demanding an increase in public health budget to be evenly split between equipment and supplies and wages. Another walkout is planned for October if these issues are not addressed by the government of Enrique Bolanos.

STRIKES IN BRAZIL

Over 5,000 workers and students rallied in the city of Neuquen on August 20; at the same time, hundreds of workers met in a Buenos Aires auditorium in support of the Zanon ceramic workers. The workers took over the Zanon plant in February of 2002 to prevent its closure and the sale of its machinery, and are now attempting to operate the plant as a workers' cooperative. The plant is located in the province of Neuquen.

Throughout these two years, the workers have continued production, while fighting off attempts to evict them from the plant. The ceramic workers have attempted to obtain legal recognition for the cooperative "Fasinpat". (Spanish contraction for "factory with no bosses".) Instead, the Neuquen authorities plan to evict the 400 workers currently employed and transform the plant into one that makes building materials, allegedly as part of public home construction scheme. The new plant would employ less than 250 workers, with no guarantee of permanent jobs.

The protest rallies resolved to defend the Zanon occupation and to fight for legislation that would legalize the expropriation of plants that have been occupied by their workers. Another mass mobilization is planned for this month.

MEXICO STRIKES ONGOING

Workers at the VW plant in Pueblo, Mexico ended a two-day strike on August 21. The workers had rejected an offer that included a wage increase of 4.45 per cent and a raise of benefits of \$88 per month. The workers rejected the offer despite the union's recommendation.

The VW union then forced an end to the strike when the company offered a marginally increase in wages.

The Pueblo plant employs 9,500 workers and produces the popular "Beetle" model, which is exported to the US and 80 other countries.

According to the Wall Street Journal, last year, the Volkswagen's net profit was \$12.4 billion compared with the \$2.6 billion Euros on 2002.

FORMER BRACEROS MARCH IN TLAXCALA

Nearly 1,000 former Braceros marched in Tlaxcala, Mexico, to demand that their forced savings be returned to them. The Braceros, from the Spanish word for arm. They were agricultural workers sent by Mexico to the United States, between 1940 and 1960. The workers were paid by their American employers, but 10 per cent of their wages were sent to Mexico as a forced saving. There has never been any accounting of the money and it was never returned to them. The money was first deposited in the Wells Fargo Bank of San Francisco and allegedly sent to the Bank of Rural Credit in Mexico.

The demonstration marked the first anniversary of the National Congress of Former Braceros (ANB), which represents approximately 10,000 agricultural workers that were part of this program.

MORE RATS LEAVE BUSH'S SINKING SHIP

According to the Washington Post, in an in-depth article on Friday, July 16, 2004 (which we abridged for space reasons) here are some pertinent points that this newspaper makes:

*4 nations have already left with their troops in Iraq. Four others are due to leave next month, while others have already made their intentions known to Washington – so the 32 Coalition of the Willing is falling apart very rapidly.

*US has 140,000 troops in Iraq and their allies had another 22,000.

*Moldova (Moldavia)- that little country, depending on US \$\$ has now only 12 troops there, while

Singapore now has only 33.

*The irony of all this is that, desperately pushing for US \$\$\$ revenues, it seems that the countries most committed to staying in Iraq are Eastern European countries and the former Soviet republics. This was summarized by the Ambassador of Macedonia, Nikolas Dimitrov, who said: "We value the actions of USA, and our devotion to US is unquestionable!"

*Albania, the country who supported and supports genocide in Kosovo, had Ambassador Sator Tarisa say: "We're the most pro-US nation in Europe, and we're in Iraq for the long haul!"

U.S. MILITARY MOVES TO SEIZE OIL-RICH GULF OF GUINEA

Habib Yacoob – Lagos, Nigeria

If there is any doubt about US growing fascist-expansionism in the minds of some people, they should read this statement by the Commander of US Forces in Europe, General Robert Fogleson when he was in Guinea:

"This region (Gulf of Guinea) in Africa is important to the stability of the United States and its important stability of the world, in the sense because of the petroleum resources that Guinea has, and also it's no surprise to me that the US Navy, the US Government wanted to hold military exercise, that they will take the areas that are of great importance to the US.

We recognize that there (are) going to be times around the world when the US military, in this case the US Navy, may have to respond to different conditions.

Often, the US Air Force, the US Navy get involved in going to places where there have been some kind of humanitarian crisis (sic) and so we push our forces out into these different regions, and as you also know, there are times that we will push our forces into different parts of the world, to care about potential terrorist activities (sic) that US comes across."

Is there any need to comment?

1,300 WOMEN MURDERED IN THREE YEARS IN GUATEMALA!

By DIEGO CENALLOS

While world attention has been focused on murders of young women in Mexico's Ciudad Juarez, the "femicide" in neighboring Guatemala, where in average, one woman a day is killed, goes almost unnoticed.

Much attention has also been given to the case in Mexico's Ciudad Juarez, where more than 300 young women have been murdered over the past decade. But there is little awareness that in neighboring Guatemala, 1,300 women have been killed since 2001.

In an interview with IPS, Nobel Prize Peace Laureate Rigoberta

Menchu, said that police and judicial authorities are implicated in some of these killings in Guatemala, mainly from criminal violence.

The "femicide" or gender-related homicide where the murder occurs because the victim is a woman, as the Guatemalan indigenous human rights activist described the killings, is documented by the official statistics, which report some 1,300 cases since 2001.

The victims in Guatemala, most of whom come from very poor segments of society, have been strangled, stabbed, mutilated, raped, while most of their killers are never brought to justice or even identified.

"APPALING IMPUNITY"

Of the 383 cases reported in 2003, only 77 were classified. "There is appalling impunity", said Menchu, who described the murderers as "pitiless, sick people." So far this year (2004) 230 women have died in violent deaths. Many of their bodies have been found in garbage dumps or remote rural areas, or simply left on the streets.

"The state is absent in Guatemala, although it is responsible for public safety, it lacks the law enforcement mechanism to prevent

or clarify the murders of women", said Patricia Pinto, a member of the Latin American and Caribbean Committee for the Defense of Women's Rights and the Collective for the Defense of Women in Guatemala, as she told IPS. Adequate police investigation system does not exist in the impoverished Central American country of 12 million, where impunity reigns, said the activist.

Although the magnitude of the problem has drawn the attention of the United Nations and several international human rights groups, there is no attention being paid whatsoever.

To confront the wave of violent crime, President Berger promised to purge the police force of criminal elements, who were brought to public attention through a spate of robberies.

But the activists are not confident that things will improve. "There have been many promises, but now it is time to curb the violence and protect women", said Menchu. ■



THE WITHDRAWAL OF FILIPINO MERCENARY TROOPS FROM IRAQ

By Jose Sison

Chie Political consultant to the National Democratic Front of the Philippines

I share the joy of the Filipino nation and the family of Angelo de la Cruz over his release and homecoming. I also congratulate the cause-oriented organizations headed by Bayan and Migrante International, all other patriotic forces and the broad masses of the Filipino people for successfully pressing the Macapagal-Arroyo regime to withdraw the contingent of Filipino mercenary troops from Iraq, and thus pave the way for the release of Angelo de la Cruz from his Iraqi captors.

I am also pleased that the government has heeded the overwhelming public demand, after showing reluctance to listen to it and going to the extent of unleashing police brutality against the unarmed and peaceful rallyists of Bayan and other patriotic organizations

There cannot be no bigger crime of terrorism than unleashing a war of aggression. Even as it tries to use one puppet clique after another, USA is the principal terrorist force oppressing and exploiting the Iraqi people. The people of the world have increasingly manifested their hatred of US imperialism through unprecedented protest mass actions.

The withdrawal of all the Filipino troops from Iraq is welcomed by the Filipino people! But it is not yet clear indication of any change in Macapagal-Arroyo policy of collaborating with the US acts in war and repression under the pretext of anti-terrorism. Because of the collaboration of the present puppet regime, the US is escalating its military intervention in the Philippines and making provocations against nearby countries under the guise of joint military exercises.

In its peace negotiations with the Government of the Philippines, the National Democratic Front of the Philippines is determined to press for upholding the national sovereignty and independence of the Filipino people and for realizing national industrialization and land reform. Let us see whether the GRP will be able to come to terms with the NDFP in addressing the roots of the armed conflict (*confronting the problems of imperialism, feudalism and bureaucratic capitalism*) and paving the way for a just and lasting peace ■

POLISH ARMY OFFICER SPIED FOR USA DURING THE COLD WAR

By BEATA PASEK, WARSAW

A Polish officer who spied for the CIA during the building of Socialism in Poland, later fled to the United States - has died at the age of 73 years.

Colonel Ryszard Kuklinski died in Florida where he and his family were hiding since 1980's. George Tenent, the CIA Director hailed Kuklinski "as a true hero of the Cold War." Former President of Poland Lech Walesa said that he had "achieved great things."

From Poland he had passed to the CIA 35,000 pages of the Warsaw Pact secret decisions and plans.

Amongst them he told the CIA that the Polish government was planning to declare martial law to break up the Western inspired counter-revolution. Kuklinski fled Poland just a week before martial law was declared. Kuklinski served as liaison officer between the Polish and Soviet armies from 1976 to 1981.

Kuklinski was sentenced to death by the peoples' government of Poland in 1984 for treason. He visited Poland in 1998 after the present Polish government cleared him of treason.

From Associated Press ■

Police assault protesting Bata workers in Colombo, Sri Lanka

From TamilNet

Twenty Bata Shoe workers were injured in Colombo last month when Sri Lanka Police assaulted them severely to break up a fifty-two day long protest against the multinational footwear giant, for sacking six hundred strong workforce at its factory in Ratmalana, in the industrial area on the southern outskirts of Colombo.

The Police refused to record the workers complaint about this vicious assault. Hundreds of police attacked the male and female workers in front of the Bata factory.

The entire Bata factory workers went on strike after the company sacked a trade union leader who had questioned its decision to lay off 148 workers in June of 2003.

Workers charged that Bata is using its immense political and financial powers to break up their protests with the aid of the Sri Lanka police force.

Bata has also used its influence in Sri Lanka to prevent any news about this protest from appearing in the mainstream media.

COMMENT:

It's good to remember that the Bata Shoe Empire in former Czechoslovakia supplied all of the footwear for the German Nazi Army during the World War II war and the head of Bata empire was an ardent supporter of Hitler. Today's Bata is using cheap labour in third world countries and is viciously anti-union and reactionary. ■

TROTSKYISM, ZIONISM AND GODFATHER OF NEO-CONSERVATISM

By VEERASINGHAM

Irving Kristol was the Godfather of neo-Conservatives. He was the product of the influential Jewish American sector of the Trotskyist movement of 1930's and 1940's. As an active Trotskyist, he wrote in 1984 that he was proud to have been a member of the Fourth International in 1940. This Fourth International was founded in 1938 in Paris, France by Leon Trotsky as an alternative to the Comintern.

A number of left-wing critics have argued that the present Neo-Conservatism is really Trotsky's theory of the permanent revolution mingled (*mixed/blended*) with the far right Likud strain of Zionism.

Irving Kristol is the author of "*Reflections of a Neo-Conservative*" (1983)

Note: There is an article on the "Top Zionists inside the Bush-Cheney Administration" in Feb. 2004 NSC, page 18.

www.wordiq.com/definition/FourthInternational
www.ReportersNotebook.com

Prince Nayef is Minister of Interior of Saudi Arabia - and he knows what is going on, when he said: "90% of the terrorist acts perpetrated in the Saudi Kingdom are committed by Zionists" - he recently announced. Prince Nayef incidentally had also stated that the 9/11 mass killings in New York were organized by the Israeli Intelligence Service, Mossad.

Globe and Mail, July 5, 2004 - from the book "Prices of Darkness: The Saudi Assault on the West."

United States has 200 Christian TV Channels and over 1,500 Radio Stations. Nothing similar exists anyplace in Europe.

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With the Roman Catholic clergy in short supply in the USA - priests from India are picking up some of their work, saying Mass for Special

Intentions, in a scared if unusual version of outsourcing.

New York Times International-June 13/04
Note: Catholics are only 2% of the more than 1 billion of India population.

Americans are one of the most religious people in the world, compared with the people of other highly industrialized democracies. But they tolerate the rights of Atheists and Non believers.

W.S.J. June 16, 2004

Please read for more information "The class of civilizations and the remaking of the World Order" by Prof. Hantington

UN PEACE KEEPING FORCES

Out of 42,076 UN Peace Keeping Forces, Canadians compose only 231 men and women in the field of UN mission even though Canada helped to pioneer this concept.

The bulk do not come from the well-trained or well-armed forces of Western countries, but from those that are much less wealthy.

WORLD MILITARY SPENDING

World military spending rose 11% to \$956 Billions in 2003, with Iraq helping to push the USA share to over half, a Swedish Peace Institute reported.

FROM THE ONE WHO KNOWS!

"From conflicts between states into a complex and bitter competition between societies are done by covert actions by the Western secret services, who transform conflicts between states, into competition between societies. War is just a racket...conducted for the benefit of the very few at the expense of the masses."

US Marine General - Smedley Butler

EAST GERMANS MARCH TO OPPOSE REFORMS

BERLIN - AUGUST 16, 2004 -Over 40,000 East Germans marched in protest against the proposed labor reforms.

The marches took place in about 90 cities of East Germany, came in response to a package of proposed

changes in German unemployment and welfare law, known as Hartz IV, the German newspaper Die Welt reported. The changes, which are set to take effect on January of 2005, would reduce drastically the unemployment benefits for the long-term unemployed and make other changes intended, according to the present government, to invigorate Germany's lagging economy.

The mainstream politicians largely dismissed the demonstrations, saying that the Hartz IV reforms are a necessary measure to improve the German economy.

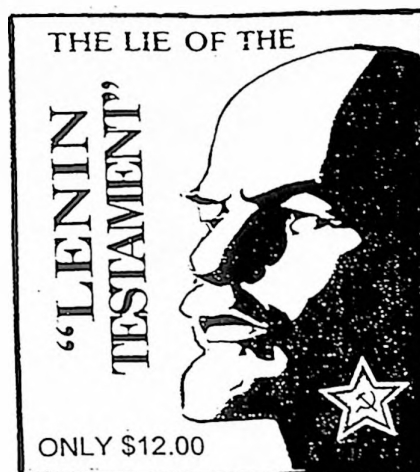
ONLY IN SLOVAKIA!

By Vanya Kalishnikov

His Holiness, the Vatican Chief Gynecologist, the Pope - decided that all Catholic women in Slovakia should have their own gynecological hospital in Bratislava, capital of Slovakia.

This hospital will be managed by the Catholic Church Monks. We are assured that these male Monks are very qualified to look into the private parts of women. This report was circulated on March 4, 2004 - but it is not known as to the composition of the staff - but knowing 2,000 years of the Catholic Church history, this leaves no doubt...

The official statement issued in Bratislava by the top princesses of the Church, are that the selection of specialists for this gynecological hospital will be based on the merits of expertise in gynecology...but the chief of the hospital will be the top echelon ranking Monk - and this leaves no doubt about women's rights! No?



China finally admits rise in poverty since 1978

From THE GUARDIAN
In a very in-depth article that we condensed for space reasons, The Guardian exposes the lies that China is a socialist country.

*First signs of poverty started in 1978 when China introduced its market economy.

*China admitted that last year alone poverty surged by over 800,000 people. There is growing gap between the rich and the poor.

*Even by the "Poverty Aleviation Office of China", more than 85,000,000 rural residents had to live on less than 41 pounds per year.

*It seems that a release of such information shows that there is a tussle between the right wing and left wing in the Chinese Communist Party.

*This report is an embarrassment for the Communist Party since it still claims to be successfully pursuing "socialism with Chinese characteristics."

*The Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, branded this gap between the city folk and peasants as the worst in the world, equivalent to that of Zimbabwe.

COMMENT:

What do you expect, when the multinational corporations have the Chinese economy in their hands for cheap labour, dumping of goods, not allowing any trade unions to exist, exploitation and outright economic robbery. This certainly is not Socialism, even with "Chinese characteristics!"

CHAVEZ WINS AGAIN!

By GREG PALAST

There was and there is so much BS and baloney thrown around about Venezuela that I must point out that 77% of Venezuelan's farmland is owned by 3% of the population, the "hacendados"

I met one of these farm-lords in

Caracas at an anti-Chavez protest march. Oddest demonstration I have ever seen: frosted blonds on high heels, clutching designer bags, screeching, "Chavez-dic-ta-tor". The plantation owner griped about the "socialismo" of Chavez, then jumped into his Jaguar convertible.

That week, Chavez himself handed me a copy of the "socialist" manifesto that so rattled the man in the Jaguar. It was a new law passed by the Venezuelan's Congress - that gave land to the landless. The Chavez law transferred only fields from the giant haciendas that have been left unused and abandoned.

Despite the billions poured into the anti-Chavez campaign; the US mixing into the internal Affairs; the US Embassy being involved in promoting a counter-revolution, the vote was for Chavez 59% to the opposition of 41%.

This land-reform that Chavez is instituting, by the way, was promoted to Venezuela in the 1960's by that "Lefty Radical" US president John F. Kennedy!? The Venezuela's dictator at that time agreed to hand out the land, but forgot to give title to the peasants to their property. For the first time in Venezuela's history, the 80% Black-Indian population elected a man with the skin darker than the man in that Jaguar.

So why, with a huge majority of the electorate behind him, twice in

the elections and now again in the referendum, is Hugo Chavez in hot water with the democracy-promoting US White House?

Maybe it's the oil. Lots and lots of it! Venezuela has a reserve of crude oil that rival's Iraq's. And it's not the Hugo presidency of Venezuela that drives the White House bananas, it was his presidency of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). While in control of the OPEC secretariat, Chavez cut a deal with the president of the US at that time, Bill Clinton, on the price of oil. It was a "Goldilocks" plan. The price would not be too low, not too high, just right, kept between \$20 and \$30 a barrel.

But Dick Cheney did not like Bill Clinton or Hugo Chavez nor their band. To him the oil industry (and Saudi Arabia's) freedom to set oil prices are as sacred as freedom of speech is to the ACLU. I got this information, from three top US oil industry lobbyists. Why should Chavez worry about what Dick Cheney thinks? Because Cheney "runs the energy policy in the United States."

Chavez had the Venezuelan Congress pass the "Law of Hydrocarbons" which basically changed the split of revenues. Now the multinational oil tycoons keep 84% of the proceeds of the sale of Venezuelan oil, while the nation itself

gets only 16%. Chavez made it known and the law says that Venezuela should get 30%.

This was done for good reasons. Due to the terrible conditions of Venezuela before, landless peasants have over the decades drifted into Caracas and other cities, building ghettos of cardboard shacks and open sewers. So Chavez gave them "Bread and Bricks" in order to rectify this situation.

So began the Bush-Cheney campaign to "Floridate" the will of Venezuelan electorate. It did not matter that Chavez won twice the election. Winning most of the votes said the White House spokesman, did not make the Chavez government "legitimate". Secret contracts were awarded by the US Homeland Security spooks to steal the official Venezuelan voter lists. Cash was passed discreetly from the US taxpayer, via the so-called "Endowment for Democracy" (ala George Soros) to the anti-Chavez haters.

Of course the US media, with few exceptions jumped on this bandwagon. While George Bush can appoint a government as in Afghanistan and Iraq and call it "Sovereign", the government of Venezuela is appointed by the people. And the fact is that most people in this slum-choked land don't drive Jaguars or have their hair tinted in Miami. Most of them look into the mirror and see someone "Negro e Indio" as dark as their President Chavez.

"Venezuela will never be the same. There's no turning back!" ■

CUBA REJECTS U.S. AID FOR CHARLEY

Associated Press

Cuba last month rejected the U.S. government's offer of \$50,000 in post-hurricane aid, calling this gesture hypocritical, and the amount humiliating.

"This cynical and hypocritical offer by the government of the United States to ease Hurricane Charley's effects ignores the damage caused over more than four decades by the economic war of successive



American administrations against our country", Cuba's Foreign Minister said in a statement as published by the Communist workers weekly *Trabajadores*.

The offer was announced by the US State Department in Washington last August 13th, the same day Hurricane Charley battered western Cuba on its way to Florida.

"Cuba will not accept supposed help from a government of a country that harms us and tries to take us under with hunger and need." The statement said, referring to long-standing restrictions on trade and travel aimed at undermining Fidel Castro's government.

"It's obvious that the US government suffers from total amnesia. Otherwise it would be impossible to understand how it could pretend to assume the role of a benefactor to the Cuban people just after once again tightening the cruel blockade" – referring to the new restrictions to travel to Cuba.

It took also issue with the US government's insistence that the money not be given to Castro's government, but to be distributed by the US Interests Section in Havana to independent, non-governmental organizations on the island.

The Cuban Foreign Ministry statement characterized the \$50,000 offer as *"ridiculous and humiliating charity."*

OBITUARY

FAROUK ABDEL-MUHTI

Farouk Abdel-Muhti, a long-term fighter for Palestinian rights and the rights of the workers of all countries, died suddenly on July 21. He had recently been released from almost two years of immigration detention in the United States for the crime of being a stateless Palestinian who refused to remain silent against injustice.

Farouk was born in 1947 in Ramallah, a Palestinian city in the West Bank of Jordan. Like many Palestinians, Farouk traveled from country to country until finally settling in New York in the 1970s. He made it

his home and lived there ever since. In the mid-1970s, an immigration judge ordered him deported since he had no valid visa. However, there was no way to carry out the deportation, since the West Bank was now controlled by Israel, which did not allow the return of people who left the Palestinian territories before the Israeli occupation of 1967.

Farouk continued to live openly in the New York area, engaging in a number of public political activities, with a focus on Palestinian rights and issues relating to immigration and Latin America. In March 2002, Farouk began working regularly at listened-sponsored radio station WBAI. He used his contacts to arrange interviews with Palestinians in the Occupied Territories.

Early in the morning of April 26, 2002, several New York police officers, immigration and intelligence agents came to his Queens, New York apartment. They claimed they wanted to ask Farouk some questions about September 11th. They said they believed there were weapons and explosives in the apartment. When Farouk's roommate refused to open the door, they threatened to break it down, entering without a warrant.

Farouk was detained and jailed in various facilities around the country for almost two years, including about nine months in solitary confinement. He was never charged with a crime. He was subjected to extensive interrogation and, like all immigrant detainees, suffered from non-nutritious food and poor medical care. His health deteriorated from the poor conditions in detention, and he suffered from high blood pressure and a thyroid problem. Within jail, he continued to organize, getting prisoners from all countries to sign petitions protesting their detentions and studying revolutionary literature with other prisoners. After almost two years, during which an active support committee struggled for his release, a federal judge ordered that Farouk either be deported, charged with a crime, or released. He walked out of prison on April 12, 2004.

On the evening of Wednesday,

July 21, 2004, as he finished speaking at a panel discussion on "Detentions and Torture: Building Resistance" at the Philadelphia Ethical Society, Farouk lost consciousness. He died shortly thereafter of either a stroke or heart attack. At this time it is not known as to whether his death was just a result of natural causes, or due to the poor medical care he received in detention, or worse.

Ideologically, Farouk was sympathetic to Marxism-Leninism. Within the Palestinian movement, he was a supporter of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine. He wrote an analysis of the situation in his homeland, titled "On the Third Anniversary of the Glorious Intifada," in the April 2003 issue of *Revolutionary Democracy*. He was a strong supporter of the struggle of the Soviet people to re-establish socialism, and not only wrote letters to *Northstar Compass* but encouraged other detainees to write to NSC. Since his release, he worked for unity against the aggressive wars being launched by U.S. imperialism abroad, and against the attacks on democratic rights and economic conditions of the working people of the United States. His death is a sore loss to all progressive peoples.

DID YOU KNOW?

NSC Reporter

COMMUNIST VIETNAM?

The Western footwear company NIKE is known for the operation of sweatshops in countries where wage rates are amongst the lowest in the world. The exploitation of workers in these countries permits NIKE to rake up enormous profits, for their shoes, sold in the West are anything but cheap.

You would expect that these countries, and especially those with a revolutionary communist government would denounce this practice and keep such multinationals away from their shores, but such is not the case. The

Communist government of Vietnam, where NIKE operates one of its sweatshops, praises the company and claims it to be an example of "respectable business."

According to an article in the "Readers Digest" (February 2004) NIKE has around six times more workers in Vietnam than in the United States itself. Compared with factory conditions in the West, the work "looks tough and the conditions grim", but the Vietnam workers themselves see it as an improvement over the way they lived before. The average pay is \$72 per month, almost three times the minimum wage for a state-owned enterprise.

Apparently the Vietnamese Communist Party officials have been convinced by NIKE that ruthless multinational capitalists are better than the State at providing workers with high (?) wages and good and healthy workplace.

Yes, the road to a communist society may be paved with good intentions, but in practice the present ones are not able to keep capitalists at bay.

ANOTHER CUBAN SUCCESS STORY!

It is a well-known fact that communist Cuba has had great success in the fields of medicine and education.

Both are provided free of charge to Cubans from all walks of life. The number of Doctors per capita exceeds that of nearly every country in the world, if not all, and Cuban doctors are sent abroad to work in the most needy, isolated places on earth. In education, illiteracy levels have been reduced to that 0.1%, better than both the USA and Canada, while Cuban teaching methods are being adopted in other Caribbean and Latin American countries.

Now, revolutionary Cuba has another success story to tell the world about. It is being hailed as a shining example of how to combat HIV/AIDS. Today, Cuba has an HIV infection rate of less than 0.1% - in a region that has one of the fastest growing infection rates in the world. (The Chronicle Herald, August 6, 2004). This has been accomplished despite the 40-year old US economic embargo against Cuba, when the US

wouldn't sell the much-needed anti-retroviral drugs to Cuba. So, Cubans did it themselves. By 2001 Cuba had a growing bio-technical sector able to manufacture generic versions of several HIV/AIDS inhibitors, all of which are now available to patients free of charge. This, coupled with a mandatory program of education of 6 to 8 weeks duration for HIV infected people (compared to about 5 minutes in the USA) has enabled Cuba to bring this terrible disease under control. And it doesn't stop there! Cuba has sent thousands of doctors and nurses to almost every part of the world to help in the struggle against HIV/AIDS.

For a small country, which still has not escaped its economic third world status, to provide such leadership in the struggle against one of the most feared illnesses in the world, surely puts all the rich countries to shame. They are apt to criticize Cuba for its human rights record at every opportunity, but in the end, actions speak louder than words.

RACIST CANDIDATE IN COMING US ELECTION

The US Republican Party has nominated an outright racist candidate to contest a US Congressional seat in the State of Tennessee, so reports The Guardian of August 7, 2004. James Hart won the nomination with no less than 82% of the vote cast, despite the fact that he was too late to get his name on the ballot and to stand as a write-in candidate.

According to the Guardian: "The local newspaper described his views as "odious, disgraceful and racist". On his website Mr. Hart, who calls himself an "intellectual outlaw", is an enthusiastic promoter of eugenics. He refers to "favoured" and "less favoured" races and calls for an increase of birthrate among couples with a university education. He conducted his campaign wearing a protective vest and carrying a pistol. Despite the security measures, and losing his job last month because of attention he has drawn during the primary contest, he claimed that the voters have given him a sympathetic hearing to theories of race ideology associated with Hitler.

"When I knock on a door and say that white children deserve the same rights as everybody else, the

enthusiastic response is truly amazing", he said. He does not say that when an Africa-American opens the door."

Since 1945, United States has spent \$5 trillions on nuclear weapons?

The USA has now on hand 7,500 nuclear weapons on their trigger alert?

In the last 50 year the United States of America had threatened to use nuclear weapons on 20 occasions?

The United States has more than 230,000 troops permanently assigned to bases around the world, with the largest concentration in Germany, Japan and South Korea - according to the Pentagon statistics. But---this does not include the 145,000 troops deployed in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The above figure does not include the troops of other countries who are members of NATO.

Why can't mankind call this world occupation as Imperialist Fascism?

JERRY MORSE



AS I SEE IT!

SWITZERLAND:

In the middle of July at a football game in this land, has seen a sample of the changing attitude towards security apparatus of the state. A young man, probably a student of the University hazing event, ran unto the football field carrying a sign during the game. Security personnel - more of the goon quality, chased him. They caught him, and while he was knocked flat on the field, the security began to jab him viciously with their long night batons. The members of the audience, seeing this brutal beating carried by the security and the police also, rushed unto the field

and started to put the boots to the security personnel. The fans reacted to the unjust actions of the security goons.

The rules are changing and all the values are being eroded by the actions of the security goons and people will not accept this behavior anymore. We should also be kicked in the head for allowing the growth of the state apparatus to rule by force and to take over our common sense and, we cannot allow the mentality and the actions dictated by the military-industrial complex .

VIENNA:

"You will work longer hours and take less pay, or we will move the plant to South Africa or Bulgaria or India."

But the trade union members of the Daimler-Chrysler plant hit the streets in a very militant strike. Crisis of capitalism-imperialism is growing fast. Global think-tanks are working overtime with two big questions to solve: How can we gain greater control of local infrastructure where our plants are located, and how can control even more the global infrastructure?

The answers of the multinational corporations are something along these lines:

" We can threaten to move our

plants to places where labor is cheaper and unorganized. We can make the workers work longer hours but the same pay, or less. We shall do what Lenin said capitalism does – set one worker against another inside the country and in different countries in order to prevent unity.

Also, we shall put our people into leading political positions in trade unions and government, pay them well and thus make them pass laws that we can pay less taxes, take our profits out of the country. We should follow our successes in Albania where the criminals are in charge of the government."

But more and more of the working class are beginning to see through this fog and through some of the traitorous trade union leadership. They are taking actions just like the workers that walked out in Vienna. Capitalism has now shot itself in both feet and the class struggle is taking a new turn!

MAGDEBURG, GERMANY – The citizens of former GDR are showing us and themselves that there were some very good policies under the government of GDR and socialism, and they tell us that the growth of billionaires in former GDR are not going to be allowed to grab from their kitchen tables.

Let us take a look at the situation in former GDR, East Germany. Protestors are growing in number against the Harty IV law, the forceful piece of capitalist legislation implementing reform proposals in the military-industrial complex in order to wipe off the kitchen table any savings that the people might have accumulated. The authorities propose to reduce unemployment benefits, stop free education, introduce a health protection system that just serves the rich.

They also know that 40 million citizens have zero health insurance coverage. At present there is close to 20% unemployment in former GDR. The people are also against condemning the proposal by the German government that is called for all European Union members to take the financial load off Bush America by helping finance its attack against Iraq. But most of the 25 nations said no to the attack on Iraq.

The people who are now demonstrating in Magdeburg, former GDR are saying: *" We don't care if you call it Socialism or Communism, we want a life for our families and we want jobs as we had under the system of GDR."*

It appears that the billionaires are beginning to squirm now!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM

IRANIAN MARXIST-LENINISTS
GERMANY

Dear Comrades!

In Albania before, there was a party (M-L) whose leader was E. Hodzha. Nikita Krushchev, this Judas, this man who during the Second World War ran away from the front. His son killed a Soviet Officer and then gave himself up to serve German Fascists. Comrade Stalin knew all of them and what they have done, Nikita, Mikojan etc. They knew that Stalin was going to go into the history of their actions during the Great Patriotic War.

Therefore these elements inside the Central Committee of the CPSU, this revisionist clique planned to dismember the USSR and return it back to capitalism. They were successful and we see with our own

eyes the results. Is it "human rights" to sell women, Nikita. Gorbachev, dirty pig Yeltsin and now Putin?

Is it human rights that former Soviet people are forced to sell their kidneys for \$2000 in the backyard of Imperialism – Turkey? Can you imagine such things happening during the Stalin period?

Is it "democracy" in Russia now, with drugs, aids, robbery, murder, unemployment, loss of millions of people leaving the country to find jobs...is this what all of us are to believe is "freedom"?

This society is sick and Imperialism is deadly sick. We cannot live with such sickness - it has to be destroyed. This can only happen if there is a dedicated Marxist-Leninist Party leading the masses.

Enclosed is the newspaper "TOUFAN" published by the Iranian Communists in Germany.

Our Iranian party criticized Krushchev at that time and revisionism after Stalin died in 1956. We were one of the first groups to take up the cry against revisionism in the USSR. Marxism is a science and departing from this science is a road towards revisionism and capitalism.

FROM

SAN FRANCISCO
USA

Dear Helen and friends:

We continue to find North America very informative and full of news items that do not get published in the Corporate media press. Congratulations on the NSC's Anniversary. Enclosed is a donation.

Sincerely
Minerva Massen

WHO IS TO BLAME?

This September issue was already on its way to the printers when this story of tragedy broke in the news. We could not let the NSC issue go to press without making these few comments, as dedicated friends of Soviet people!

This tragedy in Beslan, South Russia unfolded to a definite script by powers behind this terrible tragedy, where over 320 people were killed, most of them children in what was described that the Chechen militants took hundreds of people hostage for over 53 hours and then killing them.

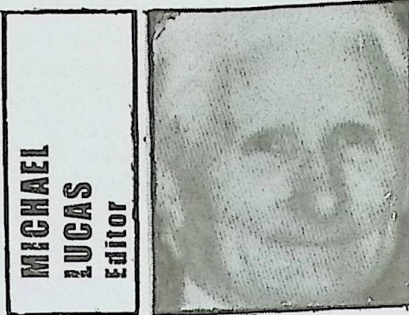
But, there are very conflicting reports that are slowly coming out that there were bombs attached around the Gymnasium and that one bomb went off and this caused carnage and the roof to fall down on the hostages causing deaths.

It seems that President Putin's policy in Chechnya is a complete failure and when questioned by the press at this tragic time, he had nothing to say at all to the traumatized nation. Why? As the Moscow expert on the Caucasus Alexei Malachenko said: *"Putin prefers mostly to be silent. It means that he himself doesn't know what to do."*

Putin's actions in the crisis of the hostage taking in Moscow, the sinking of the Kursk submarine, and the blowing up of two passenger planes over Moscow lately, seems to indicate that, far from knowing what to do in order to resolve this crisis of Chechnya and others, since the demise of the Soviet Union after the counter-revolution in 1991 – President Putin, to my way of thinking is the man behind the scenes, pulling strings that are attached to many unsavory events, since he took office in Russia.

Why this hostage carnage in Beslan, Russia now?

With President Bush coming for re-election soon and his fight against "terrorism" all over the world, including in "Russia as well", and with Putin also fighting "terrorism" by supporting Bush's terrorism and the American New World Order all over the world – don't you think there is collusion and co-operation between these two?



Why was there no problem and no terrorist acts even during the time of Gorbachev?

Why was there no terrorism on such a scale in former Soviet Union, until the counter-revolution took place in the USSR? Why cannot the present authorities come to some resolution about the crisis in the Caucasus? Obviously there are problems, grievances, real or imagined that Imperialism is very keen to exploit, inflame and thus benefit in its conquest of the raw resources of the world.

Who has their troops and advisors now in Chechnya, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Uzbekistan, Kirghizia etc. US imperialism, that's who!

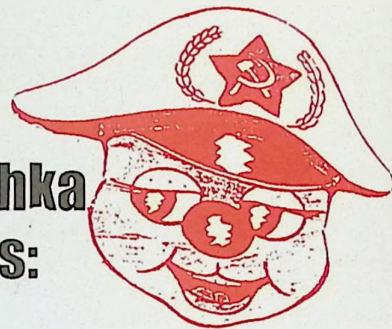
It is too coincidental that this latest carnage in Russia should take place just after the Republican convention that nominated George Bush for president! It gives him credence that "See- I'm fighting terrorism all over the world!"

The events of 9/11, Iraq, Afghanistan, Chechnya, Haiti, Middle East – these are all spots that US New World Order has its fingers in. Unfortunately, the present president Putin of Russia is completely under the wing of Uncle Sam and is doing all in his power to make certain that Bush, his chummy buddy gets elected.

Putin also knows of the US Transnational plans to divide Russia into about 7 different small fiefdoms, serving IMF, WB and Imperialism – and he certainly will not lift a finger to stop Uncle Sam!

**TO OUR SOVIET FRIENDS!
ARISE YOU MIGHTY
LAND!**

Mishka Says:



Historical facts that cannot be disputed, but should always be remembered: During World War II here are just some items as to what Western imperialism did to help Nazi Germany in fighting the Allies!

*Ford of USA built a tank factory in France's Algerian colony which supplied General Rommel's Africa Corps with all the tanks and arms in his advance into Egypt.

*Coca-Cola also worked and helped to develop industry in Germany to fight the Allies.

*Ford's Germany plants increased profits 20-fold from 1935 to 1939. Also, from 1933 to 1930 IBM's German holdings, the profits went up over 400%.

*All engines in the trucks captured by the Western Allies on D-Day in 1944 were made by Ford and GM.

*Partly-assembled Ford vehicles were shipped from Dearborn, Michigan, USA to the Ford plant in Cologne and completed in time to launch the attack on Poland and Czechoslovakia.

*Texaco and Standard Oil corporations of the US helped Hitler build up his own stock-pile, supplying 94% of German oil imports by September 1941 – since Germany had no oil.

*Albert Speer, Hitler's Armament Minister, said that without synthetic fuels from the United States firms, the Germans "would never have considered starting the Second World War by attacking Poland."

*General Motors main factory in Russelheim assembled the JU-88 bombers, the workhorse of Germany's bomber fleet that devastated Europe and countless thousands of lives.

*Ford set up the development and assembly plant that was involved with developing turbines for the infamous V-2 rockets that devastated London, England at the beginning of the war.