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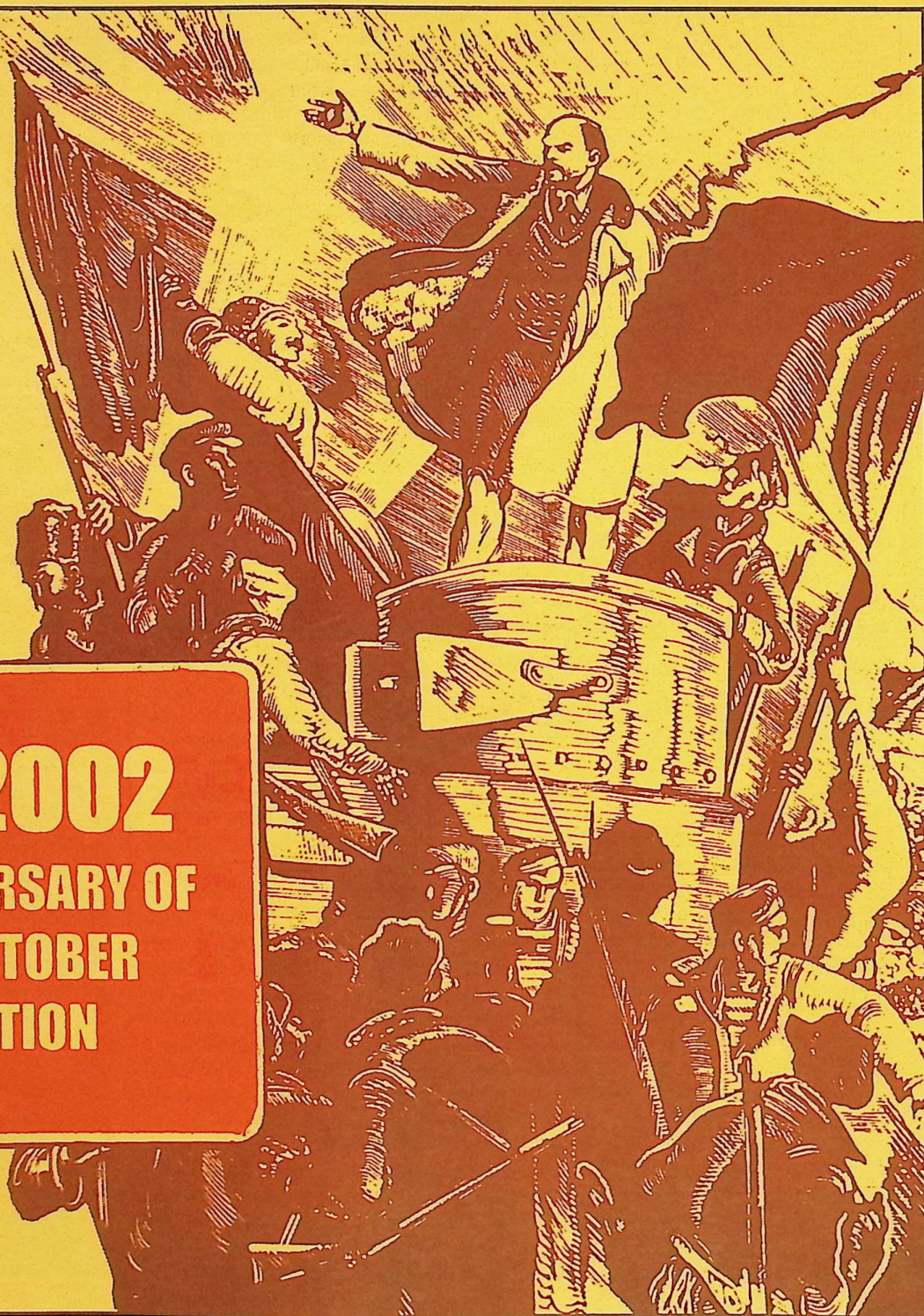
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## EDITORIAL

# ON THE 85<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREAT OCTOBER REVOLUTION

In the name of the Editorial Board of NSC I would like to extend to you all a happy reflective 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Great October Revolution. This month in the year 1917, the proletariat of the former Russian empire ushered in the beginnings of a new world free from exploitation and oppression. Yet 85 years later here we are in the throws of a new US-led imperialist offensive to re-carve once again the world. What happened to the promise of Great October? Was it but a utopian dream? What then of our work here in Northstar Compass, is it too a utopian dream?

We think not. Let us never forget that the Russian revolution, despite multiple invasions by various imperialist powers, despite economic blockades, despite civil war, and despite starting from a state of unbelievable backwardness, grew by leaps and bounds from 1917 to 1956. Nothing it seems in the world could stop the mobilized proletarian masses led by its conscious and determined vanguard as exemplified in alliance with the peasantry from abolishing step-by-step exploitation and oppression in their own country while lending fraternal help to all exploited and oppressed humanity. Nothing that is except the demobilization of this same proletariat and the rupturing of its alliance with the peasantry brought about by the counter-revolutionary policies initiated by Nikita Khrushchev and his coterie, systematized by Brezhnev, Kosygin and their gang, and finalized by Gorbachev, Yeltsin and their kind. That is why this journal stands by Joseph Stalin and why the bourgeoisie and its tails spare no effort to malign, disparage and slander the name of Joseph Stalin. As Mao once said, once you drop the sword of Stalin you drop the sword of Lenin. That is why we must pick up once again the sword of Lenin. That is why this journal was established ten years ago: to aid in

whatever way it is now possible the proletariat of the former Soviet Union into re-establishing the USSR under socialism.

We have come along way since then from a few stapled sheets. Our journal has vastly improved in quantity and in quality. It has many more pages and now comes out monthly. Its articles are better written, its analyses are better executed, and its scope is much wider. It is now read in over 60 countries. As a result, we have spread the news of what is happening in the former lands of Lenin and Stalin both abroad and even in these countries. We have aided in clarifying the disasters of 1956-1965-1990.

We have promoted communication between militants in the former USSR. And we have rallied many organizations from around the world to the formation of an International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People (ICFSSP). All this in ten years, despite the demoralization brought on by the destruction of the Soviet Union in many progressive circles, despite the disparagement from certain quarters and despite lacking of so much material resources. We have gone this far all because of the devotion and hard work of so many people and because of your constant unwavering support.

We are, of course, aware of all our shortcomings, our errors and some negative tendencies. Such are inevitable in any human endeavour especially by a mass organization such as ourselves. Yet, how should we approach these matters? Is it, as it is for some, an occasion to negate our entire work and the hope behind it, to throw away the baby with the bath-water, if you will. Or, is it as it is for us, rather, an opportunity for rectification and growth as is evidenced by the vibrant struggles in our conferences, meetings and in the pages of our own journal.

Our current state is as follows: our advance since the founding conference of the ICFSSP in 2001 has not been as quick as we had hoped due to many factors, among them the danger of US invasion of Iraq and other hot spots in the world due to the hegemonic drive of US imperialism. As an old saying goes, the road is torturous even as the future is bright! Thus, we are recommending that the next ICFSSP Congress be postponed about a year, to give more time for fulfillment of the tasks set by the founding conference. We now have a French edition. The Spanish and Russian editions are even closer to realization. Meanwhile, some our partners in the former Soviet Union are now finally seriously considering organizing their corresponding friendship organizations. We urge them to seize the day. Imperialism will not wait for us to get our act together!

For your part, as reader and a subscriber, we call upon you to help us increase our subscriptions either by way of gift subscriptions to others, by placing our journal in local bookstores, by convincing libraries to buy a subscription, basically by any way that will bring exposure of our journal to a larger pool of potential interested readers. We need you to be active in your mass movement and to promote Northstar Compass journal and the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People.

Let us target this coming year for each one of us to get two new subscribers to Northstar Compass. We also urge you to form local chapters of the ICFSSP from the mass organizations in your area. Local chapters of the ICFSSP made up by mass organizations is key for success in our work of aiding the proletariat and peoples of the former Soviet Union in reestablishing the USSR under socialism. They are the foundations that will support the weight of our work. Without these mass organizations, we will be nothing but a sect.

In Solidarity,  
Redmond Guerrero,  
Promotions Director



# TOWARDS NEW OCTOBERS

BY  
ARIS SAVAS

The October revolution is at the age of 85. Still young, dynamic and, despite it all, still shows the way to the proletariat and the oppressed peoples of the world. The October revolution has laid a foundation of division of the world into two parts, into a capitalist and a socialist world. It has also shattered the world of ideology and theory. In school books, the bourgeoisie still continues to teach October revolution as a coup that was organized by Lenin. According to the bourgeoisie, this revolution did not express interests of the extensive masses! Also, those Mensheviks and "social revolutionaries" have opposed this revolution. According to them, Russia was an undeveloped country and the material conditions of socialist revolution were not yet mellowed in the country, and because of this, the revolution in Russia would only be a "bourgeoisie" democratic revolution.

It is easy to understand the opposition of the 2<sup>nd</sup> International revisionists against the October Revolution. Because this revolution was the expression of Bolshevism that shattered the 2<sup>nd</sup> International revisionism, developed via struggle against it, and that represented Marxist theory. Bolshevism was the gravedigger of revisionism and still continues to be

## Well, what is the importance of the October Revolution?

- The October Revolution has opened the way for practicement of the Proletariat Dictatorship thought. The proletariat dictatorship and, theoretical definition of Marx and Engels, "socialism is a historical necessity", was proved in practice through October revolution after the Paris Commune.
  - The October Revolution has opened the way of a new type state; socialist state; a state that demolishes the bourgeoisie property and production relations and develops socialist property and production relations and, consequently, construction of socialism, which is the first stage of communism.
  - The October Revolution has opened the way for practicement of socialist democracy, which is the highest level of democracy. The socialist democracy is the democracy where the working class and broad toiling masses directly express their own political will. It is the democracy where the working class and the toiling masses and their political will are reflected in their leadership. And it is not formal like bourgeoisie democracy. On contrary
- Contrary to bourgeoisie democracy, the

- election of directors and where it is necessary, their replacement by the working class and the masses, is a sure sign of true democracy. Socialist democracy means the dictatorship of the proletariat, the majority rule over a tiny minority.
- The October Revolution has shown to the world that the theory, programme and tactics can only be undefeatable theory, realizeble programme and applicable tactic when they correspond to concrete analyse of the concrete situation.
- The October Revolution has opened the age of proletariat revolutions in the history of humanity. Capitalism/imperialism means exploitation and plunder. It means a war for interests of the capital, means imperialist war, and it means the massacre of millions of people for imperialist interests as seen at the 1st and 2nd World Wars. The October Revolution has opened the way that shows the capitalist/imperialist system, exploitation and plunder, is not eternal, it can be destroyed, a world without exploitation and war can be built, and a such system is not only a therotical thing.
- Together with the 1st World War, the October Revolution caused birth of general crisis of capitalism and entrance of the first stage of the general crisis, and it has deepened this crisis. Today, the number of the unemployed people is 1.2 billion and the number of the people who have to live with less then 1 dollar a day is about 1 billion. As it is happening today, capitalism is quarelling with its periodic crisis since the machinary production stage. The economic crisis means unemployment, poverty and destruction of the capital at gigantic levels. It means material richness to be thrown to the bin for much stronger rivalry of the capitalists. This process is gradually deepening and bringing rotten side of capitalism to eye since the October Revolution and the 1st World War.

- The October Revolution has opened the way of anti-colonist, anti-imperialist struggle, of national liberation struggles'. It became a torch and proping point for the people and nations who were groaning under the yoke of imperialism and colonialism.

As Stalin's expression, 'the October Revolution is important because it has shattered the imperialist world front, because it has shaken the power of imperialists not only in their own centers but in the dependent countries, because it has shown to the whole world, to the proletariat, to the oppressed and exploited people that the power of imperialists in the centers and in the dependent countries can not last forever, and because it is a revolution under the ideology of working class.'

Today, the imperialist bourgeoisie, revisionists, and intellectuals paid by the bourgeoisie are attacking not only the October Revolution. Since the collapse of Soviet Union and revisionist block, the imperialist bourgeoisie has intensified its anti-communist propaganda on two fronts. Firstly, Marxism has died, the world of theories and ideologies was history. The carrier of this ideology, the working class was ceasing to exist. Secondly, the world was entering into a new age. The name of this age was "globalization". According to the bourgeoisie, a

"globalized" world was the most democratized one. It was a world where so many freedoms exist and used, where the class struggle doesn't exist, where welfare would be reached by all people in the world, where exploitation doesn't exist etc.

The imperialist bourgeoisie was "drunk with victory" because of the collapse of the socialist Soviet Union and the revisionist block under their direction, and of capitalist reintegration of the world. But he also knew that his dense anti-communist propaganda was totally demagogic. The reality has come out in just few years that we were living at the age of imperialism and proletarian revolutions, which Lenin had analysed in his book called "Imperialism".

In these conditions, the October Revolution should be seen as the expression of a new start that is full of rich and instructive experiences.

Today, the October Revolution is a revolution of analysis and critical questions. The thing that must be put in question is not the theory nor the Marxism-Leninism. The thing that must be put in question is our contribution to Marxism-Leninism; to the theory in the subjects and areas of class struggle, party analyses of the economy, history, philosophy, sciences, of the situation of international communist movement since the death of Stalin. Today's meaning of the October Revolution would not be understood without making a broad investigation on these and other subjects and areas, and without doing that, we can't go anywhere except making a rhetoric evaluation.

Today, understanding the October revolution means to examine the construction of socialism- especially in the Soviet Union; to examine the Soviet Union of Lenin and Stalin and the Soviet Union after the 20<sup>th</sup> Congress of USSR; and to examine the restoration.

Today, understanding the October Revolution means to examine the dissolution of the organizational unity of the international communist movement, and to struggle for its organizational reunification.

Today, understanding the October Revolution means to bring theoretical clearness to internal developments that are seen within the capitalism and "globalization", and take lessons from this for national and international class struggle.

As our party's 3<sup>rd</sup> Congress expressed, all struggling forces, who are existing really for the revolution, are confronted with the task to end this miserable, in pieces, disorganized, being indifferent to each other situation.

- Today's meaning of the October Revolution for our Party is to protect and develop the purity of Marxist theory, and to give an 'Uncostestable' struggle in all areas to make it more strong with its own living spirit, method and principles and to make it more "attractive and persuasive".

-Today's meaning of the October Revolution for our Party is to develop as a leading party and to realize the revolution in Turkey and North Kurdistan.

-Today's meaning of the October Revolution for our Party is to move through not only a revolution in single countries, also the possibility of regional revolutions.

-Today's meaning of the October Revolution for our Party is to conduct work that is connected to aim of ending the organizational divides situation of the international communist movement, and to have organizational unity of it.

-Today's meaning of the October Revolution for our Party is to end the divided situation of the anti-imperialist struggle that increases on international level, and to struggle to make a contribution also in this area.

-Today's meaning of the October Revolution for our Party is to develop and lead the struggle against the imperialist war of USA on Iraq at world, regional and national level.

The October Revolution means conquering the sky.

The October Revolution means hope, courage and breakthrough.

The October Revolution is the future of the exploited and oppressed peoples, it is the future of "the workers of the world".

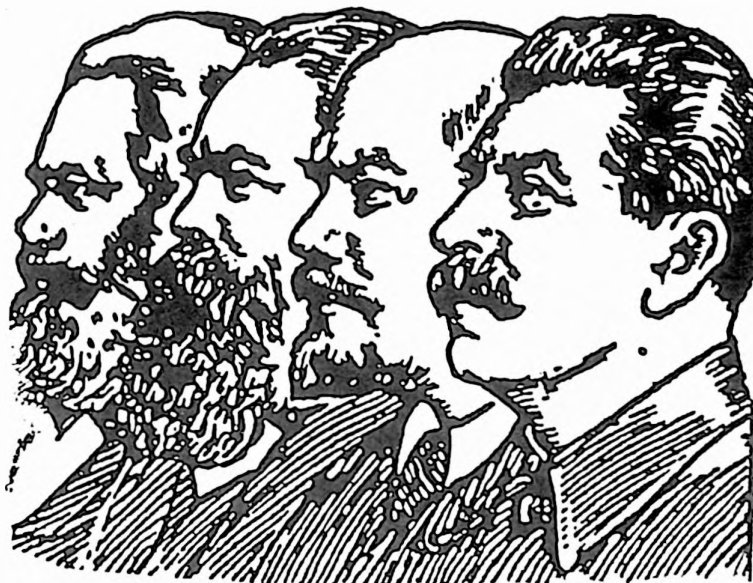
In the 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the October Revolution, our Party's call is to uphold the struggle to realize the unification of communist, anti-imperialist and anti-fascist forces against the bourgeoisie world.

If Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin were alive they would demand this from us.

**LONG LIVE THE GREAT SOCIALIST OCTOBER REVOLUTION!**

**LONG LIVE THE INTERNATIONALISM OF THE PROLETARIAT!**

**LONG LIVE MARXISM-LENINISM!**



**101 HISTORICAL SOVIET  
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# ON THE ROAD TO FASCISM

By Vic Ratsma

While watching the late news on CBC-TV on September 6 of this year, a dreadful human tragedy was being portrayed in a 13 minute video segment. It involved a certain Mr. Shakir Baloch, a man of Pakistan origin and a Canadian citizen living with his family in Toronto. Baloch is a well educated person, having studied medicine in his native Pakistan and specializing in radiology. After immigrating to Canada, he had hoped to work as a doctor in a Canadian hospital, but found that his qualifications were not being recognized. Even after passing certain exams, he could not obtain a residency in any hospital.

Eventually he got an invitation to work in a New York hospital and, while officially remaining in Toronto, he accepted this position, even though he had no legal right to work in the USA. New York has about 500,000 people working in the city without proper papers, so he was inconspicuous enough and did well. He was grateful to America to give him this opportunity to work.

Then came the events of September 11 and the new rules and the crackdowns on illegal immigrants. During one of his border crossings from Canada to the USA, he was questioned and placed on the US immigration database. The new laws focused especially on illegal immigrants from Arabic countries and Shakir fit that profile. He was arrested and moved to the Metropolitan Detention Centre in NYC, where he was put in solitary confinement in a 6 x 7' cell. He was kept incommunicado, denied legal council or contact with his family. His cell had only a tiny blinded window, bright lights were on day and night and intermittent deliberate noise kept him from getting any rest. Under these conditions he was interrogated by the FBI four times,

threatened with 20 years in jail, deportation to Pakistan and other forms of psychological torture. He felt that they were going to kill him. For a person who had never been arrested in his life and who was innocent of any wrong doing, these conditions were devastating.

When no contact with his family in Toronto had been made for some time, his daughter started a search for his whereabouts. She searched for two months. The Canadian Consulate in New York was approached but offered no help. Eventually, a US lawyer was obtained who, through personal contacts, found out where Shakir was being held. He obtained access to him and was shocked to find Shakir shackled in his cell under conditions which he described as inhuman. His efforts to have Shakir released were being obstructed continually by the US justice department, but, after seven months in jail, he was finally released and unceremoniously dumped across the Canadian border without a penny.

Today, Shakir is a broken man, who is under psychiatric care for post traumatic stress and depression. His friends hardly recognize him from the lively person they once knew. Shakir continues to suffer from flashbacks, lack of sleep and says that he is not the man he used to be. His faith in the American justice has been destroyed completely. According to his psychiatrist, he may never totally recover from this experience.

## MY COMMENTS:

*It is known that many more innocent people are being held in US jails, held under minor charges, but treated as the worst kind of criminals. How many are being held is unknown, as the US Justice Department will not release any figures. Some are held under military justice, without any contacts with their families or the outside world. Detentions are undetermined periods of time. Most are of Arab or Middle Eastern origin, this being the only reason being suspected of al Qaida or terrorist connections. This is racism of the worst form. Their treatment while in custody is akin to fascism. There are already signs that*

*the political repression has started, as the US has put the Communist Party of the Philippines on the list of terrorist organizations and internal political dissent is treated more harshly. Shades of the early days of nazi Germany.*

*It's time for the American people to wake up and facilitate a regime-change in their own country as soon as possible, before all of your precious freedoms go up in smoke! ■*

## IS THIS

# SOCIALISM?

Holes in China's Social Safety Net  
By Zhao Miaomiao and Wen Chihua

China's transition to the market economy and subsequent reforms to all of the state enterprises has resulted in high unemployment that is expected to worsen with China's accession to the World Trade Organization.

China's welfare system has reached a crisis point after the dramatic changes to the country's economy that left tens of millions out of work. Attempts to repair this colossal damage has been too little and too late, and the top Chinese ministers are worried about the forthcoming workers social unrest. The impact of China opening up to the West and instituting transnational corporate market economy saw that from 1998 to 2001 over 25.5 million people have lost their jobs. This is according to the Office of the State Council, the China's cabinet. The government predicted that the unemployment will triple in the next four years.

Before, the cradle to grave system policy that made the state-owned enterprises responsible not only for their employees employment, but also housing, medical expenses, pensions and even children's schooling. This was the first stage of socialism.

Now, the Chinese social security agencies can meet only about 5% of the country's needs. Now, with privatized industries and foreign-owned enterprises, the workers must pay their own medical expenses, which means that the elderly, unemployed and with children are way below the poverty level.

The Chinese government fears unrest and there are constant demonstrations and struggles with the security forces and many deaths reported in the Chinese press.

The BBC reported many demonstrations by hundreds of thousands Chinese in major cities.

The favourite slogan of Chinese demonstrators at demonstrations at the foreign owned enterprises is : "Chinese-styled socialism, makes capitalism and imperialism look good and profitable!" ■

## AS I SEE IT FROM EUROPE

By JERRY MORSE

BERLIN: German Government, just before the election, has made it clear, it will not support an attack against Iraq, even though American troops are stationed in many parts of Germany and also the American air bases will not be allowed to be used. In case of an attack against Iraq, the German government will not allow the USA to use the air bases. The European countries acknowledge the US participation in World War II, yet realize that war is not the answer to any crisis of capitalism.

The Nazi State of Bush's America and their dealings with their "friends" who are now called "enemies" in Afghanistan, doesn't sit well with Europeans and they hope that the American people will wise up. Wrapping themselves in the American flag does not justify taking away people's freedom. Europeans think that too many Americans lack understanding of history, geo-politics and international economics.

Corporate America with a "Texas Rattler" in charge, always rattling warnings, while at the same time he overlooks that the economic bust on Wall Street is making the Wall Street walls crumble from corporate fraud, their internal insecurity. But, they do manipulate opinions through their ownership of the media.

Because of all of this, in spite of being capitalist states themselves, also in many cases ruthless where finances are concerned, twenty-two Arab countries have decided to establish a new World Economic Market system.

Therefore the constant Texas rattler warnings that the USA needs constant wars against a perceived and shadowy enemy, is beginning to fall on deaf ears.

Europeans, reading the charts of capitalism, know that Capitalism's downturn is much steeper than its markets.

### THIS IS WHAT IRAQ'S OFFER SHOULD HAVE SAID:

"We shall allow British and American weapons inspectors into our country with the right to open any door, if Britain and the USA shall allow Iraq's weapons inspectors to open any door in their countries. And let it be clear that we shall publicize through the United Nations Organization a detailed military statistics of the weapons of mass destruction within Iraq, Britain and the USA. We believe this offer parallels human rights, which form a basis for international peaceful issues arising from the present war hysteria and threats to attack us.

And let it be further known and clear, that, the use of weapons of mass destruction on military and civilian personnel that was used in Japan, Vietnam and Afghanistan, were approved by the US High Command and the military-industrial complex, as was the use of poison gas against the Kurds, who were fighting for Iran, the enemy (before) of the allies, such as Iraq and the USA."

### MAY 1947 - KURIER NEWSPAPER

95 people died from a bomb, placed in the King David Hotel in Israel.

Prime Minister of Britain, Winston Churchill commented in disgust, saying: " *In the name of the whole world, these terrorists should be completely routed out!*"

Unfortunately they were not. Just the opposite happened, the king-pin of this attack was non other than Menachen Begin, who became the President of Israel, 5 days after his terrorist organization mastermind this deadly terrorist bomb explosion. ■

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## NEWS FROM THE SOVIET UNION

### BLOODY NIGHT OF SLAUGHTER IN KIEV

At 4.00 am soldiers of the Berkut special police unit smashed up the tent camp set up by the participants of the "Ukraine Arise" protest action; people were severely beaten and many arrested. Julia Timoshenko's coalition launched this protest in Kiev's European Square.

According to the head of the foreign economic relations department in the Kiev City Administration, Mikhail Pozhivanov, 50,000 people gathered on the European Square

Participants of the large protests produced and adopted resolutions demanding the immediate resignation of President Kuchma and extraordinary elections should follow in the Ukraine. Participants of the demonstration voiced their demands "the social, political situation in the country demonstrates a policy of genocide of the Ukrainian people." The document adopted also mentions "corruption, gangsterism of oligarchic clans and top officials, an economic crisis flourishing in the country, and freedom of speech being strictly limited in Ukraine." This official resolution was signed by leaders of parties such as Victor Yushchenko, Pyitor Simonenko, Alexander Moroz and Julia Timoshenko.

Head of the presidential administration - Viktor Medvedchuk addressed the protesters at about 7 pm and said that he had already informed the president about the events in the country. Journalists asked him whether the president was told about the details of the resolution that was passed by the protesters.

A day after the protesters blocked many streets in central Kiev, which joined the presidential administration with the Supreme Rada and the Cabinet of Ministers. The demonstrators set up about 130 tents right on the traffic-way. This was a rather striking picture to see.

I saw the tents and the demonstrators were cheerful and

they vowed that nobody would leave the tent city until President Kuchma resigns. Such were the beliefs of the people as they settled for the night. But a group of police, militia gathered near the building of the Cabinet Ministers.

The protesters were televised on all TV channels. The Prime Minister of Ukraine said to the journalists that "there are only 24,700 people in the demonstration not the over 200,000 as the organizers stated. Therefore, nothing extraordinary has or will happen."

That was an obvious lie, because a report from Lvov, as televised before the interview showed and told that over 200,000 people are protesting. This was tried to be hushed up by the government.

At 4.00 am the following day (remember that Hitler attacked the USSR the same time in June 22 of 1941) people in uniform and masks attacked the protesters who were sleeping quietly in their tents, with rubber batons. The people were beaten regardless of their sex or social position. The battle was very severe, the protesters were beaten over their heads. One of the protesters was a leg-less man who stayed in his tent, but the attackers beat him severely. I cannot be sure whether he is alive or not. The police and militia who attacked the camp were very cruel. Some people were dragged physically from the camp, and we do not know where they are now. The leaders of the opposition parties tried to stop the police mayhem, but in vain.

People from the Kuchma opposition were seriously injured, and some are still missing.

The court order was issued to disperse from the camp. When the opposition refused to leave, the police used extreme and cruel force.

It is strange that the court decision was passed by a court in charge of another part of the city and not by the court that has jurisdiction for this party of Kiev. The demonstrators will demonstrate that Kuchma's regime is very much like a bloody dictatorship.

Alexander Gorobets

Pravda Russian June 21-22, 2002 ■

### KRUSHCHEV'S SON IS A GOOD SUCCESSOR TO HIS FATHER

In a story in the Russian newspaper Pravda (which is not the Pravda as it was during Soviet times-Editor)- nevertheless has this very interesting reprint of an interview taken by the German newspaper Der Spiegel with Sergey Krushchov in New York.

"What he was saying resembled very much what his father had done years ago, he slandered Stalin and the Soviet Union. He did it probably for fear that the Soviet archives may come to light, and people will see Nikita Krushchev's blooded hands, the blood they shed by other people.

**SPIGEL:** Your father approved hundreds or perhaps thousands of death sentences during the 1930's.

**KRUSCHEV:** I know. My father told me how Stalin did it: Stalin came with a list of names and declared them as people's enemies. He said that they all were sentenced to death, that is why the Soviet leadership, including my father, had to sign the list as well. It is quite natural that my father could not have avoided signing the list.

The lie is felt in the first lines at once. Can you imagine that it was Stalin, the head of the USSR, had nothing to do but start gathering a list of names? Nikita Krushcherv was the first that started to slander Stalin, he did it for fear of future disclosures.

This is rather a popular method in politics. If you slander your predecessor you might be promoted. Although a large percentage of Stalin's documents were destroyed on the personal orders of Nikita Krushchev, publications about this action before the year of 1953 often appear. Such materials reveal that Krushchev wasn't a humanist at all. Some verbatim records of Krushchev's speeches have been published.

For example, early January 1936 when the USSR and the CPSU were fighting and cleansing the hidden enemies within the party and government, Nikita Krushchev being the First Secretary the Moscow Committee of the CPSU was



displeased at the slowness and the insufficient numbers of those arrested. At the Plenary Session he said: "Only 308 people have been arrested. I say that this is not enough for the large Moscow communist organization. We must liquidate these scoundrels".

Krushchev falsified accusations, pumped up names in Moscow and had all 38 party secretaries, Komsomol leaders, Trade Union leaders and cultural leaders

investigated and sentenced. All of these arrests were authorized by Krushchev and Stalin's name is not among the signatures or that Stalin was even informed.

When Krushchev was the First Secretary of the CPSU in Ukraine, Krushchev complained to Stalin in a letter in 1938: "Every month Ukraine sends lists to Moscow of enemies 17-18,000 people. This is too low. I ask you to remedy this situation.

*Why does Moscow approve only about 2,000 people. I ask you to take measures in this respect."*

As it is clear from the publications, it was not Krushchov that was pressed down, on the contrary, he himself demanded for more repression, as was the plan of the enemies such as Krushchev. This is shameful information about Nikita Krushchev that his son wants to conceal." ■

IRINA  
MALENKOV



... They are the people who are not known in the West. They are the people who are barely known in Russia itself. Yet, they are the people to whom so many of us – the entire Europe, to be frankly – are obliged our very lives. The people who tried to save the world from the Chernobyl's disaster – and are still paying by their own lives for it.

In Russia we call them "likvidatory" – The Terminators. Their numbers are not exactly known. People reckon that there should be around 300,000 of them left alive by now. The age they can reach in life, is seldom over 40. Some of them were serving in the army 14 years ago when they were sent "to terminate" the fire and the nuclear leaks at Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant – they were not even told where they were going to, on many occasions. The others went voluntarily – because they wanted to help. Because they cared. They didn't realize at the time that, just as Arni Schwartznegger's Terminator in part 2, they will be slowly melting in fire – incurable fire of the nuclear diseases – for the very short rest of their lives... The Russian attitude towards life in general is; "Well, that just needs to be done, and

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## Terminators on

## Hunger Strike!

somebody has to do it. So, I went and did it. Why me, you ask? And why should it be somebody else?"

Back in my native region alone there were 2650 people who were sent to Chernobyl in 1986. Most of them were miners, most of the miners went there voluntarily.

"I spent there 2 weeks under the damaged reactor," – says Vladimir Ustenkov. "We, "guerillas", as the conscripts were called then, were brought there with weapons, so that it would look like the war time emergency. In 10 days 27 helicopter crews were "burnt" by the radiation. In Tula region alone over 2600 people have the Terminator's status. Including retired officers, 1650 of them are now officially registered as disabled."

It seems only reasonable that the State would take care of its heroes – those who didn't spare their health or even their lives for the sake of all the rest of us. And so the State did. But that was the Soviet state. The contemporary "free" and also "democratic" Russia doesn't give a damn neither about its children, women and pensioners nor about disabled – even those disabled who

became like that for this country's sake.

The law about the social protection of the Terminators was a reality for them just for over a year – from 1991. According to one of Tula Terminators, the consequences of the tragedy have only become visible 4 or 5 years after the dangerous work: in Tula region alone 260 of them have died already, all younger than 40 years of age. But there were also those who decided to commit suicide: they couldn't cope with sufferings, both emotional and physical, anymore. The most well know was the tragic story of the Ukrainian Terminator Vladimir Sergienko who was so tired of living in poverty (most of the Terminators are now too ill to work – and yet, they have families to feed!) that he took a hand grenade and went with it to the local social benefits office. He was demanding 50.000 dollars so that his family could live normally when he will be gone. When he was refused it, he blown himself up...

What is the daily reality like for these people? The answer can be found easily in the very fact that last year – another fact that is not known

in the West!- Tula's Terminators went on hunger strike. One of them, 45 y.o. Nikolay Savelyev, died after a few days. His death was virtually unnoticed even by the Russian media.

The reason for this first hunger strike among the Russian Terminators was the Government's decision to diminish drastically their disabled pensions. Most of them, according to the new legislation, would receive not more than 500 rubles (35 rubles are approximately 1 pound) per month. More than that, even in order to get these 500, they would need to bring in a medical statement confirming that the sickness that they have is caused by Chernobyl's radiation, or a document that this person 14 years ago was working in "zone 3" (the most dangerous one). But, as by a miracle, all the documents about it have "disappeared" from the archives of the Russian Genshtab...The benefits were fully left only for those who were working in Chernobyl directly in 1986 – like if the situation there has improved so drastically that it wasn't dangerous anymore to go there in 1987 or in 1989...

"We had no other choice, but to begin the hunger strike,"- says the Chairman of the local branch of the organization "Soyuz-Chernobyl" Vladimir Naumov, who went on hunger strike together with his comrades. He told the journalists how the Terminators have tried to address the Ministry of Labor about this issue – not just themselves, but also with the help of the Tula's region administration, including its head, Vassily Starodubtsev. But the Ministry wasn't prepared to listen to "the voices from below". More than that, according to Naumov, the civil servants of the Ministry have started a campaign of lies about the new legislation in the media in order to fool the public opinion. "They were calling out all kinds of fantastic amounts of money that we were supposedly receiving – these numbers were purely mythical!" Especially angry were the Terminators when they heard the Minister Valentina Matvienko herself from TV screen saying that they are getting "up to 530.000 rubles per month"! In fact, only one Terminator in Tula region is receiving 19,600

rubles. The rest are getting much less – and after "the reforms" they would be receiving up to 2-7 times less than what they were getting before... For example, in the town of Yasnogorsk where 18 out of 32 Terminators are disabled now, only 6 of them would keep their benefits at the previous level. 12 of them would be getting less money: for example, Aleksey Dyachenko – 599,58 rubles instead of 4362,28; Aleksandr Kovarskih was getting 2290,41, and Victor Selishchev-2042,94 rubles – and now both of them would be getting just 467,54 ...

In general, the Russian State will "economize" in Yasnogorsk alone 58,4% of the money that were supposed to go to the Terminators and their families! 1/3 of Tula Terminators will "save" the budget around 500.000 rubles per month.

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## BUSH'S MUSE

*This poem is composed entirely of actual quotes from George W. Bush. The quotes have been arranged for aesthetic presentation by Washington Post writer Richard Thompson...in honor of National Poetry Month...*

### MAKE THE PIE HIGHER

I think we all agree, the past is over  
This is still a dangerous world  
It's a world of madmen and  
uncertainty and potential mental  
losses  
Rarely is the question asked  
Is our children learning?  
Will the highways of the Internet  
become more few?  
How many hands have I shaken?  
They underestimate me.  
I am a pit bull on the pantleg of  
opportunity.  
I know that the human being and the  
fish can coexist.  
Families is where our nation finds  
hope,  
where our wings take dream.  
Put food on your family!  
Knock down the tollbooth!  
Vulcanize society!  
Maker the pie higher!  
Make the pie higher!

*With thanks to EW*

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The most affected are the ex-soldiers who were working in Chernobyl from 1987. Legally, there is nothing they can do against the authorities because this new legislation is based on a new Russian law called "About Social Protection of the Citizens Affected by Radiation as a Result of Chernobyl Power Plant Disaster"... The first hunger strike has begun 23rd of August last year and has lasted for 10 days. 185 Terminators have taken part in it in Tula city, and in the whole region – over 200 disabled "Chernobyl veterans" in region's 5 main cities have joined them. The hunger strike then spread over from Tula to the other regions: Lipetsk and Sverdlovsk. The Terminators of Ryazan, Kaluga, Volgograd, Rostov, Stavropol, Belgorod and Nalchik have declared that they are prepared to support them and to join too. The telegrams of solidarity were received from the Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova. Over 30 of the hunger strike's participants were hospitalized in Tula alone, one of them died.

The Minister Kalashnikov (not related in any way to Russia's pride Mikhail Kalashnikov!) came to see them on the 11<sup>th</sup> day. The hunger strike was taking place in the office of the mentioned here "Soyuz-Chernobyl". The minister was forced to speak to the starving heroes, sitting at an old mattress on the floor : most of them were so weak that they couldn't even sit anymore.... But still strong enough to express their outrage at their treatment by the Russian bureaucrats!

"I don't accept the blackmailing!" – was the minister's cynical response. "Our whole country has the right to go on hunger strike. It depends solely on us, if we will go the schizophrenic way of the all-Russia hunger strike or will decide on issues the civilized way." But what exactly didn't let him to "decide on issues the civilized way" in the first place, before the hunger strike began? Maybe the reminder of the fact that another decision of the Russian Government back in December 1997 has taken "the Chernobyl bonus", as they bitterly call it, away from the inhabitants of over 700 towns and villages in Tula region alone – by declaring them "safe" while they weren't? At the

moment the Government is preparing another document that will deprive this "bonus for the dead men walking", ALL the inhabitants of the affected areas of the Tula region (except for Plavsk area where the authorities were purposely artificially "discharging" the clouds coming from Chernobyl area into direction of Moscow)...

The first hunger strike has ended "in compromise": the legislation was temporarily halted" until "further clarification of the disputable moments" in it. But it wasn't abolished. The name of Nikolay Savelyev who died in Tula, was forgotten. "Maybe he would have died anyway!" - people were saying.

... And now, a year and a few

months later - a new tragedy. The price of the minister's "compromise". 80 disabled Terminators of Shakhtinsk in Rostov-upon-Don region have begun their hunger strike already 3 months ago, but it went virtually unreported in the media. Until the death of the 50 years old Pyotr Lyubchenko who died on hunger strike while waiting for the ambulance. The doctors couldn't come because they didn't have petrol...

Rostov-upon-Don region in Southern Russia is taking second place in the country by the numbers of Terminators (mainly miners) living here. There are more than 6000 of them here. Not counting those 2000 who, in 14 years since the Chernobyl disaster, have already died... At the moment hundreds and hundreds of

those who are still alive, are on hunger strike. According to its participants, this will be the biggest hunger strike in Russia in recent years. The numbers of those who are ready to join in Ukraine, can not be counted even by their main organization- "All Ukraine Soyuz Chernobyl".

In Rostov itself, the Terminators are starving in the building that was, ironically enough, given to them as the place for the museum of their memory.

The folding beds of the hunger strikers are standing within the walls decorated with photographs of the events of 1986. The ambulance is arriving to this building several times per day - the condition of most of the strikers is very poor. The doctors have forbidden the majority of them

## U.S. Military Troops and Bases Around the World

*"The United States military is currently deployed to more locations than it has been throughout history."*

*—Dept. of Defense.*

In 2001 US had 255,065 troops posted abroad

- 156 countries with US troops in
- 63 countries with US military bases and troops
- ≡ 7 countries with 13 new US bases since 9/11

## The Costs of "Permanent War"

Since Sept. 11, the U.S. has attacked Afghanistan and established at least 13 new military bases in the oil and natural gas-rich countries surrounding it. The bombing of Afghanistan has killed some 3,600 civilians, wrought horrible destruction and deepened mass starvation and displacement. Today there are seven million Afghan internal and external refugees. The U.S. has put back in power the murderous Northern Alliance whom the Afghans threw out some years ago.

The administration has publicly threatened to attack 60 more countries, especially Iraq. In violation of international law, it has claimed the right to preemptively strike any country it thinks "harbors terrorists" or might produce weapons of mass destruction. The first use of nuclear weapons, even against countries that have no such weapons, is now official U.S. policy.

To carry out this dangerous military project, Washington proposes a 2003 military budget of \$396 billion, an astounding 37 percent increase since Bush took office, and more than half of the total U.S. discretionary budget.

### BY THE NUMBERS

- 845,441 Number of structures (covering 30 million acres) controlled by the Dept. of Defense, the world's largest landlord.
- \$396 billion Bush's 2003 military budget
- \$289 billion 2000 military budget (before Bush)
- \$60 billion Military budget of Russia, 2nd in the world after U.S.
- 25 Number of top military spending countries whose combined military budgets equals that of the U.S.
- \$45 billion Budget for education, 2nd largest discretionary budget item after military in 2002
- 50.5% Proportion of the total 2002 U.S. discretionary budget devoted to military

Sources: Dept. of Defense, "Base Structure Report, FY 2001" and Defense Almanac; Center for Defense Information Almanac, 2001-2002. www.cdi.org

to participate, but they still continue...

This is the only protest they can do against their miserable existence – they can't even call it "life". The pensions that they are receiving, aren't enough even for their medications; most of them can't do any work. "There are just 300.000 of us in the whole country – and most of us will not even make it to their 50s. All we want, is for them to give us a decent last couple of years of our lives, and to take care of our families.", - according to one of the strikers in Rostov.

The Terminators are on hunger strike in other regions too – for example, in Karachaevo-Cherkessia in Northern Caucasus. Here since 1998 the local administration owes them over 9 millions rubles in benefits that were never paid. The Terminators have declared that this time they will go to the bitter end and are giving their medals received for Chernobyl back to the State....

"...How long shall they kill our prophets while we stand aside and look?"; - are the lines of the famous Bob Marley's Redemption Song – one of those songs that are truly universal. How long? Probably very long... What I am trying to do by this article, is to make people here aware of what is happening to those to whom we all – not just Russians, but fellow Europeans as well - should be so grateful. Because the world doesn't know an amazing amount of work is being done in Europe for our "Chernobyl Children" – I am myself involved in one of the charities bringing Byelorussian kids every summer to Ireland and I know all the kind-heartedness and generosity of the people who are doing this work.. "All the best to the children" was the motto of our Soviet State too. But what about the adults? Will we just let them die – because " they would have died anyway"?

The Russian Terminators do not want the charity – when the only Western journalist who wrote about it, Jean-Pierre Tiboda from the French "Liberation" came to Tula to meet them, he found that these very physically weak people are still full of the desire and the hope to work. "We do not need humanitarian help", - these proud people have told him: "We hope to get work as we heard that Renault will build a factory in

Tula. But nobody wants to hire the disabled. They only remember about us during the elections – all of them, communists, fascists, and democrats... All the same. But we are not hoping on them. We are trying to help ourselves."

At the same time when the Russian Government does not have the money for these slowly and painfully dying men who saved so many lives, apparently it does have the money for sending over 100 of "the most successful" rich Russians – bankers, businessmen and politicians, including 2 ex-prime ministers (we've had so many of them that we can already start exporting them!) – to Dublin, for a specially organized during the Sunday and the Monday 22-23/10 at the request of the Russian Lower Parliament Chamber, the State Duma "2 days conference about transmission of the Russian economy towards the free market model". This wasn't even an international conference as the only Irish prominent person to speak there, was the Tanaiste Mary Harney to invite them to Moscow would have been a much cheaper option than to bring over a hundred of Russian "fat cats" to Dublin -one of the most expensive European capitals, to rent the facilities and the catering for this conference and to let these people to stay in the most expensive hotels here! But nobody here in Ireland even seems to be asking questions on why these Russians have decided to have this nice little cozy weekend in Dublin paid by the taxpayers money! It seems that as long as the Irish organizers do get this money from them for providing these facilities, they simply don't care where it comes from: "money doesn't smell" as the Russian proverb says...

Russian "democracy" is a funny thing: I wouldn't be surprised if the next time our Parliament will decide to go all together for the next session in Bahamas – and to let the State pay the bill. But is the Irish democracy very different? Until I will hear the Irish people start asking loudly the questions about why are

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the Irish authorities providing these facilities to those Russian officials who are allowing our Chernobyl Heroes to die slowly and painfully on hunger strike – the very same officials who drove them into such despair that they are prepared to die,- I do not think so. ■

## A UKRAINIAN REVOLUTION AWAITS

BY ALEXANDER GOROBETS

Opposition leaders in Ukraine led large crowds of people to the building of the Ukrainian presidential administration in Kiev on September 24 of this year. This was another attempt of the opposition to the Kuchma government to hand over a resolution of the September 16<sup>th</sup> meeting to the president. The resolution basically asks for Kuchma's resignation.

The meeting was addressed by many speakers, among them Viktor Yushenko of the bloc "Our Ukraine," who stated that his bloc will not participate in the government activities as a sign of protest, because on the president's agenda there is nothing that includes the question concerning the political situation now in Ukraine.

Thousands of protesters marched to the parliament buildings and they were met by ten rows of heavily armed police with batons and guns. Even the Ukrainian deputies that took part in the protest and wanted to gain entrance, were barred by the police.

The number of large protests are growing daily in Ukraine. The people are becoming more agitated and some of them are very aggressive. ■

## GEORGE W.BUSH DEFENDING FATHERLAND OF HIS COUNTRY?

By Sergey Borisov--Russian Pravda

Another book by President Bush has been issued in the USA. This is not really a book, but a book compiled of the speeches by the leader of the "lonely super power". Bush wrote neither about the "small land" where he had struggled against the Taliban

and bin Laden, nor about the virgin land that remained of the USA economy after numerous corporate financial scandals. The book simply consists of short statements made by George W. Bush being, at first, candidate for the presidential post, and then being US leader. These short statements have really important meaning, that is why they impress people's minds very much. The lot of a US president is really very hard: they have to talk a lot. And when speaking a lot, it is not ruled out that you pronounce an aphorism. When journalist heard George Bush mention "*wings take dream*", they understood that Bush's statements should be noted down.

Jacob Weisberg with the Slate online magazine is compiling a collection of statements by Bush called "*Bushisms*". The journalist heard some of the statements himself, sometimes readers sent in what they have heard themselves. The US president is fertile with aphorisms, this book is already the third issue. George W. Bush is a man of the strongest creed. He says "*I know what I believe. I will continue to articulate what I believe and what I believe - I believe what I believe is right.*" American children probably pronounce the words as a tongue-twister.

There are some outstanding Bushisms. The opposition to Saddam Hussein made him a patient person. He says: "*I am a patient man, and when I say I am a patient, I mean I am a patient man.*" The deepest idea of the statement is: "*I am a human. When I say I am a human, I mean that I really am.*"

President Bush is a patriot and makes no secret about it. Bush says, it is the top objective to protect "*the fatherland of the country.*" What country is the fatherland of America? Is it Great Britain? Much money is needed to guarantee protection to the whole country: "*We've tripled the amount of money - I believe it's from \$50 million up to \$195 million available. To protect itself America also needs soldiers, which number is quite sufficient in the USA, by the*

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*way. Really important now is to take care of their accommodation and morals. The President is ready to assume the responsibility. I do think we need for a troop to be able to house his family. That's an important part of building morale in the military.*" ■

## **"HOLOCAUST" AGAINST SLAVS IN ISRAEL CONTINUOUS**

By **DMITRY LITVINOVICH,**  
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A new law has been passed by the Israeli government. The point of the new law is as follows: If the citizen accepts assistance from the state, than this citizen can only leave the country after one year.

This measure will directly affect immigrants from Russia. Many of them live on such allowances since most of them are unemployed. Furthermore, all dates and times of their trips, will be determined by the Israeli officials.

Immigrants from the former Soviet Union make up the majority of recently arrived repatriates. According to the information from a Jewish agency, 34,000 repatriates came to Israel in 2002. A large number of them, 21,600 people, came from states that were part of former USSR. These people came to Israel because they were called to come there. They were promised a paradise, by the Jewish Agency, yet they see nothing but discrimination against them in Israel.

You can wear a skull-cap, learn the Tora by heart, go to the synagogue, but you will always be a foreigner to the Israelites. So, what was the point in calling upon the Soviet Jews to immigrate to Israel for years on end?

Russian Pravda newspaper wrote about a group of young Israelis (*Russian by nationality*) who wanted to organize a Slavic Union in Israel. They were refused permission. This really was a shocking surprise for those who came to Israel from former USSR.

These Soviet immigrants (*gentiles*) between 250,000 to 600,000 people have Slavic roots, even if they came to Israel from Moldavia, Azerbaijan or Kazakhstan. Gentiles in Israel are very often subjected to various kinds of discrimination.

Russians feel that they have no worthy place in the Israel society. The Israel government actively prevents them from participating in politics, for example. There is not one Russian in the Israeli parliament, there is no Russian mayor or deputy mayor, nothing. ■

### **DEDICATED TO PRESIDENT BUSH**

*We wonder whether Bush knows his American history and who said the following?*

"Labor is prior to, and independent of, capital. Capital is only the fruit of labor, and could never have existed if labor had not first existed. Labor is the superior of capital, and deserves much the higher consideration."

--ABRAHAM LINCOLN

### **AN APPEAL TO ALL SIGNATORIES TO THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL!**

Dear members:

We are asking each Signatory to the Call for an International Council to elect your delegate to this Council who will be receiving information and documents as a member, responsible to your party, organization, press or movement.

We are in the process of preparing for the Second World Congress in Europe in 2003 and we need your input.

Michael Lucas, Chairman  
Executive Committee

## SPECIAL FOR NORTHSTAR COMPASS

*In the September issue, we appealed for financial help to publish the excellent analyses, called "For a United Front Against the Capitalist Offensive, for Democratic Rights and Against War" in a pamphlet form. Judging by the numerous requests of NSC readers, we decided to publish it in full in this issue of NSC. After the finances are in, in the near future we shall publish it as a pamphlet. We feel that the analyses should reach as wide a circle of people as possible.*

*We shall keep our reader informed on the progress of the pamphlet.*

The attacks of September 11, 2001, have heightened all the contradictions of imperialism: between imperialism and the oppressed nations, among the imperialist powers themselves and between the capitalists and the working class. The war that began with the U.S. attack on and occupation of Afghanistan is continuing with the Israeli attack on the Palestine Authority and may well follow with a U.S. invasion of Iraq. Government spokespersons have talked of a war that will not end in our lifetime. The U.S. has been stepping up its attacks on the oppressed peoples, in areas as far apart as Colombia and the Philippines but mainly in the Middle East and Central Asia. Its main goal is to control the oil and gas resources in that area, while denying this control to its imperialist rivals in Europe and Japan. At a time of growing economic crisis, the U.S. ruling class is attacking the wages and working conditions of all working people, and seriously undermining democratic rights, of which it has boasted for over 200 years.

In the imperialist countries, and especially in the U.S., the left as a whole, and the Marxist-Leninist groups in particular, have remained small, often very small, and isolated, often extremely isolated, from the working class and oppressed nation-

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alities. This isolation is most evident at times of spontaneous mass outbreaks. For example, when a rally of 40,000 construction workers turned into a mass confrontation with scabs and cops in June of 1998, the left was nowhere to be seen. And in the first mass demonstrations that took place after the killing of Amadou Diallo in February of 1999, the leftists were on the outskirts (most obvious because they were in the great majority Anglo petty-bourgeois), trying to hand out leaflets and newspapers to the mass of African and African-American demonstrators. Partly this isolation is due to objective conditions, that there is not yet a sustained upsurge in the mass and revolutionary movements. But it is also a question of our subjective outlook, of refusing to make tactical changes that are necessary in our work. (We are still in the era of imperialism and proletarian revolution; our strategic goal is still the overthrow of imperialism and the establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat. But tactics change with the ebb and flow of the movement; tactical changes include changing the form of struggle. This does not mean that tactical questions are unimportant.)

The number of workers or members of the oppressed nationalities who today understand the need for the dictatorship of the proletariat is still miniscule. There is no question that we need to consolidate those who do and to continue to win over others to fight for this. But can we, in the conditions of today, leave aside the great majority, the 99% or more of the class, who are not yet ready to fight for

this? The answer should be clear.

### For a Program for the Rights of the Workers and Op- pressed Nationalities

Today, while the corporations are getting rich, the workers are again being hit by mass layoffs. Since September 11, some 100,000 workers in New York City, and some 1 million workers throughout the U.S., have lost their jobs. The majority of the trade union bureaucrats have done nothing about this, besides call for support of the Democratic (or even the Republican) Party. We need a fighting program against layoffs, as well as long-term and increased relief for the unemployed.

Today, working people are facing cutbacks in social services, such as reduced funds for public education (and reduced quality of education, undermined by phony calls for "standards," voucher programs and privatization). There are increased tuition and cuts to public higher education, in state and city schools such as SUNY and CUNY. We need to demand programs for increased and improved public education.

There are cutbacks in medical services, both in underfunding of public hospitals, in increased co-payments, deductibles, premium payments, etc. while HMOs continue to grow and profit. We need to demand that the government and corporations pay for health care. Even in revolutionary Cuba, which has been suffering from over 40 years of blockade and over 10 years of the cutoff of trade with its former chief trading partners

in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, there is better medical care for working people, a lower infant mortality rate, better education as well as other social services.

There are huge increases in rents, especially in the big cities (and increased mortgages for those who own their own homes and co-ops), while landlords get rich. We need to demand a freeze on rents (and mortgages), a rollback of rents to affordable levels, the strengthening of rent regulations. Tenants are paying increasing portions of their wages in rent; in the most extreme cases this leads to homelessness, but also to the doubling and tripling up of families and individuals in apartments, to people in their 30s and 40s living with their parents since they cannot afford to move on their own, to even people in the lower petty-bourgeoisie ("middle class") having to take in boarders to afford the rent. The U.S. bourgeoisie always boasted that "in America, everyone can own their own home." Today this has become a mockery.

Many elderly people cannot live off of social security and have no additional funds. Many families, particularly those headed by single women, do not have access to pre-school facilities or after-school facilities for their school-age children. Youths, who suffer from a lack of constructive educational, sports and other programs, are caught up in a video-game culture.

### **War vs. Democratic Rights**

Using the excuse of a war in "defense of freedom," the U.S. government is whittling away at democratic liberties at home. The government is attacking immigrants, it is undermining its own Constitutional protections of freedom of speech, it is spying on private conversations of arrested suspects with their lawyers, it is taking prisoners of war and deporting them to the U.S. and third countries (even to countries where they occupy extra-territorial bases without

the permission of the government, such as Guantanamo Bay in Cuba). These attacks affect not only immigrants but citizens as well, as the government is using its vast electronic network (such as Echelon in Scotland and Carnivore within the U.S.) to listen to all telephone, fax and electronic messages (through satellites, etc.). Thus it is undermining all the rights that the U.S. bourgeoisie has always proclaimed as "hallmarks of our freedoms." We need to fight to preserve and extend the rights that we have, while still pointing out the limited nature of the democratic rights for working people under this system, that this is a bourgeois dictatorship.

The U.S. government can forbid strikes through "cooling off" periods, by declaring national emergencies (such as with the airline industry), by prohibiting public employees from striking (such as by the Taylor Law in New York State), or it can make them totally ineffective by injunctions limiting picketing, by mass arrests (as in Charleston, South Carolina), etc. These restrictions can and have been beaten, but by mass actions, often despite and against the trade union bureaucrats.

The oppressed nationalities, African-Americans, Chicanos, Puerto Ricans, immigrants and others, still have the lowest incomes (despite the existence of a weak petty bourgeois stratum), the worst housing, the poorest educational facilities, fewer hospitals and other medical facilities. They continue to suffer from police brutality, racial profiling, etc. The unity of the multinational working class and the oppressed nationalities is the key to the formation of a successful united front.

All these demands and programs must be connected to the war. We must show that this war is not a consequence of the September 11th attacks, but is part of the history of more than 100 years of imperialism (monopoly capitalism), beginning with the 1898 occupation of Puerto Rico, Philippines, Guam, the establishment of a protec-

torate over Cuba, until today. The current war is a continuation of the war in Vietnam, the wars against Iraq and Yugoslavia, and the support for the continuing occupation of Palestinian territory by Israel. The war has not ended with Afghanistan.

We must continue to point out the connections between the increased attacks on working people in the U.S. and the war. This does not mean that we must insist that everyone involved in protests against the attacks at home must also oppose the war. We can show how this "patriotism" was used against the strike of government workers in Minnesota, how the government is using the war as an excuse for cutbacks. We must show how they are bailing out the billionaire monopolists (such as in the airline and real estate industries), without doing anything for the workers in these industries, either for those who have lost their jobs or for those who are still working.

It is not enough to draw up a program of demands. We must have a fighting plan of action and some successes in these actions in order to begin to win working people to this program. We need a bold plan of action in the different fields of work, whether it be sit-down strikes to prevent scabs from replacing striking workers, the mobilization of people in a neighborhood to block evictions, etc. These are just some possibilities – a real plan of action would obviously have to be worked out carefully with the people directly involved. We must also examine the lessons of both victories and defeats from the experience of the spontaneous movement.

Many of these ideas are drawn from the united front against fascism in the 1930s. This does not mean that we already have fascism in the United States. In Germany also fascism did not arrive overnight. It was preceded by a period of several years of conservative governments that paved the way for fascism. (The Social-Democrats were also no barrier to fascism. They not only re-

fused to mobilize the workers under their influence to unite with the Communists against fascism; Social-Democratic governments in Germany (nationally, regionally and locally) also kept lists of Communists that were taken over by the fascists when they came to power and used to round up the Communists.) Remember that Hitler was appointed (not elected) by the conservative President Hindenburg. Fascism may come in a somewhat different form in the United States, without even necessarily forming a fascist party that comes to power; it could come, for instance, in the form of a Republican government that dismantles all democratic rights, with the overwhelming support of the Democratic Party, as is already starting to happen today. We cannot wait until the emergence of fascism to put forward our own tactical program of demands for the basic economic and political interests of the working people.

A program for a united front cannot be put forward by one party or organization. Moreover, at first, there will not even be a single program with a united set of demands. Such a program must be developed and taken up in all organizations of working people, in the trade unions, in the oppressed nationality organizations, in the tenants' movements, in homeless organizations and soup kitchens, among students, progressive intellectuals, even among progressive religious forces. This work should include progressive forces among the petty bourgeoisie, but the key must be workers. Without the participation and leadership of actual workers from the start, we will just be left with another organization of petty bourgeois activists. This is not what is needed. It will be necessary over a prolonged period to unite the individual, local struggles into a consolidated whole, into a coordinated fightback. These struggles must be formed into a united front against the offensive of capital, for democratic rights and against war.

There will be many problems in the formation of such a united front. One will be that groups helping to build it will have to break with organizational sectarianism. They will have to work with others without being concerned with whether they are in the leadership. A positive example of such a step towards unity was shown in the joint mass rally of the two anti-war coalitions, International ANSWER and A20, in Washington DC on April 20. Also, in such a broad coalition with people of widely varying ideological backgrounds, there will be all sorts of ideas and practical methods of work put forward. Some will want to do only electoral work, some only peaceful protests, while others will propose individualist anarchist tactics. It will be up to the genuine revolutionaries, as few and disunited as we are, to push such a front in a good direction, while seeking to unite ourselves in the process.

#### **The Need for a Vanguard Party of the Working Class**

Does the fight for a broad united front negate the need for a vanguard Marxist-Leninist party, the fight for the socialist revolution and the dictatorship of the proletariat? It certainly does not. It simply means that we cannot demand adherence to socialism and the dictatorship of the proletariat as a precondition to the formation of such a front, either ideologically or organizationally.

Genuine revolutionaries, through the process of aiding in building such a front, must begin to unite on the basis of Marxism-Leninism. At this point, a real vanguard organization can only come from those Marxist-Leninist elements, as well as others who really want to put an end to imperialism, who work in and lead the mass movement and unite themselves in the process. Unfortunately, since the fall of the Communist Party USA into revisionism, there has not been a genuine vanguard party of the working class in the U.S., and almost all the groups that

call themselves Marxist-Leninists today are little more than sects. The most serious attempts to build such a party, though not without their own weaknesses, have been by organizations among the oppressed nationalities in the U.S., such as the Black Panther Party, the Black Workers Congress, the Puerto Rican Revolutionary Workers Organization, the August Twenty-ninth Movement, I Wor Kuen, etc. However, there are currently no such mass advanced organization among the oppressed nationalities either.

We cannot treat the formation of a vanguard organization as a secondary question. Such an organization, leading to a real Marxist-Leninist party, will be critical in building and directing a united front. It will be necessary to fight against the tendency to spontaneity and local narrowness, the idea that "I can do best what I am doing now, in my local area of work." Unfortunately, such an outlook still affects even some of our best elements.

Let us add a brief word on the question of security here. Most of the members of existing revolutionary organizations are already known to the authorities. It would not be hard for them, when they want to get rid of the remaining bourgeois rights, to simply round up the majority of these members if they felt it necessary. We must use the opportunity of developing new cadres from within the mass organizations to also establish some elementary rules of security. There is no reason that every recruit from among the masses into a vanguard organization should be a public member, or that his/her membership in such a vanguard organization need be known to his/her co-workers. Such a person could simply appear as a supporter of the work of this organization. Obviously further tactics need to be developed on this question.

A genuine Marxist-Leninist party will have to be based on certain clearly defined principles. These must include: first, the recognition of the need for



the revolutionary overthrow of imperialism and the establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat. Second must be the recognition of the need to put an end to class collaboration and support for the political parties of the capitalist class, especially the Democratic and Republican Parties. Third must be proletarian internationalism, the support for the struggles of workers against capital and for the struggles of all oppressed nations and countries under attack by imperialism. And finally, a vanguard organization must be built on the basis of democratic centralism.

Does this mean that the ideological questions of the past are of little or no importance? Not at all, but they will have to be fought out mainly on the basis of practical questions of today, not on historical questions.

### The Need for Organized Study

We need to organize study, not just for ourselves but for new forces from among the working people. But this must also be done differently from the way it has been organized previously. In the past, we often studied some classics of Marxism-Leninism, but frequently in an abstract way, i.e. divorced from the questions of the day. We must turn this around. For example, if we take up the question of the state, we should start by examining the role of the state today, how it is being used against workers' strikes, against uprisings of the oppressed nationalities, against revolutionaries and progressive people at home and abroad. Then, we should look at parts of, say, *State and Revolution* that clarifies that this is a bourgeois dictatorship and the need for a proletarian dictatorship.

Or if we take up the question of classes, we should first examine the situation of classes in the United States, which class (the working class) is the producer of almost all value, which class (the bourgeoisie) profits from the labor of the working class, what are the intermediate

strata (small owners and petty bourgeois professionals). We would study the changes that these classes and strata are undergoing. Then we should look at, say, parts of *Capital* and other works for clarification, or the *Manifesto* in dealing with various historical relations of production.

This is what Lenin did in forming the League of Struggle for the Emancipation of the Working Class in Russia in the early 1890s. The advanced workers always pointed out that Lenin was in this way the best of the propagandists, as he put forward ideas in a concrete manner. This will allow us to develop real roots and cadres among the working people.

This is certainly not meant to be the "last word" on this subject. Clearly, a program of demands and actions for a broad united front needs to be developed through much discussion with people in various mass organizations, in different localities and different arenas of struggle. It will have to be written in a popular, practical style. This is simply meant to be a starting point in a long process. But every process must have a first step. Let us begin!

### Appendix

This issue of *Marxist-Leninist Organizer* was specifically designed for people of varying ideological backgrounds. Even the logo on the masthead was changed to show only two of the great historical leaders of the proletariat, Marx and Lenin. [Note: the print version of all earlier issues of *Marxist-Leninist Organizer*, as well as this Appendix, showed a logo with Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin.] We feel that this was a principled concession in keeping with the spirit of the issue. It was not meant to downplay the role of Engels or Stalin.

Today there are no socialist countries. (We consider Cuba, and possibly the DPR of Korea, to be revolutionary but not socialist, as they never established the dictatorship of the proletar-

iat). In this situation such questions as whether or not the Soviet Union was socialist after 1953, whether Mao or Hoxha was right, etc. do not need to be taken up in a party program. This is not to say that they are of no relevance – they are crucial to understanding the factors that led the Soviet Union into revisionism, to the question of state capitalism and the "party of the whole people" under Khrushchev and later. But a full answer to these questions will most likely come from those who have experienced revisionism first-hand, particularly from our Soviet comrades. And a correct line on such questions should not be a determining factor for admission into the party. Stalin pointed out (in his report to the Plenum of the CC of the CPSU(B) in February-March 1937) that it is not correct to demand that party members *master* the program, just that they *accept* it. We think that applies to the above questions today.

Comrade Dimitrov in his famous speech, *For the Unity of the Working Class Against Fascism*, at the 7th Congress of the Communist International in 1935, devoted a section to the "Political Unity of the Working Class." In striving to form united Marxist-Leninist parties that would include revolutionary workers from the social-democratic parties, he listed five principles for such a party. This principles laid out in this issue are drawn from this.

In the fight to build a party, we will have to deal with opportunism in various forms. Only the socialist revolution and the dictatorship of the proletariat can end the exploitation of people by people and build a new, socialist society on the road to classless society, communism. Recognition of this will be a real demarcation with revisionism as well as Trotskyism. We will have to fight the right opportunism of those who still support the Democratic Party. We need to support the struggle of oppressed peoples against imperialism, for the right to self-

determination; this will be a real demarcation with Trotskyism as well as revisionism. We will also have to fight the "left" error of those who want to make recognition of the socialist revolution a precondition for unity in mass organizations.

Let us win over the revolutionary elements from the mass movement, and unite the genuine Marxist-Leninists from the existing revolutionary groups, into a genuine vanguard party of the working class! Let us direct the disparate mass organizations into a genuine united front against the attacks of imperialism!

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# UN RESOLUTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL

BY IRINA MALENKO

While Bush ibn Bush uses the fact that Saddam Husein has not complied with US resolutions as an excuse to launch his "pre-emptive" war, here is a list of dozens of UN resolutions adopted that Israel has not complied with.

### UN Resolutions Against Israel at the UN-1955-1992

1. Resolution 106... "condemns Israel for Gaza raid"
2. Resolution 111... "condemns Israel for raid on Syria that killed fifty-six people"
3. Resolution 127... "recommends that Israel suspend its 'no-man's zone' in Jerusalem"
4. Resolution 162... "urges Israel to comply with UN decisions"
5. Resolution 171... "determines the flagrant violations by Israel in its attack on Syria"
6. Resolution 228... "censures Israel for its attack on Samu in the West Bank, then under Jordanian control"
7. Resolution 237... "urges Israel to allow the return of new '1967 Palestinian refugees'"
8. Resolution 248... "condemns Israel for its massive attack on Karameh in Jordan"
9. Resolution 250... "calls upon Israel to refrain from holding military parade in Jerusalem"
10. Resolution 251... "deeply deplores Israel military parade in Jerusalem in defiance of Resolution 250"
11. Resolution 252... "declares invalid Israel's acts to unify Jerusalem as Jewish capital"
12. Resolution 256... "condemns the Israeli raids on Jordan as flagrant violation"
13. Resolution 259... "deplores Israel's refusal to accept a UN mission to probe"
14. Resolution 262... "condemns Israel for the air attack on Beirut airport"
15. Resolution 265... "condemns Israel for air attacks for Salt in Jordan"
16. Resolution 267... "censures Israel for administrative acts to change the status of Jerusalem"
17. Resolution 270... "condemns Israel for air attacks on villages in southern Lebanon"
18. Resolution 271... "condemns Israel's failure to obey the UN resolutions on Jerusalem"
19. Resolution 279... "demands the withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanon"
20. Resolution 280... "condemns Israeli attacks against Lebanon"
21. Resolution 285... "demands immediate Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon"
22. Resolution 298... "deplores Israel's changing status of Jerusalem"
23. Resolution 313... "demands that Israel stop attacks against Lebanon"
24. Resolution 316... "condemns Israel for repeated attacks against Lebanon"
25. Resolution 317... "deplores Israel's refusal to release Arabs abducted in Lebanon"
26. Resolution 332... "condemns Israel' repeated attacks against Lebanon"
27. Resolution 337... "condemns Israel for violating Lebanon's sovereignty"
28. Resolution 347... "condemns Israel's attacks in Lebanon"
29. Resolution 425... "calls on Israel to withdraw its forces from Lebanon"
30. Resolution 427... "calls on Israel to completely withdraw from Lebanon"
31. Resolution 444... "deplores Israel's lack of cooperation with UN peacekeeping forces"
32. Resolution 446... "determines that Israel settlements are a serious obstruction to peace and calls on Israel to abide by the Fourth Geneva Convention"
33. Resolution 450... "calls on Israel to stop attacking Lebanon"
34. Resolution 452... "calls on Israel to cease building settlements in occupied territories"
35. Resolution 465... "deplores

# 28<sup>TH</sup> YOUTH FESTIVAL OF KNE

BY KOMINFORM

The 28<sup>th</sup> Festival of KNE, the Communist Youth of Greece and of Odigitis celebrated its central events on September 18-21 in Athens, Greece, that culminated the more than 400 local festivities organized through the summer months in cities, towns and the villages all around Greece.

More than 120,000 young people visited the central festivities and had the opportunity to participate and watch 44 concerts by the most famous Greek singers and performing groups, theater plays, discussion groups, a series of films dedicated to the Palestinian struggles and also the young people visited various thematic stands and exhibitions of the Youth Festival.

In this "International Village" there participated 27 youth organizations from all over the world, namely the World Federation of Democratic Youth, the BSYU, (Bulgaria), BKSM (Bulgaria), KSM (Czech Rep.), PACO-JUCO (Colombia), UJC (Cuba), EDON (Cyprus), SDA (Germany), SCOJ (Yugoslavia), UJCE (Spain), KISSYL (Democratic Korea), SKM (Ukraine), PPP (Palestine), JCP (Portugal), SKM (Russian Federation), SYU (Sudan), SKU (Sweden), JVP (Sri Lanka), UDYS (Syria), TKP (CP of Turkey), TKP-kivilcim (Turkey), UJSARIO (Western Sahara), GUPS (Palestine), Democratic Party of Kurdistan-Iran, Kadek (Turkey), IDYF (Iraq).

The participants signed appeals to free the 5 Cuban patriots that are imprisoned in Miami, USA, for peace in Colombia and in anti-NATO manifestations that will take place in Prague on November 20<sup>th</sup> of this year, organized by the CP of Bohemia and Moravia.

The main political events of this Youth Festival were the rally of KNE and the speech of the CC Themis Gionis. The immediate tasks of the KNE and their many activities were discussed and a plan of action adopted.

Israel's settlements and asks all member states not to assist Israel's settlements program

36. Resolution 467..."strongly deplores Israel's military intervention in Lebanon

37. Resolution 468..."calls on Israel to rescind illegal expulsion of two Palestinian mayors and a judge and to facilitate their return

38. Resolution 469..."strongly deplores Israel's failure to observe the UN council's order not to deport Palestinians

39. Resolution 471..."expresses deep concerns at Israel's refusal to abide by the Fourth Geneva Convention

40. Resolution 476..."reiterates That Israel's claims to Jerusalem are null and void

41. Resolution 478..."censures Israel in the strongest terms for its claim to Jerusalem in its Basic Laws

42. Resolution 484..."declares it imperative that Israel re-admit two deported Palestinian mayors

43. Resolution 487..."strongly condemns Israel for its attack on Iraq's nuclear facility

44. Resolution 497..."decides that Israel's annexation of Syrian Golan Heights is null and void and demands that Israel rescind its decision forthwith

45. Resolution 498..."calls upon Israel to withdraw from Lebanon

46. Resolution 501..."calls on Israel to stop its attacks against Lebanon and withdraw its troops

47. Resolution 509..." demands that Israel withdraw its forces forthwith and unconditionally from Lebanon

48. Resolution 515..."demands that Israel lift its siege of Beirut and allow food supplies to be brought in

49. Resolution 517..."censures Israel for failing to obey UN resolutions and demands that Israel withdraw its forces from Lebanon

50. Resolution 518..."demands that Israel cooperate fully with the UN forces in Lebanon

51. Resolution 520..."condemns Israel's attack into West Beirut

52. Resolution 573..."condemns Israel vigorously for bombing Tunisia in attack on PLO headquarters

53. Resolution 587..."takes note of previous calls on Israel to withdraw its forces from Lebanon and urges all parties to withdraw

54. Resolution 592..."strongly deplores the killing of Palestinian

students at Bir Zeit University by Israeli troops

55. Resolution 605..." strongly deplores Israel's policies and practices denying the human rights to the Palestinian people

56. Resolution 607..." calls on Israel not to deport Palestinians and strongly requests to abide by the Fourth Geneva Convention

57. Resolution 608..." deeply regrets Israel's deportation of Palestinian civilians

58. Resolution 636..." deeply regrets Israeli deportation of Palestinian civilians

59. Resolution 641..."deplores Israel's continuing deportation of Palestinians

60. Resolution 672..." condemns Israel for violence against Palestinians at the Haram af-Sharif/ Temple Mount

61. Resolution 673..."deplores Israel's refusal to cooperate with the United Nations

62. Resolution 681..."deplores Israel's resumption of the deportation of the Palestinians

63. Resolution 694..." deplores Israel's deportation of Palestinians and calls on it to ensure their safe and immediate return

64. Resolution 726..."strongly condemns Israel's deportation of Palestinians

65. Resolution 790..." strongly condemns Israel's deportation of 413 Palestinians and calls for their immediate return

*The United States vetoed more than 70% of all the resolutions adopted by the United Nations Organization from September 1972 to May of 1990, in order to protect Israel and at the same time the US kept on sending billions of arms and technology in order to help Israel to gain its objectives.*

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## OVER RUSSIA THERE IS A SHADOW OF PINOCHET

Is there a real possibility that in Russia there shall appear a regime of bloody dictatorship as was with Pinochet in Chile? The shooting-up and bombardment by Yeltsin regime of the Russian Supreme Soviet in 1993 now has changed and the new Putin regime adopted different form of dictatorship. Today the battle is not led by tanks and cannons, but in very cool, cruel and calculated psychological attacks on the people.

Fulfilling the directives of the present regime, the "independent judges" do not bite the hands that feed them. Just lately these "judges" sentenced to longer jail terms these very young revolutionaries from "Revolsoviet" then murderers, robbers and criminals. Their crime was that they toppled the monument to "Nickolai the Bloody Czar". Two young girls from the movement "Patros" are jailed for the simple reason that they tried to teach young pioneers the Soviet way of life! That was their crime!

All this was based on one TV report and after that, without any witnesses, the crocodile tears flowed on and on in the TV, press and radio – including Radio Europe, called "Freedom". If anything of this sort happened to the so called "human rights activists" here, there would be such propaganda that even President of USA would have mixed into this affair, plus the US Congress, defending "human rights" in Russia. But here in Russia, everything is mum. The civil rights defenders here and abroad are quiet, as if their tongues got tied!

Why did these judges sentence one young girl to 8 years in jail, while the other young Komsomol got 6 years! Did these two girls kill anyone, rob anyone, robbed or demolished state property? NO! These two young Komsomols organized a youth camp for pioneers,

Where they taught them to operate combines, tractors, taught them a curriculum of how to get into high school, taught them the danger of smoking, alcohol and drugs, and above all, taught them to be patriots of socialism and of the Soviet Union.

These young people loved this commune and took to following the teachings of scientist Makarenko. They themselves undertook the discipline that if someone did not follow the commune rules, they were excluded from this Commune. How and in what could the judges blame these young girls? They were charged that they were teaching communist ideology. They were charged of forming an "illegal organization" and of training the youngsters in revolutionary activities and insurrection.

The judges also blamed these two young girls that there was too strong discipline. So, why not arrest all the mothers and fathers who try to bring up their own children by strong discipline?

The whole basis for these attacks on the young people by Putin and his regime, is to try and stifle the unrest and the demands of the younger generation, who do not see any future for themselves. Where "sweet talk and promises" do not work by this regime, the heavy hand of "Pinochet-style" regime takes over. In this campaign the regime utilizes the Russian Orthodox Church to scare the youth into submission and, who now are demanding and getting all of the former lands, buildings, rivers, livestock, implements, factories that been confiscated from the church and given out to the people after the Great October Revolution. ■

## KURDISH CARD: THE SHORTEST PATH TO US PLANS

As US plans to attack Iraq become clearer, we know that Turkey will be included in this plan. Last month, tension between Barzani, the Kurdish leader, and Turkish government made Turkish plans more evident. The key factor for Turkey, in the US against Iraq, will be the Kurdish groups in Northern Iraq, which is not controlled by the

Central Iraqi government and Saddam Hussein, but by Kurdish groups.

These Kurdish groups in Northern Iraq have a government-like central organization, with their own monetary unit and their own border patrols. However the Turkish army has a long time existence just beyond its own borders, in the Iraqi side, since the war with Kurdish guerrillas, using the well-known excuse of ensuring border safety against the Kurdish groups.

When the US attack begins, or even before the attack, Turkey may broaden the limits of its safety zone and enter Northern Iraq, using a big military force, again by the use of this famous excuse.

Unfortunately everything needed for this invasion is on its way.

The Turkish bourgeoisie has always had problems to convince the Turkish people that Turkey should cooperate with US and invade Iraq. All polls show that Turkish people do not believe in this coming war. A US-backed foreign policy may help Turkey in the international platform to legitimize its probable violent acts in Iraq, but if you are in Turkey, this is much harder.

In Turkey, there is only one chance for the Turkish bourgeoisie: the Kurdish card. The long-time lasting war between the Turkish army and the Kurdish guerrillas is still a very important factor in Turkish politics and the bourgeoisie is well aware of that.

Turkey declared already that the presence of an independent Kurdish State in Northern Iraq would be a formal reason of war, long time ago. Turkey always remind everyone that Kurds are not the only nation living in Northern Iraq: there are also Turkmens, a pro-Turkey minority. Even former chief of General Staff, Huseyin Kivrikoglu, said that he is a Turkmen.

Last month, there were statements from both Turkish and Kurdish sides. The new Turkish defense minister stated flatly that "Northern Iraq is entrusted by USA for Turkey's safe keeping!" Turkey will definitely enter Northern Iraq, using the excuse of the presence of Kurdish groups that might be a future threat to Turkey.

The dangerous conversation between Barzani and the Turkish

government was also focusing on the petroleum-rich region which used to be part of the Ottoman Empire, until the end of the First World War, and which has always been the current issue for the nationalist governments of Turkey, using as a propaganda vehicle that, by annexing this region to Turkey, it will solve the economical problems of the country.

The forthcoming Turkish election on November 3<sup>rd</sup> of this year, does not foresee a governmental change that will trigger policy change towards Northern Iraq. Turkey will continue to play a key part in US plans, thus forming a deadly triangle for the peoples of the region with Israel.

However, the Communists, the

only political force that might obstruct the inclusion of Turkey in US imperialism's plans, have an advantage, because of the simplification of Turkish public opinion: Kervil Dervis, who was a former minister of economy and was responsible for carrying the IMF policies in Turkey, has now joined the social democratic party "*Republican People's Party, one of the leading parties, according to the latest polls, and this operation cleared out the last "leftist residues" in the Turkish social democracy; nobody can see a party led by an "IMF Official" as anywhere leftist.*

At this point, the First Camp includes all parties, which see the upcoming war as an opportunity for Turkey and support it, and they are

all pro-EU and pro-IMF. The Second Camp is formed by the Communist Party of Turkey, which is against the EU and sees a socialist Turkey as more realistic and current target for Turkey. The Communist Party is against the IMF and seeks the cancellation of all debts, and is against the war and any imperialist plans.

The Communist Party of Turkey is against any attempts for the alteration of borders in the region, and will do everything that is necessary to obstruct the inclusion of Turkey in any occupations plans for Iraq planned by US imperialism.

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## CHEERS FROM AUSTRALIA

By *Rupen Savoulian*

I read NSC magazine each month online and find it an informative and rewarding journal. The following article are some of my comments that I sent to Pravda newspaper (*online version*) which they published in the May edition. I thought that it would be relevant to Northstar Compass as well.

"I wish to convey my sincere congratulations on the 57<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Soviet Army's triumph over Nazism. The soldiers of the heroic Soviet Red Army gave their lives fighting forces of fascist savagery.

I also want to relate my condolences to the victims of the terrorist outrage in Kaspiisk, Daghestan. It is not just the fact that innocent lives were lost; this homicide occurred on a very special occasion for the peoples of the former Soviet Union. This crime is not only a blow to the victims and their families, it is a blow to those who gave their lives for the defeat of Nazism.

The current regime in Russia wishes to identify with the achievements of the former Soviet government. The Putin government celebrates the many heroic accomplishments of the impressive Soviet space program for instance.

April 12<sup>th</sup> was the day of celebration throughout the former USSR. Gagarin was rightly honoured as a hero in the Russian media and in official commentaries.

However the ideology which underpinned and sustained these remarkable accomplishments in science and technology is Marxism – Leninism and its philosophical base, are widely attacked by the present Russian regime and discarded throughout the former USSR.

The promise of the Russian politicians in 1992 was that "*we will be like them*" – the former socialist countries will become just like the "*prosperous successful countries of the capitalist First World. The destiny of prosperity awaits those who apply the capitalist mode of economic development,*" we were told if we turned away from socialism.

As a youth in Australia in the 1980's, the educational Marxist-Leninist publications from USSR were a necessary counterweight, as a corrective balance to the crude propaganda emanating from the mainstream media outlets. These media outlets are of course multinational corporations, highly integrated into the imperialist system and they reflect the institutional bias and interests of the transnational

corporations.

Do you remember the publishing house in Moscow called Progress Publishers? The books from this publishing outlet countered the pro-imperialist rhetoric of the major electronic media. But it was not just a counterpoint--it offered something constructive and fruitful, the political analyses and philosophy of dialectical historical materialism. It proffered a holistic, integrated world outlook, a tool of analysis that I believe is unsurpassed in its effectiveness for understanding history and current socioeconomic international relations.

### THE IDEOLOGICAL COLD WAR

As a university student in the 1980's here in Australia, I was rapidly exposed to the '*Cold War*' going on in educational institutions. Universities in capitalist countries are portrayed as citadels of intellectual free thought. Australia, an imperialist country, is no exception. I did not immediately realize that educational institutions reflect the wider society. Most universities are ideological factories, rather than academic fountains. Criticisms and discussion of imperialism is quite rare. While there are some intellectuals who bravely speak out against the depredations of imperialism. Most academics willingly participating in reproducing the capitalist ideological conventions of the society around them.

Cold war films maybe viewed as

independent works of art, but they also can be interpreted historically. The films of the Cold War are particularly interesting because they represent the tensions of the "great powers" struggle between the American and Soviet social orders were interpreted and lived. Interpreted historically, they give us knowledge of the beliefs and values that characterized the very culture of the Cold War. In Australia, the Cold War culture resembled the situation obtaining in the USA, given our close diplomatic, military and cultural ties. The Cold War was extended into cultural and ideological spheres, films, books, newspapers and the like were produced vilifying everything about the "evil" Soviet Union and its people. This ideological narcotic served to nullify any meaningful discussion about the philosophy and or the scientific accomplishments of the Soviet scholars.

Do you remember the case of Vladimir Feltsman? He received in the USSR an excellent state-funded musical education. In 1986 he defected to the United States where he was feted as a "moral hero" and was given an apartment in Manhattan. He was then appointed to the faculty of the State University in New Platz, NY, he received twice the salary of a professor, awarded an endowed chair and a distinguished fellowship. New Platz at that time was badly in need of funds, academics there were paid low salaries and had heavy teaching loads, while there was inadequate supplies for the students. This high and meteoric rise had more to do with the Cold War ideological priorities than the question of a great pianist talent. This was a campaign to get Soviet Jews to leave the USSR, either for Israel or to the West.

But there were no tears shed in the United States over the very sad demise of Yevgeny Svetlanov, a prominent Russian musician who died only recently at the age of 73. Svetlanov never received the "red carpet" treatment like Feltsman; he never earned the high salary and plush living quarters that Feltsman did. Svetlanov remained loyal to his country and his chosen profession. More importantly, he remained true to the musical education that had reared and developed his very

considerable talents.

## THE RETREAT OF THE INTELLECTUALS

Why was the philosophy of dialectical materialism so quickly abandoned by those in the hierarchy of the previous Communist Party of the Soviet Union? Coming from an Armenian background, many Armenians in Australia, while staunchly anti-socialist, took great pride in the achievements of Soviet Armenians. There is still an avenue in Yerevan named after Marshall Bagramyan. Aram Khachaturian still stirs passion whenever his music is played. I remember many "heated" discussions with fellow Armenians about the merits and demerits of the socialist system in Armenia (*at least with what was offered as socialism in the former Soviet Union after 1953*). In 1988 or 1989, I was part of an Armenian delegation that visited the Soviet Consulate in Sydney, interviewing the Consul-General of the USSR at that time Shcherbakov.

After the breakup of the Soviet Union, the ideology of Marxism-Leninism was swiftly abandoned and the CPSU functionaries transformed themselves with dizzying speed in to proponents of the capitalist "free market". Marxism-Leninism was transformed from a state ideology into anathema. Many officials and intellectuals "apologized" for their communist past. Are we expected to apologize for everything that we believed in? I have the privilege of never having changed my colours. All the officials and intellectuals who publicly renounced Marxism-

Leninism resemble hollow, pathetic shadows of their former selves. There is no more a miserable sight than a person prostrating themselves before the citadels of power.

The present Russian reformers, meaning the pro-capitalist camp, were so confident that by implementing the IMF program in Russia and the former Soviet republics, prosperity and peace would be around the corner. Ten years later, all of Russia's infrastructure-scientific, plus medical, transport, educational, military - is in a state of dilapidation. The 1990's witnessed a massive contraction of the economy, an equally massive collapse of the industrial production. The reduction of the industrial capacity can be compared-ironically-to the similar breakdown in industrial production that occurred during the Nazi German invasion of the Soviet Union.

Certainly the 1991 reforms inherited a number of problems from the prior Soviet economy, but the price liberalization, privatization and the minimization of government intervention in the economy has made things even worse. The widespread industrial privatization, accompanied by the growth of massive gangsterism, has resulted in the worst peacetime economic and social collapse. The technological level of industry has fallen, vaccine-preventable diseases have reappeared, and the buying power of wages has fallen sharply. What modernization do you call this? The catastrophic reduction in production and consequent decline in living standards is on the same level as the reverses the USSR sustained during the Nazi invasion of the early 1940s. This precipitous decline of economic power and in the economical social catastrophe, was implemented by the functionaries of the post 1991 capitalist regime in Russia and former Soviet republics.

President Putin called the people responsible for the terrorist bombing in Dagestan "scum". But what do you call people that are responsible for an unparalleled economic and social catastrophe that has plummeted the peoples in former USSR into misery? Russian organized crime has arguably become the largest in the world and is integrated in the new generation of businessmen. Looting

## STAMPS FROM AROUND THE WORLD!

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mail them to you,

of banks, control of business, restaurants and hotels by organized criminal networks; theft of raw materials; drugs and arms trafficking: that is the origin of "free enterprise" and the "free market".

I am not a Muslim, and I do not believe that Chechnya should be an Islamic state. Perhaps Chechnya should remain part of the Russian Federation for its economic and social well being. However, at least the Chechens are defending something; their own homes and land. Whenever Russian troops are killed in Chechnya, I condemn the

killings while always remembering that Russian soldiers are losing their lives in the war that begun by the ruling capitalist elite in Moscow.

The capitalist way of life, based on the privilege to exploit and plunder, can only be practiced by the dominant minority elite in the imperialist-dominated countries. Its implementation in the former USSR has meant the impoverishment of the majority of the population, while a tiny minority stockpiles and consumes enormous wealth. ■

Do you really want to be like them?

NDFP signed with the Manila government a Comprehensive Agreement to Respect Human Rights and the International Humanitarian Law.

While accusing others of committing terrorism, it is the US and the Manila puppet government who are actually violating human rights and committing terrorism. Over the past year, 23 leaders of the legal progressive party Bayan Muna have been killed, to cite just one example.

Q: *What are the real objectives of the USA?*

A: If we make a strategical analyses of the Philippine President Macapagal's recent declaration of all-out war against the communist insurgency, and the designation of the CPP and NPA as "foreign terrorist organizations" by the US State Department, we can discover the real purpose of the USA. It wants to destroy the peace negotiations between the NDFP and the Manila government. It wants to introduce more US troops in the Philippines under the pretext of going after the NPA. It wants to set up new military bases in the country, ten years after the existing US military bases were closed. It wants to grab the oil resources of Mindanao and of the waters surrounding Palawan. And it wants to strengthen itself in the Asian region, against China, Korea and even against its own ally, Japan.

President Bush is crazy. He is hitting out in many directions at the same time: the Al Qaeda, Iraq, Colombia, and the Philippines. But behind these different and nasty operations is a single unifying purpose. The problem with monopoly capitalism is that it is now in a very deep crisis, comparable to the Great Depression of the 1930's. The US wants to revive its economy by increasing the military production. So, whoever wants to be assured of profit, should put his money in the defense industry.

Q: *Why is the US particularly targeting you?*

A: I am actually very overrated. The Central Committee of the CPP, the Military Commission and the command structures of the NPA are all in the Philippines. I admit of having been the founder and first chairman of the CPP, from its reestablishment in 1968 until my

## DEFENDING THE RIGHT TO FIGHT FOR LIBERATION

**By Jose Maria Sison (Philippines) on the inclusion of the CPP/NPA in the US list of 'foreign terrorist organizations'**

Bert De Belder, Workers' Party of Belgium - August 14, 2002

US Imperialism, followed by their European allies, is attacking more and more liberation movements and communist parties. On August 9, US Secretary of State Colin Powell added the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) and the New People's Army to the list of now 34 so-called world 'foreign terrorist organizations', on which also was added the FARC (Colombia), the PFLP (Palestine) and the DHKP/C (Turkey) can be found. On August 19<sup>th</sup> the present Slovak government voted on the absolute prohibition of communist propaganda. In other Eastern European countries, such as Russia, Latvia and Poland, communist parties are equally faced with enhanced repression.

The country of Netherlands is now threatening to apply the so-called "anti-terrorist" measures, such as the freezing of bank accounts, on Filipino revolutionaries residing in the Dutch city of Utrecht. Among them is Jose Maria Sison, the chief political consultant of the National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP), which is the alliance of revolutionary organizations led by the CPP. On August 14, he gave a press conference on this issue.

Q: *Who are the real terrorists?*

A: Nowadays the word terrorism is much abused, as was the case before with the term "subversion". The US uses this as an excuse to go after perfectly political movements fighting for the national freedom and democracy. It seems as if we're back to the times of Hitler, when you could easily be accused of being a "dirty terrorist" or "communist", with a sense of hatred. But it is common knowledge that many of real terrorist organizations are created by the US itself. The Al Qaeda is the creation of the CIA. The same is true for the Abu Sayyat in the south of the Philippines.

Terrorism is usually associated with the assassination of innocent civilians, the wanton destruction of property, the maltreatment of captives, and the like. That is precisely the kind of things that the New People's Army never does. The NPA is treating the people humanely and is respecting their human rights. It abides strictly by its own Rules of Discipline, and the organs of peoples power follow the Guide for Establishing the People's Democratic Government, which serves as the constitution for the areas under NPA control. The NDFP has assumed responsibility for abiding by the Geneva Convention and Protocol 1 (international law in situations of internal armed conflict) and has deposited this commitment with the Swiss Federal Council. In the course of peace negotiations, in 1998 the

capture in 1977, but today, I am just the chief political advisor to the NDFP. What the USA cannot forgive me, is that I have been of the pioneers to revive the anti-imperialist and anti-feudal movement in the Philippines in the early 60's, after the Philippine government had suppressed the peasant uprising in the early 1950's, with the US military assistance. For this reason, I have never been granted a visa for the US, not even to visit my mother or my sister when they died there of cancer.

*Q: What if the Dutch government freezes your bank accounts?*

*A:* The Dutch government would be stupid if it would simply do the bidding of the US and Manila governments. This is a fairy tale that the CPP/NPA has 24 million dollars stashed away in foreign bank accounts. This is a big lie, coming from the Philippine military. To my knowledge, the CPP is a very intelligent organization and it has no

money stashed abroad. For its operations, it relies on the support of the Filipino people.

The truth is that we have only some small bank accounts here, belonging to individuals or the foundations with legal personalities. This morning, my personal bank account stood at 1245.46 euro. If the Dutch government would want to freeze this account, they should know that they would be blocking their own money: it comes from its own Dutch agency under the Social Affairs Department, which pays me the measly sum of some 200 euro a month as a non-recognized asylum seeker. I would have more if I was allowed to work here. In fact, I am but a poor unemployed teacher who is not allowed to work in the Netherlands.

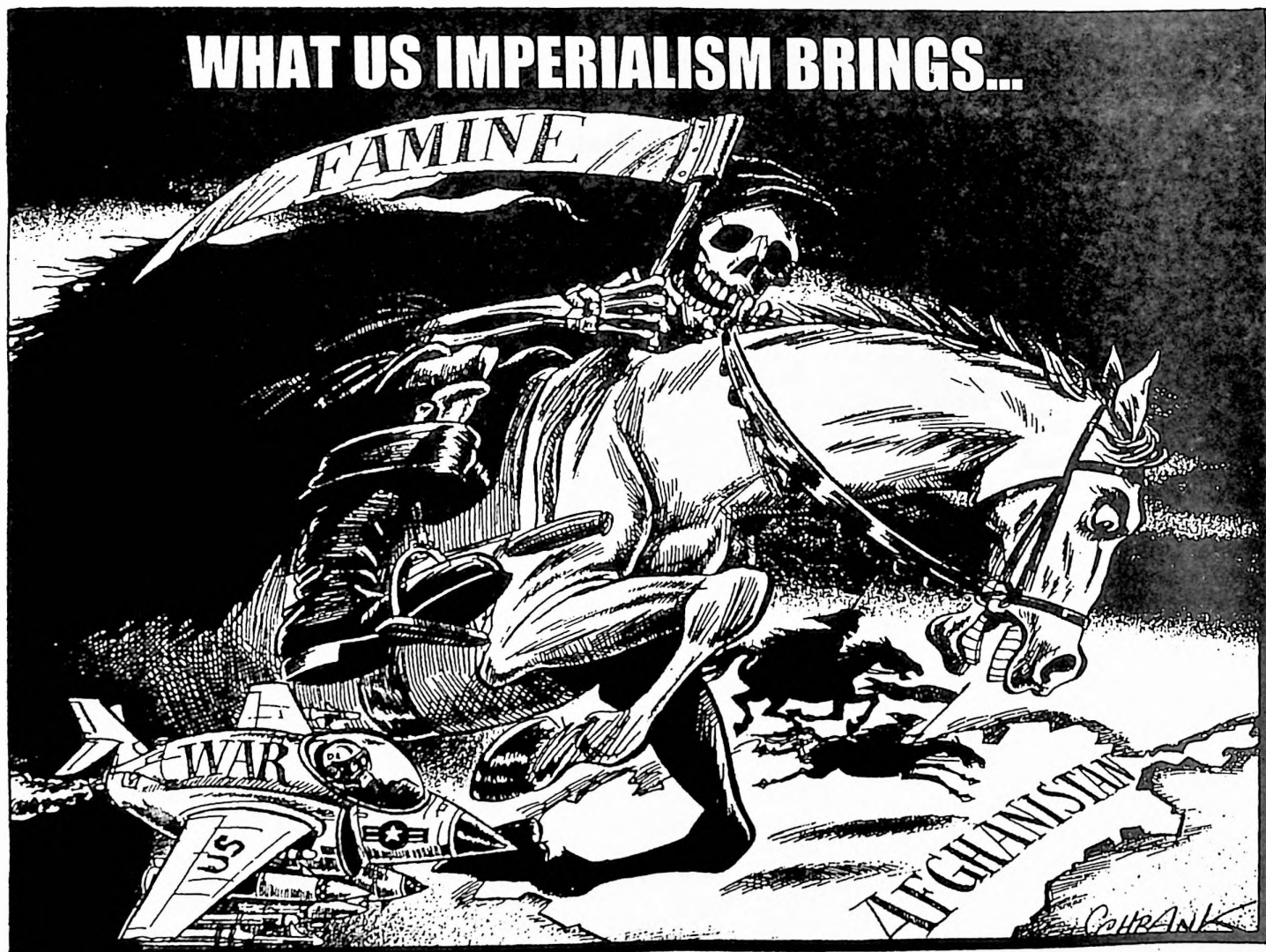
*Q: What is your legal status in the Netherlands?*

*A:* I am a political refugee and under protection of the binding Refugees Convention, so I cannot be removed

from the Netherlands. The appeal regarding my application for asylum is due to be handled by the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, but in the current climate of antiterrorism it can be turned down once more. This procedure now is in its fifth year. The first time I applied for asylum in the Netherlands was in 1988. That makes 14 years! I might even land in the Guinness Book of Records!

*Q: What do you expect to happen, and what do you plan to do?*

*A:* With this 'Patriotic Act' in the US today, anything that is fascist can be done. If you are Arab looking or you are a Muslim, they can arrest you without any reason and hold you incommunicado. In the Netherlands this is not yet the case. I will stand by my rights. I will continue to use the freedom of expression for national liberation and democracy. And it is this word **liberation** that the US government hates the most, because it means freedom from its imperialist exploitation. □





**DR./PROFESSOR  
MIRKO SVOBODA**



**CZECH SLAV COMMITTEE  
AGAINST NATO SESSION  
IN PRAGUE  
STATEMENT**

The Czech Slav Committee is absolutely against the holding of the NATO summit meeting in Prague in November of 2002, looking at the colossal damage, devastation and tragedy that befell the Czech Republic during the unprecedented floods. It is immoral to hold such a meeting and having the Czech citizens pay for the holding of such a meeting, on top of other costs of the devastation of this aggressive pact

which broke all international laws.

We also demand that the Czech army serving outside the Czech Republic in the service of NATO be recalled, since they do not serve the interests of our country or of our people, but serving a foreign power.

We await that the Czech government will make the decision that the costs be paid by the present millionaires and that this would not affect the living standard of people who subsist on minimum existence.

We appreciate all the international help our country gets during this catastrophe. This help should not be given if it is tied to obligations to other organizations or which might compromise the sovereignty of our state and its suffering people.

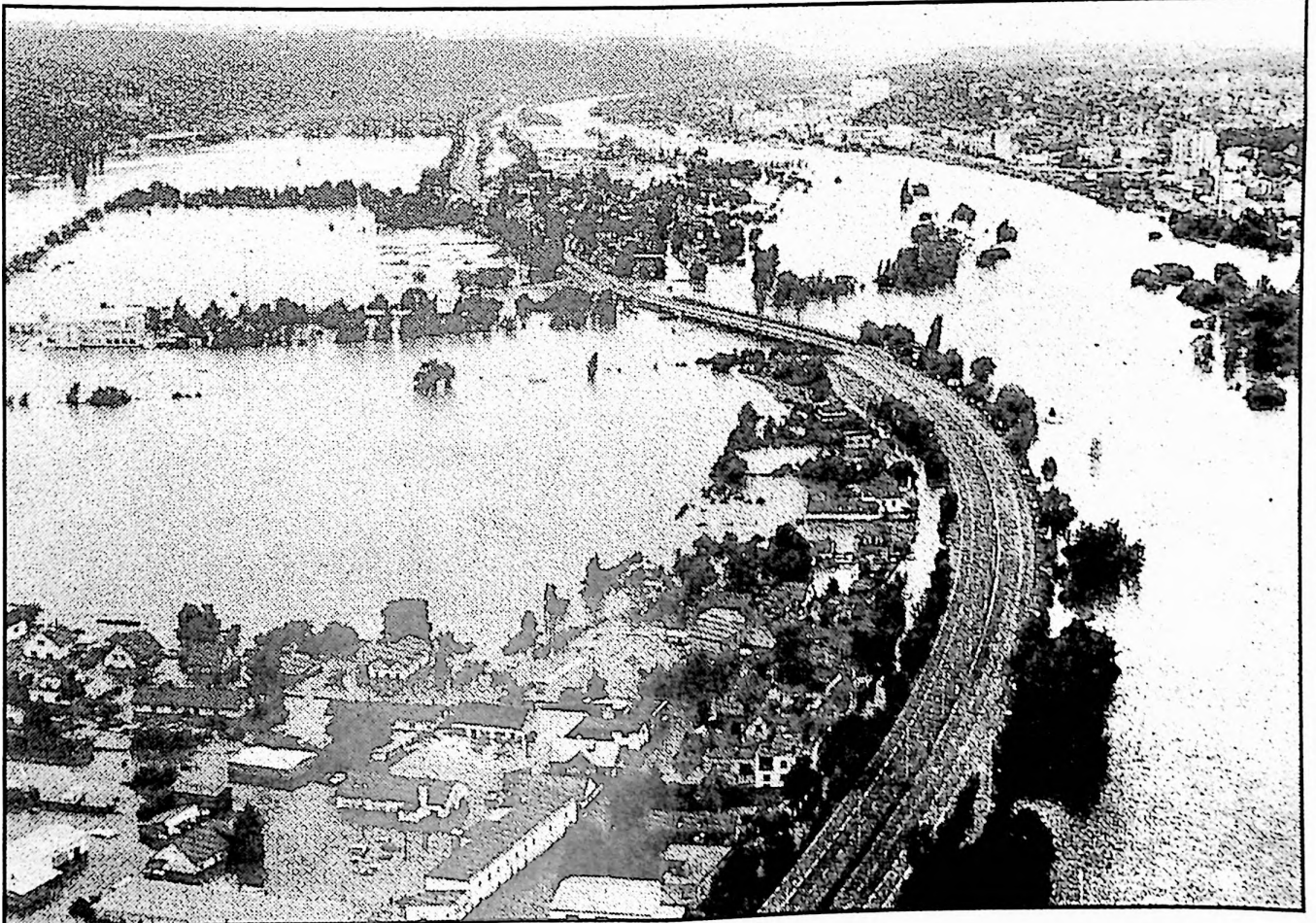
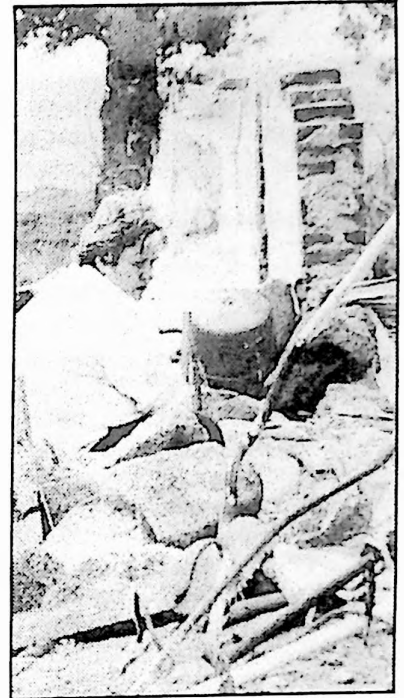
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**FACTS ABOUT THE FLOODS:**

- \*504 villages, towns and cities were flooded
- \*Thousands of homes were ruined

*Bottom: under water, outskirts of Prague  
Right: That's all that is left of her home*

- \*73 bridges were demolished
- \*70,000 people are homeless
- \*It will take more than 2 years to rebuild the ruins caused by floods
- \*It is estimated that it will cost over 90 billion crowns to rebuild the devastation



## YOU SHOULD KNOW THIS!

BY J. CORLETT

\*Dick Cheney of US sat on the Kazakhstan's Oil Advisory Board.

\*President Bush visited bin Laden family in Saudi Arabia before 9/11.

He also ordered the FBI and other investigation agencies to back off investigating of bin Laden family as if they were terrorists. This included the bin Laden family members located in Falls Church, Virginia, next to the CIA Headquarters.

\*US Rangers were in the ex-USSR training for more than a year before attacking Afghanistan.

\*Russia, during summer of 2001 informed the CIA that 25 terrorist pilots trained for the suicide hijacking, as reported in Izvestia newspaper.

\*Saudi flying instructor who died mysteriously on May 8 of this year, had the same name as two 9/11 hijackers who lived at the same US Naval Air Base.

Saudi Major Ambarak Alghamdi is now dead - victim of a very mysterious, unexplained, and largely unmentioned upon plane crash on May 8 in absolutely clear weather. Two other victims from this accident were from the Raytheon Corporation.

\*Raytheon corporation and its E-Systems division is now capable of: *"disrupting completely or taking down airplanes...with advanced guiding systems"*, according to patented technology invented by a Texan physicist Bernard J. Eastlund.

This secret and specialized Raytheon technology is so secret, that according to reports, even the US House and Senate are not being told how appropriations in the billions of dollars are being spent on its so-called *"black"* projects - primarily developed for its main employer, the CIA. ■

Two elderly women were at a restaurant. Ethel noticed something in Mable's ear and told her that she had a suppository in her ear. Mabel was surprised. She pulled it out and said: "Ethel I'm glad you saw that thing. Now I know where my hearing aid is." ■

# Biotechnology is NOT inevitable

BY JOHN SHUMAKER

Dear Friend,

Have You heard enough of this

Have you heard of a Friend

doing "Cool" research

on genetic engineering

techno eugenics

genetic design

for a "PHD" (?)

Does this same "Friend"

have no questions or hints of ethics

about this nazification of science

have you wondered if some Universities' research

is not really akin to Hitler's 1930's Germany

when those Third Reich scientists

thought they were doing "COOL" research

How do you talk to a person

who is deaf, dumb and numb

to such questions

Interested ONLY in their own research

on human cloning

and human germ line engineering

not aware that similar research in Japan

is a FELONY

punishable by at least ten years in Prison

How do you talk to these people

who think they are SO "Cool"

doing such "Cool" research?

With no Oversight

With no Responsibility

To their fellow Humans

That they are potential FELONS

involved in HUGE CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY

How do you talk to these people

who will not listen

because they will lose their position,

their "grants"

their "research"

and their coveted "PHD"

when this degree will give them license

to be set loose

to perpetrate these crimes

in All Directions

in All Dimensions

for ALL Future generations

FOR ALL TIME

OH

SUCH A CRIME

in some of the hallowed

Ivy Covered Halls

of our U. S. Universities

Is Anyone at Home in THIS Poem?

AHO!

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# MUSCOVITES WILL FACE POLICE QUESTIONING EVERY 3 MONTHS!

FROM GAZETA-RU

It is very likely that very soon, the local district police officers in Russia will start doing the rounds of apartment blocks every 3 months, posing questions to residents, and with their help to compile a so-called "house passport", a document containing information on potentially dangerous elements residing in a certain block of flats.

This has already provoked large protests from the people and human rights activists.

The head of Public Security Service, Deputy Interior Minister Chekalin outlined the new rules regulating the work of police officers....these officers have to visit each resident, compile this report on every person and send it to a central data bank.

Although this new law states that it is for the protection for citizens from drunks, robbers, terrorists, etc. etc. but in actual fact it is a method of police inquisition and aimed at organizations, movements, parties and participants in demonstrations etc.

Each house passport shall be marked as to who is who, according to what the police officers deemed correct to put down in this "house passport" every three months. This is a violation of all human rights. This has nothing to do with street crimes, hooligans at all, according to Lokshina of the Helsinki Group Watch.

This in effect gives the right to police of purposeful persecution of those persons who are disagreeable to the present Russian state. This in effect gives the police officers carte blanche right to use this ambiguous clauses of the law at their own discretion!

**Shades of Nazi Germany! Is this the beginning of Putin's Fascism?**

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# GENERATION OF BULGARIANS LOST TO THE MARKET ECONOMY

By VESSELA SERGUEVA

In Bulgaria a generation of formerly very hopeful and fooled young professionals backed the country's 1989 conversion to a market economy. But, now are around 40-60, this "lost generation" has seen its engineers become grocers and its doctors become taxi drivers, as Bulgaria plummets down the social scale.

Ten years ago, 47-year old Genoveva Popova of Sofia was an industrial draftsman - today sells ties in a shop belonging to her brother, who was once an engineer. She asks herself as to why she studied at all.

"As a general rule, 40-60 year-olds who backed the transition to the market economy under tremendous promotional flurry, have lost their jobs and their position in society," commented Jivko Georgiev, of the Gallup Poling Institute. "Their savings evaporated and more than a third of them are unemployed for many years. Some of them tried to play the capitalist game by starting small businesses, but majority of them failed." He added.

A recent study by a specialized institute Alpha Research, showed that 78 per cent of Bulgarians say their position in the social scale has dropped drastically since 1989, and over 66 per cent believe that they are at the very bottom of the social scale.

A crisis on schooling means that students have to pay for lessons in English and computing - the two best tickets to get an job.

That means that the children of the well-off families will make up the next generation of the "well-off," explained analyst Kolio Koleb, of the Mediana polling institute.

Nostalgia for the Communist era is becoming ever stronger and stronger. More than 60 per cent with a low or a medium income believe that Bulgaria developed better under Socialism, between 1944 and 1989. ■

# What has Berezovsky and Zyuganov have In common ?

From On-Line Pravda



It seems that everybody already knows about relations between the Russia oligarch, Boris Berezovsky and the Communist Party of Russian Federation, led by Zyuganov...since Berezovsky and Zyuganov admit these relations themselves.

Berezovsky is being prosecuted for financial crimes in Russia, and now lives in exile while the secret services of England and USA were already in discussions with him.

With dual citizenship of Russia and Israel and, with the status as an exile in England and the USA...we are wondering as to why Zyuganov and the CPRF would be willing to go to bed with Berezovsky?

Berezovsky is in constant touch with the former USA's CIA Director Woolsey, who is very close to Cheney in the Bush government.

Why would Berezovsky, a staunch anti-Communist be willing to go to cooperate with Zyuganov? ■

## CHUCKLE CORNER

When the husband finally died, his wife put the usual death notice in the newspaper, but added that he died of gonorrhoea. No sooner were the papers delivered when a good friend of the family phoned and complained bitterly: "You know very well that your husband died of diarrhea not gonorrhoea."

Replied the widow: "I nursed him night and day, so I know he died of diarrhea, but I thought it would be better for posterity to remember him as a great lover rather than the big shit he always was." ■

## US PILOTS ON "SPEED"!

From OREAD DAILY -August 5

American pilots in Afghanistan who have been bombing the Afghan weddings and shooting-up their allies, have been flying high and fast on "speed". Pilots were provided with the stimulant Dexedrine, referred to as a "go-pill" by the airmen, when they set off on missions. When they return back, the US Air Force doctors give them sedatives or "no-go pills" to help them sleep. They "self regulated" and kept their drugs in the cockpit. Pilots who refused to take the drugs could be banned from taking part in a mission.

A statement issued by the US Air Force Surgeon General's Office confirmed the use of amphetamines by US pilots. It said: "During all the contingency and combat operations, pilots are often required to perform their duties for extended periods without rest. Prescribed drugs are made of fatigue during these operations."

But, keep in mind that these accidents in Afghanistan were not caused by pilots forced to fly thousands of miles from Missouri, their base, but were local affairs.

Pilots from US fighting squadron that mistakenly bombed and killed Canadians or the Afghan wedding party, had also spoken to their commander shortly before the fatal accidents about their exhausted state. The pilots were told that further questions about crew rest would not be looked at favorably by their Wing Commander. Instead they were told to speak to a flight surgeon about amphetamines used to stay awake on long missions, and sedatives to help them sleep. This drug is supposed to be used only on long transoceanic transport flights.

In actual fact the USA pilots have no choice in taking the drug. A form that they are required to sign states that "should I choose to take it under circumstances where its use appears to be indicated...my commander, under advice of the flight surgeon, may determine whether or not I should be considered unfit to fly a given mission."

John Pike, the director of the Globalsecurity.org. a defense think-

tank, said: "When we looked at the original story of the Canadian "friendly fire incident" it seems that the pilot was inexplicably aggressive. This goes beyond fatigue or lack of experience or being a cowboy or trigger-happy or any of the standard prosaic explanations. The simplest explanation is that the guy (as others) had eaten too much speed and was paranoid."

Medical literature indicates that amphetamines can have severe side effects. The worst is called "amphetamine psychosis." It causes

hallucinations as well as paranoid delusions in all the attacks against Iraq.

A survey of US pilots that took part the "Desert Storm" operation, suggests that over 60 per cent of them took Dexedrine. In units involved in combat missions, the rate was as high as 96 per cent. During "Desert Storm" the pilots took 5mg dosage of Dexedrine. In Afghanistan it is 10mg.

**And now, back to the "War on Drugs" by the US Administration!**

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## THE STALIN ERA

By ANNA LOUISE STRONG



The change in women's status was one of the important social changes in all parts of the USSR. The Revolution gave women legal and political equality: industrialization provided the economic base in equal pay. But in every village women still had to fight the habits of centuries. News came of one village in Siberia, for instance, where, after the collective farms gave women their independent incomes, the wives "called a strike" against wife-beating and smashed that time-honored custom in a week.

The men all jeered at the first woman we elected to our village soviet," a village president told me, "but at the next election we elected six women and now it is we who laugh." I met twenty of these women presidents of villages in 1928 on a train in Siberia, bound for a Women's Congress in Moscow. For

most it was their first trip by train and only one had ever been out of Siberia. They had been invited to Moscow "to advise the government" on the demands of women; their counties elected them to go.

The toughest fight of all for women's freedom was in Central Asia. Here, women were chattels, sold in early marriage and never thereafter seen in public without the hideous "paranja," a long black veil of woven horsehair which covered the entire face, hindering breathing and vision. Tradition gave husbands the right to kill wives for unveiling; the mullahs -- Moslem priests supported this by religion. Russian women brought the first message of freedom; they set up child welfare clinics where native women unveiled in each other's presence. Here, the rights of women and the evils of the veil were discussed. The Communist Party brought pressure on its members to permit their wives

to unveil.

When I first visited Tashkent, in 1928, a conference of Communist women was announcing: "Our members in backward villages are being violated, tortured and murdered. But this year we must finish the hideous veil; this must be the historic year." Shocking incidents gave point to this resolution. A girl from a Tashkent school gave her dedicated voice to agitating for women's rights in her home village. Her dismembered body was sent back to school in a cart bearing the words: "That for your women's freedom." Another woman had refused the attentions of a landlord and married a Communist peasant; a gang of eighteen men, stirred up by the landlord, violated her in the eighth month of pregnancy and threw her body in the river.

Poems were written by women to express their struggle. When Zulfia Khan, a fighter for freedom, was burned alive by the mullahs, the women of her village wrote a lament:

"O, woman, the world will not forget your fight for freedom! Your flame -- let them not think that it consumed you. The flame in which you burned is a torch in our hands."

The citadel of orthodox oppression was "Holy Bokhara." Here, a dramatic unveiling was organized. Word was spread that "something spectacular" would occur on International Women's Day, March 8. Mass meetings of women were held in many parts of the city on that day, and women speakers urged that everyone "unveil all at once." Women then marched to the platform, tossed their veils before the speakers and went to parade the streets. Tribunes had been set up where government leaders greeted the women. Other women joined the parade from their homes and tossed their veils to the tribunes. That parade broke the veil tradition in Holy Bokhara. Many women, of course, donned veils again before facing their angry husbands. But the veil from that time on appeared less and less.

Soviet power used many weapons for the freeing of women. Education, propaganda, law all had their place. Big public trials were held of husbands who murdered

wives; the pressure of the new propaganda confirmed judges who gave the death sentence for what old custom had not considered crime. The most important weapon for freeing women was, as in Russia proper, the new industrialization.

I visited a new silk mill in Old Bokhara. Its director, a pale, exhausted man, driving without sleep to build a new industry, told me the mill was not expected to be profitable for a long time. "We are training village women into a new staff for future silk mills of Turkestan. Our mill is the consciously applied force which broke the veiling of women; we demand that women unveil in the mill." Girl textile workers wrote songs on the new meaning of life when they exchanged the veil for the Russian head-dress, the kerchief.

"When I took the road to the

factory I found there a new kerchief, A red kerchief, a silk kerchief, Bought with my own hand's labor! The roar of the factory is in me. It gives me rhythm. it gives me energy."

One can hardly read this without recalling, by contrast, Thomas Hood's "The Song of the Shirt," that expressed the early factories of Britain.

"With fingers weary and worn, With eyelids heavy and red, A woman sat, in unwomanly rags, Plying her needle and thread. Stitch, stitch, in poverty, hunger and dirt, And still, with a voice of dolorous pitch, She sang the song of the shirt."

In capitalist Britain, the factory appeared as a weapon of exploitation for profit. In the USSR, it was not only a means to collective wealth, but a tool consciously used to break past shackles. ■

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## DISSENT TO BUSH'S WAR IS COMING FROM BUSH'S OWN CHURCH!

BY ED VULLIAMY

As the USA edges towards a possible war against Iraq, a sudden torrent of concern began to flow -- a revolt by the intelligencia spreading beyond the expected opposition political circles and penetrating the hearts of the media and foreign policy establishment.

From New York to the Plains of Kansas, local and provincial newspapers, glossy magazines, serious periodicals and heavyweight national dailies have carried a range of articles and essays that challenge not only the proposed war, but the notion and conduct of unilateral American power in the world.

But the most dramatic intervention comes from George Bush's own United Methodist Church which launched a scathing attack on his plans for war.

Jim Winkler, responsible for the application of the church's teachings to social policies, said that the war against Iraq was "without any justification according to the

teaching of Jesus Christ".

After a careful study of Christian doctrinal writings on Just War, Winkler said that he was told flatly by the church's scholars, "that they simply did not apply to this situation."

Winkler said that "we keep the lines of communication open to the White House, but I regret that the lines have been one way. I hope and pray that the President has considered the church's teachings."

From the Bush's heartland, from Kansas, where they teach the creation of evolution in schools, come surprising voices of objection. The Kansas City Star newspaper ran a long account of "voices of opposition from people of faith", quoting Winkler at length, and saying that the "United Methodists have a particular duty to speak out against an unprovoked attack. It is inconceivable that Jesus Christ would support this proposed attack."

The latest salvo came last month

from the unimpeachable New York Review of Books in an article by one of the country's leading commentators, Anthony Lewis, arguing that a regime change in Iraq could be "the first step towards a new American Empire". Meanwhile, Lewis wrote: "the fear in America of looking unpatriotic inhibits dissent."

The uprising of dissent has burst its banks. The essayist Susan Sontag sounded the first alarm across the opinion page in the New York Times on the poignant date of September 10 (the article was intended for the 11<sup>th</sup>, but was shifted to make way for one signed by President Bush.)

In it Sontag wrote: "Real wars are not metaphor, they have a beginning and an end. But this war that has been declared by Bush administration will never end. That is one sign that this is not a war, but, rather, a mandate for expanding the use of American power!"

Then the theme spread Most unexpectedly, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution-published in capital of the US conservative South – broadened the language of the debate with an article by its leading commentator, headlined "Invasion would mark the next step towards an American Empire."

The author rejected claims of lings between Iraq and al-Qaeda. The article goes on to say that "among the architects of this would-be American Empire are a group of people who now hold key positions in the Bush administration: they envision the creation, control and enforcement of a Pax Americana."

One of America's most illustrious historians of the Vietnam War and the President Reagan era, Frances Fitzgerald, then took to the pages of the New York Review of Books to demand that "Bush tell us about the risks involved in entwining a war against Iraq around that against terror. The Bush administration has clearly broken with internationalist premises accepted by every other administration since World War II."

Fareed Zakaria is a great pillar of American foreign policy and its establishment, an instinctive conservative, former confidante of the National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice and previously editor of the journal Foreign Affairs.

In the magazine New Yorker, Zakaria warns of the perils of a unipolar world which America is the sole power. He urges that the "USA gains the legitimacy that comes through an international consensus. Without this cloak of respectability America will face a growing hostility around the world."

In the non-political Atlantic Monthly magazine, James Fallows meticulously dissects the various stages of an invasion of Iraq. foreseeing dire consequences: "If we can judge from the past wars the effects we can't imagine when the fighting begins, will prove to be the ones that matter most."

The editorial pages of the American Prospect magazine, Paul Starr and Robert Kuttner and Harold Meyerson, write what others are thinking, that "the suspicion will not

die that the US administration has turned to Iraq for relief from a sharp decline in its domestic political prospects, corporate scandals, and the fall of the stock market."

As well as the glossy magazines, last month some of America's weightiest newspaper columnists-conservatives and liberals alike – aligned themselves firmly against the upcoming war.

"Texas on the Tigris" mocked the New York Times, Maureen Dowd, jibing at the oil interest that flows through every vein of the Bush administration. ■

**YOU HAVE AN OPINION  
ABOUT NSC? WRITE!**

## COMMUNIST MOVEMENT UNDER PRESSURE IN POLAND

BY MARCIN ADAM

The Polish Court decision about the liquidation of the Union of Polish Communists "Proletariat" is now becoming the law. What led up to this decision?

The Union of Polish Communists "Proletariat" was the only officially registered communist party in Poland. It was founded in 1990, after the dissolving of the Polish United Workers Party (former ruling party in People's Poland).

From the very beginning it was under attack by the hard-liners of the reactionary government of Poland, as was the pressure put on all the left movements inside Poland. The policy practiced by the Polish government was "decommunisation" which included the ban on public activity for all of the former members of the PUWP. The great mass of discontent caused by this state policy, made social democracy indispensable for the Polish bourgeoisie to control it.

Despite expectations after the election in 1993, which was won by the social democrats, the state policy did not change, including the policy



ZBIGNIEW WIKTOR  
Leader of "Proletariat"

against the working class. By this time most of the state enterprises were privatized, labour unions had been removed from any activity because of corruption and other ills of capitalism.

In 1997 the Polish Government adopted a new constitution, strongly supported by the social democrats and liberal forces. It passed to be law, despite the very poor

attendance in the Polish Government chamber (*only 30% deputies were in attendance*) and despite the very low (*15% of the population that took part in the referendum*). This constitution legalized the bourgeoisie power and made it stronger. Article 13 of the new Constitution announced the illegality of communist organizations in this sentence: *"the parties that are existing now and other political movements that are totalitarian in their methods and practices, such as Nazism, Fascism and Communism."*

This insertion into the Constitution created a serious danger for the Union of Polish Communists "Proletariat". The intention was very clear – the outlawing of the Communist Party and other left-wing organizations in Poland. This gave the go-ahead signal to reactionary movements to denounce us to the government and calling the activities of "Proletariat" a "state crime" and demanding severe punishment for its members.

This article 13 of the constitution is ambiguous and even right-wing parties state that the state could regard them as "totalitarian" since in the constitution the Polish State can surmise this attitude and consider them to be "communist".

Much more extremely repressive propositions appeared during the discussion by the Polish government of the New Polish Penal Code. In it was written that anyone who "popularizes any form of communist system or ideology", would receive 10 years jail term. This was the same proposal that was in the Polish constitution in 1918. Although the Polish parliament did not accept this description, the fact is that it was defeated only by a very tiny majority.

All parties now in Poland have to register again for the second time. And it was indispensable that each party must gather 1,000 signatures of people that support the party. The Union of Polish Communists fulfilled this obligation. But the demand was that we must change our name or it will face liquidation.

After this became a fact, there were many proposals from among our ranks as to what to do in the future. Unfortunately there were also contradictions among the party members, which existed before this law came into effect.

Many members, even before the law came into effect, proposed that we should drop the name Communist from the name of our party. The court decision and the laws adopted were not very clear to some of our members. They thought that the best way is to organize an initiative group for a "Polish Socialist Worker's Party."

The last Congress we had, which was a congress of former party communist members considered this proposition again. Most of those that attended decided that the elimination of the name "Communist" would only help the authorities to eliminate any communist movement without looking whether it violates any human rights or not. Thus the majority ruled for the founding of the new Communist Party of Poland. ■

## FEATURE ANALYSIS

VIC  
RATSMAN



## MANY ROADS LEAD TO ROME

My wife's niece is a very nice lady. She's intelligent and very well educated. She's also a Christian and a believer in the Roman Catholic faith. During a recent visit she implored me to read a certain book called "Joshua", written by Father Joseph F. Girzone, a retired Roman Catholic priest.

I'm not much into reading religious books, but a cursory glance made me curious. It was a book of religious fiction, describing, without ever stating so, the second coming of Jesus Christ and his critique of the present forms of religion practiced by

the Christian denominations as well as Jews and the fate that awaited him in today's society.

What intrigued me in the book was not so much the descriptions of religious deviations from Christ's original preaching (*God's intent*), which were interesting enough, but what I perceive as the political parallel to this in today's world in striving for a righteous, humane and socially just society.

### THE BOOK:

Joshua was a man of very modest means, who shared whatever little he had with people around him. For this he was very well liked and appreciated. Over time he attended every church in his community, but he belonged to none of them. What he found was sort of religious revisionism, consisting of many denominations, each with its own set of rules, laws, structures and rituals, all of which seemed more important to the clergy than bringing people closer to God. Priests were often authoritarian and busy controlling people's lives than being people's servants. It was not long before conflict arose between Joshua and the Church hierarchy, who saw him as a threat to their authority. Ultimately this caused Joshua to be condemned. Obviously the Church's authority, status and control of people (*the means*) was considered more important than bringing people closer together to God (*the objective*). After being condemned and banned by the Church, one day Joshua just vanished.

So far, the book.

### THE POLITICAL PARALLEL

The political parallel is indeed striking. We, at Northstar Compass, and the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity, strive to support groups and organizations in former USSR that aim to establish a socialist society and the resurrection of the former Soviet Union. Although "socialism" does not mean exactly the same to all the people and, undoubtedly will be established in different forms, the socialist ideas have grown out of injustices and poverty existing under capitalism, which deny the majority of people their rightful place in society, as well as their rightful share of the word's





# LETTERS

FROM  
**KREMNICA**  
SLOVAK REPUBLIC

Congratulations on the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of NSC! Continue the good fight to spread the truth for years to come.

I am writing this letter, the Slovak elections are over and I am very happy...SINCE WE'RE NOW IN THE PARLIAMEMENT! The shock waves throughout Slovakia and abroad is tremendous, judging by the daily media, radio and television.

The Slovak Communist Party is led by the son-in-law of Vasil Bilak, therefore it is in very good hands and the leadership is strong and correct in their work for the resurrection to socialism and unity. The newspaper of the party USVIT now is available on all of the newsstands here.

The other so-called communist party, led by Mr. Weis is a total failure. He switched to social-democracy and did not make any progress, but caused a terrible split and loss of votes. This proves that the class struggles did not end.

Glad to inform that the present bourgeois government was trying comrades Lenart and Jakes as criminals, because they were part of the socialist CSSR Government. They were acquitted of all the false charges.

High treason was committed by president Havel and Meciar of the Czech and Slovak republics and should be tried for their crimes. They dismantled the CSSR!

Oleg Koshevoy

FROM  
**SEVILLE**  
SPAIN

Dear comrades,

The reason for this letter is to let you know of a small change in our prison organization. The release from prison of Francisco Brotóns leaves Jaime Simón to continue the work of selecting and translating into Spanish the articles from your journal that we consider of greatest interest. In view of this change, comrade

Brotóns sent you a letter at the end of July letting you know of this.

Nevertheless, five days before his release we received Vol. 10, No. 12 of Northstar Compass and it came to our attention that this issue of the journal still came in the name of Francisco Brotóns. This led us to think that you had not received his letter. We do not know whether this was the real reason or whether the letter that we mentioned was lost. This is a circumstance that we cannot ignore in the future.

What has been happening is that, in the heat of the terrorist hysteria carried out by the imperialist bourgeoisie and because of the new arrests of members of our Party and of the guerrillas of GRAPO, the General Administration of Penal Institutions has imposed on us the [supervision, intervention] of our communications – oral, written and by telephone. This is a measure which leads to the delay in our receiving mail – as took place with vol. 10, no. 12 which was held back for 15 days – if it doesn't lead to the seizure of this mail.

In any case and as long as our prison situation does not lead to our total isolation, for our part we will continue putting all our efforts in continuing to work on the translation and circulation of Northstar Compass. At the same time comrade Brotóns will continue with this work from the outside, as long as the police allow it.

Therefore we send you our wish to continue to receive your journal in this Penal Center in name of the comrade.

At the same time you should continue sending the journal to the regular address in Madrid, as you have been doing.

In expectation of your next mailing we send you internationalist greetings and be sure that we will do everything in our power to continue this important work of friendship and solidarity with the communists and peoples who are fighting for the rebirth of the Soviet Fatherland and of socialism in those republics.

**A strong embrace.**

Martín Luna Collective  
Penal Center of Seville II

FROM  
**KIEV**  
UKRAINE

Dear comrades:

The following statement by the officially appointed Ukrainian Parliamentary Human Rights Commissioner, Nina Karpacheva, should be enough to get unity amongst the communist-socialist parties for the overthrow of the present Kuchma regime.

*"More than 7 million Ukrainians had to leave the country in search of jobs abroad. The main reason for the immigration is poverty and unemployment. 27% of people in Ukraine live in total poverty. This figure is even larger in Zakarpatja, Crimea, Kherson and Volyn regions, where 30%-40% of the people are absolutely destitute."*

What does it take to achieve unity? Fascism is slowly coming in Russia and Ukraine and the people want leadership. When will this **UNITY** come about? Some of these leaders of parties should go back and study Lenin and Stalin again and again and again!

Forever an optimist!  
GS – a true Bolshevik

**DID YOU DONATE TO  
SUSTAINING FUND?**

FROM  
**CO.DOWN**  
N.IRELAND

Dear friends:

I'm happy to be able to enclose \$25 for a subscription to NSC. I am only sorry that due my present state of unemployment I am unable to make a donation to you. It is good to see in recent issues of NSC, in spite of recent statements by NSC, you are allowing much-needed debate between communist parties who subscribe to different explanations about the fall of Soviet Union and other "socialist" countries.

An example was the letter/article from RMO of Greece in your 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary issue. Statements from former "official" communists, both inside and outside in the capitalist world, have for far too long have not been challenged, despite their refusal to deny past mistakes. Are

those, who not too long ago slandered Marxists-Leninists, and glorified the revisionist regimes, such as the New Communist of Britain or the Workers Party of Ireland, to dictate the history of international Communism, as did the likes of Philip Stein (USA) in your latest issue, ably refuted by Mate Zalka (Spain)! No matter how many parties in the former Soviet Union today advertise themselves, they will not rebuild the USSR without a clear Marxist-Leninist analysis as to why the USSR fell and a refutation of the past mistakes.

Nonetheless, I respect the course of the editors of NSC, and applaud your long-standing efforts to build international solidarity between the working people. If capitalists and imperialist can build false unity between themselves, it is our duty as working class to build the principled unity of our own class, in opposition to the exploiters.

Finally, may i congratulate NSC on the first 10 years! For media moguls like Murdoch and others in the service of imperialism, backed to the hilt with billions of dollars, pounds and Euros, 10 years of NSC is no achievement, it is every day work. For the working-class movement, in debt to the hilt, working from hand to mouth, it is a great monumental achievement.

Congratulations!

Comradely greetings  
Eddie McKeown ■

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FROM  
**ROME**  
ITALY

Dear comrades:

We are very happy to read the report about the World Congress of Friendship with Soviet People. This is a very important step in the Anti-imperialist struggle, and many comrades in Italy want to know about how the struggles inside former USSR are doing. We certainly would like to make contacts with them, in order to help them in their struggles for the resurrection of their Fatherland.

**HAIL THE RED REVOLUTION!**

Franco Alunni  
Cultural Centre ■

## AN APPEAL FROM BRUSSELS

Dear friends:

May I invite you to join us in our action against the criminalisation of the Philippines liberation struggle. Last August 9<sup>th</sup>, US President Bush added the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) and the New People's Army (NPA) to the list of terrorist organizations. The USA has requested that the European Union (EU) to do the same and enact all repressive measures against progressive Filipino's and their supporters in Europe. I propose that together, through the medium of e-mail campaign, we demand from the Council of Justice and Home Affairs of the European Union not to push through with the demanded measures.

I have been a Doctor in the squatter areas in Manila for some eight years. At present as a Doctor in Brussels with the "*Medicine for the People*", I daily have Filipino patients. They have a job as a nanny or maid, as cook or driver. They are very often undocumented and deprived of all rights. A big chunk of their meager earnings is sent to their families in the Philippines. For the absolute majority of them there is poverty, exploitation and injustice daily fare for them. But there is a growing movement fighting for "*another world*".

In the Philippines I have many friends who belong to that movement...individuals who gave their utmost in the people's struggle for national liberation and democracy, even to the extent of putting their own wants to make us believe that those are all terrorists.

This is sheer hypocrisy! The USA is the real terrorist. I know what I am talking about. As a Doctor I was active in a guerrilla area in El Salvador, I had been seriously wounded after a helicopter attack of the Salvadoran Army, which was trained, armed and commanded by the US personnel. And who bombed and strafed a wedding banquet in Afghanistan? Who announced, without blinking an eye the next war against Iraq? Who supports and finances Israel's terror against Palestinians?

Together we can prevent that the CPP and the NPA land on the list of "**terrorist organizations**" of the

European Union. Mail your protests to Mrs. Lene Espersen ([jm@jm.dk](mailto:jm@jm.dk)) and Mr. Bertel Haarder ([info@inn.dk](mailto:info@inn.dk)), the Danish ministers who preside over the Council of Justice and Home Affairs of the European Union.

Please forward me a copy ([ritaphilippines@gvhv.be](mailto:ritaphilippines@gvhv.be)) so that I can keep track of our common campaign.

In solidarity, accept my thanks,

DR. RITA VANOBBERGHEN  
Medicine for the People, Brussels ■

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FROM  
**LONDON**  
ENGLAND

Dear comrades:

Reading the article in NSC regarding the statement by Powell of US about South Korea. It's outrageous, since US has 700,000 troops in South Korea and they are forced to pay for their upkeep all these years. US troops are not friends of South Korean people, judging by many killings, rapes and robberies performed by the US troops.

Regarding the article by Zbigniew Wiktor about the problems with their party and publication, I notice that there are a few communist parties in Poland. Maybe Zbigniew could tell the readers of NSC as to who is who in Poland.

Dermot Hudson ■

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FROM  
**SWIFT CURRENT**  
CANADA

Dear friends:

Your magazine and effort is a key element to social change and world cooperation. Enclosed is a small contribution on its Tenth Anniversary.

John P. Saum ■

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FROM  
**NEW YORK**  
USA

Dear friends:

Thank you for your very interesting journal. I appreciate all of the information that I get from my subscription. Enclosed please find a small donation and renewal.

M. Milton ■

# THE USA PATRIOTIC ACT and the GERMAN ENABLING ACT

BY VIC RATSMA

He holds a most peculiar record. In the year 2000, he lost his re-election to the US Senate to a dead man, Mel Carnahan, who died before the election, after his name was already on the ballot. Even more peculiar is the fact that this lost election put him in line to become one of the most powerful men in the administration of George W. Bush. The man we're talking about is the Attorney-General of the USA, John Ashcroft.

From the beginning, he was a controversial candidate for the job. A very deeply religious, right-wing conservative person, he is considered by many as an extremist, anti-gay rights, hostile towards minorities and women's issues, pro-death penalty, anti-gun controls, etc

Since October 20, 2001, this man is in charge of administrating the USA Patriotic Act (USSAPA), the Act that put the most severe restraints even on the freedoms of the American citizens, that gives him arbitrary powers that find their historical equal in Nazi Germany. At his whim you can be labeled a domestic or a foreign terrorist, you can be imprisoned for an indefinite period of time without access to legal sources or any other contacts. You may be spied upon, wire-tapped, your home may be invaded in your absence and without your knowledge, your computer records may be impounded, even your library access and personal records of all kinds, without their being any charges laid against you or even being suspected of any wrong-doing.

I would like to quote to you from a speech by Adolf Hitler, given in 1933,\* calling for the "Enabling Act".

*"Restrictions on personal liberty, on the right of free expression of opinion, including freedom of the press; on the rights of assembly and associations; and violations of the privacy of postal, telegraphic, and telephonic communications and warrants for house searches, orders for confiscation as well as restrictions*

*on property, are also permissible beyond the legal."*

The USA Patriotic Act provides very much the same sort of restrictions on individual freedom envisaged and later implemented by Adolf Hitler. His Enabling Act too was justified for "The Protection of the People and the State", after the catastrophic Reichstag fire, set by the Nazis. I am not suggesting that Ashcroft resembles in any way Adolf Hitler. However, to invest that much power and authority in one person, to permit him to trample over the constitutional rights of American citizens as well as foreign detainees, is embarking on a very slippery slope indeed and with a disastrous precedent in Nazi Germany. The current war-like hysteria of the Bush administration, his demands for unlimited freedom of action to go to war with whomsoever he chooses, coupled with the USA Patriotic Act, do have a very frightening resemblance to earlier times that ultimately led to World War II.

The concerns expressed in the foregoing have been most appropriately phrased by Doreen Miller\*\*...a Senior lecturer and educator for the international students in her somewhat revised version of the famous sermon by Pastor Martin Niemuller:

*They came for the "suspected" terrorists, and I didn't object-  
For I wasn't a suspected terrorist";  
They came for those of Middle-Eastern descent, and I didn't object-  
For I wasn't of Middle Eastern descent;  
They came for the unpatriotic, and I didn't object-  
For I was not unpatriotic;  
They came for the dissenters and activists, and I didn't object-  
For I wasn't a dissenter or an Activist;  
They came for the Communists, and I didn't object-  
For I wasn't a Communist;  
They came for the Socialists, and I*



*didn't object-  
For I wasn't a Socialist;  
They came for the labour leaders, and I didn't object-  
For I wasn't a labour leader;  
They came for the Jews, and I didn't object-  
For I wasn't a Jew;  
Then they came for me-  
And there was no one left to object.*

\*Quote from "Perpetual War for Perpetual Peace" page 19, by Gore Vidal  
\*\*Doreen Miller at <http://www.YellowTimes.org>

## 1.5 MILLION MARCH AGAINST WAR ON IRAQ IN ITALY

BY ERIC J. LYMAN

More than 1.5 million people took to the streets in Italy to protest the possible US action against Iraq, which was a surprise to the Italian government, which might have to rethink its support for president Bush.

The demonstrations all over Italy were peaceful and non-violent, but the demonstrators made clear to their government that they are opposed to US plans to attack Iraq. It is a fact that Blair of England and the Italian government so far are the strongest supporters of Bush.

Most European leaders, but most vocally France's Chirac and Germany's Schroeder have called for a diplomatic solution. Even the TV commentators proclaimed that: "If the Italian government can ignore this protest...it can ignore anything!"

Opinion polls in Italy support the anti-war sentiment when it was pointed out that 2 out of 3 Italians are against attacking Iraq.

# **PUTIN'S BLOODY STATE TERRORISM!**

*Because of the dismemberment of the Soviet Union and Socialism, these are just some of the results of the traitorous policies of Gorbachev, Yeltsin and Putin.*

Here are some of the questions the Soviet people and also foreign experts are asking now:

How can anyone justify the wanton murder of civilians by using poison nerve gas that killed more innocent people than the actual hostage takers?

How can Putin and his regime justify the murder of over 175 people plus the hundreds who were poison gassed who are in hospitals and whose nerve damage is such that they could wind up to be just vegetables and never again be well again

How is it that the authorities have found only one body that was shot...the authorities are

keeping quiet as to who shot that person, the hostage-takers or Putin's storm troopers?

How is it that the people of Russia saw President Putin in conference with his cabinet on television and he looked extremely nervous, twitching and moving his pen from one place to another on his desk and not issuing a statement to the people, or appointing a mediator with the hostage-takers, as is done in a serious situation as was transpiring at the theatre in Moscow?

How is it that the Russian doctors called to this tragedy did not know that such a nerve poison was used and they could not come up immediately with some antidote medicine to save at least some of the lives?

How come that Putin allowed the use of this poison nerve gas on his own people when it is internationally banned and that Russia signed a protocol against its use?

Why all the fantastic and untrue statements that were aired over TV by Putin's government but in later broadcasts they were denied and new claims were put forward all through the hostage drama?

Why did foreign correspondents started to question immediately the statements of the Putin government? Why did some

correspondents unable to make sense of the statements issued by the hostage-takers through their spokeswoman and distributed to the correspondents, while the official statements issued by Putin's government was completely the opposite?

The whole scenario is yet to be unraveled, since Putin has shown his true self to the people, and this is a very dangerous sign for the Russian people.

When the whole truth slowly emerges and the hundreds of people will slowly succumb to the poison nerve gas that was used against them, nothing will save the powers-that-be from the people's ANGER. More and more people in Russia are realizing that the government, which has been releasing many high-flown statements about the struggle against terrorism on a global scale, is in fact useless, since Putin has in this way helped Bush of USA in his plans for world conquest, hidden against the "fight against terrorism".

How many more thousands of Chechens and Russian people must die, because of the policies unleashed by Gorbachev, Yeltsin and Putin?

**What does it take to achieve unity of the anti-Putin forces?**

