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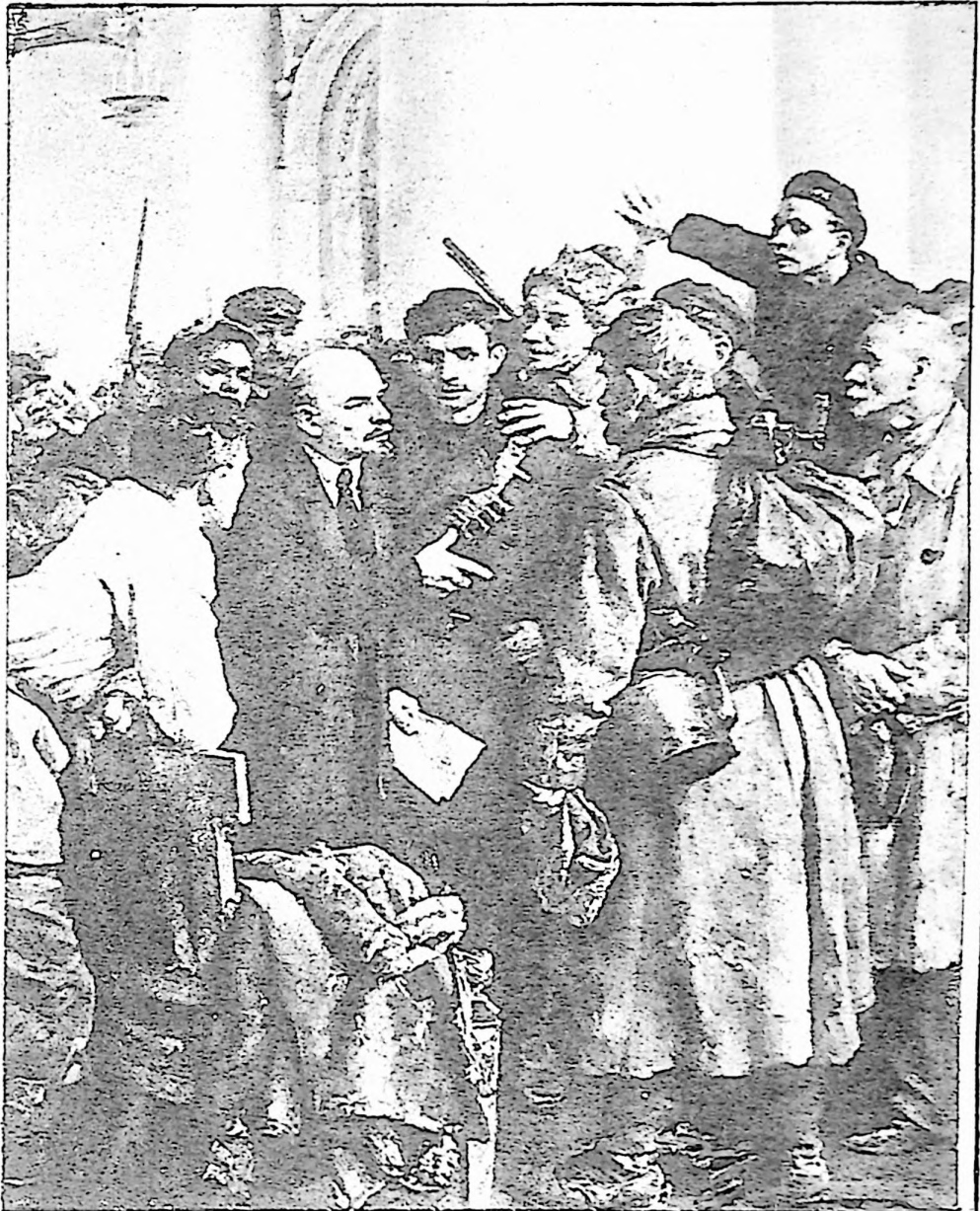
THE GREAT OCTOBER SOCIALIST REVOLUTION – 1917-2006

Over the years since that great event took place that shook the world, much has been written, berated, derided, lied about and since 1917 efforts never ceased by Imperialism and traitors of all shades in order to try and sweep this glorious event from the memory of people, especially the new younger generations that are daily bombarded with lies about this great historical event in the history of human civilization.

With the upcoming 90th Anniversary of this great event in 2007 and with the plan to hold the Third World Congress for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People in Moscow on November 5-6-7th in 2007, it is necessary to refresh our memory about this October Revolution that changed the world forever and showed the way forward for humanity that neither fascism was able to defeat or to stop, or that imperialism will never be able to defeat or stop either.

The event in 1917 ushered in a new era, that which had been but a dream of great thinkers of the past and in 1917 became a reality in the Soviet Union. This shining beacon of light showed the whole world the path they should take, and now, the people of the world know the path and will overcome all obstacles, all defeats, all traitorous promises by all of these undercover tools of imperialism and of the demagogic promises of the so-called communists, socialists alike.

Lenin, the great leader of mankind proved that in the epoch of imperialism the socialist revolution is the only answer to dismantle the chains of exploitation. Stalin, the true follower of Lenin carried out this task, against insurmountable odds to build a socialist system in the



Lenin talking to the workers and soldiers at Smolny

conditions of very hard and extreme backwardness, internal and external enemies, civil war, sabotage, foreign intervention, Second World War, followed by the Cold War, struggle against the internal enemies that were in the payroll of foreign imperialists.

Events since the temporary demise of the USSR have shown us very vividly that the temporary victory of capitalism-imperialism in the former USSR and in former

socialist countries could not have been accomplished without Imperialism having organized and trained these internal traitors who pretended to be Marxists-Leninists and Communists.

Progressive movement all over the world must learn from this experience in order not to make the same mistakes as were made, since an enemy of progress is always an enemy, no matter how they hide, no matter what clever subterfuge they

use to hoodwink the people.

We must never give up our struggles against imperialism and their stooges, no matter in what cloth they wrap themselves in or what Marxist phrases they mouth off like a priest in church.

It is encouraging to see that more and more young people all over former Soviet Union are rising up, demonstrating, fighting for the resurrection of the USSR and Socialism. Hundreds are jailed, killed, beaten up, tortured - but their ranks are growing, the enthusiasm is there and it is involving more and more of the younger generation who are victims of this newly imposed capitalism.

We are here printing some photographs of some of these young Communists-Komsomols, who hold Marxist Camps to train the future fighters for Socialism, members of the Vanguard of Communist Youth and other Komsomol organizations that are springing up all over former Soviet Union republics.

They are the Vanguard fighters for Socialism!

THEY ARE THE FUTURE!

HYSTERIA AGAINST NORTH KOREA!

Not only NATO and its allies and the co-called "non-aligned" countries that met in Cuba recently, but even China and Russia went along with the vote against North Korea. Shame!

We would like to remind everyone about the known and indisputable historical facts as to what North Korean people suffered due to Japanese, British and also American imperialism!

Here are some facts that the present leaders of China, Russia and the so-called "non-aligned" countries should have thought about before siding with NATO-US imperialism -

* North Korea lost thirty percent of its population as a result of US led bombings in the 1950's

* US and its allies during that war destroyed 78 North Korean cities, thousands of villages and US bragged that it killed over 1/3 of

North Korean people in the 37-month long war from 1950-1953.

* The constant trade sanctions, the boycotts, the ongoing perversion, the economic sabotage and the ongoing provocations against the people is ongoing daily since 1953.

* The label on North Korea as one of the "axis of evil", by President Bush, is just the tip of an iceberg of US plans already drawn up for achieving global hegemony. US has already troops deployed in 100 different countries.

* US intervened with her allies already in Korea in 1866 and also in 1871.

* During the Korean war, the invasion by US Imperialism and headed by General McArthur in the year of 1950, he gave the following order, quote: "**Every means of communication there, every installation, every factory, every school, every city and village must be bombed into oblivion.**"

Because of US imperialism, Korean people are divided at the 38th parallel - over 10,000,000 people-families are forcibly separated by US occupation of South Korea.

Besides all the stormy accusations against North Korea and its testing of defensive missiles, why are the 9 countries that have these missiles (including Israel) not targeted as is North Korea?

The answer is simple: US bully will not be able just to trump over and destroy North Korea at will - North Korea has a deterrent that the Pentagon will have to reckon with.

FASCISM HAS ARISEN IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

AN APPEAL FROM THE COMMUNIST YOUTH UNION

Dear Comrades:

The Communist Youth Union (KSM) in the Czech Republic has been officially dissolved by the state power on October 12, 2006. The Ministry of Interior in a formal letter dissolved our organization, despite a large campaign against the danger of illegalization of the organization of

young communists in the Czech Republic.

Thousands of Czech citizens signed a petition against the endeavour of the Ministry of the Interior to make KSM illegal. Solidarity with our KSM was expressed world wide by scores of organizations and members of Parliaments in many countries of the world.

This illegalization of the KSM was committed in an atmosphere of militant anti-communist witch-hunt, various anti-communist campaigns and attacks, and also calls for the criminalization of the Communist Party of Bohemia and Moravia.

Dear comrades and friends:

It is necessary to stand up internationally against this illegalization and criminalization of the communist movement in the Czech Republic. We ask you therefore to express your solidarity with the KSM and to protest against this unprecedented move by the Czech Ministry of Interior at the Embassies of the Czech Republic in your country.

We ask you also to inform us about your activities on our e-mail: International@ksm.cz
Fax: 884-222-897-449

We appeal to all of our readers to protest this outright fascist attempt against the KSM as quickly as possible. On our part we have sent an official protest to the Czech Embassy in Ottawa, Canada.

RUSSIA WARNS US OVER MISSILE SYSTEM

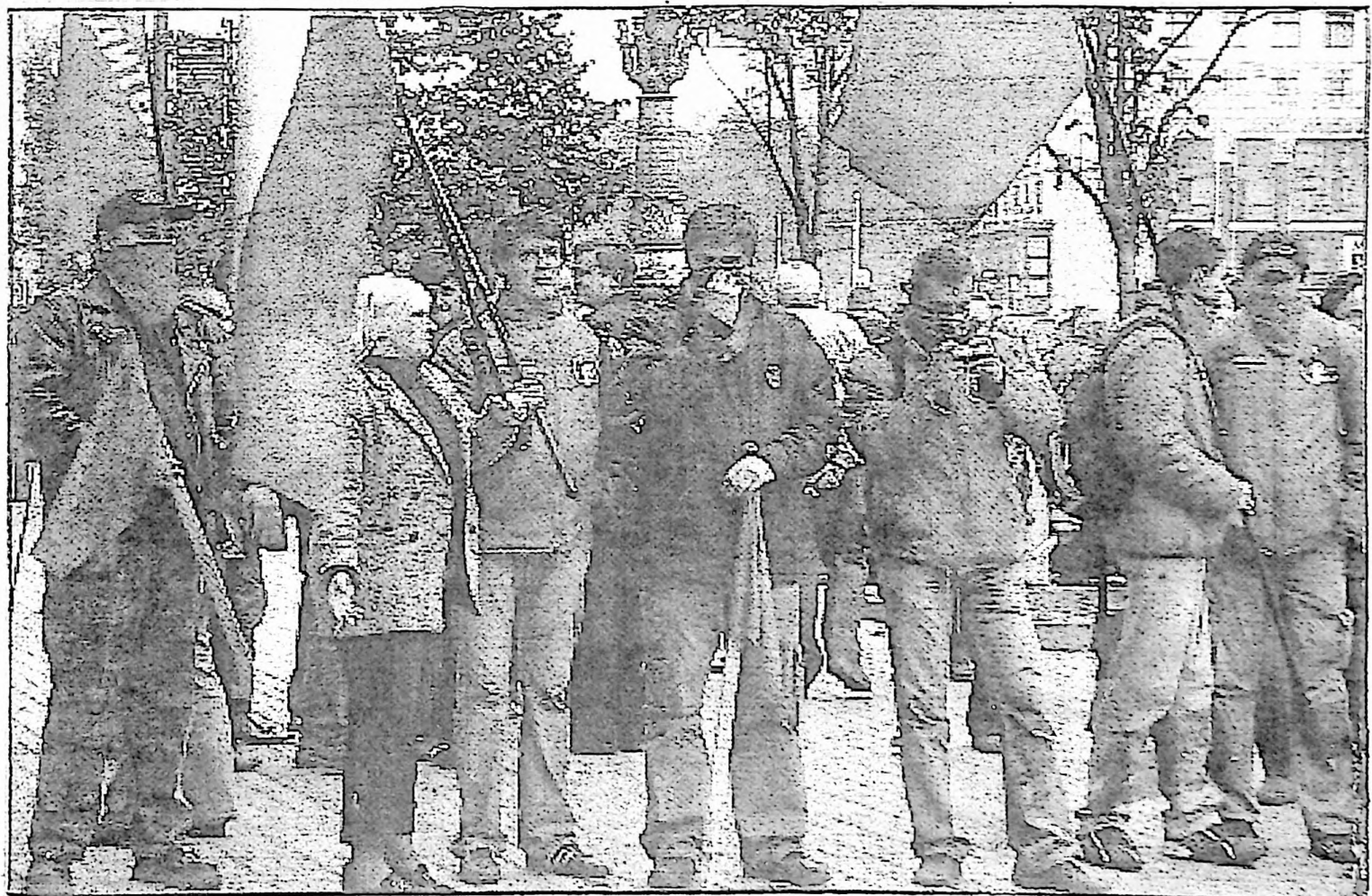
In a news despatch last October 17th Russia criticized US on its proposed deployment in Europe of US missile defence system near its borders. US is planning to install these systems and radars in Bulgaria, Hungary, Turkey, Poland and the Czech Republic.

Well, well - than why did Russia vote with US and its allies in the UN to condemn North Korea when it is trying to protect itself from the same threat and danger to its sovereignty as Russia is protesting now?"



HERE IS THE FUTURE FOR THE RESURRECTION OF SOCIALISM AND OF THE USSR !

We are receiving more and more news and photographs of young Komsomol and Bolshevik members who organize summer Marxist teaching camps and who regularly are at the forefront of leading marches of protestors demonstrations and agitation. **Yes, they are the future!** Photos from Sadovoye Kolco and V. Pronin



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The Future of Northstar Compass

Secretary, NSC

Northstar Compass is now celebrating its 15th year of publication. In this time it has played a unique role, especially in the English and French language media. At a time when much of the left was despondent over the temporary downfall of the Soviet Union and others on the "left" took this as an excuse to move to open Social Democracy (and, of course, the bourgeoisie and their press were celebrating), NSC clearly pinned the blame on imperialism and revisionism, especially Gorbachev's revisionism.

Northstar Compass played a historic role for several reasons:

- 1) It defended the history of the Soviet Union, the building of the first state of the working class, the dictatorship of the proletariat. It defended the history of socialist industrialization and the collectivization of agriculture, the leading role of the Soviet Union in defeating fascism in World War II, all under the correct leadership of Joseph Stalin and the Bolshevik Party that he headed.
- 2) NSC traced the roots of revisionism back to Khrushchev's attack on Stalin and the beginning of the dismantling of socialism at that time, through to Gorbachev's complete liquidation of socialism and the Soviet Union, and Yeltsin's counter-coup of 1991 and his attack on the Supreme Soviet of that year.
- 3) NSC showed the devastating conditions that the working people of the Soviet Union were subjected to with the open restoration of capitalism: closing of factories, loss of jobs, hunger, homelessness, dismantling of the health care system, mass emigration of people

looking for work, the decline on the average life span, absolute decline in population, etc.

4) NSC pointed out that, without the Soviet Union, the US as only superpower was unimpeded by any other state power in its quest for world dominance.

This was at a time when the lying capitalist press was crowing about the benefits of "freedom" and "democracy" that capitalism had brought.

5) Maybe most importantly, NSC brought news of the resurgent communist and workers' parties, not just in Russia but throughout the former Soviet Union, which are fighting to restore socialism and the Soviet Union.

This historic role Northstar Compass has carried out consistently over 15 years, publishing a monthly edition of about 1200 copies which are circulated all over the world, including 350 copies in Canada and 100 in the U.S. and the rest elsewhere, including in the former Soviet Union. This work could not have been done without the tireless work of Michael Lucas with the assistance of Helen Lucas. Since November of 2001, Northstar Compass has also appeared in a French edition, now published every other month by Dr. Adelard Paquin. And beginning in 2005, the Soviet Society for Friendship with Foreign Countries has put out a Russian edition.

Some Suggestions for Broadening Our Readership

At the same time, there have been certain weaknesses in the work of Northstar Compass, for which we all, especially the members of the Editorial Board and the Executive Committee of the International Council, must take responsibility.

In my view, the principal weakness is in the limited scope of circulation. I am not talking just of numbers, but of the political question of the breadth of its influence. This is a question that has been discussed before, and while there has been a certain verbal agreement, we have not yet significantly changed our practice.

In particular, it has been repeatedly stated that NSC is the organ of a friendship society, the

International Council of Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People, and not the nucleus of a new communist international. But I am sure that the great majority of those at our two Congresses were representing communist parties, organizations or journals. Where are our representatives from trade unions, from progressive social and cultural organizations, from other friendship societies that go beyond communist groups in their home countries? They are by and large absent. This should help us recognize the fact that we have not yet brought NSC into the broader movement, and that the pages of NSC do not yet sufficiently bring news of interest to a broader progressive readership.

Let me take an example from my own country, the United States. There is a growing movement against the U.S. imperialist war on Iraq. Most of the people in this movement are new to political struggle, they have little understanding of imperialism, and even less of the role that the Soviet Union played in opposing imperialism and imperialist war. We need to make NSC into an organ that could explain how: a) the Soviet Union and the October Revolution was born out of the opposition to the first imperialist war, b) the role of the Soviet Union in trying to form a united front against fascism before World War II, and the actual formation of the anti-fascist alliance during World War II, and c) the role of the Soviet Union in fighting imperialism before and after WWII.

Or, for the progressive trade union movement (*which is still in its infancy in the U.S.*), but which is seeing a revival in much of Western Europe and which is a growing part of the revolutionary movement in much of Asia, Africa and Latin America), we need articles on how workers took the lead in organizing production under socialism in the Soviet Union, how they helped develop the 5-year plans, how socialism could and did produce a continuously rising standard of living for all working people, what the conditions are like now for the workers there with the open restoration of capitalism, how the trade unions (*especially Zashchita Truda, "Defense of Labor" and other progressive unions*) are fighting for

the rights of the workers.

For people in the dependent countries who are fighting against imperialist oppression, and for the oppressed nations and nationalities within the imperialist countries, we could have articles on how the Soviet Union championed the fight against colonialism after WWII, how it supported the right of self-determination throughout the world, including for the African-American nation in the Black Belt South of the U.S., how the restoration of capitalism in the former Soviet Union has led to constant conflicts between nations and nationalities, and how the right of self-determination and socialism is the only way to end national discord.

Undoubtedly, these are all topics about which, in one way or another, many of us are knowledgeable and often about which we may have written articles for publication in our own countries. But how often have we taken these articles, possibly rewritten them from the perspective of NSC, and at the same time thus made NSC more relevant for the broader movements in our countries?

In this way, we can both broaden the outreach of NSC and at the same time use it to help orient the more conscious sectors of the mass movements to an understanding of what socialism was and will be again.

The Need for a Truly Functioning Collective

There is just one more task that I wish to raise, and that is the need for a functioning collective to put out Northstar Compass. We all know that almost all the day-to-day work of NSC has been carried out by Michael and Helen, from selection of articles, translation into English, laying out the journal pages, even stuffing copies into envelopes. This cannot continue as a one or two person operation. Even if we wish Michael "sto lyet" (*one hundred years*), it is possible that it may take another 20 years until socialism is restored in the former Soviet Union, and Michael may have to slow down a little before then.

It should be possible, using modern means of communication, to have a functioning editorial collective across countries and even

continents. It would require, particularly from the larger organizations, that they delegate one or more persons who have as one of their main responsibilities the production of the journal, or that smaller organizations or individuals also make NSC one of their priorities. And particularly for the comrades from Toronto, a few people should take on the practical tasks that are needed monthly (*stuffing envelopes, taking NSC to the post office, etc.*) without which the journal cannot be distributed.

In the discussion I hope we can set some preliminary responsibilities for making Northstar Compass a collective effort. Clearly many final decisions cannot be resolved until our Third Congress which will have a much broader representative of forces, both geographically and politically.

These are my main opinions for the discussion of the future of NSC.

ARE THERE DOUBLE STANDARDS IN THE UNITED NATIONS?

The unparalleled media campaign against North Korea all over the world is something that anyone with two brain cells to rub together, should be alarmed about.

How can the UN Security Council condemn the nuclear test by North Korea and plan sanctions, trade boycotts, military intervention plus other harmful measures? With US imperialism leading this charge, even China has joined this chorus, which is nothing but sheer hypocrisy. Even Russia is wavering and not making a clear statement in defence of North Korea!

North Korea has a right as any other nation, to develop its protective might against US Imperialism and against Japan's growing militarism. North Korea is a small country, building Socialism and threatened by US military with many bases in South Korea, Japan and nearby island bases. Bush has many times threatened it with "pre-emptive strikes". The other members of the Security Council seem to be competing with each other in isolating North Korea. But it is interesting and very sad that China

(led by the Communist Party of China) and Russia, as well as other Security members, will not openly criticize these US threats against North Korea? **The question is why.**

US, China, Russia, India, Pakistan, France and Israel have nuclear weapons up to their eyeballs. Are these countries above criticism, above sanctions, above threats, above pre-emptive strikes against them? Should they not also be called "axis of evil?"

It is in this situation that North Korea was compelled to develop its nuclear technology in order to protect its sovereignty. Or, did the world and these Security Council members forget as to who invaded North Korea and who, after all these scores of years still has thousands of its soldiers and bases on the doorstep of North Korea?

All progressive forces of the world must support North Korea in its stand to protect its security and sovereignty, and call for total disarmament of all the countries, including these holier than thou members of the United Nations SECURITY COUNCIL as well.

What is demanded of the Goose, must also apply to the Gander as well.

WHAT NEW WEAPON OR POISON IS ISRAEL'S ARMY USING AGAINST PALESTINIANS?

Doctors in the Gaza have reported previously unseen injuries from Israeli weapons that cause severe burning and internal wounds, often resulting in amputations or death. These injuries were first seen in July of this year, when the Israeli military launched a series of operations in Gaza.

Doctors said that unlike traditional combat injuries from shells or bullets, there were no shrapnel pieces found on the patients' bodies, but there was a "dusting" on all severely damaged internal organs.

"Bodies arrived very severely fragmented, melted and horribly disfigured, said Dr. Jamaa Saqu'a at the Shifa hospital, in the Gaza City. "We found internal burning of organs. When we opened up many of the

injured bodies, we found a dusting of all the internal organs." The Doctor also charged that: "Under x-ray the small pieces of shrapnel did not show up. No shrapnel pieces to be found, but, we found destruction of internal organs."

The experts in Italy who analyzed the skin tissues of the victims stated

that it is from a new weapon called **DIME**, which is being tested by Israel on behalf of the Pentagon. It has a carbon-fibre casing and contains only fine tungsten particles, rather than ordinary metal shrapnel. It causes a very powerful blast when it reaches its target.

Israel and US refused to comment

on this accusation by Doctors in many countries of the world.

COMMENT:

The day surely is coming when these perpetrators will be tried as war criminals as were the German Nazis-butchers at Nuremburg at the end of World War II.

NEWS FROM FORMER USSR

REMEMBER ALL OF THOSE "COLOUR REVOLUTIONS" IN FORMER SOVIET REPUBLICS ?

Those "revolutions" in former Soviet Republics and in Eastern Europe were meant, not to spread "democracy" at all, they were meant to extend the reach of American imperialism and its military power via NATO and more directly.

The American goal is to encircle former Soviet Union, keeping their present capitalist systems in check and extending the far frontiers of the rising American New World Order Empire deep into Central Asia.

It certainly is not about bringing "democracy, or even free markets" – it's all about US Imperialism. Pure and simple.

History will judge harshly the present leadership of China and Russia and their covert and overt cooperation with US Imperialism!

Appeal of June, 21, 2006 meeting in defense of workers of refrigerator shed "Predportovaya" (S.-Petersburg)

to the President of JSC "Russian Railroads"
V.I. Yakunin

At present time there are some activities by the Shed Administration sense of which is not clear to workers in the refrigerator shed "Predportovaya" where the Russian trade union "Refrigeratorschik" ("Refrigerator worker") is working. A new legal body is created to which all the material values of the shed are transferred: buildings, constructions, movable equipment. It was openly offered to the workers to retire from the refrigerator shed and to be employed by the new firm where

there are less workstations and positions than in the shed, and not enough for everybody. Furthermore, the JSC "Refservis" Mr. Averkov declared in public that the Free trade union "Refrigeratorschik" members would not be employed in the new organization. Mr Averkov is acting so as there exists an employment ban in Russia – a measure applied in Germany after the WWII to former Nazi party members. But any discrimination of citizens is forbidden in Russia and such actions put Mr Averkov outside the law.

All the requests and applications of the Free trade union members and shed workers are ignored. This situation is already lasted for months, the shed work is disorganized. The labour collective is alarmed. The free trade union applied to social organizations of St. Petersburg and other Russian cities with a request to help to defend its members' interests and the "Predportovaya" shed workers. The campaign for solidarity with refrigerator workers is developing in the city.

We the participants of the June, 21 meeting, representatives of different social organizations apply to you with our demands:

- to provide exhaustive information on the re-organization taking place in the shed;
- to put JSC "Predportovaya" in order;
- to return the room of the trade union committee of the Free trade union taken away from it illegally, as a violation of the court decision;
- to stop discrimination of the Free trade union representatives.

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OLEG SHENIN IS NOW A RUSSIAN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE FOR 2008

Oleg Shenin, former CC CPSU member and the leader of the reconstituted CPSU, announced his candidature to run against Putin in the 2008 presidential election in Russia.



During the counterrevolution in August of 1991, he was a member of the group of CPSU CC members who tried to regain control of the country in order to re-establish the Soviet Union. Most of them were jailed, including Oleg Shenin and former Chairman of the Union of Soviet Friendship Society, Gennady Yanayev, who was at that time the Vice President under Gorbachev.

Oleg Shenin declared that his first priority is to establish the authority and formation of the CPSU and to then re-establish the Soviet Union and Socialism. He also criticized the present regime and some other parties and movements who are now putting spokes into the wheel of his election campaign. The situation in Russia is catastrophic. The Soviet Union must be reconstituted as it was – the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics - he concluded.

DID YOU RENEW YOUR NSC SUB ?

OBITUARY



In memoriam of Boris Mikhailovich Gunko

On May, 4, after an athletic training, our comrade Boris Mikhailovich Gunko died suddenly.

All these years of "reforms" and "democracy" Boris Mikhailovich Gunko – a poet, a communist, a fire-eater and a fighter – was at the front line of the struggle. He was one of the founders of the Russian Communist Workers' Party (RWCP), the editor of the newspapers "Dubinushka" ["Cudgel"] and "Trudovaya Rossia" ["Labour Russia"]. For many years Boris Mikhailovich Gunko had been organizing meetings and pickets in defense of the Lenin Museum and the Lenin Mausoleum – near the building of the Lenin Museum, near K.Marx monument at Teatralnaya square, etc.

Not a large demonstration went without Boris Mikhailovich. He was an active participant of violent events of Autumn 1993 near the Soviet House in Moscow. Comrade Gunko repeatedly had to take part in fights against bourgeois Yeltsin's police – in 1992 and during the Bloody May Day of 1993.

One could consistently meet Boris Mikhailovich at meetings, demonstrations where he was reading flammeous poems. B.M.Gunko issued three poetic digests: "Selected poems" (a digest of three parts: "Russia is waiting", "Demo-thieves" and "Ours"), "Wicked poems", "Revolution and love". His poems were consistently published in communist press – in the

newspapers "Trudovaya Rossia", "Molnia" ["Lightning"], "Mysl" ["Thought"] and many, many others. Besides, his poetic word inspired many composers to create fierce songs of Resistance.

Besides, Boris Mikhailovich was leading the art studio "Soyuz" ["Union"] famous with its concerts at Kharitonyevskiy passage. Not only poems and songs of Resistance but also classics that he loved were sounding there.

The heart of the poet-communist stopped beating. His passionate, fighting, courageous poems – the poetry of unbroken spirit and struggle – will remain with us.

Elena Gromova

One More Lesson for the Bandera- Gang*

by Vladimir Pronin

A year has gone by since that memorable October day when in the capital of Ukraine violent clashes occurred between the Ukrainian left and the remnants of the pro-fascist nationalist forces. On the anniversary of the foundation of the so called Ukrainian Insurgent Army (UPA) the latter made yet another attempt to march down the central street of Kiev, Khreshchatik and hold a rally and a church service in honour of Ukrainian collaborators on the Maidan Square, which has become world known for the "orange" coup. Back then they did not succeed and, moreover, the opponents significantly beat their bodies and mugs.

It would seem the lesson the Bandera-Gang were taught that day in Kiev would put an end to their aspirations to repeat such onslaught into the capital from their homeland – Western Ukraine. This would be an end to such excursions if the pro-fascist forces in Ukraine did not feel constant support of the "orange" President of Ukraine. It is not by chance that the President is married to an American citizen and a former secretary of the late Slava Stetsko – wife and faithful friend of Bandera's closest collaborator, Yaroslav Stetsko! Besides, American

masters, no doubt, are the ones who have pushed their protégé to such an open confrontation as the UPA march in the centre of Kiev!

This year, too, Viktor Yushchenko dedicated to the anniversary of creation of the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists (OUN) the adoption of a decree, according to which, on one hand, the heroic veterans of the Great Patriotic War who carried on their shoulders the main weight of the war and, eventually, broke the spine of the fascist beast, and on the other, cowardly "fighters" of UPA who shot the Red Army soldiers in the back and fought on the side of Hitler's Germany against the Red Army and, in its face, against the entire anti-Hitler coalition, today enjoy equal rights! Today, only the Ukrainian Parliament can prevent from implementing into life this shameful criminal presidential decree.

Naturally, these trimmings of the Nazi tails, encouraged by such a "high level" support, yet again attempted to make their point and march right in the centre of the capital of Ukraine. And the city authorities, obviously prompted by the decision makers "above", permitted this. However, contrary to the last year's event, and obviously having learned from the bitter experience of the nationalist leftovers, this time the authorities tried to separate the irreconcilable opponents into different locations to avoid their direct collision.

Of course, no one prevented the right-wing nationalists to gather and march to the location of their rally, while the left forces and their supporters – anti-nationalist movements – were divided into three groups and were not allowed to have a joint rally. For this reason, communists held their rally right on Maidan Square, progressive-socialists (for the sake of being just we must admit they were the most numerous) – on the Bessarabska Square, and the Orthodox societies, Russian Bloc and the majority of the communists who did not manage to break through to Maidan Square, held their rally on the opposite side of Khreshchatik. Regardless of being disunited, the rallies were very successful and the nationalist provocateurs who managed to sneak

into midst of the opposition were beaten by the crowd and betrayed by an unprecedented number of police. Unfortunately, our supporters were arrested as well. Youth from Crimea and their Russian and Belorussian comrades were brutally beaten, as was reported by their representatives at the press conference. Some had their ribs broken. Infuriated officers of state security services, like gendarmes, forced one young representative from the brotherly Belorussian people onto his knees and beat his inner body parts heavily from behind.

Despite of the fact that a joint rally was impossible to hold, the speakers in different corners of Khreshchatik were united in their condemnation of the attempts to rehabilitate the Bandera-Gangs and declared about their firm certitude that the followers of bloodthirsty Bandera will continue to be decisively repulsed every time they declare their presence on Khreshchatik. This is in case they do not learn from their second lesson and dare to show up in the capital city again.

Those carefully following the events in Ukraine might be interested in finding out that the representatives of the Party of Regions who used to very actively play the Russian card and insisted upon their non-tolerance of the ideology and practice of Ukrainian nationalism, which has been brewed on savage Russophobia, not only did not participate in the action, but in addition, prohibited the members of their youth organization to attend it. Well, by doing this they have only once more confirmed that mammon has no homeland.

As to the nationalists themselves, they had to hold their action on Sofia Square, after which they left without much result. To put it briefly, they dragged out their nationalist stormtroopers who have been taught, trained and fitted out all for American dollars to Kiev in vain. Wasted bucks!

* Stepan Bandera (1909-1959) - the leader of the underground extreme ethnic nationalist Ukrainian movement who was influenced by German National Socialist ideas. Bandera's name is commonly used as a generic term in relation to Ukrainian nationalism.

DID YOU KNOW?

Between 1898 and 1935, the US Marines invaded Cuba 4 times, Nicaragua 5 times, Honduras 7 times, the Dominican Republic 4 times, Haiti 2 times, Guatemala 1, Panama 2 times, Mexico 3 times and Colombia 4 times.

United States has intervened militarily in foreign countries more than 200 times!

THE ROLE OF CAPITALIST MEDIA

"To a very large extent, the US war on terror is a shabby promotional scheme designed to mobilize the nation for a permanent state of war, while at the same time curtailing civil liberties. There's nothing original in this analysis, but it certainly explains the importance and the power of the US daily media as a vehicle for President Bush's public relations campaign.

It also explains why the US Washington-Pentagon officials are still provided unlimited air-time and press-time to reiterate the same bland bromides over and over again without being challenged."

"Public opinion polls in the Arab and Muslim world show graphically that US invasion, aggressive stance towards Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria and Iran, and the unconditional support for Zionist Israel aggression, have created a powerful Islamic political movement that even US experts say will sweep away all of the corrupt governments that are allied with the United States."

<http://www.informationclearinghouse.info/article14921.htm>

There are 65 private, well-paid Lobbyists for every member of the United States -Congress? They spend \$200,000,000 per month wining, dining and seducing these US Federal

And you think that the USA is a democracy for the people, by the people? Shame on you!

WASHINGTON, DC: USA's Military-Industrial and Financial Complex is flooded with professional swindlers.

They institute a spectrum of all kinds of schemes to get and then use the taxpayer money. Besides criminal activities in relation to Iraq, Afghanistan, Lebanon, Gaza, wars, different coalition agreements - this is the policy of the Republican government of the United States.

This outright uncontrolled robbery, swindles, murder, mayhem, and a submissive US public, allows these crooks to milk billions upon billions of tax payers dollars to enrich themselves with these uncontrolled schemes, where even the highest placed members of US government are involved in.

A case in point is the billions already spent on patents of an air plane, supposedly capable of 90-100 thousand feet operation, carrying MIF cameras and unheard of weapons hardware -this swindle is not even off the drawing board of these corporations - but already the US military-industrial complex was paid out billions upon billions of dollars by the White House-Pentagon cabal that came out of the US taxpayers pockets!

The US White House encourages these swindlers to come up with these plans that not only enrich these multinational corporations, but also money trickles underground into the pockets of some of the top White House officials.

But you must understand, that this is done in order to fight terrorism and save the American way of life!

If you do not believe this, you must be UN-AMERICAN!

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KRASNODAR FESTIVAL MARKS THE UNIFICATION OF BELARUS AND RUSSIA

A Festival "Culture Brings People Closer to Each Other" was timed for the 10th Anniversary of Belarus and Russia was held last September in Krasnodar. The Festival featured folk bands, singing and dancing companies, theatre staging shows in traditional Slavic costumes plus orchestras from Byelorussia and Russia.

These events took place in Taman, Temriuk and Novorossisk.

BUST OF MARSHAL ZHUKOV TO BE INSTALLED IN MINSK

The Byelorussian Government issued a decree that endorsed the proposal of the Minsk City Council to erect a bust of the great military commander in Minsk close to the Zhukov Avenue.

Marshal Zhukov was a war hero of the Great Patriotic War of 1941-1945, and was decorated 4 times as Hero of the Soviet Union.

We wonder whether there are any monuments or busts dedicated to Stalin in Minsk or in Byelorussia now? Maybe our readers in Minsk can let us know.

Appeal of former Russian and Ukrainian political prisoners to the participant of the Athens Social Forum

The black period of capitalist restoration on the Soviet territory since 1991 has not resulted in any improvement for the working people, but, practically only to its rapid extinction, during this new bourgeois which is enriching itself at the expense of the wretched conditions for the people of former Soviet Union. Physical and moral genocide is going on in our country since in the USSR times we didn't know mass hunger, drug addiction and prostitution. New bourgeois laws and security agencies defend this

extremely unjust situation, the disobedient are put into prison for years and even murdered. We know what those who are in prison are subjected to because we have been there ourselves and we managed to get out. But a lot of our comrades there still need our aid to survive, to get liberty and to continue their struggle. The amount of political prisoners in the ex-USSR increases. Many of those who get liberty cannot find a job, have to live without papers and without a permanent habitation, but in spite of personal poverty we continue to render our imprisoned comrades material and moral assistance as it is significantly worse for them than for us. Their lives and health are in danger, every day they are subjected to different humiliations. To communicate with our arrested comrades we have to cover large distances, to cross state boundaries. In this respect we appeal to you with a request to go to the expense of us for more effective assistance to our imprisoned comrades which is necessary for future socialist revolution. We must not permit the bourgeois regime prisoners' death!

Larisa Romanova (Russia), had been imprisoned for 5,5 years; Eugeny Semenov (Ukraine), had been imprisoned for 1,5 years; Anna Petrenko (Russia), had been imprisoned for 1,5 years; Igor Fedorovich (Russia), had been imprisoned for 3 years; Igor Garkavenko (Ukraine), had been imprisoned for 9 years; Irina Derguzova (Russia), had been imprisoned for 5 years.

TRANSNIESTER VOTERS CHOOSE UNION WITH RUSSIA

TIRASAPOL- Last September 12, 2006 the vast majority of voters in the self-proclaimed republic of Moldova, voted for independence and future union with Russia. No disturbances during the elections were seen. Over 78 % votes for this union

THE FUTURE IS WITH OUR YOUTH!

By FELIX GORELIK



Readers of NSC know very well the excellent articles that are written by our correspondent Felix Gorelik, a well known history teacher. He has written many books, the latest one which you can see the cover here, is called "*I Love You Soviet Union!*" which is aimed at the young generation of Soviet school children who are bombarded in their textbooks by lies about the USSR, Socialism and Stalin. We just give you an overview here what this book in Russian contains.

Editor



"It is from the ranks of the young generation that changes are going to take place. The ruling class of course knows this very well and is doing all in their power to stop this coming change. The youngsters from the start of their diapers are constantly being ideologically brainwashed. The

history of Ukraine is only taught from the start of the "orange revolution" from these specially written school textbooks. Here in Ukraine, these children, starting in Kindergarten are trained to praise Jushenko. All history of Ukraine is being taught through the eyes of Ukrainian nationalism. The theme is that only the struggle for "independence" is the only history of Ukraine and its people.

The praise and idealizing of the Ukrainian nationalist bandits from 1918 up to now, the praise of the traitors who fought against their own people on the side of Hitler is ongoing. The history of Ukraine from 1918 up to the 1990's is completely ignored and only that it was the Russians (*the Moskali*) who starved Ukraine, who robbed them, who killed them etc.!

These lies must be fought against and exposed, not only in Ukraine, but in Russia, but in other former Soviet Republics.

The book is in three sections-

- (1) Capitalism unmasked
- (2) USSR as the lighthouse of mankind
- (3) Who, how and why the dismemberment of the USSR?

Of course the hard struggle is ahead of us. Besides the finances needed for such a schoolbook is one thing – but, that will be overcome. The readers are there and the young generation must be taught the truth and sooner than later. The winds of change are blowing and the coming storm is on the horizon."

FROM KLAPEIDA
LITHUANIA

Dear comrades of NSC:

I received your very happy and informative statement "Forward to the Third World Congress in Moscow in 2007" and the information that you held a Mini Conference last month on the occasion of the 15th Anniversary of the first issue of Northstar Compass.

Even during this short time that I started to receive NSC, enables me, no, it compels me to write and to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your outstanding work.

Since the First World Congress

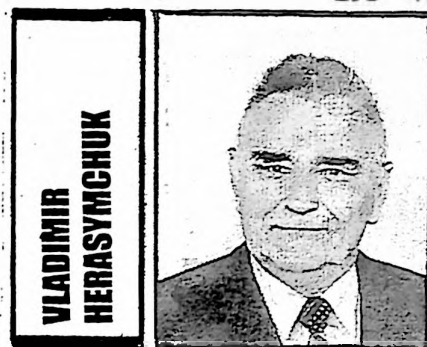
that was organized in 2001 in Canada, it was the essence of the struggle by NSC to keep on publishing such a journal as NSC has become, a promoter and a defender of Socialism in the USSR which was temporarily defeated by the forces of imperialism, internal traitors and fascism – under the guise of "Western democracy", but representing the US New World Order.

To this Third World Congress in 2007 I will definitely make every effort to attend. There might also come some of those who are now calling themselves as "Russian Patriots" and who also call themselves – "Slavs", "Russians" – even though they left the Soviet Union because they did not want to call themselves "Soviet", but now they assume many titles as academics, professors, cultural artists, philosophers, etc.

Look at them on their Internet site: www.eursa.org and even the abbreviation "SRUL" denotes who they are. Here in Lithuania they call themselves "Union of Russians in Lithuania."

So my dear friends be very wary as to who will attend this Third World Congress for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People.

N.V. SOLOVIEV-UNITSKIJ



Integration of Countries and Peoples as Objective Natural Phenomenon

Bourgeois media today persistently impose onto laymen the idea of so-called globalism. As the newspaper Pravda has reported

(Sept. 1, 2006), on the 30th of August in the media-centre of "Rossiyskaya Gazeta" ("Russian Newspaper") was held a round table on the subject of Sovereign State under the Conditions of Globalization: Democracy and National Identity. During the discussion of the subject First Vice-Chairman of the CC CPRF, State Duma deputy and Professor of Moscow University Ivan Melnikov stated the position of the Communist Party of Russian Federation on this subject. In Professor Melnikov's presentation there is a number of interesting thoughts, which raise a positive level of interest and are worthy of support. However, many of them are quite doubtful. Given this, we offer our readers our opinion about Professor Melnikov's ideas presented in the form of theses.

1. Professor Melnikov states that the process of globalization is objective and natural. The world has always been developing along this way.

Along which "this way" exactly has the world "always been moving"? We need a clarification here. Indeed, in science, in politics and in the contemporary revolutionary movement there is no unity on the interpretation of the

globalization process. Doesn't "the dynamic wholesomeness of the world, mutual enrichment through experiences and technological achievements, widening of the circle of communication between nations", which the CPRF representative is talking about, reflect the notion of integration, which has been formulated a long time ago? We must emphasize here that the particular features of moving along the way to dynamic wholesomeness of the world under the conditions of socialism and capitalism are determined not by similar, but on the contrary, by opposite laws of development.

In particular, in scientific communism there is a concept of socialist economic integration, which means conscious and planned regulated process of

international socialist division of labour. It implies bringing closer together national economies and formation of modern, highly effective structure of national economies. This becomes a precondition of the gradual equalization of the levels of economic development of the socialist states. Deep and stable economic, scientific and technological contacts between them are being formed.

2. Clearly, globalization can also be viewed as one of the variations of integration. However, under the conditions of imperialist plunder, which we observe in the modern world, this process is accompanied by violence of some states against the others. This process, as the bourgeois society itself, reflecting naturally determined paths of the historical development, has no future. For this reason, another path for economic and political unity for the labourers of all countries and continents exists.
3. Without a doubt, the demise of the Soviet Union made the process of consolidation of democratic forces and the international communist movement more difficult. This is a different aspect of the problem. Why, then, the representative of the one of the largest communist parties of the world is lacking a class approach to this problem? Or, does he mean by globalization integration of capitalism and socialism? Then, what does Marxism-Leninism, which is the ideological foundation of communist and workers' parties, have to do with any of this?
4. We should agree with professor Melnikov who speaks against our country being governed from outside. "For Russia, he writes, this would mean no country". We are also in solidarity with Professor Melnikov when he denies "globalization the American way" and calls

UKRAINIAN NATIONALISM AND THE LANGUAGE QUESTION!

In a very detailed and analytical expose of the present position of the Ukrainian leadership, we just quote some excerpts from this excellent article by the author V. Zamirajlov, published in the newspaper "Osvitni Ognj" of the Progressive Socialist Party of Ukraine.

*Schoolbooks are written in such a way as to obliterate the history of the Soviet people and promote anti-Russianism. Here is an example: History of the Great Patriotic War is written not as a struggle against German fascism, but it was only a struggle against Bolshevism for the liberation of Ukraine.

* Ukrainians are not from the same mother, not Slav brothers, born during "Kiev Rus" time.

* Present Ukrainian regime is forcing Ukrainians who speak Ukrainian and Russian equally, to only recognize the "Galician dialect", which means that they want the 90% of Ukrainian people to speak the western Galician dialect spoken only by 10% of people who were under Polish rule.

* Ukrainian deputy, with the nod from the president on the question of language: "We are only going to speak the language of our master nationality, but not a Russian pig language, who speak as animals of the Tatar-Mordovsky language."

THIS IS A NATIONALIST-FASCIST PLAQUE THAT WILL BE SQUASHED AS WAS THE GERMAN NAZI THIRD REICH!

upon creation of the alternative union consisting of the countries such as China, India, Belarus, Kazakhstan and countries of Latin America. However, what lies in the core of such unification? What must we understand under "globalization not the American way"?

5. The author of the presentation, while highlighting the importance of defending the sovereignty of the country in the

conditions of globalization, points out the importance of strengthening of the state as "mighty economic player". Which state does he have in mind? "Under capitalism equal growth of economic development of separate economies and states is impossible" (V.I. Lenin, Complete Set of Works, vol. 26, page 353).

6. Speaking against the concept of the so-called "sovereign democracy", Melnikov highlights the meaning of "natural political, ideological and economic competition". He points out to the importance of creating conditions "for stimulation of the natural competitive environment".

Who is supposed to compete with whom? Will the entrenched in power bourgeois allow his worker, or even more so, an unemployed, to compete with him in his struggle for power? "Under capitalism any foundation or any principle of distribution other than force is not possible" (V.I. Lenin). It seems like the Professor in his presentation is talking about ordinary bourgeois democracy, which has nothing in common with socialism. Only the dictatorship of Labour over Capital can guarantee true democracy. Only this dictatorship opens the way to unity of all countries and peoples in the interests of the labourers.

7. The experience of development of the countries and peoples in the second half of the XX century testifies that under availability of mighty socialist states many ideas of socialist integration can be successfully implemented in the relationships with the developing countries. Unity of the so-called Third World limits the ability of imperialist states to plunder without punishment less

developed regions.

Especially relevant is the approximation of the democratic countries and peoples in this period of historical development. Only by uniting its economic, scientific and technological potential can Humanity prevent the new most horrific Armageddon, which is being conceived by the imperialism headed by the USA and NATO.

This was confirmed by the Congress of Non-aligned Countries last September in Havana. A crucial role in its organization was played by Cuba, Belarus, Venezuela and other countries. We believe that with time democratic forces of socialist orientation will play a more significant role in the integration processes.

8. Coming from the realities of today, we see globalization as the fight of imperialist states for the so-called "living space", i.e. for establishment of the world hegemony. Long time ago they started talking about "World government". For the achievement of this goal WWI and WWII were started. According to the plans of the modern "globalists" the Soviet Union has been dismembered, Yugoslavia has been destroyed, Iraq and Afghanistan have been occupied. More and more persistently is being built the circle of American-NATO bases around Russia, including the territory of the former USSR. The so-called "orange revolutions" are being organized.
9. To summarize, we agree with the Moscow Professor that globalism is an objectively conditioned, natural process. However, we are talking here about the process, conditioned by the bourgeois society. Globalism, like Imperilism itself is not legitimate. It's defeat is unavoidable.
10. Coming from the relatedness of the categories of

globalism and capitalism, by Paraphrasing the words of the CPRF's leader Gennady Zyuganov (Pravda Sept. 5, 2006), we would like to highlight some key characteristics of this concept.

The essence of globalism is:

- The path to global ecological catastrophe;
- The path to global and local wars;
- Determination of the leaders of imperialist states, speaking on behalf of the so-called "golden billion", to legitimize neo-colonialism and plunder of other peoples with the purpose of prolonging their well-being;
- Ethical and psychological degradation of bourgeois society on a global scale, break up of a family, rejection of human morals, increase of violence, cult of sins and perverted actions;
- Self-exhaustion of capitalism, imposed onto humanity's path to massive catastrophe and death of Human civilization.

As an alternative to capitalist globalization there can be only integration of equal, democratic and independent countries and peoples.

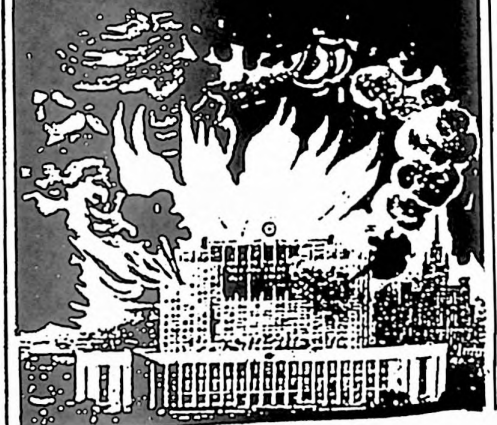
Analysis of the events happening in the modern world gives us reason to state that we observe on the planet a gradual strengthening of the consolidation of movements oriented towards socialism. These movements are the ones, which in the future will be determining the character of integration processes. Globalism, as imperialism altogether, has no future.

The future of the planet is socialism and communism. It is unification of peoples with equal rights into a united, truly democratic family creating the World of Free Labour.

**DO YOU REMEMBER THIS
TRAITOR- RESPONSIBLE
FOR HUNDREDS OF
DEATHS ?**



***A TRAITOR TO HIS
COUNTRY WHO HAD
UNLEASHED THE
BOMBARDMENT BY
TANKS AND CANNON AT
THE
MOSCOW SOVIET WHITE
HOUSE, CAUSING
HUNDREDS OF DEATHS !**



9/11 LIES

SPECIAL FOR NSC

Dear readers:

Much has been written about the biggest hoax and tragedy that happened at the WTC in New York in 2001 –which started US imperialism on the "Fight Against Terrorism", arrests, killings, invasions, security measures and a world in turmoil for the benefit of US Imperialism and its multinational corporations.

Many films, videos, books and other concrete evidence was published and shown. Below we publish the scientific evidence gathered and collaborated on by scientists, structural engineers, chemical engineers and laboratory chemists, which proves beyond a shadow of a doubt that this tragedy was planned and carefully carried out with the full knowledge of the White House.

Michael Lucas, Editor

EVIDENCE OF FUSION DEVICES AT THE WTC

1. Pulverization of 99% of concrete into ultra fine dust as recorded by official studies. Concrete dust was created instantly throughout the twin towers when the fusion device million-degree heat rapidly expanded water vapour in the concrete floors.
2. Superheated steels ablating (*vaporizing continuously as they fall*) as seen in video clips of the twin towers collapsing. This requires uniform temperatures twice that of Thermite.
3. The 22-ton outer wall steel section was ejected 200 meters into the Twin Towers winter garden. Cutting charges cannot provide the energy required to do this.
4. The 330-ton section of the outer wall columns ripped off the side of the tower. Cutting charges cannot absolutely provide the energy required.
5. Molten ponds of steel at the bottom of the elevator shafts of (WTC1, WTC2, WTC7) Thermite is impractical for lower level demolition, due to the tremendous thickness of the 47 steel columns.
6. The spiral behaviour (*stands for 20-30 seconds, evaporates, goes down, steel dust remains.*)
7. Sharp spikes in seismograph readings (*Richter 2.1 and 2.3*) occurred at the beginning of the collapse for both of the twin towers. Short duration and high power indicate planted explosive event.
8. A printing press weighing 50-tons disappeared from a basement floor of the Twin Towers and was never recovered from the debris.
9. The wide area electrical outage, repairs took over 3 months. Only Fusion devices cause the EM pulse with Compton effect.
10. The fires in the Twin Towers took 100 days to extinguish despite continuous spraying of water. Thermite would cool down much faster.
11. Brown shades of colour in the air is due to nuclear radiation forming sulfuric acid. TV documentary footage changed the colour balance to blue in order to disguise this fact, indicating complicity in the cover-up.
12. Elevated Tritium values were measured in the WTC area but not elsewhere in New York. Official studies stated that 8 EXIT signs from the two commercial Boeing jets were responsible. This is why the "no commercial planes" line of enquiry is very important and should not be ignored or attacked. It can provide conclusive proof of Fusion devices planted in the WTC and therefore US/Israel military involvement.
13. Pyroclastic flow was observed in the concrete-based clouds. This is only found in the volcanic eruptions and nuclear detonations. Jim Hoffman of the enquiry obviously missed this observation in his paper.
14. Huge expanding dust clouds are 5 times the volume of the buildings, indicating extreme levels of heat generated. very far in excess of traditional demolition explosives.
15. The rubble height was some 10% of the original, instead of 33% expected in the traditional demolition. Fusion device removal of underground central steel framework allowed upper framework to fall into this empty space and thus reduced the rubble height.
16. There were no survivors found, except some firefighters in one corner pocket in the rubble, who said that they looked up to see blue sky above them, instead of being all crushed by the collapsing debris. Upward Fusion flashlight beam of destruction missed this pocket, but removed the debris above firemen's heads. How?
17. 14 rescue dogs and some rescue workers died far too soon afterward to be attribute to asbestos or dust toxins (*respiratory problems due to alpha particles created by Fusion are far more toxic.*)
18. Record concentration of near-atomic size metal particles found in the dust studies are due to ablated steel. This is only possible with Fusion.
19. Decontamination procedure used at Ground Zero of the Twin Towers (*high-pressure water spraying*) for all steel removed from the site. Water spraying contains fusion radioactivity.
20. No bodies, no computers, no furniture was found in the rubble, but, intact sheets of paper covered the streets with fine dust. Items with significant mass absorbed Fusion energy and were vaporized, while paper was not. This is Paper and Powder theory.
21. 200,000 gallon sprinkler water tanks on the roofs of the WTC1 and WTC2, but no water was found in the ruins? Heat of the Fusion devices vaporized this large reservoir of water.
22. Reports of cars exploding around the World Trade Centre and many burnt out wrecks could be seen, that

had not been hit at all by any debris from the Twin Towers. Fusion energy blast and EM pulse electrical components in the cars exploded and burnt the vehicles very far from the WTC site.

23. EM pulse was recorded by the

broadcast TV cameras with very high quality electronic circuitry. This occurred at the same time as the seismic peaks recorded by Lamont Doherty during the beginning of the collapse. This is due to the Compton Effect and resulted in a large area power outage at the WTC.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

CHAVEZ IS OUR HERO!

The whole world was glued to the TV screens during the UN session last month as Hugo Chavez, President of Venezuela told President Bush off in no uncertain terms, to the delight of millions of people all over the world.

Not only President Chavez called Bush what the whole world calls him, but Chavez offered Bush cheaper oil and to deliver it to the poor communities in the US and to the victims of Kastrina disaster. Chavez offered to drop the price of oil to \$50 from the present \$75 per barrel and this would bring down the price of gas at the pumps by about a dollar - \$2 per gallon.

Why is the US covertly and overtly threatening Venezuela? The fact is that Venezuela has more oil than Saudi Arabia. And this fact is not a boast coming out of the Venezuelan authorities at all, the source of this information is the **US Department of Energy**.

But the Bush Family combine is very heavily involved with the Saudi Arabia kingdom and its oil exports, thus Venezuela's offer would bankrupt the heavy oil-investors - **if you remember, oil cost only \$16 per barrel 6 years ago**. This influence of Venezuela within OPEC will mean the decline of the House of Saud. It's not only oil that Bush and Saudis try to monopolize, but it's the Petro-Dollars that Bush wants. Saudi Arabia over the last thirty years has recycled all of these Petro-Dollars sucked from the US SUV oil guzzler owners and sent them right back to Wall Street to buy up most of the US Treasury bills and other US assets.

Hopefully that the Bush can end their monopoly on oil and US politics will come to an end, sooner than later.

LATE POPE JOHN PAUL MET CIA TO PLAN THE ANTI-COMMUNIST OFFENSIVE!

From dpa German Press Agency

WARSAW - The late Polish-born Pope John Paul II, Head of the Roman Catholic Church held talks with the USA's CIA head William Casey, during the 1980's, during West's Cold War against the Soviet Union and the other Socialist countries - this is according to a former United States President Regan Administration official who said: "*CIA Director William Casey travelled incognito to the Vatican and briefed him on all details and even by showing him, for example, satellite spy photographs taken by the CIA*".

This was told by Richard V. Allen, the former National Security Advisor to US President Regan, to Poland's "*Dziennik*" daily newspaper.

Allen also told the newspaper that: "*John Paul also knew about the secret CIA aid to Solidarity Union and its leader Lech Walesa. Thus the plan was to use Poland as one of the tools to bring down the Soviet Union.*"

His successor, German-born Pope Pope Benedict XVI has put into high gear the process of beautification and canonisation of John Paul II.

"Philosophers did interpret the world in many ways over the centuries, the point however is to change it."

KARL MARX

DID YOU RENEW YOUR NSC SUBSCRIPTION ?

CHUCKLE CORNER

On a tiny rowboat in the Gulf of Mexico, hundreds of miles from land, are Bush, Cheney, Rumsfeld and Condoleesa, when a sudden storm breaks out. Worse still, a school of hungry sharks start circling the boat. At last the rowboat capsizes and all four of them are in the stormy water.

Question: One gets saved. Who?

Answer: The people of the United States and the world!

ALL INDIA ANTI-IMPERIALIST FORUM

Shri Mukherjee deprecated the glaring partisan attitude of the UN, congratulated the socialist government and the brave people of North Korea for their firm stand and resolute opposition against the imperialist plot to corner them and destroy their socialist system and extended full support to their efforts for strengthening defense capabilities to combat any barbaric armed assault by the imperialist pirates. This gallantry of socialist North Korea, Shri Mukherjee was of firm opinion, is not just for defense of their own motherland but for defense of the entire humanity against raving beastly savagery of the US imperialism and its accomplices. Shri Mukherjee also strongly denounced the most hated role of the Indian bourgeois government pretending to be a constituent of the Non-aligned Movement against imperialist overlordism, for acquiescing to the UN move and thereby covertly siding with the US imperialists, as junior partner of world imperialism, in orchestrating a virtual war of attrition against North Korea trampling upon the glorious anti-imperialist tradition of the Indian people.

Shri Mukherjee called upon all well-meaning peace loving people of the world to stand by North Korea in her fight for a just cause and come forward to build up massive united anti-imperialist movement to thwart such sinister moves and foil evil

machinations on the part of the US imperialists and their boot-lickers to overrun integrity and freedom of sovereign countries, keep the international situation surcharged, disrupt peace and perpetrate all kinds of heinous crime on mankind.

All India anti-Imperialist Forum (AIAIF) condemns UN sanctions against North Korea and calls upon people of the world to stand by her and build up massive anti-imperialist movement to foil all attacks on mankind and civilization

Shri Manik Mukherjee, Vice-President, All India anti-Imperialist Forum (AIAIF) in a statement issued today, severely condemned the most atrocious economic and military sanctions imposed on socialist North Korea by the UN clearly at the instigation and insistence of the US imperialists and their cohorts holding her guilty for conducting a successful nuclear test purely in self-defense after all her attempts to prevent the escalating threat and intimidation on the part of the US imperialism and its associates, to subvert her freedom, sovereignty and socialist system proved abortive. This once again showed, observed Shri Mukherjee, that the UN has virtually become a rubber-stamp of the US imperialists and their allies, pursuing international gangsterism with alacrity flouting all international laws, norms and practices and flaunting brute military might as if they are licensed to arrogate to themselves the right to play foul with any country which refuses to kneel down before their dictatorial fiat and be pliant with their brigandage and hegemonistic design.

While US imperialism, the international gendarme and worst enemy of the people, wondered Shri Mukherjee, does not invite wrath of the UN despite possessing all kinds of lethal weapons including devastating nuclear armory, mounting military aggression on other countries on fraudulent pretext, brutally killing innocent women, children and patients by using latest sophisticated deadly weapons, nakedly intervening in the internal affairs of others, openly engineering regime changes on others' soils through coups and intrigues and installing its puppet governments, punitive action is taken against North

Korea for exercising her inalienable right to defend herself against possible attack from such a demonic force holding the whole world in ransom.

KOSOVO AND METHODIA

STATEMENT BY THE YUGOSLAV COMMUNIST YOUTH

The League of Yugoslav Communist Youth (SKOJ) most severely condemns the very scandalous declaration of Matti Ahtisaari, the United Nations Special Envoy on the "Question of Kosovo and Metohia", according to which "the Serbian people are guilty and must pay the price for its historical mistakes."

Such an assertion by the UN Special Envoy represents an obvious provocation by which he openly promotes fear and provokes anxiety in regulating the future status of Kosovo and Metodija. We have been from the very beginning against any and every kind of negotiation on Kosovo being under the NATO occupation. Mr. Ahtisaari's remarks show that Western Imperialism in Kosovo and Metohia is behaving like an occupational force and the so-called "negotiation process" is just a bald-faced lie in order to give legitimacy for the NATO occupation.

This remark during the discussions with the present Serbian negotiating team is utterly unacceptable and also uncivilized. In all of history there has been only one person who had made such an assertion. And that was Adolf Hitler.

We remember well the "noble peace mission" of Mr. Martti Ahtisaari in 1999, when, with a threat of total destruction of Belgrade and Serbia on a "take it or leave it" basis, he compelled the then Government of Serbia to sign the "Kumanovo Accord" by which Kosovo and Metodija was occupied and turned into NATO's biggest military base.

There is no nation that can be guilty of collective guilt. If we remember our history, in the siege of Leningrad during World War II, the whole Finnish Army of Karelia participated with its 300,000 troops in helping the Germans. In this

US AID TO ISRAEL UP TO 1997 ONLY

Foreign Aid Grants and Loans
\$74,157,600,000
US Foreign Aid (12% of all US
Foreign Aid)
\$9,047,227,000
Interest to Israel from Advanced
Payments
\$1,650,000,000

Total cost to US taxpayers
\$134,791,507,200,000

This does not include the Zionist
Organizations Billions that are
collected each year from all over
the world.

These figures are from the official
Washington Report on Middle East

blockade more than 1,000,000
Soviet citizens of Leningrad died.
Does that mean that the Finnish
people as a whole are to blame?

Yes, by Mr. Ahtisaari's logic!

In Kosovo and Metohija there
wasn't any aggression by the
"Greater Serbia" or the Army of
Yugoslavia, because it was obliged
by its own Constitution to defend its
own territory. The Army of
Yugoslavia did not invade Iraq or
Afghanistan, but only defended its
own territory. Unfortunately there
were violations of the Geneva
Convention for which individuals in
the army and police of Federal
Yugoslavia were tried and punished.
The crimes of individuals or small
groups cannot be the justification for
condemning the whole people.

The escalation of the conflict in
Kosovo and Metohia in 1998-99 was
without any doubt directed by
Western imperialists with the goal of
occupying that part of the Balkans
and turning it into a training ground.
NATO's occupation of Kosovo and
Metohija has in no way contributed to
peace or development or prosperity,
but had totally nullified the results
that were achieved in the 55 years
when Kosovo by its own efforts and
support of all the Yugoslav people
realized a very significant progress in
all fields.

Over 73% inhabitants of Kosovo
are now unemployed, and all of the
major branches of the economy are
in the hands of the NATO occupiers,
who freely dispose of it and reap the

benefits of whatever was created before in the interest of the people of Kosovo and Metohija. Kosmet has been turned into a nest of world terrorism, black marketing and mafia.

Therefore the goal of the policy being conducted by certain international "peace commissions is a further deepening on the crisis by the principle of 'divide and conquer', with the goal of further occupation of this part of the Balkans. It is hypocritical of the representatives of the pro-imperialist bourgeois regime in Belgrade to excuse Mr. Anhtisaari for his gaffe. By this fact, the government in Belgrade expresses its fake bourgeois patriotism, but which cannot fool the people of Serbia. The present government of Serbia also shows its political short-sightedness, because it is obvious that in case Anhtisaari apologizes, which is hardly to be expected, the policy of separating Kosovo from Serbia and the total legalization of the occupation by Western imperialism, of which Mr. Aryisaari is the ambassador, will not be changed.

If the government of Serbia were really to behave patriotically, it would clearly show that Kosovo and Metohia are occupied territory and demand that all foreign occupation troops should immediately leave the territory.

To us in SKOJ, it is clear that nothing of the sort can be expected from this or any other bourgeois pro-imperialist government.

"I CAN'T GO TO IRAQ TO KILL THOSE CHILDREN!"

From The Independent newspaper

A 19 year-old infantryman from Greater Manchester, England was tormented and concerned about what awaited him when the King's Lancaster Regiment reached Iraq, where already 115 British soldiers have been killed since 2003.

Within 48 hours after confessing his concern to his parents, Private Chelsea committed suicide. On his deathbed he told his Mother: "I can't go out there and shoot at young children. I can't go to Iraq. I don't care on what side these children are on, I can't do it and I won't shoot at them!"

YOU WILL ALWAYS BE TRACKED!

Imperialism's need for control of people have now come up with an implant of biochip transponder that is the size of a small grain of rice. The plan is to implant it into humans in order to be able to follow their movements, their transactions and to, as the company states: "to eliminate fraud or need for cash or credit cards".

Motorola is the US company which produces this chip for Mondex Smartcard. This biochip is only 7mm long and 0.075mm wide, the size of a grain of rice. The transponder is the system for saving and recovery of information in the microchips. The reading is done in waves by remote control.

- More than 250 companies in 20 countries are now "privileged" to use this control system.

-MasterCard has bought 51% of Mondex. They spent more than \$1.5 million just for research into the question in which part of the body is the best place to implant this Microchip. Only two places in the human body are best for implanting – in the head underneath the scalp and in the right hand.

-More on this can be learned on - www.google.com MondexSmartcard.



GUNS FOR HIRE!

By DAVID H. HACKWORTH

In September of this year, American troops in Macedonia rescued 400 Albanian rebels who were members of the 113th UCK (Kosovo Liberation Army) Brigade. This operation is a smelly business. I couldn't help asking myself as to why the NATO brass would risk the life of 80 American paratroopers to save a band of very heavily armed cutthroats bent on overthrowing the established government of the country that President Bush and the US State Department have repeatedly stated to the world that they are committed to save!

This act was like an FBI Swat Team rescuing Timothy McVeigh minutes before the execution. My first thought was – Whose side are we really on? My second thought was – What's the objective here – stabilizing or destabilizing Macedonia?

This UCK brigade located four miles outside Skopje, capital of Macedonia, was surrounded for two weeks, under heavy attack by the Macedonian government forces and on the verge of complete destruction.

The Macedonian government forces were fit to be tied at this American provocation.

The US Command confirmed that this rescue operation was also to "save the dozens of Americans among the withdrawing rebels." More than 70% of the equipment of these CIA trained rebels was American made, including the most advanced modern third-generation night vision devices – this was reported even by the German newspaper – Hamburger Abendblatt on June 28, 2006.

But these US soldiers are members of the Pentagon's high-ticket "Rent-a-Soldier" outfit called MPRI – Military Professional Resources Incorporated – that operates under the wing, but in the shadow of the Pentagon and had been hired by the CIA and our US State Department for service in Yugoslavia. This Private Army is headed by the former US Army Chief of Staff, General Carl E. Vuono. It is filled with highly paid US Army personnel, from Generals to Senior Sergeants, all of whom have very

high wages, on top of their US Army retired salaries – all courtesy of the US taxpayers.

This "Private Army" even has a website –www.MPRI.com – that boasts: "**We serve the needs of the US Government, and of the private sector with the highest standards and cost effective solutions.**"

Scores of ex-US Army soldiers are working for the ever-expanding MPRI or other such private contractors on the payroll of the US Pentagon, in places such as Saudi Arabia, Taiwan, Yugoslavia, Colombia, ex-USSR republics etc. This is a growing and booming killing business.

There are laws in the USA which bar and forbid its citizens from serving in such guns-for-hire outfits, but the US Congress has a deaf ear.

IMPERIALISM has caused the tragedy in Sri Lanka already for 25 years and cost over 65,000 lives in this vicious conflict between Tamil Tigers and successive Sri Lanka's governments. American interests are the cause in this war.

WHO'S AFRAID OF OSAMA WOLF?

By GREG PALAST

So, Osama walks into This Bar, See? And Bush says, "Whad'I'ya have, pardner?" and Osama says...

But wait a minute. I'd rather shut my mouth. The sign here at the airport says, "*Security is no joking matter.*" But if security is no joking matter, why does this guy dressed in high-school marching band outfit tells me to dump my Frapucciono and take off my shoes? All I can say is thank the Lord the "shoe bomber" didn't carry Semtex in his underpants.

Toda's (August 14th) a RED ALERT day. How odd. They just seemed to have caught these British guys with their "*chemistry sets*". But when these guys were supposedly planning to blow up airlines, the USA itself was only on ORANGE ALERT! That's a "low threat" notice.

According to the official US press release by the Homeland Security, the low-threat Orange Alert means that there were no special

inspections needed of passengers or cargo. Isn't it nice Mr. Bush to alert Osama bin Laden when half of our US Security forces were given a day off? Hmm. I asked an Israel security agent as to why Israel doesn't use these pretty colour codes.

He asked me if, when I awoke, whether I checked the day's terror colour code?

"I can't say that I ever had. I mean, who would?"

He smiles, "*The terrorists would!*"

America is the only country in the world that kindly informs the would be covert and overt bombers, hijackers and berserkers that says on which days they won't be monitored. You've got to get up pretty early in the morning to get a jump on George Bush's team.

There are three possible explanations for the US Administration's publishing a good-day- arranged-bombing guidebook.

- (1) God is on Osama's side.
- (2) George is on Osama's side.
- (3) Fear sells better than sex.

A gold star if you picked #3!

THE FEAR FACTORY

I'm going to tell you something which is straight-up heresy: America is not under attack by terrorists! There is NO WAR ON TERROR because, except one day five years ago, al Qaeda has left us alone, as it was pre-arranged.

America is not under attack by terrorists. There is no WAR ON TERROR because, except for one day five years ago, al Qaeda has pretty much left the USA alone.

That's because Osama got what he wanted. He put his demands on the web site with a single demand: "*Crusaders out of the two Holy Places.*" To translate: Get the US troops out of Saudi Arabia!

George Bush gave it to him quickly. On April 29, before landing on the aircraft carrier Lincoln, our self-described "*War President*" quietly put out a notice that he was withdrawing the US troops from Saudi Arabia. The US press took no notice of this at all. They were all wiggie over Bush's waddling around the carrier deck in a disco-aged jump suit and announcing, "**MISSION ACCOMPLISHED**". But it was not America's mission that was really accomplished, it was Osama's.

Am I saying that there is no danger, no threat? Sure there is: 46,000,000 Americans have no life insurance. IBM is legally stealing from its employees' pension plan, while United Airlines has dumped its pensions altogether. 4,300,000 were injured, made sick or killed on their unsafe jobs last year alone. TXU Corporation is right now building four monster-sized power plants in Texas that will burn skuzzy gunk called "*lignite*". This filth will pour into the sky and will snuff out heck a lot more American people than some goofy group of fanatics with bottles of hydrogen peroxide.

But the Americans don't ask for real protection from what's killing us. The War on Terror is the Weapon of Mass Distraction. Instead of demanding health insurance, we have 59 million our US citizens pooping in their pants with fear of al Qaeda, waddling to the polls, crying: "*George, please save us!*"

And what has our George Bush given us? In my small town, the US government has paid for loading an SUV with .50 calibre machine guns to watch for an al Qaeda attack on this small dock of the ferry that takes tourists to the Indian Casino in Connecticut. This Casino Dock is my own officially designated by the Pentagon as "*Critical Asset and Vulnerability Infrastructure Point (CAVIP)*"

To find the most vulnerable points to attack in the USA, Al Qaeda can download an official list from the Department of Homeland Security website --no kidding!

But that's not all. Bush is protecting us from English hijackers with exploding coffee cups with a fearsome anti-terrorist tool: the Virginia-class submarine. The V-boat was originally meant to hunt Soviet subs. But, there are no more Soviet Subs to hunt. So, our US General Dynamics Corporation and Lockheed Martin Corporation have "*refitted*" these Cold War dinosaurs with new torpedoes redesigned to carry counter-terror commandoes. That's right: when we find Osama's beach house here, we can shoot our boys right up under his picnic table and take him out. These Marine-in-a-tube injector boats cost only \$2.5 billion each – and our dear President ordered half a dozen new ones!

Lynn Cheney, the VP wife, still

takes in her compensation from Lockheed Corporation as a former board member. Of course we cannot think that this has anything to do with the multi-billion dollar "anti-terror" contract!

Yes, fear sells better than sex. Fear is the sales pitch for many lucrative products: from billion dollar sailor injectors to one very lucrative war in Mesopotamia (*a third of a \$trillion dollars of taxpayers monies doled out – no audits, no questions asked.*)

This is better than toothpaste that makes our teeth whiter than white – this stuff will make us safer than safe. This is political junk food, the cheap filling in the flashy tube. What US people do not get is safety from the real dangers: a life-threatening health-care system. Lung-murdering pollution production and trade deficit with China that's reducing America to coolie status.

War on terror is class war by other means – to keep you from asking for real protection from true threats, the landlord of the USA that gives you fake protection from manufacturing dangers. And they also remind you to be afraid every time you fly and tell you that you have to give up your hemorrhoid ointment to the underpaid guy in the bellhop suit at the airport with a security badge.

Oh, hey, you never got the punch line.

So, Osama walks into this Bar, and Bush says: "*Whad'l'ya have pardner?*" And Osama says: "*Well, George, what are you serving today?*" and Bush says: "*Fear!*", and Osama shouts: "*Fear for everybody!*" and George pours it on for the crowd. Then the presidential bartender says: "*Hey, who's buying?*" and Osama points a thumb at the crowd sucking down their brew. "*They are!*" he says. And the two of them (*George and Osama*) share a quite laugh.

AS I SEE IT

By JERRY MORSE

VIENNA: Quickly recognizable is the extent to which NATO authorities, especially those of the US and the IMF complex behind them, will go to fulfill the mission of controlling other countries. They function within many

facets of world power control, by threatening those that interfere in any of their military plans. Case in point is that of Dr. Jorg Haider, Government head of one of the provinces of Austria. Dr. Haider opposed the purchase of Euro-fighter Jets, but was told officially that "**keep your fingers out of the Euro-fighter business or your family will be eliminated.**"

The assassination of former Lebanese Prime Minister, Rafiq Hariri, while placing blame on Syria, was part of NATO's long-range plan for the Middle East. By using new and powerful advanced weapons and explosives, fits well into their plans for the New World Order. Also, preparing the international scare tactics, using supposedly foreigners associated with Al Qaeda, is an old hat in the NATO tricks and strategy. They even allow some of these "terrorists" to get away, thus "keeping the pot boiling again".

Making and planting anti-skinhead bombs, and this can only be done with the cooperation of the airport security officials, becomes an effective method of scaring the public, and thus gives sensational news stories to the media and, this is meant to boost the prestige of the Bush Administration for the coming November US election.

Yet in Bush's kitchen, the big joke is a laughable slogan: "*Skinheads don't use shampoo that could be used to make explosive bombs!*"

Humanity Beware!

U.S. PLANNING TO CARVE UP MIDDLE EAST

According to a leaked memo-confirmed by German sources, the American military circles are recommending the re-organization of all nations in the Middle East according to ethnic lines. This plan will actually see the loss of territory and drawing up of new borders that in actual fact will effect Turkey, Syria, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Iran and Pakistan among others.

The plan by US imperialism is the dissolution of these states along ethnic and religious affiliation lines. According to this Pentagon Plan, a country, by the name of "*Free Kurdistan*" will be created, three times the size of Syria, from the territory taken from today's Northern

Iraq and Eastern Turkey. The remainder of Iraq would be divided, its capital, Baghdad, will be smashed. Iran will lose extensive areas of its coast, as well as its territory bordering on Pakistan, where a "*Free Baluchistan*" is to be founded. Mekka and Medina, until now located in Saudi Arabia, will be proclaimed as capitals of the "*Islamic Sacred State*".

This "*Sacred State*" will extend to the southern borders of Jordan – doubling the surface of the Hashemite territory (*Greater Jordan*).

This reorganization by the Pentagon is depicted on several US maps, that the historian Dr. Pierre Hillard (*Paris*) has now published in France. This Dr. Hillard, charges that the present German government policy plays a very important part in propagating these Pentagon plans.

THE PASTOR'S DONKEY

The Church Pastor entered his donkey in a race and won. The Pastor was so pleased with the donkey that he entered it in a race again and it won again. The local newspaper read: "**Pastor's Ass out in Front**"

The Bishop was so upset with this kind of publicity that he ordered the Pastor not to enter his donkey in a race again. The next day the local newspaper headline read: "**Bishop scratches Pastor's Ass.**"

This was too much for the Bishop, so he ordered his Pastor to get rid of the donkey. The Pastor decided to give it to a Nun in a nearby convent. The local newspaper, hearing about this news, posted the following headline the next day: "**Nun has the Best Ass in Town**".

The Bishop fainted. He informed the Nun that she would have to get rid of the donkey, so she sold it to a farmer for \$10. The next day the paper read: "**Nun Sells Ass for \$10.**"

This was too much for the Bishop, so he ordered the Nun to buy back the donkey and lead it to the grassy plains where it could run wild. The next day the newspaper headline read: "**Nun Announces her Ass is Wild and Free.**"

Alas, the Bishop could not take this and died. He was buried.

OPEN FORUM

HUNDREDS OF AMERICAN WAR VETERANS STAND UP FOR LT. WATADA *By Dahr Jamail, truthout.org*

Last August 24 in Seattle, USA, there was held a National Veterans Convention. For those who don't already know who Lt. Ehren Watada is, he became the first commissioned US officer to publicly refuse deployment to the unlawful war in the Middle East and occupation of Iraq.

Just as Watada took the stage and began to speak, over 50 members of the Iraq War Veterans Against The War filed in behind him (*as the above photograph shows*). Watada, surprised by this and obviously taken aback by this symbolic act, turned back to the audience, took some deep breaths, than began to speak. We are just quoting an excerpt from this tremendous speech for space reasons only.



WILL THE REAL COMMUNIST PLEASE STAND UP!

This piece is from Australia and reports on a trade union leader – **KEN DOUGLAS- A TRAITOR OR A VISIONARY**

In a TV interview by Don Franks, the producers of this programme "attempted to answer the question: did Douglas betray his socialist beliefs and trade union principles to kowtow to the employers; or is he a man of great integrity and vision, who understood how the world was changing in the 20th century".

In fact, the programme was centred only on the personal, at the expense of the political. Much time was devoted to doings of Ken's alcoholic mother, his schooldays and his talent as a ballroom dancer. Later on the show the viewers were presented only a folksy image and interview with Ken's former union colleague Peter Harris and National MP Max Bradford.

Such personal frames of references don't properly assess political people like Douglas. He was a very ambitious functionary who rose to key positions of leadership. Douglas was also a life-long self-described communist in sum, a person who'd chosen to assume huge responsibilities to the working class.

To see how Douglas handled his chosen responsibilities require more than an appraisal of his personality, although it was always an important part of Ken's manoeuvring. His address to the CTU conference in 1997 was typical of his substituting that persona for class politics. Douglas began by thundering: "The Council of Trade Unions was born the day the share-market crashed. At that time the gut instinct was to applaud it – it was about time, the greedy bastards got what was coming."

Having set that militant tone, Douglas then advise the unions to "concern themselves with the creation of wealth as well as its distribution" and to "have realistic

expectations." Douglas used this formula over and over again, because he could make it work. But, beneath his loud blustering, Ken Douglas invariably directed the trade unions to move to the right.

Big issues during Douglas years were the Australian government/union "Compact", which restricted wage growth; the Labour Relations Act which restricted the ability to strike; Workplace Reform and the National Party's imposition of the Employment Contracts Act (ECA). In these struggles and in others, Douglas consistently compromised right up to the point of complete capitulation.

Whether a general strike against the Employment Contracts Act would have been able to kill the bill, we'll never know, because Douglas successfully talked other trade union leaders out of taking any action. But, what we do know well, is the role Douglas played in creating the ECA's replacement. His first attempt was the infamous Workplace Relations Bill, which retained the anti-strike laws of the National Party's ECA.

At that time I wrote to Douglas arguing that "it's comprehensible to me how an experienced trade union leadership can put up a proposal to a future government which allows the workers in struggle to be jailed, sued and fined, and yet that is exactly what the WRB unambiguously calls for. It's bewildering to read a proposal for a labour law restricting the right to strike, when a proposal such as this is put up by the trade union side."

Today, 9 years later, the same anti-strike legislation restrictions remain law in the Labour Party's Employment Relations Act, which also Douglas supported.

This sell-out style of CTU leadership provoked large union discontent. In 1998 the Service Workers Union complained: "There is a perceived reluctance on the part of the CTU to participate in large scale campaigns which would change the climate, be catalytic events and lead to the downfall of the government."

In response to this and other criticisms the CTU leadership commissioned a "review" by professor Nigel Haworth, which found that the CTU possesses "a powerful and respected public presence." The CTU leadership then

pushed divisive contestable funding through the CTU. All its 14 district councils were dissolved, along with their rights to retain a portion of capitation fees. All of the CTU money is now controlled by a finance committee of only six. Outlying districts that required funding for any campaign, now relied entirely on approval by the new central committee.

This TV programme skipped over all of these struggles with barely a mention. Years of various counter arguments against Ken's capitulations were represented by just two five-seconds sound bites from opposing unionists. This is what is called balanced journalism, capitalist style.

This TV programme did more justice to Douglas's career as a jet-setting member on many boards and official government bodies. Most revealing was Ken's recent ILO sponsored Mongolia junket advising trade unions there how to cope with privatization of the Mongolian economy. Ken was shown telling Mongolian trade unionists that: "There's no point in opposing the government because you can't win...well, not unless you're prepared to use rifles, ha ha!"

What kind of a Marxist sees armed-anti-government struggle as nothing but a joke? The answer to that is: those who broke away from the Communist Party of New Zealand (CPNZ) in 1965. It was then that Ken Douglas and some other CPNZ members left the party in order to set up the Socialist Unity Party (SUP). This political split was seen as a reflection of differences in the CPNZ - a majority identifying with Chinese socialism and a minority identifying with Soviet socialism - but the underlying issue was - **revolution or reform.**

From the day of its birth, up to its disintegration after the collapse of the Soviet Union, the SUP was a fire blanket on the trade union movement. They supported the government and counselled the workers to cooperate with the bosses. The SUP always opposed trade union involvement in anti-nuclear or anti-imperialist struggles, saying that workers would only fight when their own pay was affected.

This was communism in name only, since the heart, the brain and

guts removed. It is no wonder that the leader of these "communists" Ken Douglas, was awarded the capitalist system's highest possible award, the Order of New Zealand, not very long after playing the leading role of preventing a general strike against the ECA.

Enough raking over old rubbish! More important is to ask how trade union activists today can build a revolutionary socialist workers' movement that's real and not a grotesque impersonation.

COMMENT:

Sad to say that many of the trade union leaders in capitalist countries are made of the same cloth as the above - all pretending to be progressive, while stabbing the trade union movement and working class in the back.

WAS THIS SAID BY A FASCIST OR A ZIONIST?

From Israel's overtly racist Zionist "YnetNews.com, news service, which shows its true face.

"We cannot be with all these Arabs, we'll have to expel now the overwhelming majority of these West Bank Arabs from there and also remove the Israeli Arabs from our political system.

We have to do three things: Expel most of the Judea and Samaria Arabs from here. We cannot be with these Palestinian Arabs and we cannot give up the land."

Israeli Knesset member Effie Eitam of the National Union -National Religious Party.



Here, There and Everywhere!

By ROD BOWKER

CHINA-

Riot police have been used to disperse thousands of villagers in the Guangdong's Xinhui County after they surrounded the town hall protesting the China government's refusal to issue these Chinese citizens their ID cards. Without these ID cards these Chinese peasants cannot vote in the local elections, and this was done because these peasants disagreed with the government on agricultural matters, privatization of land, near starvation and no health benefits. They are demanding that they want to elect their own local deputies and do not want those that are appointed by the private sector.

WEST BANK-

Neighbours reported that Israeli soldiers had been beating her husband because he wasn't answering their questions. Valiantly, the 35-year old Palestinian wife had interfered. She tried to explain to these Israeli soldiers that her husband was deaf. She screamed at the soldiers that he could not hear anything and attempted to stop the soldiers from beating her husband. So they shot her several times, once in the head.

MOSCOW -

Bush Administration has made it clear to Russia's government that their long-range objectives are very clear. They aim to get the privatization of Russia's oil industry on the fast track, then convert the ruble to the dollar, remove the present government, and then prevent Russia from controlling the huge oil reserves that are in the Caspian Sea.

WASHINGTON-

The US Army Chief of Staff, General Peter J. Schoomaker said that the US plans to keep the current level of its soldiers in Iraq through year 2010.

Currently the US has 141,000 in Iraq.

WHAT IS FASCISM?

"When fascism comes to America, it will be wrapped in the American flag, carrying a cross."—SINCLAIR LEWIS

ALL FASCIST REGIMES SHOW THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERISTICS:

1. Very powerful and continuing expressions of nationalism. Catchy slogans, American flags all over, pride in its military. But all of this is coupled with suspicion, bordering on xenophobia of foreigners and foreign countries.
2. Disdain for the importance of human rights, but only for the elite. Through clever use of propaganda the population is brought to accept these human rights abuses by believing that it's patriotic Americanism. The corporate state media uses secrecy, denial and constant daily disinformation by the controlled media.
3. The US elite creates constant national emergencies (*like the Reichstag fire in fascist Germany*). The common thread in all fascist regimes is creating these emergencies in order to divert the people's attention from other problems. Active opponents of this creeping fascism are labelled as communists, unpatriotic, enemies, terrorists and dealt with accordingly.
4. Military is closely tied to the fascist mentality of the state apparatus. A disproportionate share of all national resources are allocated to the military, even if domestic need is grater, such as medical care etc. It uses its military to intimidate other countries and thus increase the prestige of the ruling class.
5. Very rampant sexism, in spite of constant propaganda to prove otherwise. The political elite is male dominated and these regimes view women as second-class citizens. They use religion and its draconian laws, thus giving this fascist regime cover for its abuses.
6. Nowhere is the media controlled as much as in the USA. This daily media in most every instance will not stray away from the main line of the

government elite. They also use the method of licensing control, access to resources, economic pressure, appeal to patriotism and implied threats if the media dares to stray. The leaders of these media giants are in most cases part of the elite. They keep away the truth of the state excesses.

7. There is constant obsession with national security. This is an instrument of oppression, operating in secret and beyond any constraints. All of its actions are justified under the excuse of protecting "national security". But if anyone dares to question this, they are portrayed as unpatriotic and even treasonous.

8. Religion and the ruling fascist elite are tied together. The fascist regime ties itself very closely to the predominant religion of the country and then choose to portray themselves as militant defenders of that religion. The fact that their behaviour is very contrary to the religion they profess to uphold, this is swept under the rug by the religious leaders. The constant propaganda, both the state's and religion, keep up the illusion that the ruling class is the only defender of the faith, while the opponents are portrayed as "godless". This is promoted that any opposition to the state power is tantamount as an attack on religion.

9. The multinational and powerful state corporations are protected. Although the people are under control, the corporations can operate in full freedom. The state sees this as another venue for the ongoing control of the people.

10. The power of labour and labour unions are curtailed or even eliminated and controlled by buying off corrupt leaders.

11. Universities are becoming more tightly controlled through pressure, lack of funding, firing of leading opponents. Unorthodox ideas or expressions of dissent are attacked, silenced or even crushed.

12. These regimes maintain huge prison populations. The police are glorified and unchecked. "Political dissent" is often tried as "criminal". The fear of "political traitors" sometimes overshadows the fear of

outright criminals, and thus an excuse for the fascist state to get more political police.

13. Those in business circles and very close to the power elite, often use these connections to enrich themselves. This corruption works both ways. The elite become fabulously rich because the national security apparatus is in their hands, the daily media is muzzled, corruption is uncontrollable and not very well understood by the general population.

14. Of course, fraudulent elections are a great tool. When actual elections are held, they are mostly perverted by the powerful elite, in order to get the desired results. The control of the election machinery, intimidating, disenfranchising opposition voters, destroying or disallowing legal voters, and, as a last resort, turning to their controlled law courts, even to the Supreme Court who are also beholden to the power elite.

OTHERWISE, THIS IS CALLED "DEMOCRACY"!

**MICHAEL
OPPERSKAI SKI**



THIS WAS THE TRUE CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS

When US and Italian people celebrate Christopher Columbus Day in their countries, it is necessary to remember the following bitter fruit of his discovery of America and the bigotry and savagery of the Roman Catholic Church in this.

"Christopher Columbus is a symbol, not of a man, but of Imperialism. Imperialism and Colonialism are not something that happened decades

ago or generations ago, but they are still happening now with the exploiting people. The kind of thing that happened long ago in which the people were expelled from their land and forced out of subsistence economies and into market economies – those processes are still happening today.”

John Mohawk, Seneca 1992

The Indians, Columbus reported, are so naive and so free with their possessions that no one who has not witnessed them would believe it. When you ask for something they have, they never say no. To the contrary, they offer to share with anyone...

From his base on Haiti, Columbus sent expedition after expedition into the interior. They found no gold fields, but had to fill up their ships with something in order to bring him to Spain, some kind of dividend.

In the year 1495, they went on a great Slave Raid, where Columbus's men rounded up over 1,500 Arawk men, women and children – put them in jail pens, guarded by Spaniards and their dogs – then they picked out the best 500 specimens and loaded them onto the ships. Of course with the full blessings of the Spanish Catholic priests.

Of those 500 slaves captives, two hundred died in captivity in the dungeon-like belly of the ship. The rest of the slaves arrived in Catholic Spain and were put up for sale by the Archbishop, who reported that the slaves were “naked as the day they were born” and they “showed no more embarrassment than animals.”

Columbus later wrote that: “Let us in the name of God and of the Holy Trinity go on sending all the slaves here that can be sold.”

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WHY NOT START A DISCUSSION ON THE STRATEGY AND TACTICS OF PROGRESSIVE, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL FORCES IN THE CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES?

By Dr. IVAN ANGELO, Sofia, Bulgaria

Dear readers:

I was delighted to read in the June 2006 issue of NSC on page 20 about the Declaration of the Revolutionary Communist Youth (Bolshevik) on the Fourth European Social Forum that was held in Athens, Greece in May of this year. The information of the history of the Forum is impressive and the arguments they share with us are very useful and valuable. All that they said is correct and I am amongst those who fully agree with them.

As good as that material is, but it should be only as a starting point of a possible discussion on the “Strategy and Tactics” which I feel is essential both for the current and the near-future performances and also developments of progressive and social forces under the immediate circumstances of the world that we are living in.

I agree with the main objective of that Athens Forum. I especially agree with the formulation that “confronting imperialism is only possible from a clear class standpoint, without delegating political leadership to the reformist forces, whose aim is to deliver the protesting forces into the hands of the collaborationists.”

This is fine, but in many countries like Turkey and Bulgaria the social protests are very curtailed if not impossible, or they are put down by the state. This cooperation with reformist circles has its positive and negative connotations. This brings to the fore as to how strong are the progressive social forces? Are they expected to just melt together at a single touch with the reformist or revisionist and also opportunistic movements?

Bolshevism was and is not so much to only voice openly the correct ideas and principles, but rather to see them put into immediate practise, under certain favourable conditions.

So it certainly looks that the

forces of Turkish Marxist-Leninists are capable to organize and hold such protests, in spite of the state security forces, arrests, torture and killings. Thus cooperation with all forces produces the results if led and guided by real Bolsheviks.

A number of Bulgarian delegates to this Athens Forum spread their x-copied articles from Northstar Compass and other publications of that kind here in Bulgaria and got them printed in the Bulgarian newspaper “People's Tribune”, organ of the Bulgarian Workers' Party (Communists).

This may sound and look very little in importance. However we are now far from our positions of yesterday and unfortunately must start our struggles from the very beginning. We have to learn that to be a Bolshevik does not mean to go out into the streets almost alone and being beaten up or killed by the police just to voice certain ideas, slogans openly. In the early 1940's we in Bulgaria had a legal and an illegal Communist Party, doing practically the same work, but by different means and approaches.

I don't think that it is necessary to remind ourselves about what Lenin wrote about this method of protest in “Childish Illness of Communism”.

With most of the industry and also of agriculture practically having disappeared from Bulgaria under this neo-colonialist regime, classes as such have also practically disappeared. But the rich oligarchs, although very small, have in their hands all of the assets of former Socialist Bulgaria and they squander it at will. The people are broken into small groupings and most of them are unemployed. The small industries are in private hands, the population is terrorized by the private police of the small industries that manage to exist, thus the fear of unemployment is very real.

Maybe our younger generation will have to start from the very

communal ejido farmlands (to parcel out as tourist resorts and "leisure farms" for wealthy retirees, mostly Amerikans). A hefty bill demanded for Max II's "election victory"!

PEMEX is the crown jewel emperor George III of Amerika hopes to get from the calderonato: the masters will be pleased if Max II only may deliver PEMEX and to boot for free: both to quench the Apocalyptic Beast's insatiable for petroleum; and for geopolitical reasons like canceling the "Venezuelan threat" of suspending oil shipments if harassed or burning the wells if invaded. AMLO's possibly gaining power is a hurdle to the Pentagon's active plans to invade Venezuela, else "bomb her to the stone age." But also for sheer survival, as once "the Latin American backyard" is lost Amerika's days are short and our Gring@ brethren would soon join us Latin@s in revolution: at last one free, democratic, united and socialist America, North and South!

The privatization charade already began. First trick (but if it fails others will follow) is "industrial modernization" and the "need of a US \$20 billion loan to modernize PEMEX." No one explained why in Mexico, producing one-sixth the steel of the U.S.A., or of Japan, and having fine and capable professionals in every technical field, there is any need to mortgage the national patrimony to "modernize"! Goal of these astronomical loans, which cannot be repaid is to hand the enterprises over to the foreign banks for free. Similar to how Napoleon III - whom the great Hugo, the French not the Venezuelan, nicknamed the "Napoleon le Petit" - ostensibly for Mexico's inability to repay its debts, took Mexico by force to put Maximilian I Hapsburg in power. Today, the same old tall tale with different characters. And predictably the same results.

Explanation of the symbols -

The city's two volcanoes, Popocatepetl and Iztaxihuatl, "the sleeping bride and bridegroom," of much symbolic relevance in Mexican culture - to the American peoples, pre-Columbian, volcanoes were gods - in violent explosion. (Where else in the world can such a large city be found - largest in the world after Tokyo - with not one but two (2)

active volcanoes so close to it!!

The "Gran Popo," or "Father Popo," is where Fidel, Che and the rest of the Granma expeditionaries used to train for the Sierra Maestre.

PAGES FROM THE PAST

CAPTAIN FLAME IN GREECE

BY JESSE PAPAPAVOLOU

There was once a man known as "Captain Flame." He was a Greek partisan leader in the mountains of Northern Greece, called Viko. This place was north of Epiros. But this man's real name was Cristos Papos. He lived in a small village called Protopapa. Her was the most feared partisan in Greece, because he would ambush the kill small groups of German Nazis in the middle of the night practically with his bare hands. This made him feared by the Nazis, but loved by the democratic Greek working class. He moved as fast as a firestorm and that is where his partisan name came from.

There was a civil war in Greece from 1941-1949. The progressive forces in Greece were (EAM) National Liberation Front and (EAL) - the National Peoples Liberation Army. Last but not least was (EPON) - the legendary revolutionary youth organization. These groups were started in 1941 to defend Greece from Italian fascists and later on from the German Nazis. These organizations were strongly based and influenced by the n Stalin periods (1917-1953).

By April of 1944 EAM, ELAS and EPON had liberated 90% of Greece. They did this feat as illegal organizations because, the government of Greece at that time was siding with fascism and nazism. These liberators had brought equality to the Greek people. They built hospitals, medical services, schools that trained the working class. They wanted Greece to be independent from foreign imperialist powers like Britain and the USA. They also formed all over Greece People's Councils. Elections were held in over 300 cities, towns and municipalities in 1948. Education was free, a school in every village The land was divided equally amongst the landless peasants. All this was done under the Provisional Government in December of 1947.

But there were people who formerly ruled Greece and who were being supported by imperialist



countries. It was people like Winston Churchill of Britain who in April of 1944 as Prime Minister, ordered the British BBC radio network to stop covering these Greek peoples achievements against fascism.

Later on, the US Government took over the Greek situation and started to undermine the successes of the Greek people and their Communist led peoples revolution. It was Churchill of Britain and Truman of the United States who truly damaged the hard-won gains that the Greek people achieved.

Through the imperialist support and intervention, the reactionary forces and their henchmen in 1946 murdered 1,289 resistance fighters, 6,671 were badly wounded, 31,632 were horribly tortured, 84,931 were arrested and 677 officers were done away with. On top of all this, they destroyed homes and property, thus leaving 700,000 people homeless. Between 1947-1950 over 28,000 Communists and progressives were jailed and tortured.

Because of this imperialist intervention in Greece, two of my father's partisan comrades stayed in the mountains of Crete until February 1975. These men told me as a child in Canada, when they visited my father "Captain Flame" that they would seek revenge on the Greek fascist collaborators in the middle of each night. They knew that the Greek fascist army was seeking them in order to kill them in the mountains of Crete

These two partisans, Giorgos Trompanakis and Spiros Blazakis were ferocious fighters against fascists in Greece. They lived in a village called the "Red Village" since all of the people there were Communists. As they were talking in our home I overheard them tell the story of my father "Captain Flame". It was Easter in 1943 in Greece when my father came down from the mountains where there were 3 German Nazis patrolling the village. While they were roasting lamb and the band was playing, my father approached the band and told them to keep on playing. He then went to the three Nazis who were also by the roasting lamb, and with two hand grenades in each hand He told the Nazis that they would die for their crimes. That night he killed the three Nazis as he promised the villagers.

In October of 1944 British Imperialists showed up with their forces in Greece. But the British could not contain the Greek rebellion in 1947, therefore US Imperialist trained secret military groups, using ex-Nazis and also Greek Nazi collaborators in anti-guerrilla warfare in order to dislodge the Greek partisans who were Communists.

By August of 1947, the US fully controlled the Greek Government; laws, budget, taxation, imports and exports and internal and foreign policy. US created the CIA torture machine, called "KYP", but it became even more brutal when US imperialism installed the "Greek Fascist Colonels" in a military coup in April of 1967.

Here is just a sample of US policy as told by President Lyndon Johnston to Greek Ambassador in Washington. This is a direct quote: **"F---k your Greek Parliament and your Greek Constitution. Your democracy, parliament or the constitution will not last very long!"**

One of the five Greek Colonels that were installed by the CIA, George Papadopolous, during 1940's was a high-ranking captain of the Nazi Security Battalion. This group, sponsored by the Nazis and abetted by the CIA was used to track down and kill Greek Communist partisans like my father. That's why my father and mother came to Canada. Amnesty International listed these crimes, such as: beatings with pipes of the soles of the feet for months on end; sexual oriented torture of men and women; gagging of windpipes; tearing out of human hair; pulling out toe and finger nails; water torture and other inhuman tortures. Besides all of this, in hunting down the Greek Partisans, US used Napalm bombs first in Greece.

Well over 65,000 Greek Communists were forced to flee Greece, including my father who, when he came to Canada continued his struggle by co-founding the Greek "Belogianis Club".

This name was chosen because Belogianis was a good Greek lawyer who was defending the Greek Partisans in court and his arguments were such that some of the Greek partisans were set free. But, early

one morning this Communist lawyer was seized, taken away and shot by the military junta.

Thousands of Greek refugees also found refuge in the USSR, which offered them sanctuary, mostly in the Uzbekistan Republic.

Thank you "Captain Flame"!

With great humility, your dear son

JESSE

LETTERS

Nepal Workers' and Peasants' Party Central Committee Golmadhi, Bhartapur - 7, Nepal

Dear Michael Lucas,

We received your invitation on the 15th Anniversary of North Star Compass going to be held on Sunday, September 24, 2006 at Friendship House, Toronto, Canada. I, on behalf of Nepal Workers' and Peasants' Party, and all comrades from the party would like to thank you for the invitation. On this occasion, we would like to greet a grand success of the anniversary.

We are quite aware that the editorial board has been publishing the Northstar Compass struggling with numerous difficulties. Many thanks for your continuous efforts.

We are getting the Northstar Compass continuously. Features and articles in the NSC on the world communist movements, anti-imperialist struggles and drawbacks of WTO and globalization are very meaningful. We have been publishing the Nepali translations of the matters in our papers - weekly and daily "The Workers". The matters are helping us to enlighten our comrades and readers.

The four-year long regression has been ended in Nepal but the formation of interim government and election of constituent assembly is still to be done. Therefore, we could not attend the anniversary. But we hope you would like to send us the essence and outcome of the anniversary.

Narayan Man Bijukchhen
Chairman

beginning. I do not like it, but our Bulgarian industries are destroyed, the working class is in shambles and it needs to be rebuilt as was done during the days of Marx, Lenin and later on by others.

This year is also the 150th Anniversary of Dimitar Blagoev, the founder of the previous Bulgarian Workers' Social Democratic Party. He also was one the first to start the first Marxist Group in St. Petersburg, Russia.

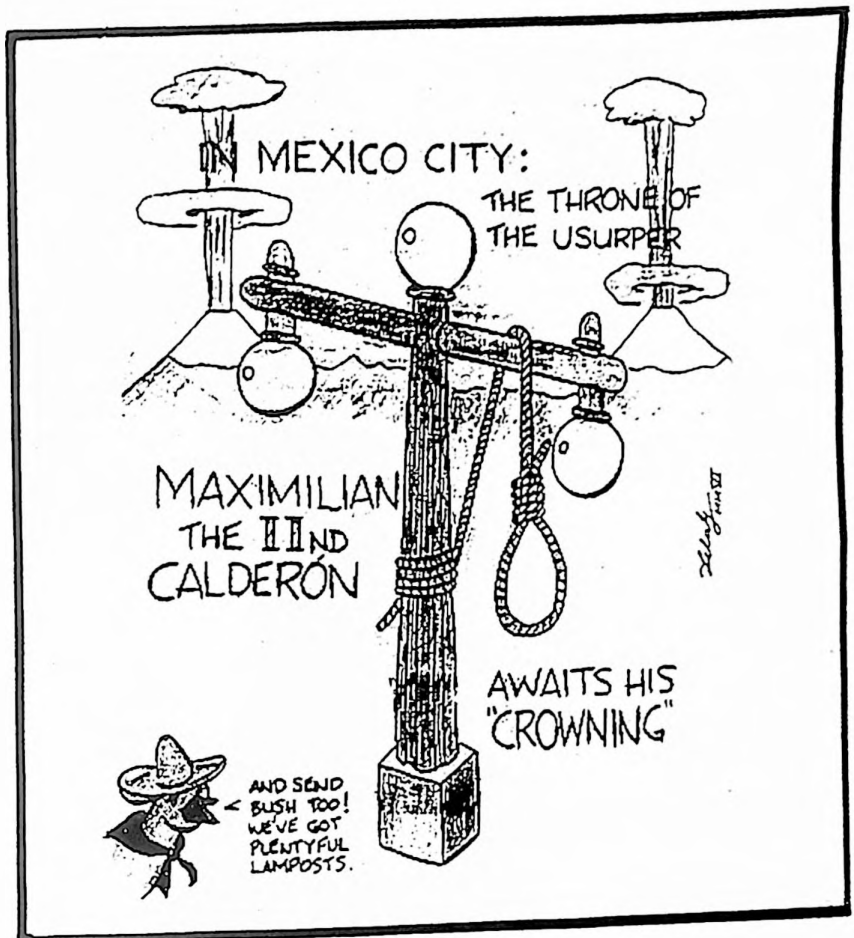
We do not know too much here in Bulgaria about the present events in Russia or other parts of the world, due to the information blackout by the present Bulgarian regime. We have to work amongst ourselves and we do not have to publish everything openly. We have to find unity amongst ourselves first.

Northstar Compass is and should always fulfill the important function as a coordinator and a mediator of this very important exchange of opinions. It has brought us together and will hopefully help us go onwards.

The Battle for Mexico is the Battle for America

By Ana Lucia Gelabert, First of Vendimiary (22nd September) 2006

For millennia we American@s (not to be confused with imperial Amerika) have known that power flows from the barrel of a gun. It was so in Tiwantinsuyo (Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, northern Chile) when the Spaniards defeated usurper Atawapla and our Quechua ancestors, helped by this ruler being deeply hated by the people for usurping the throne from his brother and legitimate Inca in a bloody civil war. Or in Anawac (southwest U.S.A., Mexico and Central America) when our Spanish ancestors beat our Aztec ancestors, the latter being recent invaders deeply hated by neighboring conquered peoples, notably the Tlaxcaltecs. In the end military might determined the outcome and from that bloody mess, still going on, we American@s emerged as a nation, a proud Mestizo nation now challenging imperialist Amerika for hemispheric



rule but above all for socialism.

As of now the outcome is still unclear in Mexico after Bush and "C.I.A." – via "election experts" like Dick Morris and Rob Allyn, same who staged the 2000 and 2004 frauds in Florida and Ohio, speak of undesirable foreigners meddling in Mexico's politics! – helped lapdog Vicente Fox and its crooked "institutions" stage The Big Fraud to deprive Mexicans of their clear choice for president: Don Andrés Manuel López Obrador (AMLO).

On September 15 and 16, 2006, AMLO and two million Mexicans in a National Democratic Convention at the Zócalo formally announced the institution of a New Republic, to replace the "fraudulent republic" of outgoing Fox and incoming usurper "Maximilian II" Calderón. For all purposes, a dual parallel State now exists in Mexico. Side by side a neocolonial puppet Amerika satellite with Max II as a figurehead, and a revolutionary people's republic headed by AMLO and backed by the overwhelming majority of Mexicans. (Free gift, no charge, to anyone else in the world, say ex-USSR, wanting to copycat us Mexicans on this.)

Two presidents each with his own cabinet, bureaucracy, judiciary, two

of everything "existing but never co-existing" side by side. Remains to be seen who ends up controlling the gun, the armed forces and thus effective political power. Anyone can steal an election, not so easy later, if war breaks out, to find enough mercenaries to put down the revolt: witness Iraq or for that matter Cuba, Venezuela or Bolivia. Even if a tiny one percent of military ranks prove dissatisfied with Max II and gain access to weapons, just in the capital there are two million volunteers eager to take them. Quite a predicament for Max II and his imperialist mentors!

Worsening matters, Max II not only has to last six years! – endless term for someone that to be presented his "victory" by I.F.E. had to be flown unannounced by helicopter then smuggled through a back door; some malicious gossips claim "disguised as an old lady"; compare, in Bolivia his Harvard co-alumni "Goni" Sánchez de Lozada only lasted two – but in such shaky term he must privatize all of Mexico's parastatal companies. Mainly PEMEX but also the utilities, telephone, cement, even universities and schools (rumor is the Catholic "Yunque" wants these) and

DID YOU KNOW?

With the present very dangerous situation facing mankind from US Imperialism and its allies, this November issue of NSC is filled with more analytical articles than usual. We feel that this is a must in order that every reader understands and does not stand on the sideline, because the fascist forces are on the march under many different "democratic labels" and, we need UNITY of all mankind in order to stop this rush towards the US New World Order! The article below explains this very clearly.

THE ANGLO-AMERICAN WAR OF TERROR: AN OVERVIEW

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Paper presented at the Perdana Global Peace Forum 2005 Putra World Trade Centre, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 14-17 December 2005.

The debate regarding war and Militarization raises the broad issue of national sovereignty.

I am particularly gratified as an economist to participate in this important event in the Nation's capital, in Malaysia, a country which at a critical moment in its history, namely at the height of the 1997 Asian crisis, took the courageous stance of confronting the Washington Consensus and the international financial establishment.

Under the helm of Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, carefully designed financial measures were taken to avoid the collapse of the ringgit, thereby foreclosing a scenario of economic dislocation, bankruptcy and impoverishment, as occurred in Thailand, Indonesia and



South Korea.

These 1997 measures forcefully confronted the mainstream neoliberal agenda. In retrospect, this was a momentous decision, which will go down in the Nation's history. It constitutes the basis for an understanding of what is best described as "economic and financial warfare."

Today we have come to understand that war and macro-economic manipulation are intertwined. Militarization supports economic warfare. Conversely, what is referred to euphemistically as "economic reform" supports a military and geopolitical agenda

Introduction

The World is at the crossroads of the most serious crisis in modern history. In the largest display of military might since the Second World War, the United States and its indefectible British ally have embarked upon a military adventure, which threatens the future of humanity.

An understanding of the underlying historical background is crucial. This war agenda is not the product of a distinct neo-conservative project. From the

outset of the Cold War Era, there is a consistent thread, a continuum in US military doctrine, from the "Truman doctrine" to Bush's "war on terrorism".

Foreign Policy adviser George F. Kennan had outlined in a 1948 State Department brief what was later described as the "Truman doctrine."

What this 1948 document conveys is continuity in US foreign policy, from "Containment" to "Pre-emptive" War. In this regard, the Neo-conservative agenda under the Bush administration should be viewed as the culmination of a post World War II foreign policy framework. The latter has been marked by a succession of US sponsored wars and military interventions in all major regions of the World. From Korea, Vietnam and Afghanistan, to the CIA sponsored military coups in Latin America and Southeast Asia, the objective has been to ensure US military hegemony and global economic domination, as initially formulated under the "Truman Doctrine" at the outset of the Cold War.

Despite significant policy

differences, successive Democratic and Republican administrations, from Harry Truman to George W. Bush have carried out this global military agenda.

Moreover, Kennan's writings pointed to the formation of an Anglo-American alliance, which currently characterizes the close relationship between Washington and London. This alliance responds to powerful economic interests in the oil industry, defense and international banking. It is, in many regards, an Anglo-American extension of the British Empire, which was officially disbanded in the wake of the Second World War.

The Truman doctrine also points to the inclusion of Canada in the Anglo-American military axis. Moreover, Kennan had also underscored the importance of preventing the development of a continental European power that could compete with the US.

With regard to Asia, including China and India, Kennan hinted to the importance of articulating a military solution:

"The day is not far off when we are going to have to deal in straight power concepts. The less we are then hampered by idealistic slogans, the better"

Weakening the United Nations

From the outset of the Cold War, the objective was to undermine and ultimately destroy the Soviet Union. Washington was also intent upon weakening the United Nations as a genuine international body, an objective that has largely been achieved under the Bush administration:

The initial build-up of the UN in U.S. public opinion was so tremendous that it is possibly true, as is frequently alleged, that we have no choice but to make it the cornerstone of our policy in this post-hostilities period. Occasionally, it has served a useful purpose. But by and large it has created more problems than it has solved, and has led to a considerable dispersal of our diplomatic effort. And in our efforts to use the UN majority for major political purposes we are

playing with a dangerous weapon which may some day turn against us. This is a situation, which warrants most careful study and foresight on our part. (Kennan 1948)

The Post Cold War

The wars in Yugoslavia, Afghanistan and Iraq are part of the same "**military road-map**". Confirmed by the military documents, the US War Agenda not only targets Iraq, Syria and North Korea, but also its former Cold War enemies, Russia and China.

We are dealing with a global military agenda characterized by various forms of intervention. The latter include covert military and intelligence operations in support of domestic paramilitary groups and so-called liberation armies. These operations are largely devised with a view to creating social, ethnic and political divisions within national societies, ultimately contributing to the destruction of entire countries, as occurred in Yugoslavia.

Meanwhile the US sponsored "**democratization**" agenda consists of intervening in countries' internal affairs, often with a view to destabilize national governments and imposing sweeping "**free market reforms**". In this regard, the illegal invasion of Haiti following a US sponsored military coup, which was also supported by Canada and France, is an integral part of **Washington's Global Military Agenda**.

War and Globalization

War and globalization are intimately related processes. Military and intelligence operations support the opening up of new economic frontiers and the remolding of national economies. The powers of Wall Street, the Anglo-American oil giants and the U.S.-U.K. defense contractors are indelibly behind this process.

Ultimately, the purpose of America's "**War on Terrorism**" is to transform sovereign nations into open territories (or free trade areas), both through "**military means**," as well as through the imposition of deadly macro-economic reforms. The latter implemented under the IMF- World Bank - WTO auspices. This agenda very often serves to

undermine and destroy national economies, precipitating millions of people into abject poverty. In turn, so-called "**reconstruction programs**" imposed by donors and creditors in the wake of the war contribute to a spiralling external debt.

In a very twisted logic, "**war reparations**" financed by external debt are being paid to the US invader. Billions of dollars are thus channelled to Western construction conglomerates such as US Bechtel and Halliburton, both of which have very close links to the US Department of Defence.

Iran and Syria: Next Phase of the War

Confirmed in national security documents, a central objective of this war is the conquest and confiscation of Middle East oil wealth. In this regard, the broader Middle East-Central Asian region encompasses some 70 percent of the World's oil and gas resources, more than thirty times those of the US.

The Anglo-American oil giants in alliance with Wall Street and the military-industrial complex are indelibly behind America's war agenda.

The next phase of this war is Iran and Syria, which have already been identified as targets.

Iran is the country with the third largest oil and gas reserves (10%) after Saudi Arabia (25%) and Iraq (11%). The US is seeking with the complicity of the UN Security Council to establish a pretext for the bombing of Iran, which is presented as a threat to world peace.

Israel is slated to play a key role in launching the military operation against Iran.

This operation is in a state of readiness. Were it to occur, the war would extend to the entire Middle Eastern region and beyond. At the same token, Israel would become an official member of the Anglo-American military axis.

In early 2005, several high profile military exercises were conducted in the Eastern Mediterranean, involving military deployments and the testing of weapons systems. Military planning meetings were held between the US, Israel and Turkey. There has been a shuttle of military and

government officials between Washington, Tel Aviv and Ankara.

Intense diplomatic exchanges have been carried out at the international level with a view to securing areas of military cooperation and/or support for a US-Israeli led military operation directed against Iran. The UN Security Council resolution regarding Iran's nuclear program provides a pretext, which the US plans to use to justify military intervention.

Of significance is a November 2004 military cooperation agreement between NATO and Israel. A few months later, Israel was involved for the first time in military exercises with NATO, which also included several Arab countries.

A massive buildup in military hardware has occurred in preparation for a possible attack on Iran. Israel has taken delivery from the US of some 5,000 "smart air launched weapons" including some 500 BLU 109 "bunker-buster bombs."

Nuclear Weapons in Conventional War Theaters: "Safe for Civilians"

An attack on Iran using tactical nuclear weapons (mini-nukes) has also been contemplated. Tactical nuclear weapons with an explosive capacity between one third to 6 times a Hiroshima bomb have been cleared for use in conventional war theaters.

The mini-nukes have been redefined as a defensive weapon, which is "safe for civilians" "because the explosion is underground". The Senate in a December 2003 decision, has authorized their use in conventional war theaters

Air strikes against Iran could contribute to extending the war to the broader Middle East Central Asian region. Tehran has confirmed that it would retaliate if attacked, in the form of ballistic missile strikes directed against Israel (CNN, 8 Feb 2005). These attacks could also target US military facilities in the Persian Gulf, which would immediately lead us into a scenario of military escalation and all out war.

In recent developments, Israel's armed forces have been ordered by Prime minister Ariel Sharon, "to be ready by the end of March [2006] for possible strikes" on Iran's nuclear

enrichment facilities (*The Sunday Times*; 11 December 2005).

Meanwhile, Iran is building its air defense capabilities. Russia has recently announced that it plans to sell to Iran some 29 Tor M-1 anti-missile systems.

The planned attack on Iran should also be understood in relation to the timely withdrawal of Syrian troops from Lebanon, which has opened up a new space, for the deployment of Israeli forces. The participation of Turkey in the US-UK-Israeli military operation is also a factor, following an agreement reached between Ankara and Tel Aviv.

GLOBAL MILITARY AGENDA

The war in the Middle East is part of a carefully defined military agenda. Formulated in September 2000, a few months before the accession of George W. Bush to the White House, the Project for a New American Century (PNAC) published its blueprint for global domination under the title: "Rebuilding America's Defenses."

The PNAC is a neo-conservative think tank linked to the Defense-Intelligence establishment, the Republican Party and the powerful Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) which plays a behind-the-scenes role in the formulation of US foreign policy.

The PNAC's declared objectives are:

- defend the American homeland;
- fight and decisively win multiple, simultaneous major theatre wars;
- perform the "constabulary" duties associated with shaping the security environment in critical regions;
- transform U.S. forces to exploit the "revolution in military affairs;"

Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz, who now heads the World Bank, Defense Secretary

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Donald Rumsfeld and Vice President Dick Cheney, had commissioned the PNAC blueprint prior to the 2000 US presidential elections.

The PNAC outlines a roadmap of conquest. It calls for "the direct imposition of U.S. "forward bases" throughout Central Asia and the Middle East "with a view to ensuring economic domination of the world, while strangling any potential "rival" or any viable alternative to America's vision of a "free market" economy" (See Chris Floyd, Bush's Crusade for Empire, *Global Outlook*, No. 6, 2003)

Distinct from theatre wars, the so-called "constabulary functions" imply a form of global military policing using various instruments of military intervention including punitive bombings, covert intelligence operations and the sending in of US Special Forces, etc.

NEW WEAPONS SYSTEMS

The PNAC's "revolution in military affairs" (meaning the development of new weapons systems) consists of "Strategic Defence Initiative", the concurrent weaponization of space and the development of a new generation of nuclear weapons:

"While it has long been a U.S. policy to use nuclear weapons in order to respond to a nuclear attack... the new policy allows the U.S. to use nuclear weapons against states that do not have nuclear weapons and for a host of new reasons, including rapid termination of a conflict on U.S. terms or to ensure success of the U.S. forces." (statement of Jorge Hirsh, see *Global Research*, <http://www.globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=viewArticle&code=MCD20051101&articleId=1173>)

The National Defense Strategy

Since 2000, the basic premises of the PNAC have been reasserted in a number of national security documents. In March 2005, The Pentagon released its National Defense Strategy document. While the latter follows in the footsteps of the administration's "preemptive"

war doctrine as detailed by the Project of the New American Century (PNAC), it goes much further in setting the contours of Washington's global military agenda.

It calls for a more "proactive" approach to warfare, beyond the weaker notion of "preemptive" and defensive actions, where military operations are launched against a "declared enemy" with a view to "preserving the peace" and "defending America".

The document explicitly acknowledges America's global military mandate, beyond regional war theaters. This mandate also includes military operations directed against countries, which are not hostile to America, but which are considered strategic from the point of view of US interests. Whereas the preemptive war doctrine envisages military action as a means of "self defense" against countries categorized as "hostile" to the US, the new Pentagon doctrine envisages the possibility of military intervention against countries, which do not visibly constitute a threat to the security of the American homeland.

The document outlines "four major threats to the United States":

- "Traditional challenges" are posed by well known and recognized military powers using "well-understood" forms of war."
- "Irregular threats" come from forces using so-called "unconventional" methods to counter stronger power."
- "The catastrophic challenge" pertains to the "use of weapons of mass destruction by an enemy."
- "Disruptive challenges" pertains to "potential adversaries utilizing new technologies to counter U.S. advantages." (See Michel Chossudovsky, From "Rogue States" to "Unstable Nations": America's New National Security Doctrine, <http://www.globalresearch.ca/articles/CHO504A.html>)

Mammoth Defense Budget

This military blueprint outlines

the contours of a project of global military hegemony. It is predicated on a massive increase in defense spending. The underlying objective consists in overshadowing, in terms of defense outlays, any other nation on earth including America's European allies.

The United States military this year [2005] will be larger than the next 25 countries put together ... So, you know, essentially if spending patterns hold, which is to say European defense spending is declining, American is rising, in about five years, the United States will be spending more money than the rest of the world put together on defense." (Council on Foreign Relations, Annual Corporate conference, 10 March 2005).

The defense budget estimated at 401.7 billion dollars (FY 2005) does not include the "emergency supplemental defense budget" earmarked for ongoing military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. Neither is the DoD participation in the "war on terrorism" included in the defense budget. (See <http://64.177.207.201/static/budget/annual/fy05/>) Nor does it include another 40 billion dollars allocated to America's intelligence apparatus, headed by John Negroponte. Approximately 80 percent of the intelligence budget, including America's system of spy satellite's, directly supports US military initiatives.

Extensive War Crimes

The economic and strategic objectives behind this war are rarely mentioned. This military project is presented to public opinion as part of the "global war on terrorism" in which Al Qaeda is unequivocally upheld, as the aggressor. The crimes of war including the torture of civilians are casually presented as "collateral damage".

In this regard, the military occupation of Iraq has resulted in the deaths of more than 100,000 Iraqi civilians (according to the Lancet, John Hopkins School of Public health study).

The routine application of torture, the setting up of numerous concentration camps is now fully documented, not to mention the

kidnapping of civilians including children, who are dispatched to the Guantanamo concentration camp in Cuba.

Killing the messenger: US forces have also targeted and killing of independent journalists in Iraq, who do not report the lies and fabrications of the Anglo-American military axis.

While the international community focuses on Iran and North Korea's nuclear program, the evidence suggests that the US led military coalition is routinely using prohibited weapons. It also plans to use nuclear weapons in the next phase of this war.

Napalm and white phosphorous bombs have been used in Iraq against civilians in densely populated urban areas. The Western media (specifically the BBC) has attempted to camouflage the use of these weapons systems.

Torture

Torture is an official US government policy. The orders to torture POWs in Iraq and Guantanamo emanated from the highest levels of the Bush Administration. Prison guards, interrogators in the US military and the CIA were responding to precise guidelines.

The US President had directly authorized the use of torture including "sleep deprivation, stress positions, the use of military dogs, and sensory deprivation through the use of hoods, etc." (See ACLU at <http://globalresearch.ca/articles/ACL412A.html>).

The secret CIA torture chambers and detention centers set up in a number of countries including the European Union are consistent with the Pentagon's guidelines on the use of torture.

While torture is now accepted by the Bush administration, the controversy in the US pertains not to torture per se but to whether the information obtained from suspected terrorists through the application of torture can be used in a court of law to indict an alleged "terrorist".

The Criminalization of Justice

Despite the public outrage, the tendency is towards acquiescence and acceptance of the US torture

agenda. The legitimacy of the war criminals in high office, who formally ordered these crimes is not questioned. "Legal opinions" drafted on the behest of war criminals are being used to "legalize" torture and redefine Justice.

War criminals legitimately occupy positions of authority, which enable them to redefine the contours of the judicial system and the process of law enforcement.

It provides them with a mandate to decide "who are the criminals", when in fact they are the criminals.

In other words, what we are dealing with is the criminalization of the State and its various institutions including the criminalization of Justice.

The truth is twisted and turned upside down. State propaganda builds a consensus within the Executive, the US Congress and the Military. This consensus is then ratified by the Judicial, through a process of outright legal manipulation.

Media disinformation instills within the consciousness of Americans that somehow the use of torture, the existence of concentration camps, extra judicial assassinations of "rogue enemies", all of which are happening, are "under certain circumstances" "acceptable" and perfectly "legal" because the Justice department's Office of Legal Counsel (OLC), says "it's legit".

The existence of an illusive outside enemy who is threatening the Homeland is the cornerstone of the propaganda campaign. The latter consists in galvanizing US citizens not only in favor of "the war on terrorism", but in support of a social order which upholds the legitimate use of torture, directed against "terrorists", as a justifiable means to preserving human rights, democracy, freedom, etc.

Racism and the Anti-Terrorist Legislation

Meanwhile, a wave of racism and xenophobia directed against Muslims has been unleashed throughout the western world. The arbitrary arrests and detention of Muslims on trumped up charges has become common practice.

"Anti-terrorist" legislation has been adopted in a number of

western countries which allows for the arrest and detention without charge of alleged terrorists, including leaders of so-called 'domestic radical groups' (meaning antiwar activists), who are now categorized as a threat to Homeland Security.

While "expressing concern" regarding human rights violations, the so-called international community has nonetheless accepted the legitimacy of "the war on terrorism". Moreover, in the wake of 9/11, a significant section of the antiwar movement, while condemning the US-led war, continues to uphold the legitimacy of the "war on terrorism".

In turn, the UN has endorsed the "war on terrorism". Under the disguise of peacekeeping, the United Nations, in violation of its own charter and the Nuremberg jurisprudence on war crimes, is collaborating with the US led military coalition.

War Propaganda

The underlying objective of the media disinformation campaign is to provide a humanitarian mandate to the US led war, while galvanizing public opinion in support of America's "war on terrorism" agenda. Racism and Xenophobia, including the arbitrary arrest of alleged terrorists, are an integral part war propaganda.

One of the main objectives of war propaganda is to "fabricate an enemy". As anti-war sentiment grows and the political legitimacy the Bush Administration falters, doubts regarding the existence of this illusive "outside enemy" must be dispelled.

Propaganda purports not only to drown the truth but also to "kill the evidence" on how this "outside enemy", namely Osama bin Laden's Al Qaeda was fabricated and transformed into "Enemy Number One". The entire National Security doctrine centers on the existence of an "outside enemy" which is threatening the Homeland.

Possessing a "just cause" for waging war is central to the Bush administration's justification for invading and occupying both Afghanistan and Iraq.

The "war on terrorism" and the notion of "preemption" are

predicated on the right to "self defense." They define "when it is permissible to wage war": jus ad bellum.

Jus ad bellum also serves to build a consensus within the Armed Forces command structures. It also serves to convince the troops that they are fighting for a "just cause". More generally, the Just War theory in its modern day version is an integral part of war propaganda and media disinformation, applied to gain public support for a war agenda.

In October 2001, when Afghanistan was bombed and later invaded, several "Progressives" largely upheld the Administration's "just cause" military doctrine. The "self-defense" argument was accepted at face value as a legitimate response to 9/11, without examining the fact that the US administration had not only supported the "Islamic terror network", it was also instrumental in the installation of the Taliban government in 1995-96. Moreover, the invasion of Afghanistan had been planned well in advance of September 11, 2001.

In the wake of 9/11, the antiwar movement against the illegal invasion of Afghanistan was isolated. The trade unions, civil society organizations had swallowed the media lies and government propaganda. They had accepted a war of retribution against Al Qaeda and the Taliban.

Media disinformation prevailed. People were misled as to the nature and objectives underlying the invasion of Afghanistan. Osama bin Laden and the Taliban were identified as the prime suspects of the 9/11 attacks, without a shred of evidence and without addressing the historical relationship between Al Qaeda and the US intelligence apparatus. In this regard, understanding 9/11 is crucial in formulating a consistent antiwar position.

The "war on terrorism" is the cornerstone of the America's propaganda and media disinformation campaign. In an utterly absurd logic Al Qaeda is presented as an upcoming super-power, capable of waging a nuclear attack against the US.

The "War on Terrorism"

Amply documented, the war on terrorism is a fabrication. Al Qaeda is a US sponsored "intelligence asset". Saudi-born Osama bin Laden is a creation of U.S. foreign policy. He was recruited during the Soviet-Afghan war "ironically under the auspices of the CIA, to fight Soviet invaders." During the Cold War, but also in its aftermath, the CIA — using Pakistan's Military Intelligence apparatus as a go-between — played a key role in training the Mujahideen.

With the active encouragement of the CIA and Pakistan's ISI [Inter Services Intelligence], who wanted to turn the Afghan Jihad into a global war waged by all Muslim states against the Soviet Union, some 35,000 Muslim radicals from 40 Islamic countries joined Afghanistan's fight between 1982 and 1992. Tens of thousands more came to study in Pakistani madrasahs. Eventually more than 100,000 foreign Muslim radicals were directly influenced by the Afghan jihad. (Ahmed Rashid, *The Taliban: Exporting Extremism*, Foreign Affairs, November-December 1999)

Both the Clinton and Bush administrations have supported the so-called "Militant Islamic Base", including Osama bin Laden's Al Qaeda, as part of their military-intelligence agenda. The links between Osama bin Laden and the Clinton administration in Bosnia and Kosovo are well documented by congressional records.

Ironically, the U.S. Administration's undercover military-intelligence operations in Bosnia were fully documented by the Republican Party. A lengthy Congressional report by the Republican Party Committee (RPC) published in 1997 accused the Clinton administration of having "helped turn Bosnia into a militant Islamic base" leading to the recruitment, through the so-called "Militant Islamic Network", of thousands of Mujahideen from the Muslim world:

Counter-Terrorism

The CIA has created its own terrorist organizations including "Al Qaeda in Mesopotamia" which is led by Abu Musab Al Zarqawi.

And at the same time, it creates its own terrorist warnings concerning the terrorist organizations, which it has itself created. In turn, it has developed a cohesive multibillion dollar counterterrorism program "to go after" these terrorist organizations.

Counterterrorism and war propaganda are intertwined. The propaganda apparatus feeds disinformation into the news chain. The terror warnings must appear to be "genuine". The objective is to present the terror groups as "enemies of America."

The underlying objective is to galvanize public opinion in support of America's war on terrorism" agenda.

The "war on terrorism" requires a humanitarian mandate. The war on terrorism is presented as a "Just War", which is to be fought on moral grounds "to redress a wrong suffered."

To reach its foreign policy objectives, the images of terrorism must remain vivid in the minds of the citizens, who are constantly reminded of the terrorist threat.

The propaganda campaign presents the portraits of the leaders behind the terror network. In other words, at the level of what constitutes an "advertising" campaign, "it gives a face to terror."

Fabricating Intelligence

The propaganda campaign has been supported by an extensive fabrication of intelligence.

Revelations regarding the controversial Downing Street Memorandum and the forged Niger uranium dossier are but the tip of the iceberg.

Known and documented prior to the invasion of Iraq, the substance of Colin Powell's presentation to the UN Security Council was not only fabricated, it was actually based, in what constitutes a clear case of plagiarism, on a student's text which had been "lifted" (copy and paste) from the internet:

A close textual analysis of the British Intelligence report quoted by Colin Powell in his

[February 5, 2003] UN Address suggests that its UK authors had little access to first-hand intelligence sources and instead based their work on academic papers, which they selectively distorted.

The authors of the dossier are members of Tony Blair's Press Relations Office at Whitehall. Britain's Secret Service (MI6), either was not consulted, or more likely, provided an assessment that did not fit in with the politicians' argument. In essence, spin was being sold off as intelligence.

The bulk of the 19-page document (pp.6-16) had been directly copied without acknowledgement from an article in last [2002] September's Middle East Review of International Affairs entitled "Iraq's Security and Intelligence Network: A Guide and Analysis". The author of the piece is Ibrahim al-Marashi, a postgraduate student at the Monterey Institute of International Studies. He has confirmed to me that his permission was not sought by MI6; in fact, he didn't even know about the British document until I mentioned it to him.

Concluding remarks

The so-called "War on Terrorism" is a lie.

Amply documented, the pretext to wage this war is totally fabricated.

Realities have been turned upside down. Acts of war are heralded as "humanitarian interventions" geared towards restoring 'democracy'.

Military occupation and the killing of civilians are presented as "peace-keeping operations."

A war agenda is not disarmed through antiwar sentiment. One does not reverse the tide by asking President Bush: "please abide by the Geneva Convention" and the Nuremberg Charter.

To break the Inquisition, we must also break its propaganda, its fear and intimidation campaign, which galvanizes public opinion into accepting the "war on terrorism".

MORE QUOTES

"We have become to be one of the worst ruled, one of the most completely controlled and dominated Governments in the world – no longer a Government of free opinion, no longer a Government by conviction or by a vote of majority, but a US Government by the opinion and duress of very small group of dominant men."

US President Woodrow Wilson

"Going to Church no more makes you a Christian than sleeping in your garage makes you a car."

Garrison Keiler

"What's the point of having this superb U.S. military mighty power, if you can't use it?"

Madelaine Albright to former General Colin Powell, as quoted in Powell's book "My American Journey".

"The term "Islamofascist" is utterly without meaning, but packed with emotional explosives. It is just a propaganda cry worthy of former Dr. Goebbles, and the latest expression of the Big Lie technique being used by US neocons in Washington's propaganda war against its enemies in the Muslim world."

Eric Margolis, Canadian columnist

"It is ironic that the people of USA who think that they are the freest in the world, are the most controlled people on this earth. It is also equally odd that those who think that they are part of the greatest democracy the world has ever known, do not participate in this "democracy" at all: nor do they recognize one when they see it. These facts attest to how thoroughly the American people have been propagandized and brainwashed by the US corporate media."

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King Baudouin 1, King of Belgium

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THE DEMONS OF GREED ARE LOOSE: WHY A GLOBAL ECONOMIC DELUGE LOOMS

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People who know the most about the world financial system are increasingly worried, and for very good reasons. Dire warnings are coming from the most "respectable" sources. Reality has gotten out of hand. The demons of greed are loose.

What is that reality? It includes a number of factors. Alone they

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would be exceedingly serious; combined, they are very likely to be lethal.

First of all, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has been undergoing both a structural and intellectual crisis. Structurally, its outstanding credit and loans have declined dramatically since 2003, from over \$70 billion to a little over \$20 billion today, leaving it with far less leverage over the economic policies of developing nations — and even less income than its

expensive operations require. It is now in deficit.¹

A large part of the IMF's problems are due to the doubling in world prices for all commodities since 2003 — especially petroleum, copper, silver, zinc, nickel, and the like — that the developing nations traditionally export. While there will be fluctuations in this upsurge, there is also reason to think it may endure because rapid economic growth in China, India, and elsewhere has created a burgeoning demand that did not exist before, when the balance-of-trade systematically favored the rich nations.

The U.S. has seen its net foreign asset position fall as Japan, emerging Asia, and oil exporting nations have become far more powerful over the past decade, and have increasingly become creditors to the U.S.² As the U.S. deficits mount, with its imports being far greater than its exports, the value of the dollar has been declining — 28 per cent against the euro from 2001 to 2005 alone.

Equally important, the IMF and World Bank were severely chastened by the 1997-2000 financial meltdowns in East Asia, Russia, and elsewhere, and many of the two institutions' key leaders lost faith in the anarchic premises, descended from classical *laissez-faire* economic thought, which guided policy advice until then. "[O]ur knowledge of economic growth is extremely incomplete," many in the IMF now admit, and "more humility" on its part is now warranted.³

Worse yet, the whole nature of the global financial system has changed radically in ways that have nothing whatsoever to do with "virtuous" national economic policies that follow IMF advice. These are ways the IMF cannot control. The investment managers of private equity funds and major banks have displaced national banks and international bodies such as the IMF, moving well beyond the existing regulatory structures and they have "reintermediated" themselves between the traditional borrowers, both national and individual, and markets. They have deregulated the world financial structure, making it far more unpredictable and susceptible to

crises. They seek to generate high investment returns, which is the key to their compensation, and they take mounting risks to do so.

A "brave new world" has emerged in the global financial structure, one that is far less transparent because there are fewer reporting demands imposed on those who operate in it. Financial adventurers are constantly creating new "products" that defy both states and international banks. The IMF's managing director, Rodrigo de Rato, at the end of May, 2005, deplored these new risks — risks the weakness of the U.S. dollar and its mounting trade deficits have magnified greatly.⁴

In March of this year the IMF released Garry J. Schinasi's book, *Safeguarding Financial Stability*, giving it unusual prominence then and thereafter. In essence, Schinasi's book is alarmist and it both reveals and documents in great and disturbing detail the IMF's deep anxieties. Essentially, "deregulation and liberalization", which the IMF and proponents of the "Washington consensus" advocated for decades, have become a nightmare, creating "tremendous private and social benefits" but also holding "the potential (although not necessarily a high likelihood) for fragility, instability, systemic risk, and adverse economic consequences."

Anyone who reads the data in Schinasi's superbly documented book will share his real conclusion that the irrational development of global finance, combined with deregulation and liberalization, has "created scope for financial innovation and enhanced the mobility of risks". Schinasi and the IMF advocate a radical new framework to monitor and prevent the problems now able to emerge, but success "may have as much to do with good luck" as policy design and market surveillance.⁵ Leaving the future to luck is not what economics originally promised. The

IMF is desperate, and not alone.

As the Argentina financial meltdown proved, countries that do not succumb to IMF and banker pressures can play on divisions within the IMF membership, particularly the U.S., comprising bankers and others to avoid many, although scarcely all, foreign demands. About \$140 billion in sovereign bonds to private creditors and the IMF were at stake, terminating at the end of 2001 as the largest national default in history. Banks in the 1990s were eager to loan Argentina money and they ultimately paid for it. Since then, however, commodity prices have soared and the growth rate of developing nations in 2004 and 2005 was over double that of high income nation, a pattern projected to continue through 2008.

As early as 2003 developing countries were already the source of 37 percent of the foreign direct investment in other developing nations. China accounts for a great part of this growth, but it also means that the IMF and rich bankers of New York, Tokyo, and London have far less leverage than ever. Growing complexity is the order of the world economy that has emerged in the past decade, and with it has come the potential for far greater instability, and dangers for the rich.

High-speed Global Economics

The global financial problem that is emerging is entwined with an American fiscal and trade deficit that is rising quickly.

The entire global financial structure is becoming uncontrollable in crucial ways its nominal leaders never expected. Instability is increasingly its hallmark. Financial liberalization has produced a monster, and resolving the many problems that have emerged is scarcely possible for those who deplore controls on those who seek to make money, whatever means it takes to do so. Contradictions now wrack the world's financial system, and if we are to believe the institutions and personalities who have been in the forefront of the defense of capitalism, it may very well be on the verge of serious crises.

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