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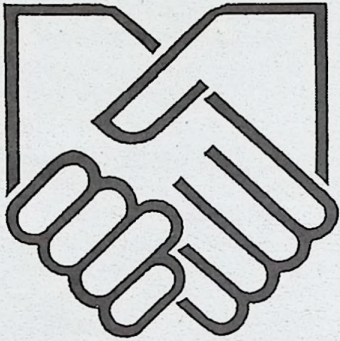
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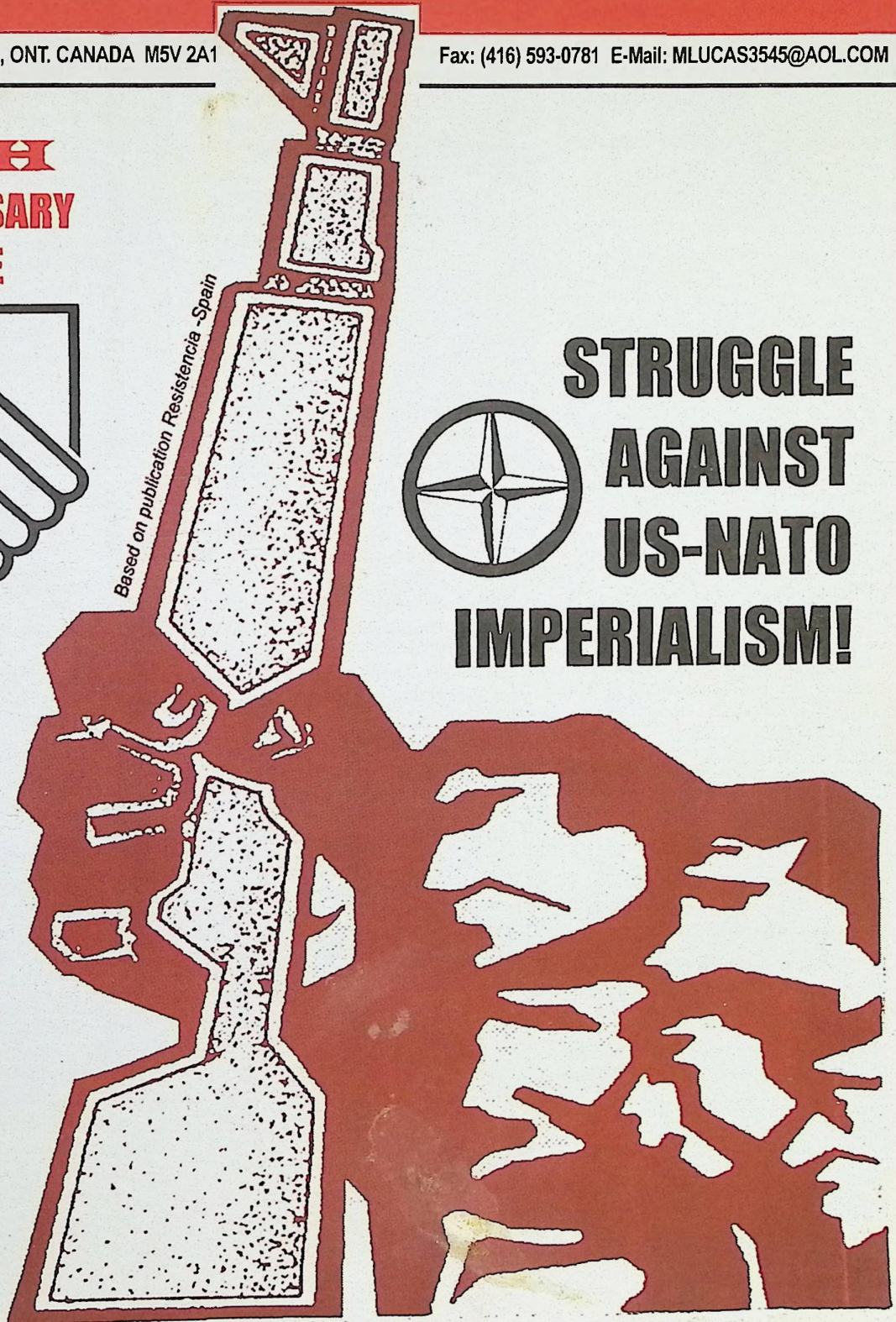
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# UNITY ON THE LEFT.

With the ascent of the United States to the status of the world's only superpower, and with their documented and openly declared ambitions for world hegemony, there can be little doubt that we have entered the highest stage of the capitalist system: Imperialism. It is bound to be a period of great upheavals, as people everywhere resist being dominated and controlled by a foreign power and struggle with all means at their disposal to undermine the invader. This invasion does not come only by military force, although that certainly is an important aspect of it. No, U.S. imperialism penetrates our individual societies through many channels, our economies, our cultures, our social value systems, our media etc.

The word '*imperialism*' is often intertwined with the word '*globalization*', the latter being understood as having a more benign meaning. As socialists, globalization is certainly not a foreign concept to us, as we believe in international working class solidarity and a world order that, among other things is based on equality, co-operation and the maximum fulfillment of basic human needs. The capitalist form of globalization however is based on maximum private profits extracted from the resources that belong to other nations and cheap labour these nations can provide. Based on such exploitation, no country will ever succeed in closing the ever-widening gap in living standards that exists today.

After the dissolution of the Soviet Union, the architects of capitalist globalization declared communism dead and relegated to the scrap-heap of history. They ought to have known that this was wishful thinking on their part, but I suppose it was good propaganda, meant to discourage those who still held hopes for a renewed socialism and to indoctrinate the general public into believing that the new capitalist

world order was "*inevitable*" and could not be stopped. Of course this is utter nonsense! Anyone who has the means to take a look around the Internet has no trouble finding hundreds if not thousands of political parties and movements under progressive labels like '*communist*', '*socialist*', '*labour*', '*workers*', '*revolutionary*', '*peoples*' etc. Obviously, socialism is anything but dead. What this multitude of parties and movements, often existing in the same country, does indicate however is a lack of unity among them. The existence of differences of opinion about the specific form of socialism one should strive for is in and of itself not an unhealthy phenomenon. In fact, discussions about different ideas and methods are absolutely essential if one is to arrive at a process that leads to the defeat of capitalism and the formation of a socialist society. No-one, but absolutely no-one has the ultimate formula for success, nor can any one group impose its will on an unco-operative society.

In its eleven years of publication, Northstar Compass has continuously attempted to improve unity among all progressive forces, with special emphasis on those active in the countries of the former Soviet Union. Having myself been editor many years ago of a small trade union publication, I am well aware of the problems and difficulties that the publishing of a monthly magazine like Northstar Compass presents. Besides the financial challenge, which never ceases to exist, and having to rely totally on volunteer labour, the selection of articles, the layout, the printing and ultimately the distribution of Northstar Compass presents a never ending challenge that can only be met through the enormous dedication of our chief editor, Michael Lucas and his team of contributors and co-workers. They are the heart and soul of the International Council for Friendship

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and Solidarity with Soviet People and of its publication Northstar Compass. They deserve our compliments as well as our gratitude. Still, without you, the reader and subscriber, little would be accomplished. The imperialist juggernaut currently is on the rampage around the world can only be stopped by a united progressive left force. But in order to achieve unity and co-operation of left forces anywhere requires the participation of all of us. The influence of Northstar Compass will grow the more you use it to persuade and influence your friends and colleagues. **Together we can do it.**

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The USA's Outstanding Public Debt as of August 3, 2003 is:  
Population of USA is  
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### ERRATUM

On page 5 of August issue of NSC, last paragraph, it should read...**two billion world citizens**...not two million.

## NSC POSITION ON THE LATEST POWER CRISIS OF CAPITALISM!

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### **"ELECTRIFICATION"... A SOURCE OF SOVIET STRENGTH... LENIN-1917. IMPERIALIST ONGOING ENERGY CRISIS, WARS AND MONOLOPIZATION... BUSH-2003 A QUESTION OF WHO CONTROLS...**

(With special tribute to Northstar Compass in year eleven)

Almost five generations ago Vladimir Lenin "prescribed" the future for the new way of life and state that emerged with the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917.

"Soviet power, plus electrification will equal Socialism", he said. His materialist prognosis was correct and it worked. The population of Russia and, all of the adjoining lands for centuries have languished under feudalist-neo-capitalist and vicious forms of colonial oppression. The population almost universally lived under primitive squalor, totally deprived of individual rights or any semblance of collective security or well being. By their revolution they had placed their foot steps on the pathway to a new life and unheard of vistas of material well being, the elimination of illiteracy, poverty and control by ruthless state powers that were shared with the state Church and its medieval religious mythology that exercised the most backward superstitions.

The Bolshevik-working class led revolution brought to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the front rank among nations as a highly industrialized country. Increasingly erased was poverty and economic crisis. Provided was universal free education...(a world first)...and universal health care. They developed advanced scientific research and exploration that put men and women into space safely. All of this and much more, socially and culturally became integral to Soviet life as they built Socialism. All these advances came while fighting off bloody and negative results of war and from both internal and

external hostility, sabotage, and ideological political subversion. The unending intrigues spawned by the monopolies of the Imperialist world extended into many decades of hostility. Included was the destruction and loss of life at unprecedented levels from WW II and the earlier "wars of intervention" following 1917. More than fifty million of Soviet citizens died in these unprovoked wars and aggressions. While the decision making political and social powers that were inherent in the

"How does the bourgeoisie get over crisis? On the one hand by enforced destruction of a mass of productive forces; on the other, by the conquest of new markets, and by the more thorough exploitation of the old ones."

KARL MARX

"Soviets"...(read: people's elected Councils), plus their heroism and sacrifice was primary, the massive "electrification" programs became an indispensable "tool" in forging their new society. Of course today, and with the advent to power and influence inside the Communist Party by social reformists, anti-Soviet counter-revolutionaries and other opportunistic forces of "competitive competition" - finally in 1991 dismantled the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the

people no longer wield any significant political or economic decisions or even have any influence on the energy or any other industries. Instead the massive "electrification" facilities and capacity that was built by the Soviets has become a major "dollar-cash-cow" and source of profit for "oligarchs" that "privatized" industries by hostile and concealed, under-handed acts against the Soviet people. They literally stole the electrification...and many other enterprises...from the people. "Electrification" in the fifteen virtually hapless countries that were former Soviet Republics, now serves native and many foreign world buccaneers who profit from the peoples poverty and downgraded lives under a form of barbarism, called "new capitalism".

We cannot say whether the electrification system works better...or worse...than in North America. We can only say that the helpless "consumers" in both instances, already paying through the nose in exorbitant prices per kilowatt hour, can expect to pay more, and experience ever greater costs attached to crisis in delivery of this vital energy. Whether citizens in Toronto, Vancouver, Montreal et al know it or not, they have much in common with the citizens of Moscow, Kiev, Leningrad...(St. Petersburg...???). Both societies are being gouged unmercifully by the hidden monopoly tycoons that control the production and delivery of electrical energy. That was proven "beyond a shadow of a doubt" for fifty million Canadian and

US citizens on August 14, 2003 when the "**lights went out**". Life sustaining electrical energy was snatched away in a twinkling of an eye. The results were felt "*in their bones*". The "*privatized*" and "*deregulated*" electrical power grids covering a vast area and major cities and population, including Toronto, New York, Boston and in-between areas of population in both countries fell into the twilight of "*de-electrified*" life, as the entire system ground down.

Skilled surgeons operating on open incisions were suddenly without light, until their generators kicked-in. Senior "*cardiac*" patients and fragile seniors in tenuous life support systems...including life sustaining air conditioning gasped for air and life. Families with small children were separated without recourse to communications, public transport, including subways with entrapped passengers and road travel ground to a halt for hours on end. An endless list of actual and potential disasters and calamities, including miners that were trapped underground and people hung up in stalled elevators in high-rise buildings, waited for hours in the "*shut down*". We do not know what are the details or numbers of actual tragedies and ills amongst the fifty million peoples affected.

Can it happen again? Of course it can...and will. It may very possibly re-occur with deliberate intent to ensure dominance over foreign countries and industries. President George W. Bush, the current chief "*hypester*" of the "*new imperialism*" and his gang of "*oil buccaneers*" has demonstrated beyond a shadow of a doubt their intent, backed by the trillion dollar military killing machine of USA's finance corporate power advanced plans to control energy and all oil reserves of the world. This program is already evident in the Muslim former Soviet states, from Azerbaijan to Kirghizia, Latin and South America and all of North America. If oil is the energy component and essential to keep the "*wheels*" of US and the satellite Imperialist "*globalizers*" running smoothly, is it possible that the high-tech machinery of war and capitalist "*production*" can manage

without "*electrification*"? Can life exist without air and water? Hardly so.

Bush, immediately following the "*black out*" and electric shut down called for the search for the "*causes*" to be given top priority. His alacrity was earlier matched by his "*declaration of (eternal war)*" on "*terrorism*", the necessity of taking "*dead or alive*" Osama bin Laden and a little later the declaration of the "*right to pre-emptive war*" and "*regime change*" and together with Britain's Blair, unilateral war in Iraq...or wherever immediate compliance with US Imperial policy and purpose might not be forthcoming or "*rears its head*". Not for Bush and his crowd shall there be any such nonsense as "*diplomacy*" except at the end of his "*star war*" fantasies...or some kind of silver handed six-shooter.

Quite clearly the "*war (eternal) on terrorism*" is as "*crooked*" and has more twists in it than the Monagahela River...or even the Mississippi River which Mark Twain assured us was not only "*crooked*" but had the power to expand its "*crookedness*" even further, simply by flowing along through the countryside...Perhaps the river created similarity to the current political Imperialist designs "*meets the eye*."

For example, by August 16<sup>th</sup>, two days after the black out, a spokesman for the "*Wired Magazine*" is ubiquitous (*not a swear word*) CNN TV informed that while the US-Canadian "*electrical grid*" now in place would soon become a total North American "*electrical grid*" and from that vantage point would be extended to cover **not only Mexico and Central America, but the entire South American continent...** Thus from the North Pole to the South Pole the interests of General Electric et al would be secured. The costs will run into "*up to trillions of dollars*". We don't know if the "*Wired Magazine*" is sponsored by General Electric, Chase Manhattan Bank et al, or not.

But wait...there is much more according to this "*insider*" viewpoint. The same massive "*electrical grids*" are also being prepared for the Euro-Asian coverage, ultimately to take in all of Africa in a single "*grid*".

The "*dream*" stuff...if that is what it is...envision a total "*globalized*" electrical grid to cover the entire world...introducing a new element of world control by who ever grips the switches, and "*controls*" the "*master grid*"...presumably the corporate monopolies of the USA. The energies of "*oil*" and "*electricity*" would then rest universally in the hands of the world's most virulent Imperialism, together with trillion dollar military machinery...and we assume the full support of Microsoft's "*Bill*" Gates...and a tiny elite of "*power brokers*" and satraps gathered under such a "*universally terrifying*" umbrella. The stuff of nightmares or dreams???

We suggest it to be of sufficient gravity as to be worthy of examination as the "*privatization*" and "*deregulation*" from public and democratic controls proceeds apace, put into effect by Governments dictated by "*political kickbacks*" of hard cash. Province of Ontario in Canada, where the century old Hydro as a public utility met and satisfied both the industrial and consumer demands is now firmly tied into the US "*electrical grid*" for reasons nobody can adequately explain, since the Ontario provincial capacity for electrical mega-watt production far exceeds the demand. Stories have emerged even at this early date of direct connections between an Ohio Company "*First Energy*" of "*privatized-deregulated*" vintage and the highest "*energy commissions*" of the Bush Administration. Not only are billions (*more likely trillions*) dollars at stake...the messianic vapors that come steaming out of the Washington's Oval Office stand to be verified and fulfilled. Of course, that these vapors include limitless power and self ambitions of the crowd around the President...

Should all of those publicly announced and apparent notions prove unfounded, than the corollary is true: **monopoly capitalism-imperialism is not only light-years past any possible claim to serving the people by its avowed ability to produce...it is in fact unable to resolve its own inner developed and ever deepening material crisis.** If it cannot prevent electrical energy "black outs", there

remains no possible claim for them that monopoly capitalism – imperialism is of any use to humanity and **should leave the scene...or be driven out from it.** That can only be seen as the emerging outline of impending and inevitable crisis and break down of monopoly-capitalist and imperialist system.

Northstar Compass is not and has never claimed to be a *“political party”* in form or substance. That does not mean however that we do not have and proclaim political ideas and thoughts. Within itself our Credo is not neutral. Factually an expression of *“Friendship, Solidarity and Peace”* is unquestionably *“political”* in the broadest sense. We call for the broadest unity in a united front around such a concept. But as a *“non party”* entity and formation, we respectfully suggest to all political formations democratically representing the working class and people, such as the current Communist parties, that a more coherent *“materialist”* and *“class”* position is now demanded and must be exercised with all possible vigor. We believe that humanity now lives in the most critical and crucial time in all of human history. Not to meet that challenge head-on would mean *“walking beside”* those forces who have long and repeatedly denied humanity its rightful goals and freedoms. Nobody can stand aside who makes claims to fight and give leadership in the historic class struggles for urgent and immediate material and social needs of the working people and all humanity.

History has taught us that at the very cutting edge of that united struggle, stands the absolute necessity to bar the wholesale grab of material and energy sources by the ruling monopoly elite, whether by war, or political aggressions. The united democratic hands of workers and consumers of electrical energy must hold the levers of power and exercise their rightful and democratic control.

***We must not fail in that future!***

***“History” would never “absolve” that!***

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# Interview with U.S. Special Forces Sergeant

By TRUTHOUT

*In the November issue of NSC we had an article by Stan Geoff about the 9/11. Here is an interview that you certainly should read.*

**Q:** Thank you Stan, for taking the time to do this interview. Your extensive military background, certainly qualifies you to speak on military matters. It seems unusual for a former US military man, especially those from the Special Forces, to come out strongly as you have against military measures. From your book I sense that that you are as much a social commentator and analyst as you are a former military man. Can you give our readers a short reason for this? How did you come to speak out as you're doing and, briefly, what is your main message?

**A:** I've always been intellectually restless, as I think anyone is who truly is interested in what is going on around them. Not interested in appearances, but interested in how things work and damn the consequences. The military actually exposed me to some of the most educated experiences around, not the least of which was travel and an occasional obligation to live among at the level of poor people in peripheral countries. Measuring my own experiences against a lot of reading and studying led me to the left in a pretty gradual but inevitable way. I don't hold my views because of some religious devotion to an idea, but because leftist analysis conforms most consistently with my own experience. That doesn't mean that it conforms with my comfort level. But when we stay comfortable, we stop growing. So I try to stay a little uncomfortable intellectually, an important thing for an auto-didact.

And a friend of mine who died recently said that soldiers are natural political scientists, because politics can be a matter of life or death to them. If I have a main message, it's

that I'm from inside the military system, and now I am from inside the political left, and I want to build a bridge between the left and the military. Not militarism, but the people in the military.

**Q:** Tell us about your background.

**A:** My parents' families were from Arkansas and Michigan, but I moved a great deal when I was a kid. My dad followed work where it took him. I was actually born in San Diego. I lived outside of St. Louis when I joined the army at 18. Both my parents worked at McDonnell-Douglas as riveters on center fuselage of the F-4 Phantom close air support aircraft.

**Q:** How did you start off your career in the military?

**A:** I just hung around doing spot work and learning to get into trouble right after I graduated high school in 1969. After a few months, I started to see myself stuck in St. Charles, taking a job on an assembly line at McDonnell. I believed the whole official narrative about the world communist conspiracy and its evil, so I enlisted in the US Army in January of 1970.

**Q:** What conflicts did you fight in?

**A:** My first duty assignment was in Vietnam. It was 1980s before I worked in any more conflict areas. They included Guatemala, Grenada, El Salvador, Peru, Colombia, Somalia and Haiti.

**Q:** I realized that you've written about Haiti in your fascinating book, *"Hideous Dreams"*, but could you tell us anything briefly about any of the other conflicts?

**A:** Well, there was a common denominator that it took me a couple of decades to figure out. We have engaged in conflicts against poor people. I didn't realize this at that time — Haiti was the watershed actually — but this is the military role in an imperial state. While the national chambers of commerce in these places, with their own eager

compradors, assisted by US corporations to drain the value out of these countries, the US military's job, often through the local *surrogate militaries of the "host nation"* as we called it, is to stand guard against all those masses of people in the *"host nation"* from whom the value was being drained in labour and resources. If you steal enough from the people, they hit a point where they become rebellious, and to continue stealing, you have to use people with guns, and that's where we come in.

Aside from that sort of macro-analysis, one thing that stands out in my mind is how badly many of our operations went, and how important for US military to spend huge sums of money on arms and high technology. Grenada and Somalia are prime examples. Real emblems of stupidity in planning and in its execution. That's why I tell the people not to buy into the hype about US military invincibility. Person to person, and dollar for dollar, the US military is the most inefficient in the world. And the most fragile. They are fragile because of all their overwhelming dependence on high technology, and fragile because the troops come out of a pampered consumer culture, overwhelming dependence on high technology, and fragile because the troops come out where real physical hardships are anecdotal. Sustained hardship, as we are seeing now in Iraq, devastates morale.

**Q:** What kind of a commander were you?

**A:** I was never a *"commander"*. That title is reserved for commissioned officers. I was a non-commissioned officer, a sergeant. I did however act as the senior enlisted member of the infantry and special operational units. I had a very good reputation overall. I had an aptitude for planning and operations. And while I'm pretty small, I was pretty wiry and I had a very good physical endurance. I was well respected by my subordinates, my peers, and by officers.

**Q:** When did you get into the Special Forces?

**A:** Actually, Special Forces were a late interest for me in the military. I started out as an infantryman. I gravitated into the US Rangers, which is a highly disciplined force of

specially trained shock infantry that is part of the Special Operations community. I worked for a year as a tactical instructor at the Jungle School in Panama, then I went to try-out for Delta Force. Delta is designed as a "Special Forces Detachment", but is not Special Forces, that is not part of the 18 Branch, the Green Berets everyone hears about. Delta is a very small, very specialized and highly secretive unit that does almost exclusively direct action missions that are politically very sensitive. Its known as a counter-terrorist unit, a military SWAT outfit if you will. It's a unit that puts a very high premium on skills for entering man-made structures like buildings and vehicles, and places a very strong emphasis on precision marksmanship. After Delta, I taught Military Science for a while at West Point. Then I had a break in service, where I went to Oak Ridge, Tennessee and trained SWAT teams at the Y-12 nuclear weapons facility.

I re-entered active duty, with a loss of rank in 1998. Then I went through Special Forces Qualification Course. I spoke Spanish, so I was assigned to the 7<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group, who are responsible for all of Latin America. I left the 7<sup>th</sup> Group to be attached to the 75th Ranger Regiment in 1993, and then I accompanied them to Somalia that year. There I was promoted to Master Sergeant. After that to the 3rd Special Forces, a Sub-Saharan Africa and Caribbean Group, and went with them to Haiti in 1994. In December of 1995 I went on leave and was officially retired February 12, 1996.

There, you have my whole career before you!

I should say that I retired under a cloud, and the whole tedious story is in my first book, "Hideous Dream".

**Q:** What do you do now?

**A:** I have been working in the non-profit sector, mostly on political and social justice issues. Right now I am a field organizer for an environmental group concerned about nuclear energy risks, I am not a liberal because most liberals I find are really conservatives who want to be forgiven.

**Q:** How do you feel about those years in the military? How do you feel about the US military now?

**A:** I've written quite a bit about how I felt about various aspects of my military life. There's not one monolithic impression. I like the travel part, the economic security, the exposure to other cultures. Other aspects of it I hated. The very heavy hand of bureaucratism, the institutionalized stupidity. The hegemonic sexism and homophobia. Lots of people like to stereotype the military. These people say that we live in a system that needs the army for protection, but they don't really believe it. In their hearts they bought the whole bourgeois narrative about personal responsibility, individualism, the history of kings and generals, - all of it. Now that someone understands the nature of that system, and they are in the military, well, then you've got a genuine role conflict. And that's my issue with the US military. It is an instrument not of defense, but of control, exploitation and plunder of peripheral peoples.

**Q:** What do you think about Bush's build-up of the military?

**A:** Bush is making one political mistake after another and they are fatal. His so-called build-up of the military is one of them. He is not in fact building-up the military, depending on how you define that. He is building up the weapons industry, at the behest of his mad military advisor, Donald Rumsfeld - a weird man who has convinced himself without a grain of evidence to support it, that he is a military genius.

Rumsfeld has convinced himself that technology can replace human leadership and ingenuity on the battlefield, so he is prevailing on his intellectually challenged boss to buy lots of expensive toys. I write a lot about this Rumsfeld Doctrine in my "Full Spectrum Disorder", the book that's coming out this December from Soft Skull Press. This whole trend is being reinforced within the administration by his coterie of neo-com economists who think they can replicate the Reagan era recovery of the US economy through military Keynesianism. Like I said, the sum of these errors will be far greater than their parts. Unfortunately, other people will pay with treasure and blood, and the whole US clique will retire in comfort to write their bullshit memoirs and give well-paid lectures. The military itself, if you look at the

humans who populate it, is undergoing the same kind of attacks on its living standards as the whole rest of American working class, in order to pay for Rumsfeld's killer-drones and super-subs.

**Q:** What do you think about him reducing veterans benefits? What do you think about him giving tax cuts to the rich while reducing vet benefits?

**A:** I think that it will bite him in the ass at the end of the day. The problem is that US is trapped on a runaway train of their own economic nostrums, their own overwhelming rich-white boy hubris, and a very real, very deep crisis of capitalism itself. In response to a column I wrote recently taking Bush to task for his inane "bring 'em on" comment, I was flooded with supportive e-mails from pissed off veterans and military families. They were all talking not only about the hypocrisy of this faux-cowboy preppy daring people to attack soldiers while he sits in the air conditioned White House, they expressed a profound sense of betrayal at the benefit cuts, for active duty people and veterans. Bush's entire neo-com hallucination about world domination is based on the projection of military power, yet he manages to alienate the very people who will lay it all on the line.

**Q:** What do you think about the invasion of Iraq?

**A:** I think that it has turned into a tremendous tar baby. And the more





he fights this tar baby, the deeper he will become stuck in it prior to 2004 election. People know that it has something to do with oil, but they don't understand the complexities of oil.

Americans are not critical thinkers by and large. We suffer from a collective socio-genic learning disability based on the complete commodification of our daily consciousness by consumerism and electronic media. So we are not only bitterly unhappy and alienated, we are intensely stupid and attached to complete denial.

So, understanding what invading Iraq had to do with oil takes a little study. They didn't just go there to steal. There was a confluence of factors that were economic, strategic and political. The main point is that the US economy has been converted into a credit and debit scam aimed against the whole world, and backed up by military force. But the scheme is falling apart as the rest of the world is losing the ability and willingness to pay. The US economy is dreadfully weak, with the real material economy now gutted by parasitic speculation, and the only source of strength left is the military, which they are trying now to use to gain control over the world's energy supply.

**Q:** What about the fact that we know now that Bush lied about the WMD's?

**A:** Everything this US administration has told the public has been a lie from the very beginning. The way you determine whether the Bush cabinet is lying, is whether or not their lips are moving. They started with a fraudulent election, consolidated by a right-wing judicial fiat. They had planned the invasion of Afghanistan as a first step for developing a standing military presence in the region in the summer prior to 9/11. They had even informed the Pakistanis of their intention to invade in October. Then the 9/11 hijackers fly in like a scourge against the nation. But, like Santa Claus for the Bush's neo-con clique. All the plans were then put fast forward, and the pretext was now available for advancing the very aggressive domestic agenda for the development of a police state infrastructure. September 11<sup>th</sup> was a neo-con wet dream.

**Q:** What about Afghanistan?

**A:** Afghanistan and now Iraq have fore-grounded the just deserts of overwhelming pride and plain imperialist racism. They completely underestimated their punitive enemies, failed utterly to understand the cultures they were invading, and maintained an unshakable faith in the ability of high technology to deliver stable apolitical military victories. Now the US has a dual quagmire.

**Q:** What about bin Laden? About the fact that we didn't find him and now no one is even focused on him at all?

**A:** That's because he was never the issue. Controlling the region as a way to position yourself for economic war against Europe, former USSR and China was...and is.

**Q:** What about the present US Patriotic Act? What about the Military Tribunals? How about the Guantanamo Bay detainees in Cuba? Unlawful enemy combatants? Do you think the Bush administration is violating the US Constitution? What about the Geneva Conventions?

**A:** This is the most lawless US administration in living memory, and that's a real accomplishment given the parade of arch criminals who have occupied the Executive Branch of the White House for the last 100 years. There is a wealth of material available on the Internet and elsewhere, warning us about The Patriotic Act. The Patriotic Act has one major flaw. Once the decision is made to apply it generally, instead of against scapegoat populations, the US government will be faced with the most heavily armed population in the world. There's a certain grim poetic justice there. The tribunals and detentions are just plain exercises of impunity against every internationally recognized standard of legal practice in the world. This is also well known. The Geneva Conventions forbids unilateral invasions in the absence of a real and immediate threat. Period. It's unequivocal. People say that we should be cautious with using the term fascism. I agree. We are now faced with a winnable fascist administration. They would do well to recount how Mussolini and Hitler ended up.

**Q:** How do you feel about Bush's war on terror?

**A:** Bill Blum once said that the

difference between a terrorist and a superpower is that the latter has an Air Force. This whole slogan "*war on terror*", is used to tar any government that fails to comply with the US diktat. They still allege that Cuba sponsors terrorism. That's preposterous, and everyone damn well knows it.

**Q:** You're aware of allegations that Bush went AWOL while he was enlisted?

**A:** I've read them. It is irrelevant but even if Bush had a chest full of combat ribbons and medals, Bush is wrong and he is a military hawk, and a danger for the US and the world.

**Q:** Do you think that these wars are race-biased?

**A:** Politics is economics by other means, and war is politics by other means. Let's get this straight right now. Our entire US system was constructed from day one on the subjugation, the exploitation, or extermination of whole peoples. There has to be a cover story about that kind of practice, a justification. Racism provides that justification. Frontal racism, like slavery and Jim Crow, and implicit racism like "*the white man's burden*" and "*exporting democracy*". In that sense, not only these wars, but our whole society is race-based.

**Q:** Is there anything else that you would like to add?

**A:** Just that we need to bring all the US troops home immediately. And allow the Afghans and the Iraqis to determine their own future. And that we need to try, in every way possible to destroy the Bush government. They are both stupid and reckless, and that is a dangerous combination. ■

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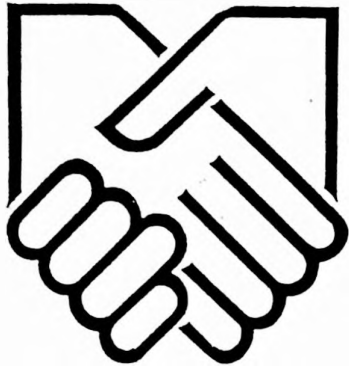
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# FRIENDSHIP NEWS

## GREETINGS ON THE 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY



### FROM BRAZIL:

Dear comrades:

As Vice Chairman of the Executive Committee of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People, and on behalf of the Institute of Socialist Culture of Brazil, in Rio de Janeiro, I have great pleasure to congratulate all the members of the NSC Editorial Board, but especially the combatant Michael Lucas, its Editor, that maintained a very high standard during these eleven years, in promoting internationalism and holding high the red banner of socialism. You are strengthening all true communists and the ongoing dedication to the resurrection of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Comradely yours

Pedro Castillo  
Brazil

### FROM BELGIUM

Dear comrades:

On behalf of the Workers Party of Belgium, we congratulate you with the 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of publishing Northstar Compass.

On each of the yearly Brussels International Communist Seminars, we meet many English-speaking people from all the continents, who confirm to us that for them Northstar Compass is the only solid source of information about the Soviet Union

and the movements to restore the USSR.

We think that the role of your journal is to be fully esteemed and we all wish you the best for another 11 years!

Jef Bossuyt  
Workers Party of Belgium

Michael Lucas, Editor Northstar  
Compass

Northstar Compass, the official publication of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People, is marking its 11th year of publication. In these years, which were extremely difficult because of the dissolution of the Soviet Union, Northstar Compass held true to the traditions of solidarity and friendship that already since 1918 formed the basis for support and co-operation with Soviet people. During this long period of time, we have enjoyed and have been able to count on the unswerving support of the Society of Carpatho-Russian Canadians. Thanks to their moral, material and financial support, successive Canadian friendship organizations such as the former Canada-USSR Association and the current Canadian Friends of Soviet People have been able to continue their work and maintain their presence in the Friendship Centre in Toronto. For this, we are eternally grateful.

On this occasion, when we mark the 11th year of publishing Northstar Compass I want, on behalf of the Canadian Friends of Soviet People express our sincere thanks to all of our supporters. Our work is a long way from being finished, but with the continued dedication of our all-volunteer workers, both at the Centre and beyond, Northstar Compass and the Friendship movement will continue to make a valuable contribution in the struggle for socialism in the former Soviet Union and beyond.

W. Vic Ratsma,  
Chairman,  
Canadian Friends of Soviet People.

### FROM AUSTRALIA:

We the undersigned send our greetings and congratulations to the 11th Anniversary of Northstar Compass.

We appreciate the difficulties you have had and the obstacles that have been placed in your path.

We in Australia know at first hand the sabotage of which certain revisionists are capable, but we remain undaunted.

Long live the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People!

Long live the Society of Carpatho-Russian Canadians!

Long live Northstar Compass

*Signed*

- \*Australian Friends of Soviet People
- \*Australians for Peace and Socialism
- \*Communist Party of Australia-Victoria State Committee
- \*JVP Sri Lanka (People's Liberation front of Sri Lanka)
- \*Marxist Workers Party of Australia

### FROM INDIA:

Greetings on the 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Northstar Compass. It is very heartening also that plans for holding the Second World Congress are underway. We would welcome it if possible to hold this Congress in Russia, but if that is not possible, we are of the view that a large participation would be better if it was held in Toronto, Canada, rather than in Europe.

For the Soviet comrades we have a suggestion. We know that there are many parties in Russia who are trying to reorganize on Marxist-Leninist lines. All such groups who have allegiance to Marxism-Leninism and accept Stalin as an authority on Marxism-Leninism, who view the present regime in Russia as a capitalist one that usurped power after the counter-revolution, should strive to build a platform for united action, even though they have differences on certain issues.

A correct revolutionary line would

emerge through ideological struggle in the course of a united battle against the revisionist forces. Such a joint platform would also play a part in the international arena in a coordinated fight against imperialist powers and expose the covert link and cooperation between the imperialists and the Putin government.

With revolutionary greetings

Manik Mukhejee  
Vice President  
All India Anti Imperialist Forum ■

#### FROM UKRAINE

To the Chairman of the International Council and Editor of Northstar Compass:

Dear comrades of the Editorial Board and International Council, I hereby sincerely congratulate you on the 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the appearance of NSC and the Second Anniversary of the First World Congress for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People.

The idea of friendship and solidarity of all the revolutionary movements on this planet is the most important task today. It is only in unity of all forces in all countries and on all continents that we can defeat the globalization of the world by imperialism; the aim by which Washington and NATO want to rule every corner of this earth of ours. The only defense against this menace is peace, unity, democracy and socialism.

Workers of the world unite!

Professor V. Herasymchuk  
Presidium of "Workers Ukraine-  
Canada Society" ■

#### FROM BRAZIL

On the 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this brave organ of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People, which has through all these years been tirelessly struggling for the resurrection of the **Great Soviet Union and Socialism**, I take this opportunity to wish all the members of the Editorial Board of Northstar Compass as well as those who in

some way or other have contributed to the noble cause mentioned above. We wish you continuous success and may our goal come true, sooner the better!

**Congratulations dear comrades and all readers!**

The victory against Fascism, Zionism and US-led imperialism will be ours – the world working class

Giovanni G. Vieira  
Secretary General  
Brazilian Institute of Socialist Culture ■

#### FROM HUNGARY

On behalf of the Hungarian Society Karl Marx and the Editorial Board of its published newspaper "*Dialektika*" we send you greetings on the occasion of the 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Northstar Compass. First of all, because this journal gives everyone the opportunity to read and exchange important information amongst communists of many different communist parties and movements, besides to the representatives of other left wing organizations and movements in former Soviet Union and in other former socialist countries in order to unite in this struggle for the resurrection of Socialism.

For us, your journal is very interesting and we often utilize your materials to publish them in our newspaper, both your articles and illustrations.

Great thanks and honour goes to you comrades for organizing the First World Congress for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People and being the initiators of getting formed the first Russian Society of Friendship with Foreign Countries.

We highly value your courage, dedication and deep belief in socialism and the Soviet Union, especially Michael Lucas, the Editor and other members of the Editorial Board.

We wish you good health and future successes in the fight for our common goal.

Ervin Rozsnyai  
Chairman of the Hungarian Society  
Karl Marx and Editorial Boards of  
*Dialektika* ■

#### FROM POLAND

Dear Chairman Michael Lucas  
Dear Editorial Board of NSC  
Dear Executive Committee of the  
International Council

Many and cordial greetings and sincere congratulations from Poland and from the Polish Communists! Congratulations on the NSC 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We want to thank you for NSC and for its constant informative materials, which we use regularly in our struggles in Poland.

Greetings to all of the dedicated volunteer staff and especially to Mrs. Helen Lucas.

A few words about the situation in Poland that is getting worse with each passing year. The economic growth in 2002 was lower than in 2001 and it grew only by 0.2%. The official unemployment figures that the government now admits is over 3,500,000 people (18.5%) which in actual fact comes to over 5 million people if you take into account part time workers. This is the highest unemployment in Europe – over 25% unemployed.

Because of this situation Poland is racked by strikes, demonstrations. The bourgeois government is heavily dependent on the US, Germany and in part on the European Union. This was all compounded when in 1999 Poland joined NATO and now Poland is involved in the aggression on Iraq as an occupation force. This government's subservience to USA is being protested by young people in demonstrations. There is growing now in Poland an anti-imperialist front in Poland.

In June of this year there was a referendum on Poland joining the European Union. Over 41% of the Polish people boycotted this referendum – over 4 million Poles voted against it, but the Polish government managed through legal trickery to join the EU anyway. The demands of the people are heard more and more, because Poland is in a deep economic crisis.

Zbigniew Wiktor  
Member of the Executive Committee  
of the International Council ■

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## FROM BRAZIL

I am again wishing you comrades success on this 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of NSC. I am in contact with Pedro Castilho here for future cooperation.

It's interesting and also shocking to observe the current repression by Putin's security OMON goons. It is sometimes hard to believe that these men who once lived under the Soviet Union government are now beating-up communists and protestors who demonstrate against the domination of USA over Russia. It's scary and sad, but this is capitalism-fascism.

As Lenin pointed out, the weaker capitalism is the better the chance of a socialist revolution. But somehow capitalism is getting more powerful, so it is extremely necessary for all people to unite, especially the Marxist-Leninist parties. We must use more and more propaganda, which is a lethal weapon as was so forthrightly used by the previous Bolsheviks before and after the Great October Revolution.

We must use every means of the mass media and even the "pirate radio stations" to get the truth out to the people. We must improve our tactics and struggle on for the reestablishment of the USSR and socialism in the whole world.

Cristiano Alves

## FROM ECUADOR

We send our congratulations on the 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Northstar Compass and for the activities that you develop together with the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People. We would be glad to write a monthly report from South America in Spanish and we would appreciate receiving the articles you translate into English from our newspaper En Marcha.

Good wishes to you comrades

Alejandro Rios

## FROM UKRAINE

I would like to congratulate NSC on its 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The fact that NSC is still existing in spite of problems and financing; the fact that

every year it's getting better, shows that it has gained for itself the authority and ever widening section of readership on the five continents of the world and has also solidified its Communist orientation. It is also a fact that due to its success, NSC has been under attack from reactionary forces and anti-communists. This in itself shows that the appearance of NSC on the political scene was a necessity.

Today there is no greater task to accomplish than the rebirth of Marxism-Leninism and its return to its previous position of uniting all active communist movements, after the temporary and tragic defeat of socialism.

These aims are certainly being achieved by the collective of the NSC, and I just want to again congratulate all and wish you success in this noble path that we all have undertaken.

Vladimir Pronin

## FROM UKRAINE:

It is great news that there took place the formation of the Russian Society for Friendship with Foreign Countries. We hope that it will be a worthy partner of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People.

We congratulate you on this 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of NSC and wish you success in the struggle for the revival of the Soviet Union.

We suggest that a good venue for holding the 2<sup>nd</sup> World Congress would be Finland, thus guaranteeing a very large contingent from former USSR.

S.G. Saveliev

All Ukrainian Movement for the Soviet Union

## FROM AUSTRIA

Greetings to all the readers on this the 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of NSC, from my present stay in Vienna, Austria.

The consensus here about the bombing of the UN building in Baghdad is as was stated "How far will the damage control limits will be pushed?" The feeling here in Austria is that this tragedy was engineered by Bush administration to gain political points. This master plan of "oil for food" is well prepared, well-

financed and is geared to make certain that Bush is reelected and thus dampen the increasing opposition to the illegal, non-UN approved war.

Some members of US Congress and Senate are asking: "How far can these lies go?" They are getting answers loud and clear! **Wake up America!**

Jerry Morse

## FROM USA

Dear friends;

On the 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of NSC I'm sending you this drawing I made to get the US troops out of Iraq. I wish you NSC many more years of bringing truth the people.



Anna Lucia Gelabert  
Political prisoner 384484  
Texas

## ACCOUNTABILITY

Concluding paragraph from an article in the Knoxville News-Sentinel -7/22/03

"If, in Country X, the power is out, the water's out, the oil pipeline is burning, unemployment tops 60%, murder and rape are the daily occurrences, the treasury is looted, the museums are looted, official history is a tool for propaganda, and the UN headquarters are bombed, then the ruler of the Country X should be held accountable, **right?**"

**Well, Iraq is the country X, Bush is its ruler!**

October NSC will have an overview of the work of the Russian Society for Friendship with Foreign Countries.

**WE ARE  
CONTINUING OUR  
FLIGHT**

**PROFESSOR  
VLADIMIR  
HERASYMCHUK**



Sometimes in life there are moments, when you see the world through a prism of reality and mirage. Sometimes during this prism the jumble of life, reality, fantasy, become a mixture that represents life in many of its respects. Man was born so that he can dream, fantasize, in order to give substance to these dreams and to realize them into reality.

Prometheus gave us the torch of light and goodness, that we should carry it to the stars, to the life giving sun. Everyone of us should have his or her own star...

...I also have my own star. Well it is already 11 years that I walk step by step with my friends and comrades along this road to the stars as shown by Northstar Compass. We are following this star, as we follow a teacher in order to make actual our dreams and bring them into reality. Let us bring this storm set by the historical Spartak and Pugachev into reality and build the future for mankind...Communism!

Yes, we are continuing our flight into eternity. We well remember who it was that heroically manned the Paris Commune Barricades and raised the Red Banner high to the world. We remember the heroes if the Great October Revolution. We are the children of the battleship Aurora which with its batteries proclaimed a new Soviet State and which had the Red Banner waving proudly over the Soviet Union for 70

years. This Red Banner lighted up many countries of the world and brought terror to the Imperial Devil of capitalism and also forever demolished the colonial empires of raw exploitation.

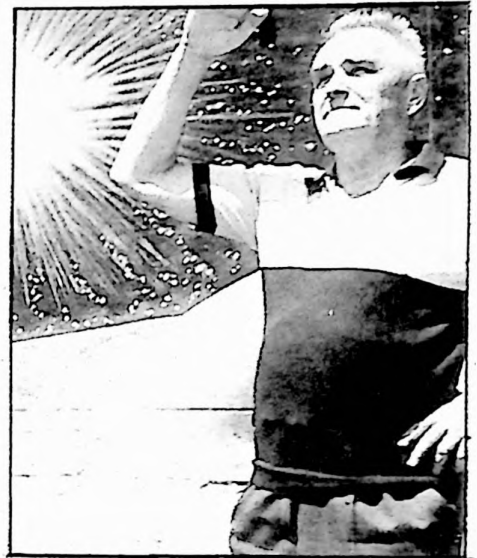
But there is no happiness without sadness...today some people even say that there is no longer the Soviet Union...because there is no longer the USSR... But who am I ? No, my Mr's and ex-communists! It is not night yet...the children of "Granma" and of the "Aurora" are still living! The red banner of the working class will again shine over the world. But not for only 70 days as did the Paris Commune, but for 70 years, for 70 centuries! I am alive, and I will be alive through my children, my grandchildren and my great-great grandchildren...because this is the law of life and world development...

We are continuing our flight - Forward and onward! Towards the sun and the stars of which the great thinkers thought and dreamt about. Everyone knows about this, those who read Northstar Compass. It carries to all the countries, to all continents the truth about Soviet people, truth about socialism, of the revolutionary struggles of people for their rights.

The most important event in the life of our Northstar Compass and of the friends of Soviet people was the First World Congress for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People that was held in Toronto in September of 2001. This was a heart-warming and even fairy tale meeting of people and it showed the organizational skill of the organizers. We discussed problems of the world, such as peace, democracy, socialism. After the Congress we were all taken to see one of the wonders of the world - the Niagara Falls. In front of our eyes was the mirage of many colours, hues, fantasy, reality - all blended into one. Such power, such dynamics, it seemed that no power on earth could curtail this phenomenon.

But the shining light over the Niagara Falls was the light of Northstar Compass and we heard the Niagara Chimes peel, that to our

ears was calling for a march of humanity towards a world-wide Communist Revolution!



*Professor V. Herasymchuk looks into the sky and sees the North Star shining brightly!*

I saw a dream... I saw the shining light of the North Star. This North Star shone over the Niagara Falls. Let us get together, sing the song of the working class...the International.

My dear friends, comrades! From the bottom of my heart I congratulate and salute you, the Editorial Board of NSC, the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People with the 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. I sincerely wish you health and happiness, and many more victories!

***Our task is correct - victory shall be ours!***

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## **GROWTH OF ANTI-COMMUNISM IN SOME COMMUNIST PUBLICATIONS**

*This is from the newspaper "Molniya" Edited by Victor Anpilov in Moscow and his comment about some statements and remarks made by people who class themselves as communists and communist leaders.*

The article by writer Sergei Yermolayev tells us and brings to our attention facts of the growth of anti-communism, anti-Sovietism as also the growth of religious dogma on the pages of the so-called patriotic newspapers and even communist press. This is seen in the publication of the newspaper "Ekonomicheskaya Gazeta" by the author of many previous Soviet school textbooks, Academician Theodor Ojzerman, whose very lengthy article in this newspaper, called - "Unprincipled stand of the term "Marxism-Leninism". This article is absolutely against his previous articles and books and his dedication to socialism and Soviet state.

What does this former "Marxist" write now and for whom he writes that: "Lenin defended the demand for bourgeois democracy of the working class (!) in Western Europe and USA. Lenin never demanded the dictatorship of the proletariat and was not materialistic minded."

Following quickly after Ojzerman and Novodvorsky are those who before proclaimed: "Fight the Jews to save Russia!" They now classify Lenin's teachings as unlawful, anti-state and anti-Russian. Even the newspaper "Pravda" the semi-official organ of the CPRF debunks the (Lenin's theory of proletarian revolution) and from the lips of the secretary of the CC CPRF, Bandiukov, to the delight of all anti-communists of the likes of Cipko and Zinoviev, seating around the table, together with Gennady Zyuganov, stated that: "in any communist party there is no theory". Since there is no theory in a communist party the editor of the newspaper "Zavtra" Alexander Prohanov without any ceremony does away with Leninism and with all those who are dedicated to Marxism-Leninism, here in former USSR and in other countries, and he

is ready to burn all communists and Lenin's theory on the fires of inquisition. We print only a part of his statement here: "The Lenin theory is more like that of Anpilov and of Fidel Castro, and is not relevant anymore."

For such pearls of wisdom we can be certain that the CIA will reward Mr. Prohanov very well.

Molniya newspaper will not keep silent to these attacks, geared as they are towards the coming elections to the Russian Duma. We will never back down to expose these anti-communists who are hiding under "pseudo-communist" labels as to what they really are and who they really are - they are a new breed of anti-socialists, anti-Sovietists, anti-Marxist-Leninists! ■

*From newspaper*

**MYSL**

*Organ of the Russian Communist Workers Party-Russian Party of Communists*

## **What communist party in Russia can you say is a Lenin type party?**

Already 12 years have passed since we are living under a bourgeois government. How many years passed since the birth of communist parties and movements, such as the All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks, Russian Communist Workers Party, Russian Party of Communists (now these two parties are joined together) Union of Communists and Russian Communist Party-CPSU (before it was called Union of Communists). A half a year later there was formed the Communist Party of Russian Federation. The splits kept on going even after that.

The following splits were: ACP(b) (A. Lapin), CPLP (V. Buriugov), CTR (V. Anpilov), CPU (O. Shenin), CPSU (V. Kariskin), CPSU (S. Skvortsov) formed after 1991. You would think that after the formation of all these communist parties, the bourgeois regime would by now be on its last legs in power. But Putin's regime is not ready yet to go to the

cemetery.

But the regime just kept on reforming the economy, devastating the country and somehow managed to stabilize the political situation for now and did not allow the communist parties to take the initiative and channel the hate of millions of Soviets against the present regime in a storm that could have been able to throw out the preset hated regime into the garbage bin of history.

Hard to imagine - but it's a fact that some of the communist parties are not very seriously dedicated to deeply analyze the defeat that has taken place. Even though the 10-year anniversary of the following parties (AUCPB, RCWP, RPC, CPRF) gave them the opportunity to mount a revolution, but because of all these splits in the unity of action, weakness in the intellectual and organizational skills, the age factor of the majority of the party members, not really enough ideological understanding and the lack of leaders capable to arouse the masses to action, things are at a standstill. But there are other reasons that maybe are even more pertinent:

\* lack of principal understanding and practice in the building of a party of a revolutionary type;

\* the realization of non revolutionary strategy, all others strategies are put forward, except the revolutionary theory as taught by Lenin.

We feel that most of the parties now on the scene feel that this question does not concern them, or that it is out of date. Such thoughts in the last while permeated most of the parties that are on the scene now.

That is why it is imperative that this question of tactics and also of ideological tactics should be discussed and solved on the pages of the newspapers that these parties publish. Unless this is done, the process of divide and rule shall proceed. We must return to Lenin and Marxism-Leninism in theory and practice.

**COMMENT:**

*In another article, one of the writers wrote that the former Soviet textbooks in public, high schools and Universities dealing with Marxism-*

Leninism and Lenin's writings are nowhere to be found in libraries, except at the main Lenin Library in Moscow and even there it is hard to get them. Outside of Moscow there are **NO** books on these subjects – the present regime fulfilled the task set by Gorbachev, Yeltsin and others and completely destroyed all the Marxist-Leninist literature all over former Soviet Union.

The young generations have been brought up on anti-Leninism, anti-Stalinism, anti-Socialism and anti Marxism-Leninism.

Therefore, unity of the genuine Marxists-Leninists is vital to defeat the present regime, and if need be, these so-called communist parties that are just opportunists, social democrats hiding as "communists" or basically helping the regime, must be fought and defeated. Lenin and Stalin never gave up their fight against the Trojan horse enemies!

The Editor of NSC

## WE NEED ANOTHER NUREMBERG!

BY GALINA SAVCHENKO

Major of the Soviet Army Yuri A. Petrovsky, after three years of physical and moral degradation in isolation and hard labour in Ukraine, was finally freed. Immediately he went back to work amongst the communists comrades in Zaporozhe, in the Communist Party of Ukraine as the First Secretary. The Kuchma terrorists were not able to break his will and dedication.

His freedom is due to the protests and actions of Soviet people in Kiev, Chernigov, Zaporozhe, Krivoj Rog. Besides this, the solidarity was shown by the progressive press like the communists of the Northstar Compass in Canada (Michael Lucas); Communist Vestnik (S. Saveliev); For USSR (L. Babienko) who immediately went to the defense of Petrovsky.

Today across the planet there are the dark clouds of new fascism. The US is taking over to conquer the world where Hitler had failed.

The Third World War was won by



The first meeting with Y. Petrovsky after his liberation from jail. From left to right: G. Nedyalkov, Galina Savchenko, Yuri Petrovsky and P. Pribora. While a political prisoner Yuri Petrovsky was elected as a delegate to the XXXVII Cong. of CPU.

US Imperialism In December of 1991 when the Soviet Union was dismembered as was the Soviet Army. This was the silent cold war, ideological undermining of all that the Soviet Union stood and fought for.

The Fourth World War was the financial war that brought under US control the economies of many countries of the world and the US military are now on the territories of former Soviet Republics. A perfect example of all this is the question as to why US Army is situated in Georgia? US said and Shevernadze proclaimed that it was to fight terrorism by the Chechens and other international terrorists. But the answers are as follows:

- \*coordination of flights and attacks on Iraq

- \*the organizing and effective control of US forces on the territory of Central Caucasus of ex-USSR

- \*to rearm and regroup the Chechen rebels with modern weapons and to use them as a destabilizing armed force in the Caucasus.

Russia is now surrounded by

military basis in the West, East, and South. Globalization is in full swing and together with Americanization of culture, customs and language, the New World Order is coming under the jackboots of NATO-US Imperialism.

The election campaign slogans in Ukraine that we will elect now a "new and better President" is nothing more but lies and more lies of the most vial kind.

All those who call themselves Communists must realize that you cannot make changes in a bourgeois society through parliamentary means and no capitalist society will allow the formation of Red Army Units in order to depose the regime without a revolutionary upheaval by the people and supported by the future Red Army units.


We warn you America and NATO- "Hands Off Russia!" A war that will start by you Americans, will end up on your territory!

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# Bush's Crumbling Authority In Iraq

**NOW NO ONE IS SAFE!** By ROBERT FISK

What UN member would contemplate sending any peace-keeping troops to Iraq? The men who attacked the US occupation army are not stupid. They know that Bush is getting desperate, that he will do anything, that he might even go to the dreaded Security Council for help - to reduce the US military bases in Iraq. But the attack on the UN headquarters in Baghdad has shut the door to that escape route.

This attack proves that no foreign organization, no NG Organization, no humanitarian organization or investor or businessman can expect to be safe under America's occupation rule. There is pipeline sabotage, electricity sabotage, water sabotage, attacks on US and British troops and US sponsored Iraqi policemen. What will come next? Americans can reconstruct the dead faces of Saddam's two sons, but they can't reconstruct Iraq.

There is a genuine movement against the occupation troops and many agencies, including Red Cross are leaving the country. This

resistance movement has united the Sunni Muslims, the Shias and others in the anti-American actions.

The US troops as well as British are realizing more and more that instead of being welcomed with flowers as Bush and Blair have told them, they are welcomed with bullets, bombs and grenades.

Future reaction is equally predictable. Unable to blame their daily cup of bitterness upon Saddam's former retinue, the Americans are conjuring up foreign intervention. Saudi, al-Qaeda, pro-Syria, pro-Iranian terrorists - any "mysterious terrorists" will do if their existence covers up the painful reality: that the US-UK occupation has spawned a real home-grown Iraqi guerrilla army capable of humiliating the greatest power on Earth.

The UN flag was supposed to guarantee security. But as in the past, the UN presence was always contingent upon the acquiescence of a sovereign power. The Iraqis and many countries see the presence of US as an extension of its powers in

Iraq.

President Bush was happy to show his scorn for the United Nations when its inspectors failed to find any weapons of mass destruction and when the UN Security Council would not agree to the Anglo-American invasion of Iraq. Now Bush cannot even protect UN lives in Iraq.

Does anyone want to invest in Iraq now? Does anyone want to put their money on a future US sponsored "democracy" in Iraq? ■

## British historians teach America the art of empire maintenance

Christina Lamb  
SUNDAY TIMES

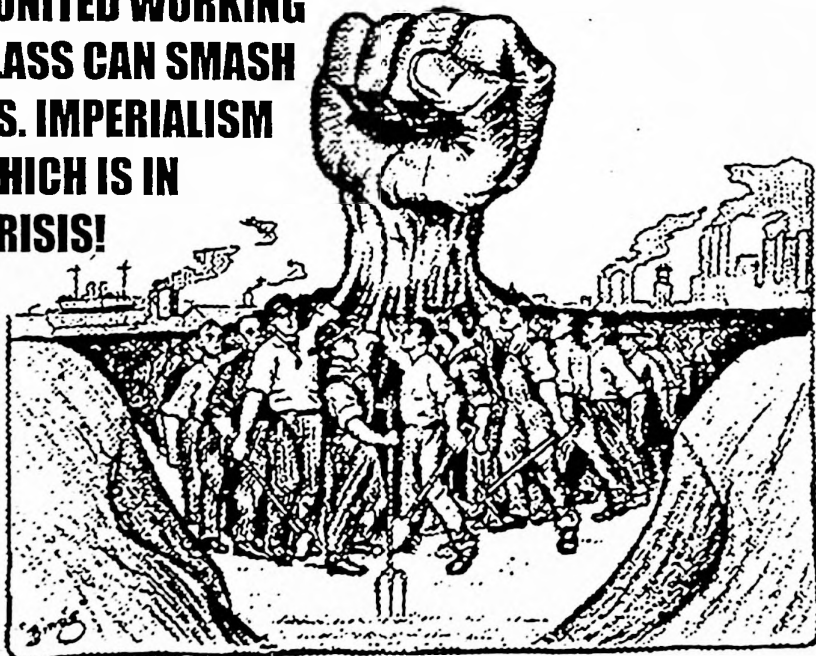
AMERICA'S struggle to impose order on Iraq has prompted a boom in courses on the British empire at universities across the United States.

Some of Britain's most eminent imperial historians have been lured to teach the do's and don'ts of running an empire.

"The history of empire used to be a very unpopular subject but now there is a great revival," said William Roger Louis, editor-in-chief of *The Oxford History of the British Empire* and founder of a course entitled *Adventures with Britannia* at the University of Texas. "Obviously this is to do with events in the Middle East."

Criticism of Washington's lack of planning for post-war Iraq and the failure to win hearts and minds have triggered comparisons with Britain's management of colonies. One problem has been ambivalence. "Neo-conservative" hawks in Washington accept that the United States is an imperial power and talk about where to go next, but others in the Bush

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Drawing is from Spark publication



administration prefer to think of themselves as liberators.

*"Whatever your view on what America is doing and whether the so-called Pax Americana is a good thing, it's helpful if you realise that doing an empire is difficult," said Linda Colley, author of Captives: Britain, Empire and the World 1600-1850. "It's costly, economically, in time and in lives.*

*"History has a way of reminding you and it would have been useful if people had thought more about the British empire in the Middle East in the early 20th century and how difficult that had been before embarking on this. I think George Bush, and indeed Tony Blair, should sit down with a history book."*

Colley is leaving the London School of Economics to teach imperial history at Princeton. She emphasises that her courses will not be of the sort once taught at Oxford and Cambridge to white males, who would then sort out other parts of

the world: "I don't think anyone teaches do-it-yourself empire or how to become a colonial governor, but the idea is getting through that Pax Britannica shaped global events and in many parts of the world America has picked up where British influence is receding."

Not only are British academics who specialize in empire becoming hot properties, but many colonial period collections are also being snapped up by rich American universities.

*"I increasingly find myself competing with Americans for archive material," said Dr Gareth Griffiths, director of the Empire and Commonwealth Museum in Bristol. "We're seeing a growth in interest in the United States because of the increasing significance of American power. You look back at historical precedents, so it is understandable that you would look back at the British empire."*

In Britain, empire studies are

not part of history teaching. Professor Niall Ferguson, the author of Empire: The Rise and Demise of the British World Order, recently called for their restoration to the school history curriculum, and was accused of trying to "rehabilitate" the empire. He is unlikely to face such criticism at New York University, where he now teaches.

Others point out that history is squeezed into one or two hours a week in secondary schools and there is little time to talk about the empire.

The children may be no less ill-informed than their parents. Griffiths said: "It turns out we must assume that the visitor brings absolutely no knowledge of empire. Instead for most people what they know is derived from films like Carry On Up the Khyber. When they do think of empire, they think of India, maybe South Africa and Australia — 85% of people have no idea that Britain was involved in the Middle East." ■

## U.S. TROOPS KILL A REUTERS AWARD-WINNING CAMERAMAN

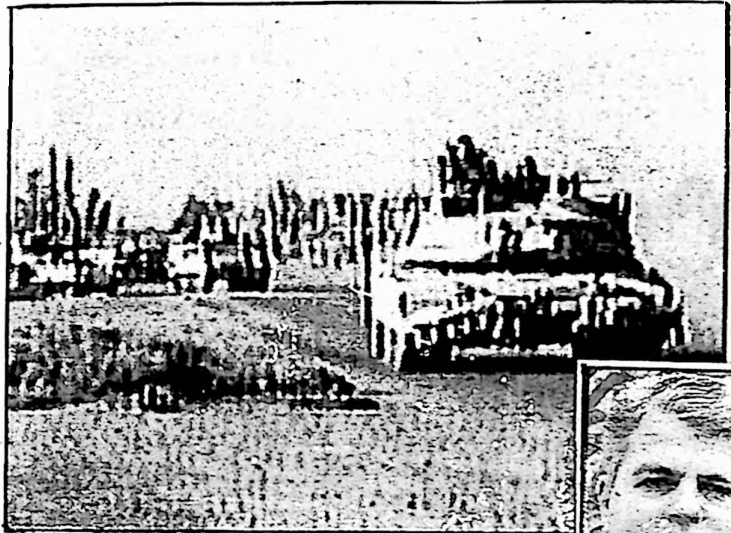
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US soldiers shot and killed a cameraman last month in Baghdad while he was filming a Baghdad prison that was hit by a deadly US mortar attack hours before.

Reuters journalist Mazen Dana, 41, was filming outside the Abu Ghraib prison when he was shot. The US mortar attack against this prison killed six prisoners and wounded about 60.

The vide-tape in Dana's camera showed two US tanks coming at him and US soldiers from the tank fired two shots and he was killed. The US command acknowledged that its troops **"engaged"** a Reuters cameraman, and the excuse given was that the US soldiers thought that this small camera was a **"rocket propelled grenade launcher"**.

Dana, a Palestinian was awarded the International Press Freedom Award in 2001 by the *"International Committee to Protect the Journalists"* for his work in Hebron where he was wounded and beaten many times by



**MAZEN DANA**  
Award Winning Journalist

the Israelis. He is the 17<sup>th</sup> journalist killed in Iraq since the war.

After gaining permission to film this prison bombardment, the crew went into their car to drive away. Then the shots rang out from the first tank and I saw him scream and touching his chest, said Reuters sound man al-Shyoukhi.

### COMMENT:

*This news item appeared in capitalist newspapers on the back pages—in this case, on the 37<sup>th</sup> page of The Sun newspaper in Canada. Where's*

*the protest by Reuters New Agency? Where is the protest from the Secretary General of the UN?*

*Video showing two US tanks going for the Reuters crew near the Baghdad jail and shooting the journalist. This is from the video camera of Mazen Dana, before he was shot dead.* ■

# Keynote Speech on US Intervention in the Philippines and Korea

*By Prof. Jose Maria Sison  
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tional League of Peoples' Struggle  
at the Forum on US Intervention in  
the Philippines and Korea,  
An Evening of Resistance Broad-  
cast by WBAI/Pacifica,*

*July 16, 2003, New York City*

First of all, let me thank all the organizers for inviting me to keynote this forum on US intervention in the Philippines and Asia. I feel greatly honored and deeply pleased to be among speakers who are knowledgeable about the subject, to speak before anti-imperialist activists and to reach a great number of people through the electronic multimedia and further political work.

I admire and salute all the Korean and Filipino organizations for working together to expose and oppose US intervention and related evil acts in their respective countries. I also appreciate the relations of solidarity and cooperation that these organizations have developed with organizations of the American people and other peoples in the course of common struggle against imperialist plunder and war.

In the face of the worsening crisis of the US and world capitalist system, we can expect that the No. 1 imperialist power, which is at the same time the No. 1 terrorist force, will escalate the exploitation and oppression of the people of the world and will generate all such monstrosities as chauvinism, racism, the violation of women's rights, fascism and wars of aggression

The US has used 9-11 as the pretext for internationalizing the fascist provisions of the Patriot Act, for unleashing wars of aggression, for using weapons of mass destruction against the civilian population and



social infrastructure and for misrepresenting and demonizing as "terrorist" national liberation movements, countries assertive of national independence and leaders who take an anti-imperialist stand.

The Bush ruling clique is hell-bent on delivering tax cuts, public funds, contracts and subsidies to the monopoly bourgeoisie. It is pushing low-employment war production as the supposed stimulus to the crisis-stricken American economy. It is whipping up war hysteria and actually carrying out wars of aggression. These wars are aimed at seizing the sources of cheap labor and natural resources (especially oil), markets and fields of investment.

The dream of the "neoconservatives" around Bush is to build further an incomparable empire, a Pax Americana of unprecedented scale, by maximizing the use of the sole superpower position of the US and, of course, its high-tech weapons of mass destruction and mass distraction. A number of states is lined up as targets for aggression, intervention, blockade and pressure in order to make them yield to the global hegemony of the US.

The US has used its war of ag-

gression against Afghanistan to entrench itself further in Central Asia and ensure that the sources of oil and oil supply routes are under its control. It has used its second war of aggression against Iraq to gain direct control over the second largest oil reserves in the world and in effect over the OPEC and over global oil production and to further subordinate the whole of the Middle East to the US-Israeli combination.

All the time that it has been carrying out its war of aggression against Afghanistan and then Iraq, the US has been deploying US combat troops in the Philippines under the pretext of anti-terrorism and hurling threats against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea under the pretext of pushing non-proliferation of nuclear weapons. The hostile acts of the US against the Filipino and Korean peoples are interrelated. They have something to do with pushing US hegemony over the whole of East Asia.

Let me focus first on the US military intervention in the Philippines. The US is using its so-called war on terrorism in order to bring in military advisors, trainers and combat troops in violation of the 1987 constitution of the Manila government, to develop interoperability with the Filipino mercenary puppet troops, to elaborate on US military access rights through a logistical support agreement, to expand the facilities for the US air and naval forces and to prepare the ground for the return of US military basing rights.

US strategists see the Philippines as the center of an arc, with one wing consisting of more developed countries in Northeast Asia (Japan, South Korea, North Korea and China) and another wing consisting of the underdeveloped but natural resource-rich countries in Southeast Asia. The US gives high priority to preparations for establishing of US air and naval bases in Central and Far South Mindanao

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and thereby acquiring a control point over the oil-producing and predominantly Muslim countries of Southeast Asia.

The US considers the Philippines as its most reliable vantage point because this is the country in Asia that it dominates the most -- economically, politically and culturally. It is also the best-located vantage point for the whole of East Asia. US military bases can oversee from here the movement of more than half of the global trade through the South China Sea.

The new shift in US military strategic thinking affects the Philippines and the rest of East Asia. The US is eager to establish small US military bases and outposts wherever possible, under the concept of forward deployment, which veers away from the previous concept of rapid deployment. The advance deployment of US forces on the ground are seen as effective facilitation of any subsequent deployment of large US military forces from their secure US bases at any time.

US military access and basing rights in the Philippines are considered of crucial importance. Through these the US can pose a serious military threat to China and DPRK. A US military position of strength in the Philippines gains even more importance as the US moves towards the relative reduction of US military forces in Japan due to the rising clamor of the Japanese people for the dismantling of US military bases and as it is also trying to redress the vulnerability of US military bases around Seoul and near the 38th parallel in Korea.

In keeping with its doctrine of preemptive strike (based either on accurate or Bush-style falsified intelligence) and with its cowardly style of raining missiles and bombs upon people and buildings from a great distance, the US has already announced plans of reshaping its military force deployment in East Asia in such a manner as to make the Philippines the main frontline against China and DPRK, and Australia the main rear for US military forces.

It must be observed that the US is trying to persuade the DPRK to come to terms with US policy by using diplomacy with the participation

of China. It is highly probable that the US is now using the subtle language of diplomacy to boast of having tightened its control over oil and having the ability to block the oil supply to DPRK and even China. The US is already heard loudly proclaiming that it can move back its troops from the range of any DPRK military action and that it can attack the DPRK from a distance with cruise missiles with nuclear warheads.

In the imperialist mode of thinking, especially that of Bush and his retinue of neoconservatives, high-tech weaponry can ultimately solve any problem that economic, financial and diplomatic manipulation cannot. But has high-tech weaponry solved the problem for the US in Afghanistan and Iraq? It was effective only for destroying fixed structures and pushing aside the incumbent government. The Talibans and Al Qaida are back in control of more than 40 per cent of Afghanistan by waging guerrilla warfare.

And in Iraq the anti-imperialist forces are also waging guerrilla warfare and are inflicting more and more casualties on the US occupation forces. But Bush and other high



US officials are violently against bringing the US troops home. They have made clear that they will keep US troops in Iraq for a long while. The name of their game is occupation.

They cannot leave behind the oil fields and oil reserves, all the business projects of the US monopoly firms and the military bases for

controlling the entire Middle East. The greed and arrogance of the Bush regime and US monopoly firms are placing the US in a quagmire reminiscent of Vietnam.

Are there ways for the Korean and Filipino peoples to frustrate US military intervention and related evil actions? Yes, of course.

The entire Korean people of both north and south can unite against US imperialism, against US military bases and US nuclear weapons in the south and against the economic embargo and military threats of the US against the DPRK. It is fine that the DPRK is standing up firmly for national independence, peaceful reunification and socialist aspirations and is ready to fight courageously with the omnipotence of the people and with some powerful weapons. The US cannot successfully launch a blitzkrieg against the DPRK with impunity, without grave consequences to the US and its most rabid followers and without offending the Chinese and other peoples of the world.

The Filipino people can unite and raise the level of their revolutionary consciousness and fighting capabilities. In the face of the US and the Manila puppet government, the people are fortunate to have the Communist Party of the Philippines, the New People's Army, the National Democratic Front of the Philippines, the organs of democratic power and the mass organizations as the solid forces in the struggle for national liberation and democracy. The current form of people's war in the Philippines is extensive and intensive guerrilla warfare on the basis of an ever widening and deepening mass base. The high-tech weaponry of the US is impotent against such popular resistance.

The Korean and Filipino peoples enjoy abundant support from all anti-imperialist and democratic forces and people of the world. The broad anti-imperialist solidarity is developing vigorously on a global scale. It is inspiring the people of the world to intensify their resistance for national and social liberation against imperialism and all reaction. The world disorder of today is the prelude to a new wave of social revolutions.

# AMERICA INCREASING PRESSURE ON

## A:-JAZEERA TV BY ROBERT FISK

The Independent  
Opinion, July 2 2003

BAGHDAD, 30 July 2003 — Only a day after US Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz claimed that the Arabic Al-Jazeera television channel was "inciting violence" and "endangering the lives of American troops" in Iraq, the station's Baghdad bureau chief has written a scathing reply to the American administration, complaining that in the past month the station's offices and staff in Iraq "have been subject to strafing by gunfire, death threats, confiscation of news material, and multiple detentions and arrests, all carried out by US soldiers ..."

The unprecedented dispute between an Anglo-American occupation authority supposedly dedicated to "democracy" in Iraq and an Arab station once praised by Washington for its services to free speech in the Arab world comes at a time when the US administration appears to be laying the ground work to close down Al-Jazeera's operations in Iraq — along with those of the Arabia channel — for alleged "incitement to violence".

America's senior occupation consul in Iraq, Paul Bremer, has officially stated that he would close down newspapers or television stations guilty of "incitement to violence" — without, of course, explaining exactly what this phrase means. Wolfowitz, a right-wing ideologue and fervent supporter of Israel, is one of the cabal of advisers who pushed the US administration into war with Iraq on the grounds that Saddam possessed weapons of mass destruction and that the destruction of his regime would open the way to a new, democratic Middle East. He used the equally right-wing and Murdoch-owned Fox Channel to make his allegations against Al-Jazeera, many of which are palpably false. He claimed, for example, that the staff of Al-Jazeera "have a way when they want to cover somebody favorably, including Saddam Hussein in the old days, of slanting the news incredibly ... and now, the

minute they get something that they can use to spread hatred and violence in Iraq, they're broadcasting it around."

In fact, as the station's Baghdad bureau chief, Wadah Khanfar, points out in his letter — addressed to Bremer, a copy of which has been obtained by The Independent — "Al-Jazeera did not cover Saddam Hussein favorably. Both Yasser Abu Hilala (one of the channel's senior correspondents) and I myself have been expelled from Baghdad by the former regime for our reporting. The Baghdad bureau was shut down twice by the former Ministry of Information for unfavorable coverage, and once by Al-Jazeera itself in protest over attempts at censorship. Al-Jazeera reporters in Iraq have even been physically assaulted by former Information Minister Mohamed Saeed As-Sahaf for daring to broadcast events which cast the regime in an unfavorable light."

Already, however, the dispute between Al-Jazeera and the US authorities has gone beyond mere words. American troops have raided the bureau's offices in the city of Ramadi and arrested reporters, harassment that has been accompanied by claims from US officers — a certain Col. Teeples of the US 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment prominent among them — that Al-Jazeera has advance notice of attacks against American troops.

The truth is that the station sometimes receives unsolicited videotapes — hand-delivered to their reception staff by unidentified men — showing the military ambush of US

convoys. In many cases, Al-Jazeera has decided not to show the tapes — but this has had no effect on the Americans.

The history of mutual — indeed lethal — antagonism between Washington and Al-Jazeera goes back to the 2001 bombardment of Afghanistan when, after the Arab station showed videotape of Osama Bin Laden, an American Cruise missile exploded in their Kabul bureau. Then in the last days of the invasion of Iraq this year, after the channel beamed pictures of Iraqi civilians mutilated by US air raids and tape of American prisoners in Iraqi hands, a US jet targeted the station's Baghdad bureau, killing one of its senior reporters. Al-Jazeera had earlier given the map coordinates of its Baghdad offices to the Pentagon to prevent any accidental bombing of its bureau. These frightening events — regarded by many of the international Baghdad press corps as a deliberate attempt by the Americans to murder Al-Jazeera staff — mean that the channel's reporters regard themselves at risk of their lives if they offend the Americans.

Another of Wolfowitz's claims involved the station's coverage of an incident in the Iraqi Shiite city of Najaf. "Al-Jazeera ran a totally false report that American troops had gone and detained one of the key imams in this holy city of Najaf, Muqtad Al-Sadr (sic)," he said. "It was a false report, but they were out broadcasting it instantly." Wadah Khanfar's detailed reply — and his sense of frustration — will be familiar to any Western newspaper editor. "Al-Jazeera never stated at any time that Muqtada As-Sadr was detained," he wrote. "Our correspondent Yasser Abu Hilala, a top reporter with thirteen years experience covering the Middle East, stated he had received phone calls from Muqtada As-Sadr's secretary and two of his top deputies saying the imam's house was surrounded by US forces after he called for the formation of an Islamic Army. The phone calls were not only made to our offices but to all the offices of As-Sadr's followers in Baghdad resulting in a massive demonstration in front of the Republic Palace within 45 minutes which we re-



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ported, along with the New York Times, CNN and a host of others." Khanfar added that "when Mr. Abu Hilala attempted to contact the US military's public information center they did not even know about the demonstration going on in their own backyard, let alone what was happening in Najaf. When the US military finally got around to denying the encirclement of As-Sadr's home over 24 hours later, we duly reported it."

The Al-Jazeera bureau chief suspects that poor translation of its dispatches mean that "half-truths and total falsehoods about our reporting...make the rounds in Washington, Baghdad and elsewhere." No doubt remembering the American missile strikes against Al-Jazeera's offices, he also states in his letter to Bremer that "the mischaracteriza-

tions of our reporting made by Mr. Wolfowitz and others are a form of incitement to violence against Al-Jazeera, the first Arab television channel to practice professional Western-style journalism free of the notorious censorship so prominent in the rest of the Middle East."

Khanfar is calling for Wolfowitz to retract his statement and issue an apology. But the real cause of American anger has always been Al-Jazeera's powerful coverage of Arab and Muslim suffering — and its ability to reflect this in millions of homes throughout the Middle East. And since the US government neither explained nor apologized for its deliberate bombing of the station's offices in Kabul and Baghdad, Khanfar has not the slightest chance of an apology from Wolfowitz. ■

these nations. And 9/11 provided the answer. Bush's popularity soared and they had obtained the go-ahead to implement the first steps toward their ultimate objective of world hegemony. So the question of "who benefits" appears to have been answered.

The foregoing has been known for some time, but the question of the "money trail" has been more obscure and more difficult to unravel. For instance, it is still not clear as to who benefited from the abnormally high stock market transaction involving the United Airlines and the American Airlines (*the two airlines involved in the attack*) just prior to September 11, 2001. This however may be less important than the financial links to Saudi Arabia that are now coming into focus. Despite the fact that the 9/11 attack was carried out by people primarily from Saudi Arabia, it was Afghanistan and Iraq that were attacked by the USA, not Saudi Arabia, which is normally considered as a friendly country by the USA. But there is more to it than that, as pointed out by Greg Palast (1) in an article (2) published in the Guerilla News Network on August 1, 2003. Mr. Palast writes the following:

*"But here's the real kick in the head, Turns out that... the 28 pages missing from Congress' publicly released report on the September 11 attack has been found. And it turns out to be a summary of Saudi Arabia's financing of terrorist fronts, including the "charities" supporting al Qaeda. And now, the New York Times tells us, the US Senate has been embarrassed into holding hearings on those Saudi charity fronts, including one named WAMY.*

Further on, Palast writes:  
*...let me take you back to Midland, Texas, 1986. A young old man George W. Bush, seems to have trouble finding oil. But he strikes it very rich when his flailing drilling partnership is bought out by Harken Oil. Despite the addition of the business acumen of Bush Jr., Harken faces collapse; but is pulled from the brink by a cash infusion from a Saudi Arabia's Sheik Bakhsh. The money from Saudi Arabia has nothing to do, we must assume, with Bush Jr's Daddy at the time when he was the Vice President of the Free World.*

## STEP BY STEP.

By VIC RATSMAN

*For a number of months now the US administration of George W. Bush has been looking for the "smoking gun." First they were looking in Afghanistan (bin Laden) followed by their search in Iraq (weapons of mass destruction). Recent revelations suggest that the gun is in...Washington.*

It has been said, and it is usually correct, that in order to solve a mystery you do two things:

- 1) Determine who benefits, and
- 2) Follow the money trail.

Although it is now two years since the World Trade Towers in New York were destroyed, the mystery if Bush foreknowledge of this act is still unresolved. Far too many questions remain unanswered and the opposition of the Bush regime to any thorough investigation is undiminished. Despite this opposition, it appears that step by step we are getting closer to the truth. The recent report of the US Congressional investigation, while apparently leaves many questions unanswered, is perhaps most significant in the 28 pages about Saudi Arabian involvement that Bush would not release to the public. But members of the US Congress who did read the completer document are

not totally silent about its content and are pointing fingers at the Saudi Arabia for financially aiding those who carried out the attack. Not surprisingly, this upset the Saudi government who challenged Bush to release the information. Obviously this scenario is far from having been played out and the pressure on Bush will only increase with time.

But, let us look back a little. The people that surround Bush, like Wolfowitz, Cheney, Perle, Rumsfeld and others, became very actively involved in mapping out strategy for world domination by the USA after the dissolution of the Soviet Union. They made no secret of this, as is shown in their report on the Project for the American Century, discussed here in NSC before. It is on the record that during the Clinton administration, they once sent a letter to Clinton urging him to take action against Iraq. Clearly then, Saddam Hussein was already a target long before the 9/11. And also Afghanistan was to be targeted as Zbigniew Brzezinski (*former US National Security Advisor*) describes in his book "The Grand Chessboard"

What the Bush gang needed after they took over the government was an excuse that, in the eyes of the public, would legitimize an attack on

The Bakhsh booty continued a pattern of the young Bush being saved from dire business decisions by a line of Sheik angels. His first oil company, Arbusto, going bust-o, was aided by the American financial representative of the bin Laden family.

And the BBC TV last month, reported this: following the bombings of our embassies, the **Clinton Administration** sent two delegations to Saudi Arabia in order to tell their royal highnesses to **stop giving money** to the guys who are killing us. But **Mr. Bush**, once in office, **put the kibosh on unfriendly words to the Saudis.**

Furthermore, in the summer of 2001, Mr. Bush disbanded the US intelligence unit tracking the funding of Al Qaeda. What was it that our US G-men were uncovering? According to two separate sources speaking to

BBC, the funders of Al Qaeda fronts include those who had previously funded the Bush family business and political ventures.

Now that is just a wee bit embarrassing, something that you wouldn't want to be in a Congressional report... also, something that you might not ever want the FBI to dwell on.

A document marked "Secret" and "1991" (meaning national security) which found its way out of the FBI and into the office of the BBC-TV/Guardian newspaper team. It indicates (and the whistleblowers confirmed it) that, prior to the September 11 attack, the Bush administration held back agents of the FBI from tracking two members of the bin Laden family. According to the buried FBI report, the bin Laden lads were operating in the US for a "suspected terrorist organization", WAMY.

But we mustn't ask too many pertinent questions of the Bush Administration's blindfolding the FBI, nor, heaven forbid, discomfort the Saudis over their contributions to Terror-R-U.s. After all, in the BushWorld, Saudi Arabia and America have shared values: we want our boys to kill, not kiss!"

George W. Bush must be having the liars-itch by now, not knowing where to scratch. Step by step his schemes are being uncovered and laid bare to the public. His Imperialist dreams are coming to their deserved ignominious end. **The smoking gun was, it appears in the cowboy's own pocket!**

(1) Greg Palast is the author of the New York Times bestseller "The Best Democracy The Money Can Buy", which includes the award-winning report "Did Our President Spike the Investigation of Bin Laden?"

(2)<http://www.guerrillanews.com/intelligence/doc2569.html>

## GEORGE W. BUSH

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# RESUME

BY BILL MEYER

#### PAST WORK EXPERIENCE

- \*I ran for US Congress and lost.
- \*I produced a Hollywood slasher B movie.
- \*I bought an oil company, but couldn't find oil in Texas; the company went bankrupt shortly after I sold my stock.
- \*I bought the Texas Rangers baseball team in a sweetheart deal than took land using taxpayers money. Biggest move: Traded Sammy Sosa to the Chicago White Sox.
- \*With my father's help (and his name) I was elected Governor of Texas.

#### ACCOMPLISHMEMNTS

\*I changed pollution laws for power and oil companies and made Texas the most polluted state in the USA. I replaced Los Angeles with Houston as the most smog- ridden city in



America.

- \*I cut taxes and bankrupted the Texas government to the tune of billions in borrowed money.
- \*I set the record for the most executions by any Governor in American history.
- \*I became president of US after losing the popular vote by over 500,000 votes with the help of my appointments to the US Supreme Court.

#### ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS PRESIDENT

- \*I attacked and took over two countries.
- \*I spent the US surplus and bankrupted the treasury. I shattered the record for the biggest annual deficit in history. I set the record for the most private bankruptcies filed in any 12 months period.
- \*I set the all-time record for the biggest drop in history of the stock market.
- \*I am the first president in history to have executed a federal prisoner.
- \* I am the first president in US history to enter office with a criminal record.
- \*In the first year in office, I set the all-time record for the most days on vacation by any president in US history.
- \*After taking the entire month in August of 2001 for a vacation, I presided over the worst security failure in US history.
- \*In my first two years in office, over 2 million Americans have lost their jobs. I cut the unemployment benefits for more out of work Americans than any other president in US history.
- \*I set the all-time record for the most foreclosures in a 12-month period.

- \* I appointed more convicted criminals to US administrative positions than any other president in US history.
- \* I set the record for the least amount of press conferences, less than any president since the advent of television.
- \* I signed more laws and executive orders amending the US Constitution than any president in US history.
- \* I presided over the biggest energy crisis in US history and refused to intervene when corruption was revealed.
- \* I presided over the highest gasoline prices in US history and refused to use the national oil reserves as past US presidents did.
- \* I cut healthcare benefits for US war veterans.
- \* I set the all-time record for the most people worldwide to simultaneously take to the streets to protest (15 million). This shattered the record for protest against any person in the history of mankind.
- \* I dissolved more international treaties than any president in US history.
- \* My presidency is the most secretive and unaccountable of any in US history.
- \* Members of my cabinet are the richest of any US administration in history. (*The "poorest" is the multimillionaire, Condoleeza Rice, who has a Chevron oil tanker named after her.*)
- \* I am the first president in US history to have all 50 states of the Union simultaneously go bankrupt.
- \* I presided over the biggest stock market fraud of any market in any country in the history of the world.
- \* I am the first president in US history to order a US attack and military occupation of a sovereign nation, and I did so against the will of the United Nations and the world community.
- \* I created the largest government department bureaucracy in the history of the United States. I set the all-time record for the biggest annual budget spending increases, more than any other president in US history.
- \* I am the first president in US history to have the United Nations remove the US from the human rights commission. I am the first president

- in US history to have the United Nations remove the US from the elections monitoring board.
- \* I removed more checks and balances, and have the least amount of US congressional oversight than any presidential administration in US history.
- \* I rendered the entire United Nations irrelevant. I withdrew from the World Court of Law.
- \* I refused to allow UN Inspectors access to US prisoners of war and by default no longer abide by the Geneva Conventions.
- \* I am the first president in US history to refuse the United Nations election inspectors – during the US 2002 elections.
- \* I am the all-time US (and world) record holder for the most US corporations election campaign donations.
- \* My biggest lifetime election campaign contributor, who is also one of my best friends, presided over one of the largest corporate bankruptcy frauds in world history (Kenneth Lay, former CEO of Enron Corporation.)
- \* I spent more money on polls and focus groups than any other president in US history.
- \* I am the first president to run and hide when the US came under attack (and then lied saying that the enemy had the code to Air Force 1)
- \* I am the first US president to establish a secret US shadow government.
- \* I took the biggest world sympathy for the US after 9/11, and in less than a year made the US the most resented country in the world (possibly the biggest diplomatic failure in the US and world history.)
- \* I, with a policy of "disengagement" created the most hostile Israeli-Palestinian relations in at least 30 years.
- \* I am the first president in US history to have a majority of people of Europe (71%) view my presidency as the biggest threat to world peace and stability. I am the first US president in US history to have the people of South Korea feel more threatened by the US than their immediate neighbor, North Korea.
- \* I changed US policy to allow convicted criminals to be awarded government contracts. I set the all

- time record for the number of administration appointees who violated US laws by not selling off their huge investments in corporations bidding for US government contracts.
- \* I failed to fulfill my pledge to get Osama bin Laden "Dead or Alive". I failed to capture the anthrax killer who tried to murder the leaders of our country at the United States capital building. After 18 months, I have no leads and zero suspects.
- \* In the 18 months following the 9/11 attacks, I have successfully prevented any public investigation into the biggest security failure in the history of the United States.
- \* I removed more freedoms and civil liberties for Americans than any president in US history.
- \* In a little over two years, I created the most divided country in decades, possibly the most divided the US has ever been since the Civil War.
- \* I entered office with the strongest economy in US history and in less than two years turned every single economic category, heading straight down.

## RECORDS AND REFERENCES

- \* I have at least one conviction for drunk driving in *Maine ( my Texas driving record has been erased and is not available.)*
- \* I was AWOL from the US National Guard and deserted the military during time of war.
- \* I refuse to take a drug test or even answer any questions about my drug use.
- \* All records of my tenure as the Governor of Texas have been spirited away to my father's library, sealed in secrecy and unavailable for public view.
- \* All minutes of meetings for any public corporation that I served on the Board are sealed in secrecy and unavailable for public view.
- \* Any records or minutes from meetings (*I or my Vice President, attended regarding public energy policy*), are sealed in secrecy and unavailable for public view.

**IMPEACHMENT OF BUSH IS THE ANSWER! THAT SHOULD BE THE BATTLE CRY NOW!**

# MANDELA'S GOOD INTENTIONS AMOUNT TO VERY LITTLE FOR THE POOR!

Analyses by Badia Jacobs

*The former South African President Nelson Mandela's deck of cards has been dealt out of spades.*

The South African ex-guerrilla, turned international statesman, mediator, and Aids campaigner has even been compared by some to Mahatma Gandhi and the Pope. But, as is his custom he feels that these accolades more accurately fit the Communist Party stalwart, the late Walter Sisulu of South Africa.

The local and international media has lately been saturated with praises and reports about Mandela's long walk to freedom. He celebrated his 85th birthday in July and had a suspension bridge named after him. His honorary doctorates are now a legion and tomes of books have been written, and will continue to be written about his life and his dreams and his contribution to the making of history.

The years 1994-1999 have been instrumental in shaping South Africa's political direction and economic system. Mandela, the first black president of a democratic country was its chief executive.

Under his leadership and that of the African National Congress which won the election in 1994 with an overwhelming majority. The election program promised to help the poor and exploited and a much better life, while the richest of the rich were given guarantees that their wealth would not be confiscated.

South Africans witnessed the creation of a Ministry entirely dedicated to the reconstruction and development under the able command of the former trade unionist Jay Naidoo. But, within two years, the South African Government under the heavy jackboots of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, collapsed this Ministry as it instructed the other ministries of the government to build the development plans into their

executive functions as prescribed by the WB and IMF.

Then the unthinkable happened. While South African left wing within the government and in civil society organizations were creating a proposal to lift the country out of its debt trap and to really combat poverty, the then Deputy President Thabo Mbeki, Labour Minister Tito Mboweni and Trevor Manuel, decided to convene a "team of Western experts" to draw up an alternative microeconomic plan.

The African National Congress was only marginally consulted. This separation of the ANC from the African state came to dog Mandela's rule as it became increasingly clear the Mandela was out the loop of his successor, as far as the economics were concerned.

While Mandela encompassed the political symbolism of unity, Mbeki was putting the nuts and bolts of running the government as prescribed by the WB and the IMF...his policies were completely in tune with his Western advisors. The Western plans were to drop any trade barriers and that would attract offshore capital.

Sadly, for Mandela, this has not turned out to be the case. This Western influence was the undoing of Mandela's effectiveness as a leader in actual fact...just retaining his symbolic stature. The gap between the rich and the poor grew with every year, close to that of Brazil, where the gap between the rich and the poor is reputed to be the largest in the world.

South Africa's unemployment now stands at 40 per cent and growing with each year. Electricity was privatized and there are whole regions that cannot get electrical power. Housing projects have been botched up by corrupt officials and the private contractors. Migratory labour, the bedrock of industrial capitalism in South Africa, is alive as well as the previous mining magnates who continue to drag their feet about improving the horrible conditions of work of these people.

Mandela's pledges are not fulfilled and the fact is the South African government is a government of business, instead, as Mandela promised "make a better life for all", instead, this has cascaded into

opportunities for the wealthy to increase their pots of gold. These are market-orientated policies instead of people orientated policies. The very policies and plans that Mandela promised, are now in the hands of Western capital and Mandela has not been able to criticize or take a stand against the present road towards complete subservience to Western capital.

As South Africa enters its 10<sup>th</sup> year, and while political, economic social and human rights are enshrined in its constitution, economic disparity is rife and growing. Poverty is growing and unaffordable health services remain a gripping reminder that the political revolution in South Africa in 1994 has not produced the social services necessary to keep a nation healthy.

Mandela inherited a system that was geared towards serving the interests and needs of the white men. That system has simply been replaced under Mandela and his successor as one that is increasingly satisfying the needs of the upper class of white and black men. The ever-growing black middle-class-that amorphous yet solid bulwark against African liberation - could become the nemesis of Mandela's visions and aspirations. His early departure from the cogwheels of South African Government could well have been his blessing in disguise. When this history is written, the present government leaders could be seen as having trumped Mandela's suite.

## COMMENT:

*Although we totally agree with this article, but comparing Mandela to Gandhi or the Pope is not too accurate, Gandhi would have never accepted to be called "Sir Gandhi" from the British Monarchy, since it was the British Monarchy that was raping and exploiting India. The Pope certainly would not have accepted from the British Monarch a Knighthood either. Mandela could have left a much better legacy. Editor.*

**HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR SUB?**



# ANOTHER SIDE OF KOREA

For over 50 years now, the Korean peninsula has been divided by a demarcation line into two segments-South Korea to the south and the Democratic Republic of Korea, commonly known as North Korea, to the north. During these 5 decades the Western media has seldom reported anything positive about North Korea, primarily because they are a nation ruled by a communist government. In the past few years this small nation of 22 million people has even been labeled by the United States Bush regime as part of the "Axis of Evil" and a serious threat to

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world peace that he will have to address.

Since only a negative image of North Korea is presented for general public consumption, it is therefore interesting to learn about the experiences of a group of people with progressive viewpoints who recently made a visit to that part of the world. This tour group was organized by the Belgian Workers Party, led by Ludo Martens and reports from various participants which are published on the internet website "Korea is One" (1). Because many of the reports are in the Dutch language, I will attempt to provide an overview of their comments in English.

Mario Franssen writes about the capital Pyongyang, a city of some 2 million inhabitants, which was completely destroyed in 1954 (when the Korean war ended) and now rebuilt into a beautiful, spacious city with wide avenues and squares, clean streets and sidewalks and plenty of greenery. They visited the Museum of the Revolution, built in

1960 where they were particularly interested in the period after 1990, which the Koreans call this period "Heavy March", so named because of serious problems of natural disasters and aggravated by the loss of trade and support from the former Soviet Union. The recent threats from the USA are being taken very seriously, but according to the museum guide, Korea will be no Afghanistan, or an Iraq for the Americans. Next they visited the Palace of Study, an enormous building complex where everyone over the age of 17 can take courses in numerous subjects, e.g. language, art, science, computers, music etc. More than 10,000 people study there every day.

Free van Doorslaer writes about a hospital in the center of a residential district. The director of the hospital explained that the best of care is provided to all children, free of charge. Dr. Claire Geerarts, one of the doctors in the tour group offers her first impressions: "Everything seems to be very neat, But it is obvious that they lack many materials and much of it dates back to the 1970's. But clearly they have more personnel than we have, which allows more time for each patient." Later Dr. Geerarts compares this facility to others that she visited in the third world countries: "In 1989 I was in Burkina Faso. Healthcare there is privately run. If you have money, you can get care. In the hospitals, it is one enormous misery: no proper bed-sheets, bad medical supplies and food for the patient must be provided by the family. In 2001 I was in Cuba. They have the same system as in North Korea, but as far as I can determine, the Cubans are better equipped."

Marthe Franssen reports on the "Motherhouse", a facility with 2030 rooms, where all expectant mothers have their babies. Furthermore, there are dental labs, an office for nose and throat problems and an eye doctor. The medical equipment, such as ultrasound informatica and radiology apparatus are not hyper-modern, but are available for everyone. The overall reaction to the Motherhouse was most positive. "We can learn a think or two from that."

The Children's Palace really does justice to that name, writes Lise

## HARRISON'S ORDER (17/10/50)

My order is the law. Outlaws will be shot to death.

Destroy all reds bandits and free North Korea from the communist monsters. Hunt down and kill all the communist party members, civil servants and their families. Kill their sympathizers too.

These are the actual orders to murder Korean people!

## HARRISON'S ORDER (03/12/50)

Our unit is now forced to roll back from here Sancheon.

Dispose the detained right away. Capture and kill all capped heads and shaved heads, all bitches and their bastards so commies wouldn't breed again. Spread rumors that the deadly A-bombs will be dropped after our retreat to exterminate the communist army, and drive the civilians southward.

Gretien. Opened in 1989, it is totally tuned to the fantasies of children. Every day some 5,000 children between the ages of 6 and 16 come here after school to do sports, take music lessons, practice informatica, learn calligraphy. They do not work in huge age-groups, but according to their ability, so that each child's talents can be detected at the earliest opportunity and thus stimulated. Later we assembled in a large theatre and what we saw there was indescribable. For nearly 1-1/2 hour we were treated to perfect dance and body language, voices made of gold, perfect choreography, all accompanied by a large children's orchestra. And only the director, I suspect, may have been older than 14 years. The most emotional moment came when some 13 young boys with fists in the air sang a battle-song while on a screen in the background - a mother who had been shot by Americans was shown. Followed by an image of a Korean tank that rode over an American flag. Ilse Grieten writes: "*I certainly was not the only one with tears in my eyes.*"

Roger van Domick writes about their visit to Panmunjon and the demarcation line. First they were told who and where they were allowed to photograph and to be careful not to cross the demarcation line. This is the front line. On an exhibit they were shown what the border region looks like. Barbed wire runs across the land from coast to coast, some 240 km, while on each side is a buffer zone of 2 km. Along the south side the Americans have built an 8 meter high concrete wall with bunkers and heavy cannons. The wall of shame stood not in Berlin, but it stands here in Korea. According to reports, visitors on the south side of the border are being accompanied by heavily armed soldiers and transported in blinded busses. They are told that they are approaching the "*most dangerous border in the world.*" The fear of these "*most dangerous North Koreans*" is being played up for all it's worth. When we arrive at the border we hold a brief demonstration. We display our large banner and we shout our slogans in chorus: "*Migun nagara DJoseunum hanada! Yankee Go Home! Korea Is One!*"

About 100 km south of Pyonyang lies Sinchon, writes Ilse Grieten. During the Korean War, this city experienced some of the most gruesome murder scenes by the Americans. During the 52-day occupation, American soldiers murdered 35,383 civilians. These units were under the command of Lieutenant Harrison. A most explicit citation of him is displayed at the memorial place, and it reads: "**Arrest and kill all communist monsters, their families and sympathizers...**"

Where the Americans had their commando post is now a war museum with pictures, official documents, numerous personal belongings of the victims, witnesses to the cruelty of the American soldiers. They made no distinction between the children or adults, men or women. Even the villagers who thought they had nothing to fear because they had done nothing wrong, were murdered. We visited two underground warehouses next to the museum, where at that time 910 Koreans had been burnt to death. The blackened remains of skin and hair were still stuck to the ceiling.

At that time Jong Kun Song was 6 years old and together with two other children he escaped from this hell. He is now a tour guide at this site and tells numerous visitors his story: "*The children and babies were taken from their mothers and put together in one warehouse, where you are standing now. Because the children cried so much, the American soldiers gave them petrol to drink. After some time, they came back with jerry-cans, poured the petrol over the children and lit the fire. I was in that corner there. I was not dead and could crawl outside where a villager later found me.*"

He asked us to bear witness of these horrendous acts when we go back home and to work for the reuniting of the country. The Korean people cannot live with the presence of these American Imperialists on the Korean Peninsula.

(1) <http://www.korea-is-one.org>

#### STATEMENT FROM KOREAN CENTRAL NEWS AGENCY

The "*Operation Plan 5030*" recently announced by the US

Department of Defense is a more concrete and outrageous plan to invade the DPRK than the preceding "*Operation Plan 5027-98*", and "*Operation Plan 5027-contingency plan*", said Rodong Sinmun in a signed article last month.

The plan is aimed to make a preemptive attack against the DPRK among other things. The joint military exercise "*Ujji Focus Lens*" staged by the US imperialists in South Korea on August 18-29 is an important part of the preparations for mounting a preemptive attack on the DPRK, pursuant to the "*Operation Plan 5030*".

US is accusing the DPRK of posing a nuclear threat in a bid to invent a pretext for a preemptive attack on it and this joint military maneuver was a prelude to carry out that plan.

The US finds itself in a difficult position after sustaining setbacks and getting worn out in the face of the DPRK. The USA imperialists are making constant desperate efforts to overthrow the DPRK at any cost.

The politico-ideological, economic and military power of DPRK is incomparably stronger than what was in the period of the last Korean War. US should clearly understand this and stop at once their reckless moves to these plans into practice. ■

## U.S. Plans for War with DPRK

By W. Vic Ratsma

The Korean Peninsula has been a divided territory since the end of the Korean war in 1953. For 50 years, U.S. troops have remained in South Korea in large numbers, presently totaling some 37,000. Not surprisingly, the U.S. has always had a military strategy with respect to the North, a strategy that is documented in Operations Plan 5027. Over the years this document has seen a number of revisions. Initially its principle objective always focused on South Korean and U.S. reaction to an attack from the North. Of course, such an attack from the North never occurred, but North Korea

nevertheless remained a thorn in the American's eyes. After the demise of the Soviet Union it was considered safe to alter the defensive strategy into an offensive one. This caused the objective to be changed with the 1998 revision (OPPLAN 5027-98). As reported in the Internet publication-Globalsecurity.org (1):

*"The new version of the plan was more clearly focused on offensive (my emphasis, W.V.R.) operations into North Korea. A senior US official was reported to have said: "When we're done, they will not be able to mount any military activity of any kind. We will kill them all." The goal of the revised plan was to "abolish North Korea as a functioning state, end the rule of its leader, Kim Jong Il, and reorganize the country under South Korean control."*

Remember that this change took place under the 'liberal' Clinton administration. The same article further states:

*" According to reports, the new military plan included preemptive attacks against North Korea's military bases, including long-range artillery and air forces bases, if intelligence detected hard evidence that North*

*Korea was preparing to wage war. US and the South Korean military leaders included pre-emptive strikes in this revised war plan. If the North Koreans showed unmistakable signs of preparing to strike, and the US decided not to wait until South Korea had been attacked, US forces had targets in North Korea already picked out and weapons assigned to destroy them."*

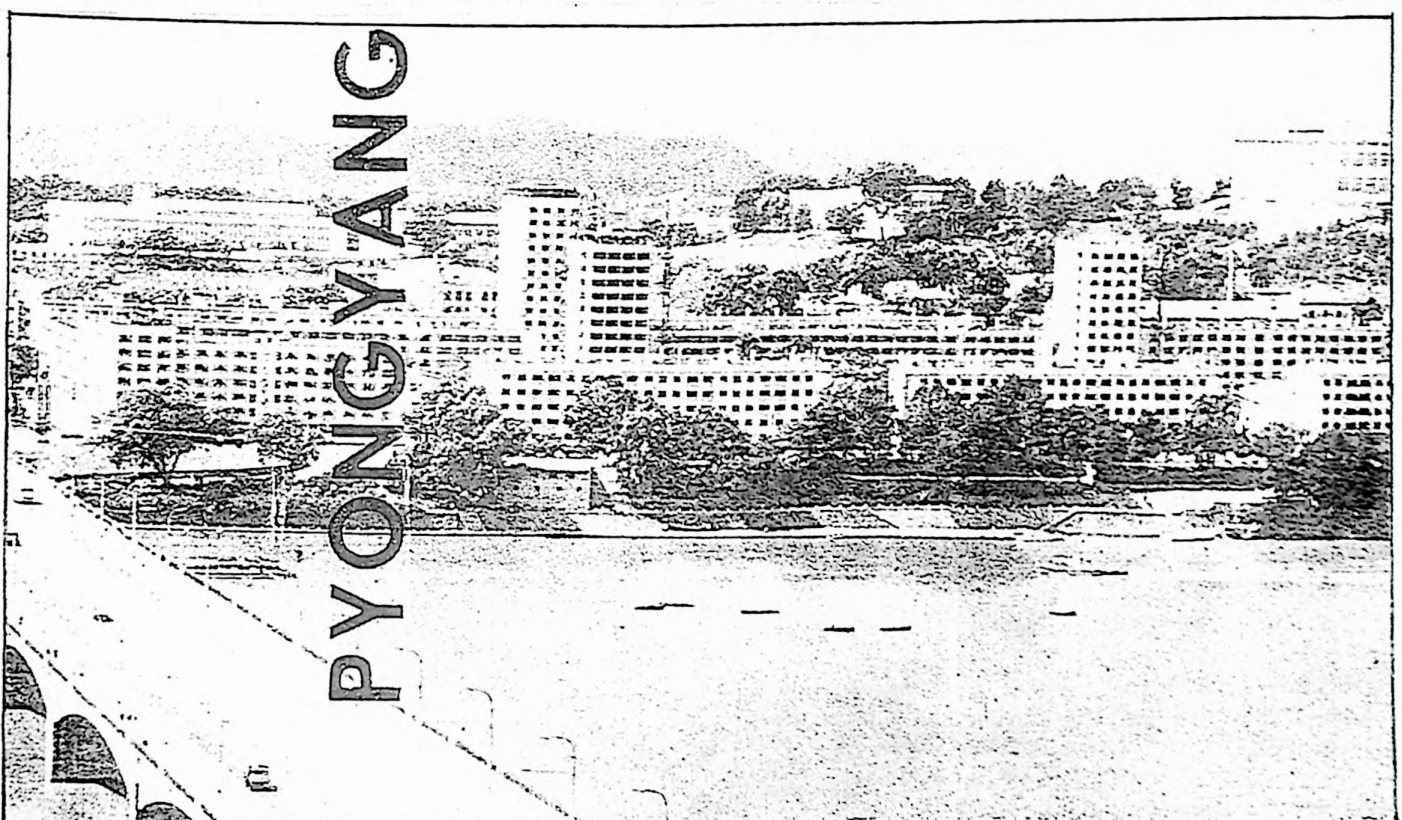
It is clear from the foregoing that the authors of the - '98 revision are careful not to project the U.S.A. as an aggressor, unless there are 'unmistakable signs' North Korea is planning an attack on the South. But once again, no attack or threat of an attack from the North has materialized, thereby robbing the U.S.A. of a pretext for war. So the stakes had to be raised once again. Bring on Operations Plan 5030. This plan seeks to provoke the North Koreans into an action which can then be deemed 'aggressive' and serve as a justification for war. In a U.S. News report of July 21, 2003, published on the anti-war website 'Not in Our Name' some of these provocative actions considered by the hardliners in the U.S. Administration are provided, e.g.:

*"One scenario in the draft involves flying RC-135 surveillance flights even closer to North Korean airspace, forcing Pyongyang to scramble aircraft and burn scarce jet fuel. Another option: U.S. commanders might stage a weeks-long surprise military exercise, designed to force North Koreans to head for bunkers and deplete valuable stores of food, water, and other resources. The current draft of 5030 also calls for the Pentagon to pursue a range of tactical operations that are not traditionally included in war plans, such as disrupting financial networks and sowing disinformation."*

The foregoing proves conclusively that successive U.S. administrations and particularly the Bush regime is determined to unleash the dogs of war over the Korean Peninsula. Once again, while they speak of peace, they plan for war. Fascist bastards!

(1) <http://www.globalsecurity.org/military/ops/oplan-5027.htm>

(2) [http://www.notinouname.net/war\\_on\\_the\\_world/north\\_korea\\_jul03.htm](http://www.notinouname.net/war_on_the_world/north_korea_jul03.htm)



# US TROOPS TURN BOTCHED SADDAM RAID INTO A MASSACRE

By Robert Fisk – *The Independent*

*This is being written at the end of July and by the time the September NSC issue goes out, who knows what will happen in Iraq. US imperialism does not want Saddam captured alive at all...he could tell too much for the world to hear. But, reading the story below, Bush should be put on trial for these massacres. Editor.*

Obsessed with capturing Saddam Hussein, American soldiers turned a botched raid on a house in the Mansur district of Baghdad on July 27 into a blood bath, opening fire on scores of innocent civilians in a crowded street and killing up to 12 people, including two children, their mother and crippled father. At least there was one civilian car that caught fire, cremating all of its occupants. This car, carrying two children and their mother and father was riddled with bullets as it approached a razor-wired checkpoint outside the house they were passing.

Amid the fury that was generated among the largely middle-class residents of Mansur city, by ghastly coincidence, the killings were scarcely 40 meters from the houses in which 16 civilians died when the Americans tried to kill Saddam towards the end of the war last April. Whatever political advantages were gained by the killing of Saddam's two sons have now been squandered. A doctor at the Yarmouk hospital, which received four of the dead, turned on me as a correspondent angrily, shouting: "If an American came to my emergency room, maybe I would kill him!"

At the scene of the killings there was pandemonium. While the US soldiers were loading the bullet riddled cars on trucks, and trying to stop me and other cameramen from filming this carnage, the Iraqis screamed abuse at the US soldiers. One American soldier a few feet from me climbed into his Humvee, threw his helmet on the floor and shouted: "Shit! Shit!"

It appears that the killing started as the US troops were searching the

building and the soldiers placed the barbwire across the main street without any warning signs for the motorists using this street. The passengers all died, including children, and their father was so riddled with bullets that both of his legs were cut in half from these bullets.

As the cars were burning, the US soldiers let the cars burn even though there were screams coming from the occupants. They just let them burn and others bullet riddled bodies just lay on the ground, even the children.

The ill trained informers, the ill trained US soldiers who cannot exercise fire control and the offer of \$25 million dollars on the head of Saddam Hussein, produced this tragedy for the Iraqis who were told that the "Americans came to liberate them." More and more news is sipping out of the carnage and wanton killing by American soldiers, each soldier thinking that he or she will get those \$25 million!

## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT!

*From Ottawa Citizen-28/05/2003*

An advertising mogul, Danny Deutch told the New York Post that: "We live in a world where notorious is good!"

*From the Indian paper Kumuthan 1/3/2003*

\*In India nearly 710 million people do not have proper toilet facilities.

\*Only 5% of the people of India ever reach the age of 65.

\*Nearly 310 million Indian women are illiterate.

\*There are close to 190 million people who do not have clean and pure drinking water.

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## Poindexter to quit Pentagon Post Amid Controversy

*Reuters*

John Poindexter, the US retired Navy Admiral who spearheaded two sharply criticized Pentagon projects, intends to resign. (he did resign last month).

Poindexter was involved with the US Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency's abandoned future-trading market for predicting assassinations, terrorism and other events in the Middle East, and earlier with the so-called Total Information Awareness program that drew fire from civil rights groups. He was the national security advisor to President Ronald Reagan in 1980's and was convicted for his role in the Iran-contra scandal, a conviction that later was set aside

### COMMENT:

*It is important that readers fully understand who John Poindexter really is. Poindexter not only served in the Reagan administration, but was convicted of conspiracy, lying to US Congress, defrauding the US government and destroying the evidence in the Iran-contra scandal. He was pardoned by George W. Bush's father, George H.W. Bush in 1992. Despite all of these convictions, Poindexter was brought back into the government by George W. Bush and put in charge of the Defense Department's Total Information Awareness Database, that is attacked from all points of the political spectrum.*

## U.S. ADMITS USING NAPALM IN IRAQ

*By James W. Crowley  
The San Diego Union-Tribune*

American jets killed Iraqi troops with firebombs – (another word for napalm that was used in the Vietnam War) last March as Marines battled towards Baghdad.

Marine Corps fighter pilots and commanders who have returned from the war zone have confirmed dropping dozens upon dozens of incendiary bombs near bridges and these explosions created massive fireballs.

*"We napalmed the Iraqis and it is not a great way to die, and we saw these Iraqis dying in the fireballs because our pilots saw them dying in their cockpits video"*, said Col. James Alles who commanded the Marine Air Group 11. But during the war, Pentagon spokesmen denied and disputed these reports.

Hundreds of these bombs were stored in US ammunition ships off shore, and those ships were unloaded in Kuwait during the week preceding the war.

*"You can call these bombs by another name other than napalm, but it's napalm,"* said John Pike, the well known defense analyst with GlobalSecurity.com, a non partisan research group in Alexandria, VA. USA. Trying to make a distinction between Mark 77 bombs and Napalm is *"pretty outrageous and it's clearly Orwellian"* said Robert Musil, Executive Director of the Physicians for Social Responsibility.

The US also used napalm bombs in the Persian Gulf War.

This was confirmed and reported during the war on Iraq by the journalists of the CNN and the Sydney (Australia) Morning Herald and their reports were then harshly disputed by several Pentagon spokesmen who said that no such bombs existed or were ever used in Iraq.

*"I used it routinely in Vietnam and I have no moral compunction against using it in Iraq or any other place. It's just another weapon, and we use it because it has a big psychological effect"*, said US Lt. General Bernard Trainor, now a prominent defense analyst.

#### COMMENT:

*Where is the loud outcry from the European Union? Where is a condemnation from China? Putin of Russia is too far in the pocket of Uncle Sam to utter a peep! Above all, where is the condemnation by the United Nations Organization against this crime?*

## WHITE HOUSE WON'T DECLASSIFY SAUDI MATERIAL IN 9/11 REPORT

By RICHARD W. STEVENSON  
New York Times

Last July 29, hours before President Bush was scheduled to meet with the foreign minister of Saudi Arabia, the White House rejected a request by the Saudi government and some members of the US Congress itself to declassify sections of the document that deal with the link between some Saudi officials and the terrorists involved in the attacks of September 11, 2001.

This report supposedly found that some senior Saudi officials had funneled hundreds of millions of dollars to organizers that might have helped pay for the attacks.

The White House made a statement that declassifying the 28-page document, would compromise the US intelligence sources.

In July of this year, the US Senator Bob Graham of Florida, the co-chairman of the investigation into the intelligence failures behind the attacks, called on the White House to make the classified section public.

Releasing this would *"permit the Saudi government to deal with any questions which may be raised in the currently censored pages, and allow the American people to make their own judgment about who are our true friends and allies in the war on terrorism,"* said Mr. Graham.

In an interview on the TV morning show *"Good Morning America"*, Mr. Graham said that he believes the section of the report was withheld for *"political reasons - a key reason not to disturb our relations with foreign countries that want to know the real truth."*

The Saudis made it very clear that they intend to fight strongly against any assertion that they were involved in these attacks. The Saudi Ambassador to the US, Prince Bandar bin Sultan, called these CIA, and White House accusations as *"outrageous and false in all aspects!"*

In a press statement issued by the US representative Nancy Pelosi, the

House Democratic Leader said: *"This US administration has an obsession with secrecy, and this report is simply over classified. It is a direct disservice to the American people. The families of the victims need answers, the US government secrecy does not serve any real or logical purpose."*

## FINAL STATEMENT VII INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

*Problems of the Revolution  
in Latin America*

The world has been shaken by the criminal war of aggression perpetrated by US imperialism and its allies against Iraq, the second largest producer of oil in the world and therefore the center of greed and of interests of the oil companies in geopolitical domination – in the important strategic zone of the Middle East – by the large imperialist and capitalist countries. The aggression was carried out against a dependent country, subjected to more than ten years to an economic, political and military blockade by the powers that control then United Nations.

This aggression is the consequence of the acute economic crisis of the capitalist-imperialist system worldwide has been facing for several years. It is a typical crisis of relative over-production that effects all of the great powers, and of course the United States, which is suffering a sustained recession. The Bush administration sees the war as an escape valve and a solution to the acute crisis of its economy. They hope to reactivate the economy by feeding the war industry, which will provide wealth to those monopolies, but this will not resolve their problems, because the military expenses are enormous and the benefits that they hope to obtain will not come immediately, thus sharpening the existing crisis. They try to solve their problems by seizing natural resources of the peoples and the dependent countries.

The US tries to consolidate its

position as the principal imperialist power, to increase its presence in the world market, imposing on the other powers a new division of spheres of influence. It is competing with the European Union, with a group of Asian countries, headed by Japan, with China and Russia with which it has contradictions. Due to the uneven development of capitalism, at present there is no equilibrium, among these powers, which leads to the tendency toward a general war. Today this is expressed in a localized manner, resorting of course to the use of arms. While on the one hand, the imperialists make agreements amongst themselves to impose the rigors of neo-liberal policies on our countries, with ominous consequences in terms of the growth of unemployment and the "informal economy", of poverty and exclusion (of the popular sectors), of dependence, oppression and super-exploitation; on the other hand, they compete among themselves for control of all areas of influence, sources of raw materials and the conquest of new markets for their products. In all cases, the US is the most powerful and warlike.

After the collapse of the Twin Towers and the attacks on the Pentagon and Washington, symbols of its financial, military and political power, an ultra-reactionary campaign has been aggressively launched by the leaders of that country. They are reviving the thesis of "Manifest Destiny", the total superiority and in all aspects of the North American nation, the necessity of "Yankee Westernization" for all of the peoples of the world etc., that has been accompanied by threats and punitive measures, applied even against its own people. This shows the emergence of a neo-fascist position in the leadership of the US imperialism. This is a group with strong economic links and interests to the military, oil and aeronautics industry.

The campaign of US imperialism is meant to frighten the workers and peoples, to show its readiness to confront everyone and to sweep everyone away. It seeks to sow in peoples minds of its invincibility and, therefore, the futility of rising against it. However, the aggressiveness of imperialism, which is an intrinsic

element of its nature, is not a demonstration of its vitality, but of its decadence, its weakness. In the past, many people rose up in arms and despite worse conditions they defeated imperialism: Vietnam and Korea are examples. For more than four decades Cuba has resisted the armed aggression, sabotage, terrorist actions and imperialist blockade.

The United States, heading a coalition and based on its military arsenal, has taken possession of Afghanistan and Iraq, and has in mind several other targets, such as Iran, North Korea, Cuba, whom they declared to be members of the so-called "axis of evil", against who there has already been unleashed a propaganda campaign to justify the use of its machinery of war. They have already gotten allied governments to support the characterization of revolutionary, insurgent and nationalist forces as "terrorists".

In Latin America in particular, besides the new outbreak of threats against Cuba, they are implementing the "Plan Colombia" and the "Andean Regional Initiative", joint military maneuvers and the creation of military bases.

Although the coalition won a military victory in Iraq-not to the degree it expected-on the political level- its defeat is evident. This episode showed the inter-imperialist contradictions existing in the world today, which have not gone beyond the diplomatic level. But above all the contradiction between imperialism and the peoples has been made evident and increased. On the whole planet a powerful anti-war movement has been aroused, which has unmasked and condemned the real aims of the invasion and the war plans by US President Bush and his terrorist ruling group. The cities of the aggressor countries themselves were the scene of huge marches against the war, which occurred everywhere. The principal component of these mobilizations was the youth, and the struggle of the working class has become evident in various countries.

However, the existence of different currents within this movement against the war is well known. The pacifists positions, which

equally condemn all forms of violence, including those used by the peoples to win their freedom, have significant weight. But those sectors that struggle and denounce the reactionary and aggressive nature of the capitalist-imperialist system and work to give an anti-imperialist character to the anti-war movement, linking it to the fight for social and national liberation, with the perspective of socialism, are also active.

We must make every effort so that it is the working class which is at the front lines and leads the anti-war and anti-imperialist struggle, linking it to the struggle for power.

Imperialism is not invincible; the forces and the potential of the peoples, who are fighting with a conviction that they are marching together on the road of history, are greater.

This is the way we interpret what is happening in the world, we the organizations taking part in the Seventh International Seminar, Problems of the Revolution in Latin America, held in the city of Quito, Ecuador.

With the unity and struggle of the workers and peoples, we will confront the imperialist offensive and bury the exploiters.

July 3, 2003

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## THE WAR ON TRUTH

FROM DEWAARHEID

Every day now, in the United States, the all-pervasive media tell Americans that their bloodletting in Iraq is well on the way, but the true scale of this bloodletting is not told to the American people. Soon more US soldiers will be killed since the "liberation" than during the invasion. For most Iraqi the "liberators" are just as bloody if not much worse than the old regime.

This is unmentionable in America. The tens of thousands of Iraqi dead and maimed do not exist. Rumsfeld

does not admit to the casualties and he lectures all that the "precision of US weapons" has become bloodless in the service of US's unique divinity. Only US boys and girls suffer and the Iraqi are not even mentioned. For me, John Pilger, writer of this article, questioning the Under Secretary for international security, John Bolton, suggested to me that questioning American policy, I must surely be a heretic, or a "communist party member" as he put it.

The horror in Iraq of children dying of thirst and gastroenteritis, with almost 8% of the children suffering from malnutrition, the acute crisis in agriculture...all this does not exist according to the American people. They do not believe that in the 12 year siege of Iraq, like the medieval-type siege that destroyed hundreds of thousands of people under 12 year of age, there is no knowledge of this in the US, therefore it did not happen. Americans think that the Iraqis are, at best, un-people; at worst, tainted, to be hunted down.

"For every GI killed", said a letter

given prominence in the New York Daily News late last month, "20 Iraqis must be executed". There is a US Task 20 unit, which is entrusted to hunt down anybody or anyone to fulfill this command. (Does this not remind you of German SS in World War Two? Editor).

The truth is that the unprovoked attack on Iraq and the looting of its resources is **America's 73<sup>rd</sup> colonial intervention**. These together with hundreds of many bloody covert interventions, have been covered up by a system and veritable tradition of state-sponsored lies that reach back to the genocidal campaigns against Native Americans, the Spanish-American War, then the non-existent "missile gap" between the US and the USSR, which were based on fake documents given to journalists in 1960 and served to accelerate the nuclear arms race, then the non-existent Vietnamese attack on two US destroyers and many others.

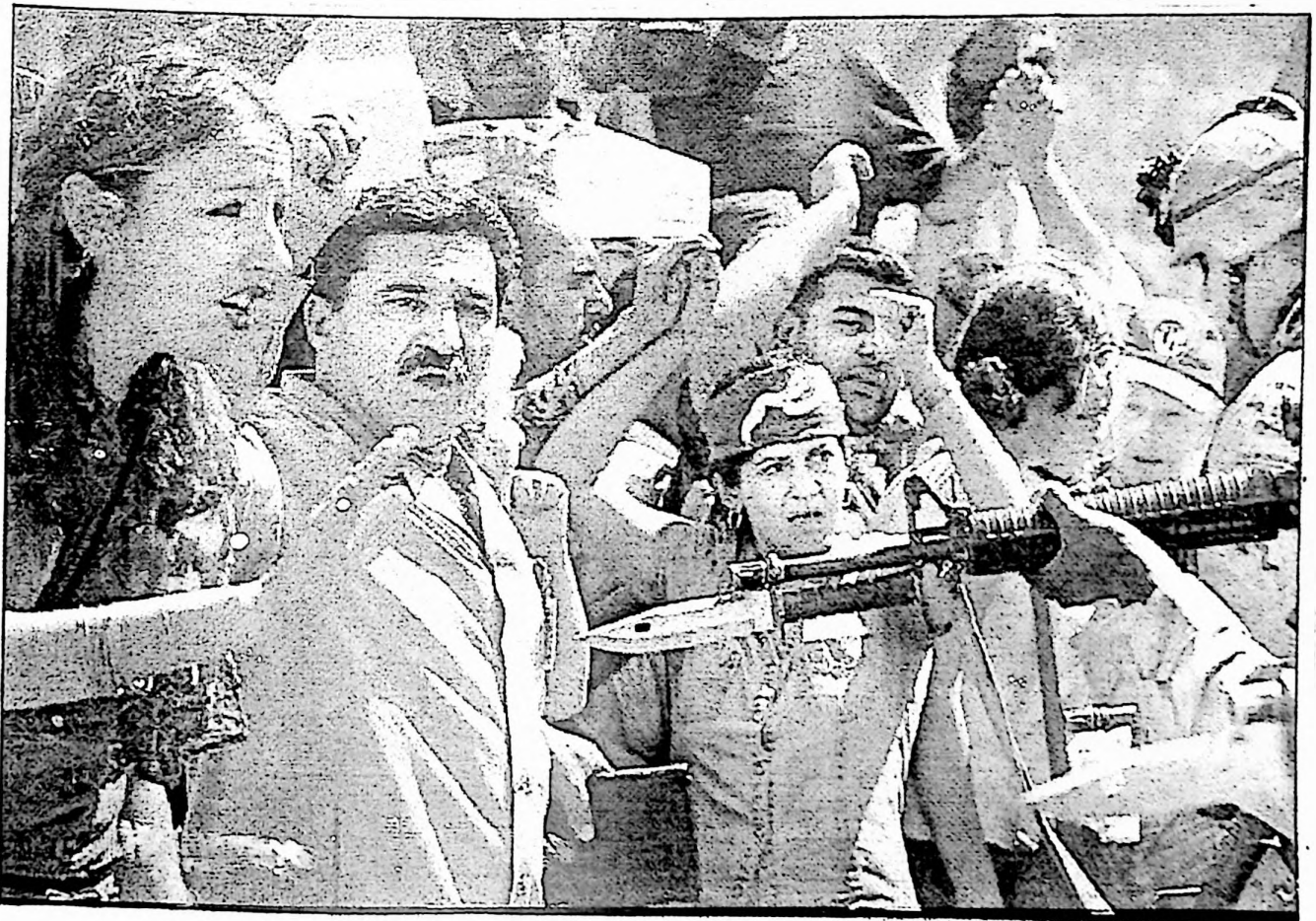
The director of the French popular and respected newspaper "Le Monde Diplomatique" Ignacio

Ramonet, summed this up very well: "To justify a preventive war that the United Nations and global public opinion did not want, a machine for propaganda and mystification, organized by the doctrinaire sect around George Bush, produced state-sponsored lies with a determination characteristic of the worst regimes of the 20th century."

Global Communications is a 24 hour propaganda machine of the US administration and it has now leaked out that the Pentagon has a secret "Office of Special Plans", which "sexes up" the raw intelligence reports coming in and it was here that most of the lies regarding weapons of mass destruction were "crafted" and they utilized Tony Blair to present them to the world. Even deputy Wolfowitz revealed that the: "issue of weapons of mass destruction was brought up for bureaucratic reasons, because it was the only reason for invading Iraq, that everyone here could agree on."

Is there any need to comment? ■

## IRAQIS PROTEST IN SPITE OF US BAYONETS!



## VIOLENCE ENGULFS AFGHANISTAN

- \* 65 killed in just one August day in attacks against US forces and their local stooges.
- \* On Pakistan border 22 people killed in skirmishes with Pakistan.
- \* Pakistan reports that the fighting is ongoing, mortar and rocket attacks by Afghans who want US to get out of the country.
- \* United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Afghanistan suspends operations in the eastern province after rocket attacks.
- \* US/UN convoy is ambushed and two aid workers are killed.

*The Afghans are giving a loud message to US Imperialism, but Washington is not listening. Is the United Nations listening?*

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## "BRING US HOME!" GIs flood U.S. with war- weary e-mails

*Fro The Observer*

Susan Schuman is angry. Her GI son is serving in Iraq in the town of Samarra, where the US troops are killed regularly. Breaking the traditional silence of military families during the war, Schumann knows what she wants – and who she blames for the danger to her son, Justin: "I want them to bring our troops home. I am appalled at Bush's policies. He has got us into a terrible mess!"

She is just a tip of an iceberg in these protests and all of her neighbours in Sherbourne Falls, Massachusetts support her. Criticism is also coming from the servicemen themselves and they use the Internet to let all of their families and the Congressmen know and they also demand that they be sent home. They are ferocious in their criticism and the way the war is being handled. They paint a true picture of

what they're going through not as the Pentagon sanitized version that gets into the US media.

In a message posted on the Internet last month, one soldier was brutally frank. "Somewhere down the line, we became an occupation force in the eyes of Iraqis. We don't feel as heroes at all" wrote Kindblade of the 671<sup>st</sup> Engineer Company. He said further in the email that morale is very poor and he attacked the US leadership back home. We are exhausted, outnumbered, we are way over our heads, and we are all hated by all the Iraqi people.

One of the main outlets for soldiers' complaints has been a website run by an outspoken former soldier David Hackworth, who was the US army's youngest colonel in the Vietnam War and one of the most decorated warriors. He receives almost 500 e-mails per day from US troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. They have sounded off about everything from bad treatment at the hands of their officers to fear that their equipment is faulty and the hate and attacks by Iraqis. Plus the fact that their gas masks leak when they use chemical shells with depleted uranium that US denies it is using. These same kind of masks were used in the Desert Storm and the thousands of US veterans are now suffering the terrible effects from their own shells.

Mainstream veteran's groups are angry about cuts being proposed at a time when US politicians have heaped all sort of praise on the army's performance in Afghanistan and now Iraq and against the US government wanting to launch a recruitment drive.

Veterans are planning to hold protests and they vow that "we know how to vote next time!"

With soldiers dying there daily, comparisons have already been made with the Vietnam War and the birth of the protest movement that divided the USA during the Sixties and Seventies.

### COMMENT:

*Where is the United Nations? Where is China? Where is Russia? Where is the Secretary General of the United Nations? The word is waiting for their protests. Their silence is deafening. ■*

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## ISRAEL FIRM GETS PUBLIC TELEPHONE CONTRACT IN IRAQ

BY MICHAEL OPPERSKALSKI

Iridium Satellite is supplying Iraq now with public telephones worth over five million dollars as a start. The contract was given to Israel by the US sponsored Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA). This order was placed by a Jordanian company, which is part of a US multinational corporation, thus making believe that the hands of US occupying forces are clean.

Israel's Minister of Finance Benjamin Netanyahu signed this permit thus making Iraq now a "hostile-free nation". Israel now is asked by the US government to invest heavily in Iraq.

It is also very interesting that the Israel's Iridium Company provides the US Department of Defense through a multi-year and multi-billion contract with satellite solutions. This US-Israel conglomerate operates now in Turkey, Greece, Cyprus, Eastern Europe and East Africa, and the guiding hand in all of this is the multi-billionaire Schneider ■

## International campaign launched against US military bases overseas

The struggle of the peoples to throw out the US military bases from all countries of the world becomes especially important under the current world conditions. The wild aggressiveness of US imperialists for world domination, their frequent military interventions in various countries and regions that are of



strategic importance to US interests and the recent invasion and occupation of Iraq, more than ever bring to the attention the issue of the struggle against US military bases.

It is now evident to all the peoples across the world that these military bases are used as instruments to facilitate the imperialist powers in the wars to occupy countries and regions and to impose complete imperialist domination. The US uses these military bases to make the hosting countries economically, politically and militarily dependent, leads them, through the local bourgeoisie to greater subjugation and blackmails them to act as willing participants in the US plans. After the September 11<sup>th</sup> the US has intensified its military presence and installed new military bases within regions considered as strategic: such as Eastern Europe, the Balkans, Central and Western Asia (*Middle East*).

The massive anti-war wave of

opposition that was recently displayed in every corner of the planet against the US shows the anger of the peoples worldwide and their will to fight against imperialism and war. The great will of the peoples is to leave in peace and brotherhood, without the horror of war, without any exploiters and oppressors.

All of the above issues and much more will be discussed at an international conference that will be held in the city of Ghania, Greece on September 20-21-22, 2003. This is to discuss and form an international campaign against the US overseas military bases and to set up an International Campaign. This is sponsored by the International League of People's Struggles, an alliance of 230 organizations from 40 countries. All organizations and movements are hereby invited to join and participate in the formation of this international campaign. ■

entered the mainstream and the Weavers were stars. But by 1952 it was all over. The record company dropped us under great pressure, the television producers stopped knocking at our door. The Weavers were on a private yet well-publicized roster of suspected entertainment industry Reds. The FBI came a-calling. Now, I just found out that the *Woman in Black*, another group of peace activists I belong to, is the subject of an FBI investigation.

*Women in Black* is a loosely knit international network of women who vigil against violence, often silently, each group is autonomous, each group is focused on the particular problem of personal and state violence in its part of the world. Because my group is composed of Jewish women, we focus on the Middle East, protesting the cycle of violence and revenge in Israel and the Palestinian territories...

The Jewish Women in Black in Jerusalem have stood vigil every Friday for 13 years in protest against the occupation. Muslim women from Palestinian peace groups stand with them at every opportunity. We praise and honour them, these Jewish and Arab women who endure hatred and frequent abuse from extremists on both sides for what they do...

In all those self-debasing (McCarthyist) years how many spies were pulled in by that dragnet? Nary a one! Instead, it pulled down thousands upon thousands of teachers, union members, scientists, journalists, actors, entertainers like us, who saw our lives disrupted, our jobs, our careers go down the drain, our standing in the community lost, even our children harassed. A scared population soon shut their mouths up tight...

Hysterical neo-McCarthyism does not equal security, never will...As for *Women in Black*, we intend to keep on doing what we must do..."

For Ronnie Gilbert and those of her generation, the new anti-terrorist laws must invoke a sense of déjà vu - haven't we been there before?

The imperative for all of us is obvious as fear and intolerance are at once the precursors and consequence of the undermining or eradication of the hard won democratic rights. ■

## MCCARTHYISM IS AGAIN BEING RESURRECTED?

From THE BEACON - Australia

The new ASIO powers threaten democratic rights with draconian powers of arrest and detention, the removal of the right to silence when under questioning and the creation of terrorist offences and related legislation in Australia that violates the rights to freedom of expression, assembly and association.

The understandable fear since the September 11 attacks has provided governments throughout the world with the excuse to attack the fundamental civil liberties under the veil of anti-terrorism laws that without exception could violate basic human freedoms, like the UK Terrorism and the US Patriot Act and the ASIO in Australia.

Many of our readers would have seen the Ken Burns documentary "Not For Ourselves Alone", the story of American suffragette pioneers, Susan B. Anthony (a Unitarian) and Elizabeth Cady Stanton. The voice of

Stanton in the documentary was that of Ronnie Gilbert, a playwright, a singer, an actress, better known as the lead female singer in the folk group "The Weavers" - the lead male singer was Peter Seeger (another Unitarian).

They were the most popular folk recording group in 1950, but within two years they had fallen victim, to the persecution of the McCarthyist era.

Ronnie Gilbert now is active in a group called "Women in Black" that supports women from Israel and Palestine, who hold peace vigils dressed in black and who work to end the occupation of the Palestinian territory, through cooperation between the two peoples.

In a letter to a San Francisco newspaper she said in part:

"For the second time in my life-at least- a group that I belong to is being investigated by the FBI.

The first time was the Weavers. The Weavers were a recording industry phenomenon. In 1950 we recorded a couple of songs from our American and World folk music repertoire, Leadbelly's "Goodnight Irene" and (ironically) the Israeli "Tzena, Tzena, Tzena" and sold millions of records for the almost defunct record company. Folk music

## APPEAL FROM THE ALL INDIA ANTI- IMPERIALIST FORUM

Dear friends:

Like all peace loving people of the world, we are deeply concerned with the aggressive designs of the imperialist powers, the US-UK occupation of Iraq, being the latest brazen example of trampling a nation's sovereignty. The war against Iraq and its subsequent occupation are blatant violations of all international laws, the UN Charter and natural justice. The brutality of the army of occupation has shocked the entire world. In one voice with the people against this naked aggression and occupation, we demand the immediate withdrawal of the Anglo-US forces. But the Imperialists are in no mood to do that, instead they are maneuvering to prolong their colonial rule and tighten their grip on Iraq. But the Iraqi people have not accepted this occupation and are carrying out their fight of resistance.

Feeling the urgent necessity of building up a world wide anti-imperialist movement to foil the design of the imperialist powers and to organize support for the Iraqi freedom fighters, the All India Anti-Imperialist Forum is holding a Conference on November 15-17, 2003. We hope that the fraternal organizations, our friends and comrades from abroad who stand by this cause will participate in this Conference as they did at the Conferences in Calcutta (Kolkata) in 1995 and 1997.



We extend the most cordial invitation to send a delegation to the Conference. Because of financial constraints we shall not be able to cover your international travel, but we will extend to you our local

hospitality and take care of your accommodation here.

Please confirm your participation.  
With fraternal greetings,

Manik Mukherjee  
Vice President AIAIF

*We urge all organizations, parties, and movements who are affiliated with the International Council to try and send delegates to this very important Conference.*

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## 'BRING THEM HOME NOW!'

FROM STARS AND STRIPES,  
European Edition, By P.J.Dickson

WASHINGTON: They wanted their message to be loud and clear. Many families of US troops spoke out last month against what they see as shortsighted policy on the part of the Bush administration. According to Nancy Lessin, a co-founder of the "Military Families Speak Out" which is a campaign started in 2002 and has over 600 families plus the "Veterans for Peace" which has hundreds of chapters across the USA.

Stan Geoff, a 26-year War Veteran and former Special Forces member, was particularly scathing of the US administration and its motivations. He stated: "These are rich men in expensive suits in Washington, conducting statecraft not to protect the US, but to protect the profits of corporations such as Bechtel and Haliburton" two contractors with a large stake in the rebuilding of Iraq. Then these same people in the US government turn around and call us unpatriotic!"

At this meeting, one father basically represented the sentiments of the mothers and fathers of the US soldiers in Iraq. Fernando Suarez del Solar is the father of Marine Lance Cpl. Jesus Suarez, one of the first US service members killed in Iraq. He cried and said: "My question to Mr. Bush is - how many more of our sons do you need to die in Iraq before you bring the troops home?" His wife was inconsolable

and had to leave the meeting.

Stan Geoff told the audience that "Bush and Donald Rumsfeld the Defense Secretary care for US soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan as Tyson foods cares for the chickens it slaughters!"

Charlie Richardson, with Lessin as co-founder of MFSO knows that that they are called unpatriotic, hounded and criticized and also called a disgrace to the USA!

## ACTION THAT SHOULD BE A LESSON TO OTHERS!

From DeWarheid

Scheemda - The Netherlands.

Last month the activists from the United Communist Party (VCP) of the Netherlands have occupied a strip of land designed for the development of a new residential district located between three communities in the northern part of Holland.

On the territory of the prestigious building project called the "Blue City" 1,800 homes are to be built for the stinking rich German and Dutch citizens.

These activists believe that the millions of Euros required for the project can be better used for improved public transportation, better healthcare, better care of parks and environment, improving facilities for youth, better education, etc.

"For many decades the Dutch government has been cutting back on all of these things. Yet, these necessities not only satisfy the needs of the users, but create employment", so says the VCP leader Engel Modderman.

With their occupation of this land, the activists are trying to prevent that the groundwork, planned for this month, can begin.

"As far as we are concerned, we will camp here for months" said Modderman. Every day dozens of people who sympathize with the activists visit the site. Of the other political parties in the three affected communities, only the Socialist Party has supported the VCP position.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### FROM BRAZIL

Dear Editor and Editorial Board:

Congratulations on this 11th Anniversary of NSC and for the appeals to the world to stand up against US imperialism. In my opinion this applies also to the present United Nations Organization which has the duty of keeping the world at peace, but this can only be attained by not following the deplorable behavior of former League of Nations, whose passive role allowed German Fascism-Imperialism to unleash in 1941 a carnage that took away lives of more than 50 million human beings during World War II.

It's no doubt, despite Bush and his clique's denial and cynicism, what globalization and pre-emptive wars really mean: Imperialist thirst for more money and blood, whatever the cost for humanity. As you have correctly written: "*We cannot allow history to repeat itself!*"

Down with the warmongers and their dirty tricks!

Down wit US-led imperialism that breeds and feeds crooks, butchers and vultures of the world!

Giovanni Vieira  
Secretary General  
Brazil Institute of Socialist Culture ■

### FROM SURREY, BC, CANADA

Dear friends:

Enclosed is \$50 donation towards NSC.

Where do you get those heart-wrenching facts that we read in every issue of NSC? Will we ever see an end to the poverty? Does every person know as to who really creates this dire situation? Imperialism, that's who!

Olga Knowlson

*The thunder clasps are being heard,  
the storm is approaching and people  
are beginning to wake up slowly. I  
can just see the sun rising on the  
horizon. The Editor* ■

### FROM CANADA

Dear comrades:

There is an article I read in the July issue of NSC (page 32) about the Sri Lanka's Tamil plantation workers and their struggles. I would like to add some more information for the NSC readers.

The ancestors of these people were brought from south India by the British imperialists in the 19<sup>th</sup> century to work on their tea, coffee and rubber plantations in (Ceylon) Sri Lanka, because the native population (Sinhaleese) were not willing to work for their imperialist masters. These people were at first treated as slaves by the British estate owners and after the independence, the same practice has been maintained under the native state owners. They are the most oppressed people in Sri Lanka and account for over 8% of Sri Lanka's population.

I would like to point out a couple of important issues. The first is that I cannot point out by name (*due to my safety problem*) the real culprits who made these people stateless and disfranchised. The present United National Party (UNP) government was the first government elected after independence from British colonialism and this government was always pro-imperialist and a very reactionary leadership - it acted always against the plantation working class.

In the first parliamentary elections, there were 7 members elected from this party and they influenced the twenty members of parliament that came from the left political parties. So the reactionary UNP government that collaborated with the reactionary Tamil leadership (North-East Tamils) who are indigenous and they also act against the Tamil plantation workers. These people who suffered for more than fifty years, were granted citizenship by this United National Party government under the Indo-Sri Lanka accord.

There took place the worst anti-Tamil pogrom on July 23, 1983 and it took place under this same UNP government.

The parliamentary left parties voiced their demands for the Tamil plantation workers for a long time. But they also betrayed them when they were in power in 1972. Today these people are still struggling to achieve their self-determination and to be recognized as upper country Tamil people.

The other untruth that was mentioned by father Guy de Fontgalland in that article is that the LTTE is fighting for the Tamil people who are predominately living in the north east of Sri Lanka. After the peace accord in 2002, which resulted in a cease-fire between the UNP and the LTTE, it is shown that the LTTE is not asking for the self-determination, but only for the internal self-determination. By this internal self-determination, they want to control the North East of Sri Lanka. This is nothing less that a mafia ruled fascist type movement.

I quote a comment by Mrs. Henrich, the European Union Ambassador to South Asia in 1996: "*We have reason to believe that the Tamil Tigers (LTTE) in Sri Lanka have established connections with certain Mafia groups in Europe.*"

From the book "Global Mafia" on page 33, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, reads: "*Sri Lankan criminals, with their time honoured tradition of local smuggling, have now evolved into international smugglers who are funneling huge shipments of heroin into North America, particularly to Canada. Drug profits have been traced to the Tamil Tigers (LTTE).*"

If you go back and trace the back history of this leadership, you can gather more information on this smuggling operation. The following information was found in the book "Sri Lankan Tamil Nationalism", written by A. Jeyaratnam Wilson, on page 20:

*"It was this lack of investment facilities that resulted in the Kadslodiekal (smugglers) engaging in large smuggling between India and Ceylon. VVT- a city in Northern Sri Lanka, thus became the virtual capital of Ceylon"...*

In the same book: "*An anonymous Tiger pamphlet was published in 1981, it ended on this ominous note: - We should not depend on the government or members of parliament or anyone*

else for ensuring our development"...  
 "Frustrated on all sides, the smugglers turned to armed struggle"...

Not all of us do understand that the above mentioned LTTE's criminal leadership used the liberation struggle as a cover up to continue their existence. At the same time the Sinhala bourgeois used this problem to continue their exploitation and divide and rule the working class.

But there is one think that I cannot understand as to why these so-called Catholic priests and their organizations are covering up the

activities of the LTTE and supporting it?

If you want to know more about this organization, here are some web sites to look at:

[www.uthr.org](http://www.uthr.org)

[www.epdpnews.org](http://www.epdpnews.org)

[www.go2Lnka.com](http://www.go2Lnka.com) about the LTTE atrocities.

Here we have to question the political stand of the Australia's Green Party.

Comradely yours  
 Democrat

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Northstar Compass is the publication of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People, who are struggling to rebuild socialism in the countries that have for more than 70 years constituted the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. Northstar Compass carries on the traditions of the "Hands Off Russia Committee", that were established internationally in 1918 to help protect the young Soviet Republic from foreign intervention. Today, after the Soviet Union was dissolved against the wishes of the majority of its people, the Soviet people are again looking to their supporters abroad for assistance in rebuilding the once great Soviet State.

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Additionally, Northstar Compass covers events and issues concerning the friendship organizations associated with the International Council.

Northstar Compass thus acts as a unifying force to consolidate and coordinate the anti-imperialist forces of the world with the struggle for socialism and the restoration of the Soviet Union. In this manner we act as a united front, but are not a forum for ideological debates. Soviet people themselves will choose the path they will follow towards socialism.

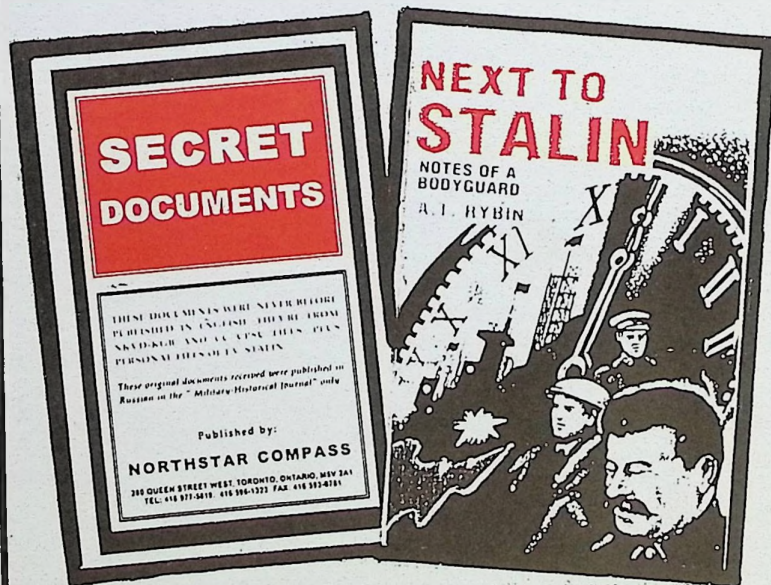
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