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EDITORIAL



WHY IS NSC UNDER ATTACK FROM THE RIGHT AND FROM THE LEFT?

January of 2009 has seen more than its share of criticism and threats on us for NSC stating and showing the absolute genocide perpetrated by Israel on the Palestinian people!

Criticism was also received by e-mails because of our articles that commented on the real Barak Obama and our comments on his election as President of the United States.

The shocking photographs that were published in the January issue of NSC and that also are on our NSC Web page - produced attacks that we are "anti-Semitic" plus other words that we shall not publish in NSC.

Unfortunately some of this criticism came from the so-called "progressives" who see any criticism of Zionist Israel as an attack on the Jewish people!

In this issue we publish photographs which show what the German Nazis did during WW II and the similarity of what was perpetrated against the Palestinians by Zionist Israel. Of course this again will fill our e-mail that NSC is anti-Semitic.

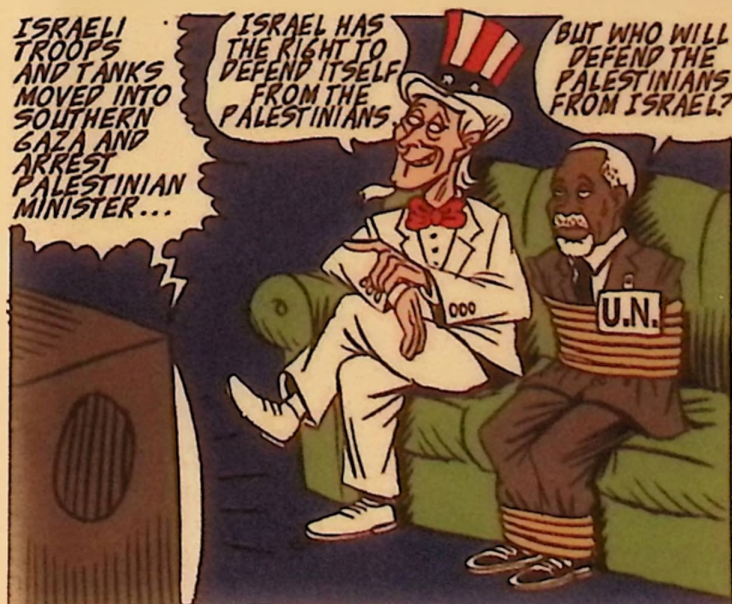
Photographs do not lie, since they are from the archives and the Israeli photos are directly

from Israel itself, taken by the anti-Zionist Jews who are struggling to help end this genocide against the Palestinian people.

Regarding the question of President Barak Obama, George Gruenthal, he Webmaster of NSC from New York wrote an excellent article as a Guest Editorial - right from the Belly of the Beast!

The following four pages of photographs are shocking in their Similarity and explicitness of horror that the victims felt! Yes the UN Security Council is guilty of very slow action to stop this massacre! Why?

Where was the veto power of China and Russia?

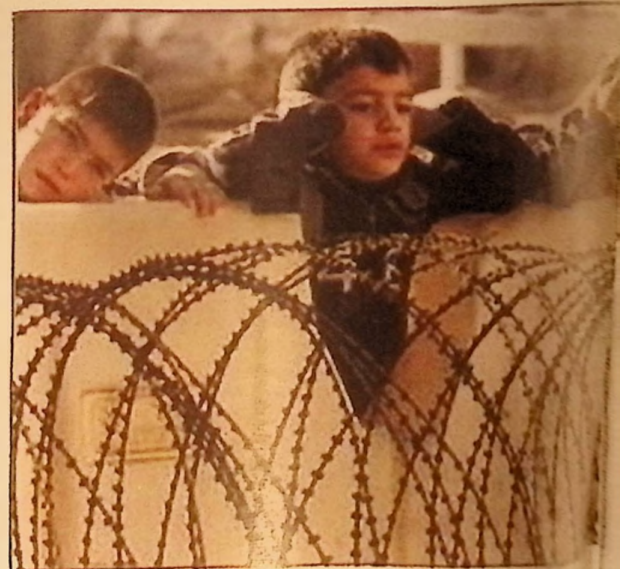
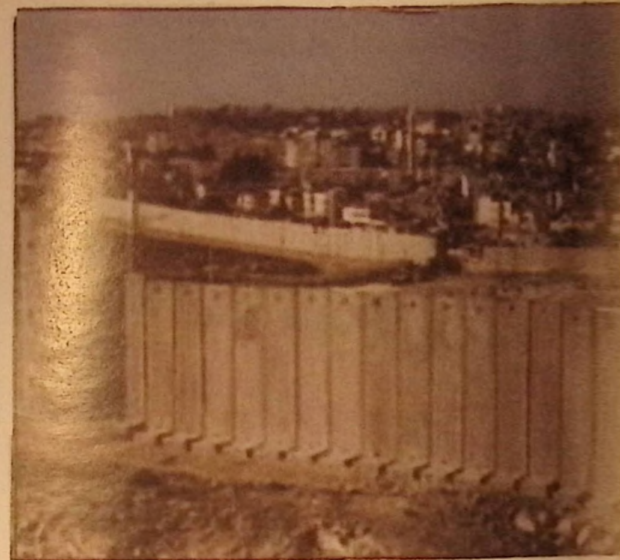


We received many political cartoons done by an excellent satire artist Latoff from Palestinian territory which express much more than any words can ever do. In future issue we shall publish a few more.

LATOFF 2006

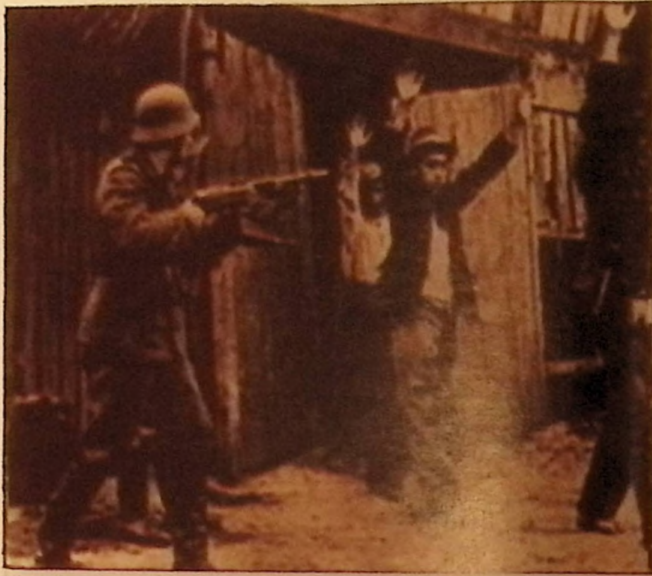
BUILDING WALLS AND FENCES TO PRACTICE GENOCIDE!

The photos on the left are from the Nazi archives of WW II –the photos on the right are what Israel is practicing now in Palestine! IS THERE ANY DIFFERENCE?





These historical photographs are being published together with the present day tragedy for Palestinians in Gaza, in order to show the terrible similarity that happened to the Jews and other nationalities in Nazi Germany and now to the Palestinians in Gaza. Israel is a Zionist State and Zionism is a reactionary political ideology that has NOTHING to do with nationality. Therefore, being anti-Zionist is not anti-Semitic.

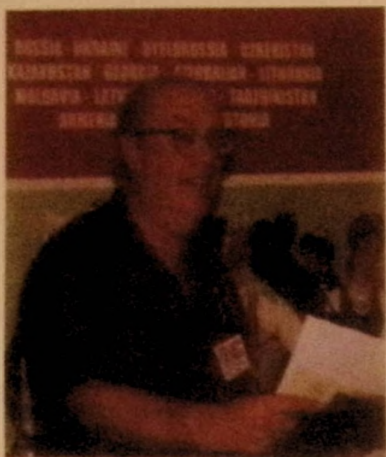


FENCES, WALLS, BARRICADES, ARRESTS, HARRASMENT, KILLINGS, CREATING TENS OF THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES, OCCUPYING PALESTINIAN LANDS, - SIMILARITY WITH WHAT NAZIS DID IS IN ALL OF THESE PHOTOGRAPHS!





GUEST EDITORIAL



BY GEORGE GRUENTHAL
Webmaster of NSC

THE CONTINUING SAGA OF PRESIDENT OBAMA

My earlier article on Obama's presidency that appeared in the December issue of NSC was obviously written before he took office. Now that he has been president for several weeks, certain aspects of his role have been confirmed, and other new features have emerged, particularly his economic stimulus program.

Obama has filled out his Cabinet positions with people of "experience," which means experience in serving the monopoly capitalist class. His Treasury Secretary, Timothy Geithner, was President of the New York Federal Reserve bank before. (The Federal Reserve, despite its name, is actually a government entity made up of the largest private bankers.) And Eric Holder, besides having the distinction of being the first black Attorney General, had been a lawyer defending Chiquita Brands for their role in sending money to the right-wing militias in Colombia. Obama has thus continued the standard practice of appointing top officials who go back and forth between government and the monopoly corporations whose tools they are.

Israeli invasion of Gaza

Since December, we have seen Israel's brutal attack on and invasion of Gaza. During the invasion, Obama refused to comment, saying that the country has only one president at a time. But once in office, he has made clear that his position on Israel is essentially the same as Bush's and that of all administrations. Since Israel's founding in 1948, Israel has been U.S. imperialism's junior partner in the Middle East. The U.S. gives Israel \$3 billion each year in aid, more than to any other country. All the planes and Apache helicopters used in Israel's attack on Gaza came from the U.S. Obama, in a press conference shortly after taking office, talked of the U.S.'s continuing support for Israel's security. He supported Israel's "right" to rearm, but of course denied that same right to Hamas, which is the legitimate government of Gaza and which had won the legislative elections for the whole territory of the Palestinian Authority in 2006. Obama's only difference from Bush is that he may rely more on collaborators in the Palestine Authority and reactionary regimes such as Jordan and Egypt (which collaborated with Israel by keeping its border with Gaza closed during Israel's attack). Obama's only reaction towards the Palestinian people was to see them as victims entitled to humanitarian and reconstruction aid. He talks of a Palestinian state, but one that would in essence be a protectorate of Israel, would not have control of its borders, etc. Osama Hamdan, a representative of Hamas, stated about Obama's policy towards Israel that "it looks like the next four years, if it continues with the same tone, will be a total failure."

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Economic Stimulus Package and U.S. production

Before his election, Obama and McCain had joined Bush in pushing through the \$700 billion bailout to the banks. After his election, Obama held a press conference in which he announced his plans for economic recovery. He spoke in general terms of investments in infrastructure, in high-tech industry and in "green" energy. For the last several decades the U.S. has been getting rid of much of its internal manufacturing base, sending most production abroad to the dependent countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America, whose cheap labor is a source of super-profits. (Manufacturing, which in the 1950s made up about 30% of GDP, now is only about 15% of GDP.) High tech and green energy are areas where the U.S. still has a certain technological edge, and possibly Obama will later introduce programs for these areas, but these were not a major part of the stimulus package going through Congress.

The current package has very little that will actually increase production. The package includes \$91 billion for investment in infrastructure (capital improvements for mass transit, road and bridge repairs), but overall this will have a minor effect on stimulating the economy.

The continued weakness of the U.S. economy is angering many foreign countries, especially China and other emerging capitalist countries as well as Russia. The U.S. has become by far the largest debtor country in the world, and these countries hold huge quantities of U.S. dollars. It is running a trade deficit of about \$500 billion a year, of which \$100 billion is with China alone. The only thing that holds up the value of the dollar is U.S. production. When this production continues to decline, the only reason that other countries continue to hold dollars is that if they drop them, they

own economies will decline. China's Premier Wen Jibao, speaking at the recent meeting of World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, stated: "This crisis is attributable to a variety of factors and the major ones are: inappropriate macroeconomic policies of some economies and their unsustainable model of development characterized by prolonged low savings and high consumption; excessive expansion of financial institutions in a blind pursuit of profit..." In other words, the U.S. is consuming much more than it is producing, its wealth has been artificially propped up by the creation of fictitious capital by its financial institutions, and not only the working people of the U.S. but the countries in the rest of the world have been left holding the bill. So far, Obama has made no significant changes in this pattern.

Reforms in the stimulus package

The main thing that distinguished Obama's program from Bush's is that Obama has included certain reforms that will ameliorate the consequences of the crisis for some working people to a limited extent. The official unemployment is now 7.6%, the highest in 16 years (and this does not include those employed only part time, or those who have given up looking for work, the so-called "discouraged workers.") Those receiving unemployment insurance will now automatically qualify for Medicaid. We have been treated to the spectacle of **Republicans** saying that millionaires should not be eligible for Medicaid – as if many rich people would even take Medicaid in the first place. But the package offers no relief, for example, to the 2 million people who have lost their homes to foreclosure in 2008, or to the millions more who have been evicted for their inability to pay their rent.

In the U.S., we must unite working people, whether or not they supported Obama, in putting forward clear demands in their own interest.

These should include:

- 1) A moratorium on foreclosures and evictions.
- 2) A halt to debt service payments on credit cards.
- 3) Restoration of the lost value of 401k retirement accounts.
- 4) Restoration of cutbacks on social services through a moratorium on debt service to the banks who hold city, state and federal funds.

We must demand the withdrawal of all U.S. troops (armed forces and "civilian" mercenaries from Iraq and Afghanistan, and an end to all U.S. aid to Israel. One of the large anti-war coalitions, ANSWER, has finally called for a mass anti-war demonstration in Washington DC on March 21, the 6th anniversary of the invasion of Iraq. For two years, all the anti-war coalitions, not just the liberal UFPJ but also the more radical ANSWER and IAC, TONC have refrained from calling such mass demonstrations.

But any economic tinkering will not solve the economic problems. These are consequences of the capitalist crisis of overproduction. We are still in the early stages of a crisis that is likely to rival the great Depression in length and severity. We have begun to see examples of a working class fight back in response, including the factory takeover by workers at Republic Windows and Doors in Chicago, the 5-month-old strike of Stella D'Oro bakery workers in New York, and the revolt against the union bureaucrats of the SEIU by health care workers of UHW on the West Coast. These workers must see that their struggles are part of a **class** struggle, and that in the long run this must lead to socialism, the dictatorship of the working class.

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"When 2.5 million people live in a closed-off Gaza, it's going to be a human catastrophe... **Those people will become even bigger animals than they are today, with the aid of an insane fundamentalist Islam. The pressure on the border is going to be awful. It's going to be a terrible war. So, if we want to remain alive, we will have to kill and kill and kill. All day, every day.**"

Professor Amon Sofer from Hafia University, a government consultant - an interview with the Jerusalem Post in 2004.

KARL MARX AND LESSONS OF "CAPITAL" ARE BACK!

By Lucien Degoy
l'Humanite (France)
January 13, 2009

<http://www.humaniteinenglish.com/spip.php?article1121>

Whether as a philosopher, economist, and anthropologist, the author of 'Capital' and the persistent relevance of his analyses are justified by the major crisis which now defies the premises of global capitalism.

"If Marx imposes himself as one of the 'unsurpassable' thinkers of our time, the reason is also, and mostly, that he was the first to detect the dynamics intrinsic to capitalism." These are not the words of some obscure, antediluvian follower of Marx, but the pronouncement of Alain Minc, the businessman, essayist and counsellor who has the ear of the French President, in an interview recently published in *Le Magazine Littéraire* [1]. The review, which made so bold as to devote thirty pages to Marx's works, wonders about what it calls "the reasons for a rebirth".

As the British historian Eric Hobsbawm himself humorously observes, "It is the capitalists, more than the others, who are re-discovering Marx" - like George Soros, another financier and pro-market politician who recently confided to him: "I am reading Marx just now; there are quite a few interesting things in what he said!"

That Marx, who has long been dead and buried, is now back in favour may seem paradoxical. But is it so very strange? "It is not surprising that intelligent capitalists, especially in the field of global finance, should have been impressed by Marx," Hobsbawm observes, "since they have necessarily been more keenly aware than the others of the nature and instability of the capitalist economy in which they operated." [2]. Naturally, these capitalists should not be expected to give up the system that crowned them and that gives them a hold on the whole of society: they are not going to become converts to socialism any time soon. That is not in their interest - far from it - they most certainly (George Soros among them) still entertain the notion that they may turn the present crisis to their own advantage and increase their profits, since the crisis whets their appetite for speculation even as it increases the risks...

That's the law of the system, the domination of the bourgeoisie that Marx and Engel depicted in *The Communist Manifesto* in 1848, long before his main work *Capital* (1867), as a period marked off from all previous periods by "a continuous upheaval of production", "a social system in a complete state of permanent commotion", "restlessness" and "perpetual insecurity".

Can Marx help us see our way through the crisis? As economist Jean-Marie Harribey observes, the fact is "that one might draw up an impressive list of

publications at the service of capitalistic interests that draw upon Marx's critique of capitalism to try and find their way through the erratic movements of their own system". Thus, Harribey further notes, from *The Financial Times* to *The Wall Street Journal* through *The Economist* and the *London Daily Telegraph* which declared that "October 13, 2008 shall remain in history as the day when the British capitalist system admitted to having failed", commentators are forced to concede that the sacrosanct "law of the market has proved incapable of guaranteeing a sound equilibrium, stability, prosperity or equity" and that, all in all, Marx had been fairly perspicacious.

"It is urgent to re-discover his thought, which is too often reduced to a few famous quotations", insists journalist Patrice Bolton, who coordinated the Marx dossier for *Le Magazine Littéraire*. It is once more a recourse for decrypting a globalization "that multiplies job losses and sends inequalities between countries rocketing, as well as inequalities between social classes within each country." Not forgetting the succession of speculative bubbles that result in the impoverishment of a growing portion of the population.

Marx indeed attempted to decrypt the movement of history, the economy, production, value, capital, labour force, money, commodity, consumption, credit, social relations, class struggle, but also the exploitation, alienation, individualization, the possibility of emancipation and of transcending dominations as so many moments in a global movement, in a series of constantly evolving contradictions that make it possible to characterize precisely the singularity, the specificity of a mode of production at any particular time in human history. This approach to contradictions makes it possible to understand why global finance capital is now pushing the logic of profitability to a paroxysm, and why capitalism, as communist economist Paul Boccara [3] shows, is "exponential capitalism", a system that sets money above everything else in order to make more money to the detriment of people's lives - an irreversible system, which cannot be expected to go back to "old time capitalism".

The crisis being systemic, it can only repeat itself and get worse. That is why putting the origin of the crisis down to the excessive volatility of sophisticated financial products is of little avail. To "moralize" capitalism, to restore it to "greater transparency", as proposed by Nicolas Sarkozy, are slogans that are all just for show if the very logic of the system is left untouched, namely the dictatorship of finance, the search for maximum profit. "Faced with a system whose blatant incapacity to regulate itself has such an inordinate cost for us, our aim right now must be to transcend capitalism, and set out on the long march towards a new social organization where human beings, through novel forms of association, will all together control their own social power which has gone berserk", Lucien Seve insists. There lies yet another timely lesson still to be learned from Karl Marx, albeit out of the depths of philosophical oblivion...

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NEWS FROM FORMER USSR

AS ECONOMY SINKS - RUSSIANS PROTEST

By Michael Schwirtz / Clifford Levy
New York Times

MOSCOW – Protestors held demonstrations in January all over Russia, offering largely subdued, but pointed criticism of the Russian government's economic policies as Russia continues to sink deeper into an economic morass.

Even though anti-government protests are rare, the latest public anger comes around the growing anger against the present government which is not used to widespread criticism. The present Russian officials at first refused to acknowledge the growing economic troubles brought on by steep oil prices and the capitalist worldwide financial downturn.

Russian government has allocated billions of dollars to bail out its private banks and companies, but has no policy in dealing with the alarmingly mounting unemployment and a rapidly devalued ruble.

About 1,000 people attended a protest rally in Moscow organized by the Russian Communist Party, which called for a return to a Soviet era centralized economy. Cordons of riot police were on hand, but did not interfere.

(Interestingly enough, in another part of Moscow there was also a protest rally, but it was not sanctioned by the authorities as was the CPRF, but they had to elude the police chasing them. Editor) This protest carried red Soviet flags and shouted "Down with the present regime!" and "Down with Putin-Medvedev!" Many people were arrested from this group of demonstrators.

There was also a sanctioned and promoted pro-Kremlin party, "United Russia" that showed support for the Putin-Medvedev government.

In Vladivostok there was a huge demonstration against Medvedev-Putin, but it was not organized and peaceful. In December of 2008, the Russian police brutally broke up the demonstration with many arrests

and much blood spilled. Putin-Medvedev last December flew in extra riot police from Moscow and their brutality caused even more demonstrators to take to the streets. Over 1,000 demonstrators marched through Vladivostok and then held a rally in front of the monument to V.I. Lenin – **and there and then they demanded the resignation of the Russian Government!**

As the leader of the organized demonstration, Vladimir Grishukov told the crowd: "The present Russian government which does not listen to the people, must resign. Only when there is a government in the Kremlin and in Vladivostok which meets the demands of the people and comes under the control of the people, only then will we solve the important and crucial problems!"

YUSHENKO AND TYMOSHENKO OF UKRAINE

By GALINA SAVCHENKO

President Yushenko and Premier Tymoshenko are disgracing Ukraine.

Without shame they are siphoning gas from Russia from the transit pipelines, and without paying anything they are storing this gas in underground terminals – 30 billion cubic meters of Russian gas – telling

Russia that Ukraine had paid for everything in full.

But when Ukrainian debt to Russia surpassed \$2.5 billions, Russia said enough is enough! On January 1, 2009 the GASPROM of Russia shut off the gas supply to Ukraine 100%. Russia was correct as far as business transactions go.

Across the territory of Ukraine there were 7 pipelines, 5 of those gas lines are to supply gas to other European countries. When Russia was forced to shut off the gas, Ukraine then started even more to steal gas again from the pipelines by 20.0 million cubic feet per day from the European gas pipelines.

Russia said that from now on Gazprom will charge Ukraine prices that it charges other European countries – \$480 per cubic meter.

Mr. Putin, this is the time to remind you, when in 2004 you gave cheap gas and other products to pro-American and anti-Russian regimes of Ukraine and Georgia, while you blocked the export of other goods.

This criminal and corrupt regime of Ukraine is to the liking of America should have worried Russia. But you started to support anti-communists and idiots in Ukraine like Yushenko and Tymoshenko – these criminals who will eventually be brought to justice!

As a result of your policy, Russia, together with Ukraine are repeating the terrible results of your unthinkable and reactionary politics.

Young protestors carrying placards against Yushenko and Tymoshenko



WE SUPPORT YOUR CALL FOR A COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL

With all of our hearts we are responding to your call for a new Communist International, and we are stating that from this moment we consider ourselves as members of the International Council and of the working class of the world.

The correct path for the international organization of the working class is the process of communist brotherhood on this planet – which means the organization of a Communist society.

We understand what a communist society would be like, with no classes and no exploitation and people shall learn to live in harmony with themselves and with nature.

We feel that the following questions will be in front of the coming Communist International:

1. Organizing the workers into a revolutionary class, since this is the only class in society, which is interested in building a socialist society.
2. The elimination of the bourgeois state and establishing the dictatorship of the proletariat and the defeat of the protesting bourgeois in the period after the establishment of the dictatorship of the working class
3. Elimination of capitalism and the rule of finance.
4. Organization of communist production and its distribution.

THE PRESENT SITUATION IN UKRAINE:

In this new year of 2009 Ukraine has sunk into such a desperate economic situation that it has not seen since it existed. The present leadership who are just tools of international capital, have brought the industry and agriculture into such a morass that there is no solution without the overthrow of the present regime. Practically nearly all of the working class is presently unemployed!

In spite of these conditions, somehow the working class and citizens are not actively protesting

this situation (as they should) or not even thinking to overthrow the hated capitalist-Mafiosi system as needed.

Why? Because this Imperialism and its stooges in Ukraine are still able by their daily media to “feed” the population lies and promote discord, chauvinism and nationalism – while the revolutionary feelings and understanding of the masses were crushed by our so-called former “communists”, and “party apparatchiks” of the government of USSR after the death of Stalin in 1953!



It is “communists” like Zyuganov, Simonenko, Moroz etc. who now have brought us to this tragedy and they made Ukraine a profit-vassal for US Imperialism and as well as that of Russia, Germany, France and other countries exploiting Ukraine.

The “gas war” between Russia and Ukraine is being pushed and promoted by Imperialism in order to bring Ukraine and Russia into conflict – and thus have the oil-gas magnates rule both countries.

In these conditions the rebirth of the Communist International is imperative! We shall undertake to form a real and genuine Marxist-Leninist-Stalinist Communist Party. At present in Ukraine there are many communist-socialist opportunist parties such as CPU, SPU and PSPU. They all preach that they are for “happiness for the people”, while behind the peoples back they are kissing ass of the bourgeois in order to maintain their cushy jobs.

Such “communists” as Simonenko and company – In all of his work, he did all in his power to disorganize the working class of all former Soviet Republics. But now time has come for them to pay the price in front of the people not only of Ukraine, but also over the world.

The cessation of work in the Donbass coal mines, the constant tragic accidents causing deaths, due

to unsafe working conditions, has now caused sharp strikes by the miners in Lugansk and Donetsk mines.

We are going to do all that is in our power to uplift the revolutionary struggles of the machine-building workers in Kharkov, steel-workers in Zaporozhe, chemical workers in Novomoskovsk, in Krivoy Rog – all the working class in Ukraine to struggle against exploitation by capitalism.

Thanks to your initiative, dear comrades of the International

Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People, to the future formation of the Communist International – and we consider ourselves already as members – you gave us this energy and the path that we are dedicated to follow in our common struggles.

Coordinating Committee for the
Ukraine Section of the Communist
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Tomash – members

Kharkov, January 2009

COMMENT:

We are welcoming your efforts and understanding. We hope that other comrades understand the need above everything else – to establish the Communist International!

**OPPORTUNISM IN THE
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THE MOMENT OF TRUTH - CHAUVINIST ZYUGANOV

From newspaper SADOVOYE KOLCO - Moscow

Zyuganov's statement in the Russian Duma was very revealing. He stated that the present regime of Putin-Medvedev have fulfilled his expectations regarding the past conflict in South Ossetia. He claimed credit for this policy by always urging Russia to act. This past conflict did not happen overnight, but it was boiling-up since the fall of the USSR. In Zyuganov's speech we cannot find one iota of Marxist analyses at all.

The next step by Zyuganov and his stoolies, is to join Zhirinovskiy and his crew and thus promote more social-chauvinism, which will be the order of the day.

It is evident that the CPRF have "cleansed itself" of dedicated Communists. CPRF has become the saboteur, by splitting the existing communist parties and trying to get them into the tight grip of the CPRF and its support for the present Russian bourgeois regime of Putin-Medvedev.

The role of the CPRF is now not only to dismember the communist struggles in Russia, but to use CPRF and its well funded apparatus to disunite the communist and workers movements all over the world. Today the real aim of the CPRF leadership is "social chauvinism!"

Alexander Veselov

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UKRAINE CLAIMS THAT RUSSIA WANTS TO SEIZE ITS LAND

<http://www.gobalresearch.ca/index.php-context>

Russia's Foreign Minister stated: "Ukraine's Euro NATO aspirations require that it solves all of its problems, including any border disputes. They blame that we are stealing their land in the Kerch Strait- this is just for one reason only - for Ukraine to be able to join NATO as soon as possible. We reject such

accusations!"

He also said, "It's impossible to seize something that doesn't exist. No one has ever acknowledged that Russia and Ukraine have a state border in the Kerch Strait in the Sea of Azov."

TO WHITEWASH RUSSIAN IMPERIALISM IS COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY

By EDUARDO ARTS - on the left of the photo with Dr. Bruce Mellado.



In its page on the Internet, the "communist" party reports on a meeting between a delegation of that group, made up of Guillermo Teillier and Juan Andrés Lagos, and Alexey Y. Belonosov on the Russian side. The meeting was held in the diplomatic headquarters of Medvedev's government of, which

the rabid anti-communist Putin manipulates.

According to the "CP", the representative of Russian imperialism "showed a great interest in the situation of Latin America... he assured that it maintained its glance towards Chile...". Assuring that "Russia is going to increase its presence on the continent through good will missions... in no way to try to impose any type of hegemony", "the ambassador showed that it was the beginning of a constructive relation and that he would consider always the "CP".

The allegorical note of the "C" P assures that "Russia wants to have relations of equality with the whole world."

The first thing to keep in mind is that in no way can one confuse the former USSR, its heroic, Socialist period, of solidarity and Proletarian Internationalism, of the defeat of Nazi-fascism, the times of Lenin and Stalin, with today's capitalist and imperialist Russia.

At the moment, the Russia of the imperialist monopolies of Medvedev and Putin is competing feverishly with Yankee imperialism and other imperialist powers for the domination of the world, for the looting of raw materials, for the subjection and exploitation of the workers and

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peoples; its nature and attitudes are IMPERIALIST. Therefore it is serious and dangerous to present its search for room to displace other imperialists in the looting and exploitation of countries and regions of the world as acts of "good will."

Of course, we Communists must take advantage of the inter-imperialist disputes to benefit the struggles for national liberation and the social liberation of the workers and peoples, but it is a totally different and opposite thing to create illusions about such-and-such imperialism, and worse to put ourselves under the umbrella of one or another imperialism, no matter how "likeable" they appear. They are always against the peoples!

It is very important to remember that the present Russian regime is one of "savage" Capitalism; it represses the workers and various peoples, it jails Communists and subjects them to tortures, accusing them of being "terrorists". One cannot ignore the fact that their military interventions, among others in South Ossetia, start from their hegemonic and imperialist interests and not from that of the peoples. They are only trying to take care of "their own" back yard when confronted by the attempts of other imperialists, like U.S. imperialism, to displace it.

Today, Russian society is the realm of the free market, of prostitution of the youth, the super-exploitation of the workers and peoples; it is the paradise of the Mafias and drug dealers; in fact, Putin, the true tsar behind the puppet Medvedev, is considered a complete gangster in the broad sense.

We Communists in Chile of the PC(AP), on every anniversary of the October Revolution commemorated it with activities, publications, etc. We raise permanently, and with no inhibitions, the great achievements of socialism; we remember with pride

the fundamental support by the USSR under the leadership of Stalin in the defeat of Nazi-fascism. Therefore, we say that those who today try to whitewash the Russian reactionary regime are not only creating false and dangerous expectations about the nature of Russian imperialism in order to better participate in the exploitation of the natural resources and the peoples of Chile, but also that they are striking blows at the heroic efforts of the real Communists of the countries of the former Soviet Union to reconstruct Socialism.

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Santiago, January 16, 2009

PART OF STATEMENT BY THE AUCPB

"The present situation in Far East bears witness to the fact of a deliberate destruction of the Palestinian people from the Gaza Strip, preventing Palestinians from returning to their iconic Motherland and the creation of a free and independent Palestinian State in the framework of the 1967 borders with its capital of East Jerusalem. Israel with the help of US imperialism is in favor of the plans of World Zionism for the complete take over of Palestine!

Without a unification of efforts of the Arab world in the struggle against world Zionism, the fires of war in the Middle East will constantly burn, at times getting less, but then flaring up anew and stronger than ever!

N.A. Andreeva
General Secretary AUCPB

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PROTEST LETTER TO MINISTER OF TRANSPORT OF UKRAINE

From GALINA SAVCHENKO



Copies to Ezhedelnik 2000 newspaper
Michael Lucas, Chairman of International Council

Dear Mr. Minister I. Vinsko!

It seems that in Ukraine not only do they steal Russian gas, but also personal correspondence.

I quote from the Constitution of Ukraine Article 31, which states: "Everyone is guaranteed privacy of all correspondence, telephone calls, telegraph messages and other correspondence."

When I found out that from my post office box #87 in Kiev Post Office #133 that package of my mail from Canada, Moscow and Zaporozhe was not received by me in 2008, I started to enquire and search the reasons for this.

I found out that Moscow did not receive 3 letters from me as well as Zaporozhe also. I did not receive letters and NSC from Canada. I was also not informed about the travel money that was sent to me to attend the International Council Meeting in October of 2008.

Mr. Minister, do not state that you guarantee personal postal service for the people!

I demand:

1. Give the militia the power to stop these people who always are "cleaning" my mail.
2. Return back my parcels from Canada and other destinations. The people working on December 20, 2008 are known and they should be investigated.

SUPPORT NSC SUSTAINING FUNDS!

ANOTHER ACT OF UKRAINIAN NATIONALISM

To the Head of the City of Kharkiv, Ukraine

Copy: to the social organizations of Russia and Ukraine

Copy: to media

Open Letter

The government of Ukraine is committing another act of disgrace to the memory of heroes killed in the Great Patriotic War. The government gave the Ukrainian Orthodox Church (an autonomous Church within the Russian Orthodox Church) 0.47 hectares of land in the Victory Park to build a temple there. This act offends veterans and once more highlights the pro-Western and openly reactionary essence of today's government of Ukraine.

The Church wants to construct its building in the Alley of Komsomol heroes where there are monuments to Mikola Ostrovsky, Zoya Kosmodemianska, Oleg Koshevoy, Alexander Matrosov, Galina Nikitina, Lala Ubiwowl, Ivan Minailenko and Alexander Zubarev. Capitalists hate the memory of the young defenders of the Fatherland. They are trying to destroy this memory by the hands of the Church which imposes "new values" and completely suppresses in the people any thoughts of resistance whatsoever. Especially repulsing are the ideas of making these monuments of the Civil and Great Patriotic War "guides to the temple" and renaming of the Victory Park into the Park of Newlyweds.

With rage, we condemn all attempts of the bourgeois Ukrainian rulers and the Church clergy to revise the history of the Great Patriotic War, to dare to disturb the holy memory of those who died for their Soviet Motherland. We demand that any work in the Kharkiv Victory Park be stopped and the foundational stone for new construction be removed. We express our support to all progressive forces of Ukraine who fight against the actions of the government and the Church. We call



Victory Park, Alley of Heroes

upon all left and patriotic organizations as well as the brotherly peoples of Russia and Ukraine to join in the struggle for preservation of the memorial and saving of the Alley of Komsomol heroes from desecration.

**No building of the temple on the blood of Soviet patriots!
Glory to those who conquered fascism!**

Revolutionary – patriotic Union of Krasnoyarsk (Siberia):
Volodimir Komarov, Trudove Krasnoyarsk
Leonid Kuznetsov, Regional Committee of VKPB
Evgeni Postovski, Regional Committee of RKRP-RPK
Katerina Fatianova, Krasnoyarsk National Bolsheviks
Alexanfer Kisilev, KPO ALL-Union Young Guard of Bolsheviks
Denis Stiazhkin, Vanguard of Red Youth (AKM)

September 25, 2008
Krasnoyarsk, Russia

From the translator:

A simple google and visit to the Wikipedia will add much needed context to the story. In fact, the church was there first, since the 17th century. It had been reconstructed on several occasions. After the Soviet power was established in the area, in 1930 when the idea was to

make Kharkiv Ukraine's capital, Mirnositskaya Church was torn down in the middle of the night. In its place the government of those days planned to build a Musical Theatre for the Masses with circus, theatre and cinema. Despite the efforts, when the state changed its mind and established the capital in Kiev, all these entertainment plans vanished. A trolley garage was built in the place of the church instead. It was after WWII that the Victory Park was developed in place of the trolley depot and the Alley of Komsomol Heroes was built.

Recently, Kharkiv Eparchy and the City of Kharkiv decided to rebuild the church. During the discussion of this project a question arose about the monuments to the Komsomol heroes located along the Alley leading to the location of the former and the future church. First it was proposed to move the busts of Komsomol heroes to the Freedom Square closer to the Lenin monument. However, after some discussion it was decided to leave the busts where they are, in the Alley. The busts are supposed to be restored and either sculpted in marble or cast in bronze on granite pedestals. They will remain aligned as presently along the Alley, which will be leading to the church.

Since it is the Orthodox Church who leads the idea of reconstruction of the church, it is rather incorrect to look at the action as manifestation of pro-Western tendencies. Wouldn't it be more correct to call this a pro-Eastern development? Those who call themselves progressive should welcome "new values" shouldn't they? For what is being restored in Kharkiv is old values. And how much right do people of Krasnoyarsk have to demand anything about construction in Kharkiv? Perhaps advise, suggest, maybe recommend... but "demand"?

Other than the hideous idea of renaming the Alley of Komsomol Heroes into the Alley of Newlyweds, the plan to restore this kind of past may just as well help towards a healthier future.

Larisa Scherba

YOU HAVE AN OPINION ABOUT NSG? WRITE!

DEMONSTRATIONS, PICKETS AND MEETINGS WERE HELD ALL OVER RUSSIA LAST MONTH

JANUARY 31 A MEETING HELD BY CPRF AGAINST CRISIS AND DISMISSALS OF WORKERS
JANUARY 31 A MEETING BY SOVIET OFFICERS WAS HELD AGAINST REPRESSIONS
FEBRUARY 1 A MEMORIAL MEETING WAS HELD FOR MURDERED LEFT-WING LAWYER, S. MARKEROV



BY MARIA DONCHENKO

The following photographs show the growing upsurge of protests against the policies of the present Medvedev-Putin capitalist regime all over Russia.



The police used smoke bombs and clubs to try and disperse the mass of people protesting against the bourgeois regime





Red flags flew all over and the Union of Soviet Officers were there for the resurrection of the USSR and of Socialism.



PALESTINE IS EVERYWHERE

By MLCP Turkey/Northern
Kurdistan - International Bureau

These photographs show vividly some examples of solidarity actions with the Palestinian people that were organized all over the world.

From the first day of the bloody massacre of the Israeli Zionism against the Palestinian people in Gaza, many actions took place all over Turkey and Northern Kurdistan in order to support the resisting people of Gaza and condemn the brutal Zionist attack, which started after 17 months of blockade on December 27 with air raids. Only during the 22 days of the brutal massacre, more than 1200 Palestinian have been killed and more than 5400 have been wounded, and in spite of the one-sided ceasefire announced by Israel, the assassinations are going on by many means.

Many different parts of the society from political parties and organisations to trade-unions, women's organisations, human rights organisations, students, pupils, lawyer's associations, solidarity groups and political prisoners as well as their families expressed their solidarity with multifaced forms of actions in cities like for example Istanbul, Izmir, Antakya, Malatya, Amed, Adana, Hopa, Antalya, Denizli, Antep, Ankara, Manisa, Canakkale, Bolu, Bursa, Dersim and Mersin. One of the central demands at those actions was that the Turkish state should break relations with Israel.

In the following, we will just give you some examples of the many actions organised by the progressive, revolutionary and communist forces in the last weeks in solidarity with Palestine.

The Socialist Platform of the Oppressed organised many actions all over the country like marches, sit-ins, putting banners, protests and vigils in front of the Israeli embassy, like the one of January 12, where they threw shoes and eggs to the police men defending the consulate



after a 3 hours vigil. Moreover, they participated in mass gatherings and held speeches at cafes in different labourers' boroughs and called on the people to show solidarity with Palestine, like they did for example on the evening of January 4, in Izmir. During this actions continuing for weeks, slogans and demands like the following were raised: "End the cooperation of Israel and Turkey. Cancel all agreements made with Israel", "The Israeli consulate must be closed", "Murderer Israel, collaborating MGK", "Long live people's brotherhood" (shouted in

Kurdish, Arabic and Turkish), "Freedom to Ahmad Saa'dat", "Thousand greetings to the front, let's continue with the struggle", "Murderer USA, get out of the Middle East" and "The Palestinian people are not alone". The activists of the ESP reminded that the Israeli soldiers are trained in Konya, Turkey, and emphasized that besides the USA and Egypt the Turkish state is also among those supporting Israel. The Solidarity Association with the Palestinian People (SHDD) was also very active in order to support Palestine. They organised for

instance sit-ins every day at 7pm in front of Galatasaray High School, Istanbul and made calls to back the campaign Urgent Medical Support, which was started by the FHDD in order to collect medical equipment that will be sent to Palestine.

High school students have organised actions and demonstrations in different cities to protest Zionist Israel. Students affiliated to LOB realised for example marches after school in Alibeykoy and Umraniye, Istanbul, and carried black ribbons to show their solidarity with Gaza.

Besides many other activities in solidarity with Palestine like torch marches and distributing leaflets at the universities, the SGD hanged up a banner read "Resist Palestine, we are with you" on January 8 at a ferry going from Kadikoy to Eminonu, Istanbul.

Trade Unions, too, showed their anger against the massacres by Israel in Palestine. One example is the written statement published on December 31, by Limter-Is, which pointed out that the resistance and solidarity with the Palestinian people must go beyond actions and rallies and displayed on the streets and factories. Besides, the union demanded all open and clandestine agreements to be cancelled and all Israeli consulates and military bases to be closed.

The labouring women also went on the street and made clear, that "the Palestinian women are not alone". In Adana for instance, different women's organisations gathered saying that women and children are paying the highest price in the massacre at Gaza. The women declared: "We will be on the streets to strengthen the organisation of women for the peoples to live in freedom and brotherhood."

On January 2, 2009, the militias of our Party MLCP blockaded the traffic with Molotov cocktails in Maltepe Gulsuyu, Istanbul in order to protest the Israeli massacre in Gaza shouting "Gaza, resist, we are with you" and "Rebellion, Serhildan, Intifada" and put up a banner with bombs at the end of the action. In a statement about this action the militias of our party wrote: "It has turned out once again that Israel is a massacring Zionist state. We, the militias of the MLCP will go on to target Israel and the AKP collaborating with Israel". Furthermore, the militia bombed the club house of a Zionist association in



Kartal Esenkent, Istanbul, where reactionary - fascist murderers are educated, in order to respond to the Zionist Israeli massacre. The statement they made on this action ended with the slogans "Long live our Palestine resistance" and "Down with Israel, down with the USA and the collaborators".

The revolutionary prisoners also greeted Palestine with their

continuous protest actions. MLCP and TKP/ML prisoners imprisoned in the Tekirdag F type prison No. 2 shouted slogans every evening at 6pm in order to greet the resistance of the Palestinian people. By clapping and whistling the prisoners also greeted the Palestinian resistance organisations condemned Zionist Israel.



DECLARATION OF THE BEIRUT RESISTANCE FORUM

Two major topics characterized this Forum. On the one hand, the heroic resistance of the Palestinian people of Gaza and their ability to confront the intense violence and unprecedented barbarity. On the other hand, capitalism's global crisis, which is not only financial, but also economic, social, cultural and moral - thus posing a threat to the survival of humanity itself?

The resistance's fight against colonialism cannot be detached from the struggles carried out by world revolutionaries and free individuals facing global capitalism, imperialism, militarization and destruction of all social achievements.

The Forum delegates expressed their support for both the Palestinian and Lebanese resistance against the Israeli occupation, as well as to the Iraq's fight against American occupation. In addition, the Forum backed the Iraq's people and their struggle to preserve their territorial unity.

The Forum participants also declared their support for the self-determination for the Afghan people and their struggles against the American and Atlantic countries occupation.

The participants declared their support for President Hugo Chavez of Venezuela and President Evo Morales of Bolivia for their support of people's resistance and their fight against US's interference in South America.

The participants also condemned the alliance between the USA and the government of Colombia, which for four decades has terrorized its own people and destabilizing the progressive governments in Latin America.

LEFTISTS AND ISLAMIC ANTI-IMPERIALISTS UNITE

In the opening session, Hezbollah's deputy-secretary Sheik Naim Kasseem excellently expressed the common spirit: "Today there are only two camps in the world. The one of US Imperialism and its allies and the other one are the resistance

movements, regardless of their ideological, cultural or religious affiliation. This resistance must be unified against the common enemy, which is only possible by respecting the diversity of this struggle."

The organizers agreed that more meetings and common activities must be made in order to solidify and form world wide the Anti-Imperialist Camp. This can be done by following these proposals:

- * Insist on the campaign of boycott Israel on all levels.
- * Send brigades and delegates to Gaza and other places of resistance to build solidarity from below and to counter the distortions of the Western corporate media.
- * Hold anti-imperialist conferences to give support and voice to the resistances; rebuff the Islamophobia, which provides Imperialism ideological backing for its imperialist war.
- * Propose to all that the only solution to the Palestinian problem is one single democratic state.
- * Build a permanent body for global coordination of all anti-Imperialist forces.

ISRAEL IS BEING CONDEMNED

Below are news items gathered from Electronic Intifada - Electronic Iraq

In Gaza, Palestinians are once again being blamed for their own deaths. The British, during its British Empire days in India, also blamed India when they killed thousands of Indian civilians - 1,200 in a single village - in response to the largest anti-colonial uprising of the 19th century.

If Israel now truly desires peace with the Palestinians and safety for its citizens, it should look back to one of the greatest, and misunderstood, independence movements in history in India.

Students from at least 17 Universities in the United Kingdom have staged sit-ins, as part of unprecedented increase in British activism in support of the Palestinians. These university occupations have been launched to compel all these University

administrators to meet the demands of the students, ranging from official condemnation of the Israeli actions and establishing scholarships for Palestinian students to study in the UK.

The Lebanese cabinet made deals with Israel while the Lebanese officials were openly denouncing Israel, while making sure that the Palestinian refugees that are in Nahr al-Bared refugee camp, never recover from the war waged by Israel on their community more than a year ago. Lebanon Cabinet has now approved to build a joint naval base in the area, thus making life in this refugee camp more crowded and unbearable for the Palestinian refugees.

Israel of course through the US media is blaming the Palestinians for breaking the "declared ceasefire", but CNN reported the following facts of Israel's violating the ceasefire last month more than seven times - as shown:

- * Israel forces killed a Palestinian farmer on January 18
 - * They killed a couple of farmers on January 19
 - * Israeli naval gunboats shelled the Gaza coastline causing damage to civilian structures- January 21
 - * Israeli troops shot a child east of Gaza City on January 22
 - * Israeli gunboats shot and injured 7 Palestinian fishermen on January 22
 - * Israeli shelling set a house on fire on January 22
 - * Israeli tanks shelled a border town of Al Faraheen causing great damage to houses and farms on January 24
- This list does not include children that were killed by landmines left by Israeli forces.

APPEAL TO ALL PROGRESSIVE FORCES WORLDWIDE

From New Communist Party of Yugoslavia and League of Yugoslavia Communist Youth

Let us stop the big capital puppet regime of Serbia of trying to exterminate Communism!

With world capitalism on the brink of global collapse and with the people of Serbia raising their voices

against this capitalist system, the Serbia's puppet regime with its dirty campaign of lies and deceit, is poised to seize the present offices of the New Communist Party of Yugoslavia (NKPJ which were renting these offices since 1991.

The Serbian government wants now to throw the Communist Party into the street. The idea behind our expulsion from these premises that we rented now for 18 years is to try and destroy this leading factor of the national workers movement. The regime knows full well that we are the leading force in the struggles against the pro-imperialist and neo-globalistic policies of this present Serbian regime.

Let it be known that the League of Yugoslav Communist Youth (SKOJ) shall fight back! As on October 5, 2000 counter-revolutionary coup, we shall be defending with our bare hands our premises from all the enemies, whoever they shall be!

SKOJ will inform everyone about this new attack against our party.

We invite all progressive organizations and people of Serbia to support our struggle and help the NKPJ!

Bourg Bourgeois hands of the New Communist Party of Yugoslavia!

Please send protests by e-mail on predsednikvladesrbije@srbije.sr.gov.yu or by fax 00381113617471

Secretariat of SKOJ

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES OF LTTE IN CANADA

This letter was sent to the Canadian Government as a protest, by a member of NSC and CFSP

Hon. Mr. Stockwell Day
Ottawa, Ontario

I have already brought to your attention the activities of Sri Lankan criminal Mafia, the LTTE -Tamil Tigers - and their present criminal activities amongst the Sri Lankan population living in Canada. They are using this opportunity to brainwash the young children in order to be used for their criminal activities in the future.

I am submitting new information for your information. I have already posted to you the information about their activities as was carried by the

BBC. Here is the latest news of their activities amongst the Sri Lankan people living in Canada.

* The United Nations and the Srilankan Government have accused the LTTE of not allowing the people to flee the zone of fighting.

* In a letter sent to President Mashinda Rajapaksa, Bishop of Jaffna, Rt. Hon. Dr. Thomas Soundaranayagan called on the LTTE not to hide amongst the civilians.

"We are urgently requesting the Tamil Tigers not to station themselves amongst the people in the declared safety zone and proceed to fire their shells and rockets at the Srilanka Army. This increases the deaths of innocent civilians."

* Chris Morris of the BBC who visited Mullaitivu on a tour with the Srilanka Army said that the LTTE is trying to get a ceasefire put into effect in order to avoid complete defeat on the battlefield.

* In South India, a Srilankan youth committed self-immolation in front of Shadri Bhavan, housing the central government offices, protesting against the killing of Tamils in Srilanka.

In downtown Toronto, Canada, this month the LTTE supporters brought their children to agitation event to support the Tamil Tigers and collect finances for their criminal activities.

Please urge the Canadian Government to take action to stop the LTTE using children for their Mafiosi criminal activities.

ISRAEL ADMITS USING PHOSPHOROUS SHELLS IN GAZA

According to the British Guardian newspaper, Israel has admitted to firing phosphorus shells into Gaza, including shelling with these shells the United Nations Compound in Gaza and also bombing a hospital with these shells. This is in contravention of International Law by the UN and is classified as a war crime.

Will Israel be called to justice? Not very likely, since President Obama will use the U.S. veto power to squash this.

WHY SAVE THE BANKS, OBAMA?

This is the question that the New York Times asked on January 19, 2009.

Before the first \$350 Billions "installment" of this financial bailout, we were told that this money was needed to "unfreeze" the US credit markets - meaning that the US banks would again be willing to lend businesses the money they needed to continue doing business.

But despite huge opposition, by people, this Bailout proceeded and absolutely nothing changed.

The US congressional "representatives" (including at that time Senator Obama) acted shocked. Instead of giving loans, the banks hoarded the money, they bought other banks and continued to pay themselves lavish salaries and bonuses, Meanwhile the US economy continued to crumble.

The US Congressmen couldn't possibly be surprised since they obediently put no conditions on the Banks, as demanded by Bush, upon their receiving the money given by the US Government.

This phony money pyramid scheme came to an end when the people (the borrowers at the bottom of this pyramid) were unable to pay on their loans, and then they demanded that the US taxpayers rescue them - and the US Congress quickly obliged.

All of this led us to the present situation, as Obama became president.

Obama has now lobbied his US Congress colleagues to release another \$350 Billions bailout installment to the US Banks - which they did of course - even though the US Congress people knew that the previous \$350 Billions bailout served only the Banks themselves and they felt already the hatred of their constituents.

This time Obama promised that things were going to "change". Obama's rhetoric was far too vague to answer this cardinal question. (His Wall Street speechwriters did not foresee this looming problem - Editor)

The Obama Administration is incapable of solving this problem at all. Committed as he is to the interests of the rich – to maintain a broken capitalist system. He might have to nationalize a couple of Banks – but he cannot go further because he will be forced to go easy or be in one-way or another replaced. He would have to take a stand that the US Government cannot be controlled by the Banks!

Such a U.S. government will not come into existence under Obama!

COMMENT:

The super rich have all kinds of lobbyists, all kinds of money and the media at their disposal. The working class needs similar tools for their own purposes – the elimination of capitalism and exploitation of man by man.

Socialism is the answer!

THE MOST RIDICULOUS SPEECH OF THEM ALL

George W. Bush farewell speech on television before he stepped down as President was a disaster. He said that all the terrible problems that he caused in his two terms as President was the Lord's doing. 'It is a ridiculous and a preposterous speech, the worst of them all. It was worse than his famous "Bring them on!" and "Mission Accomplished" as hundreds of thousands are dead, untold devastation, and the world is further away from peace than ever before.

His evangelical fanaticism and sheer ignorance of history made him the most despised president of the United States. But Bush was just a tool of the corporate power on US imperialism.

With Obama now the president, there will not be any real change, because Obama starts all of his speeches with "God Bless America"! Obviously since God always talked to Bush, God will talk to Obama also...after all – **Birds of the feather always stick together!**

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CATALONIA NOTES



BY MARIA DONCHENKO

Barcelona is a city with a very special flavour. The first thing that catches your eye on the way from the airport are the very few cars for a two-million city and a large number of motorcycles. Almost everybody has one here. There are also bicycles, but significantly fewer. This is how Barcelonians have solved the traffic issue.

Barcelona is the capital of Catalonia, one of the rebellious Spanish provinces, besides the Country of Basques and Galicia. Catalonians have their own language related to Spanish, yet different. On the contrary, the language of Basques is not related to any known linguistic family. During the Franco years the Catalan language was forbidden and after the death of the dictator it was allowed to be spoken in public places. Today street signs

and subway directions are written in Catalan along with Spanish, however, it has received official status only in 2006.

The left movement in Catalonia is diverse. On the streets one can see leaflets of numerous parties and groups, the majority in Catalan. Among the street posters I took pictures of are signs in Catalan: "Esquerra independentista des Barcelones" – "The left of Barcelona for independence", "Combatem el feixisme" – "We will win over fascism!", leaflets of solidarity with the resistance in Greece and announcements of the ecologists' rallies. The national question has a big significance in Catalonia. Both among the communists and among social-democrats there are two tendencies: one for complete independence of Catalonia, and another for a federalist solution with broad autonomy. The comrades who invited me to Barcelona represent the Unified Socialist Party of Catalonia (PSUC) created in the 1930s as a result of the merger of several groups, Communist Party of Spain (Marxist-Leninist) (PCE(m-l)), which has recently joined a coalition with the Proletarian Union, and Communist Party of the Catalan People and its youth organization Young Communists of the Catalan People. In May 2008 in Catalonia an interparty association was created -- Association of Solidarity with the Republic of Belarus – under which many different parties and movements collaborate.

I would like to point out a few features specific to life in Barcelona, which I have noticed, unlike tourists



who are always shown the glossy side of life. There quite a few homeless people in the city living on the sidewalks of large streets and right on the streets in the neighbourhoods. In the neighbourhoods the streets are not divided into a sidewalk and a street proper. They are all one: people walk where the cars and motorcycles run, and the homeless live along the edges. Barcelona is by no means Moscow, but in winter the temperature here reaches zero.

Another peculiar feature of Barcelona is that television is not free, but costs a lot as for local standards. On the second day of my visit to Barcelona we searched for place to eat and could not find a vacant spot, even though the reasonably priced cafes were on every corner. Local comrades explained: a soccer game between Barcelona and Madrid was on that night and all soccer fans, which means the entire population of Spain, those of them who do not have television at home flooded cafes and pubs so that there was no room for a needle to drop.

Today, one of the centres of resistance of Barcelona is its University. At the entrance or the main building one can see a poster with a crossed out number 65. This means a protest against the



introduction in Spain of the law about a 65(!) hour work week. Since November the main building of the University has been occupied by the students who protest against introduction of the Bologna system. The two cornerstones of the reform, which caused the students' rage are privatisation of student buildings and introduction of the two-level education system. Above the door of the second floor is a slogan in Spanish: "Estudiante unido jamas sera vencido" – "The students united will never be defeated", a modified version of the slogan of the Spanish Republic "The people united will never be defeated". Here is the meaning of other posters and slogans: "Today you are a university graduate, tomorrow – a blue collar worker" and "No to Bologna system!" Many students who participate in the action live, eat and sleep right here on the territory of the occupied buildings. On the second floor blankets are laid out and tents are put up. Students actively discuss the Greek experience of the last several weeks. To us it is a shock to hear that police in Spain (as well as in Greece) has no right to enter a university. According to the protesters, the government already was compelled to make some concessions, however, the protesters were determined to defend their



Maria Donchenko and her Spanish comrades

rights to the end. The beginning of a new semester after the Christmas break is uncertain. On agenda is the general student strike.

I must note that students do not limit themselves with just local demands. A good portion of their slogans are about international solidarity, in particular the hottest topic of the last few weeks – Israel's aggression in Gaza. The posters and stickers in support of the Palestinians can be seen everywhere in the city, and that same evening we visited a Palestinian home in Barcelona.

There are Palestinian and Lebanese cafes in the city, and many of them, however, we were asked not to take pictures for security reasons.

As of January 10th, already after my departure in Barcelona was scheduled a huge demonstration against Israel's aggression, and now as I write these lines, it has already happened. A hundred thousand people came to the University square to show their rage.

I would like to express a big thank you to all my friends who hosted me in Catalonia.

FILIPINO IMMIGRANTS IN CANADA

FACTS FROM FILIPINO—
CANADIAN YOUTH ALLIANCE

The Filipino community in Canada suffered the loss of two youth deaths in the Vancouver and Toronto areas and the harassment by the RCMP. We are deeply affected by this tragedy and remain strong in our struggle against the systematic racism and for the genuine social justice for all Filipinos. There are scores of cases of harassment, beatings and physical assaults in schools on the Filipino youths.

Canada continues to exploit the Filipino immigrants through Canada's Live-in Caregiver Program (LCP). This program is a racist and an exploitative program towards women of color, particularly Filipino women, who now make up 95% of all people

who enter it. The impact of this LCP trickle down into the next generation, leaving many youths to suffer short-term and long-term effects, especially after finally being united with their mothers years later.

Over 100,000 workers came to Canada since the early 1980's under the LCP and its predecessor, the Foreign Domestic Movement. Majority of these immigrants are mothers who leave their families because of terrible hardships at home, leaving their families and children behind in the Philippines to work and live in Canada as live-in domestic workers.

The Canadian Live-in Caretaker Program stipulates that women cannot bring their children or family with them – therefore these women experience long years of family separation. Five to eight years is the length of separation.

Once they are reunited in Canada, they are reunited as strangers. This

experience of separation, migration, and family re-unification is very traumatic for our community, and unfortunately it takes its toll on our youth. Adding to this trauma is the worsening economic marginalization of the community that they belong to.

It is because of the exploitative and abusive nature of the LCP and the work that the Filipino women endure as "modern day slaves" plus the long term impact this has on our youth, that we demand that this racist, anti-women Live-in Caregiver Program be scrapped so that our families are not torn apart, because

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of the forced economic migration and the need for their economic survival.

We also demand justice for our Filipino youth, their families and our community, so that circumstances to these tragic events will not happen again, and that we as the Filipino community in Canada can truly participate and integrate into the economic, political, social and cultural life of Canada.

**End systematic racism now!
Scrap the Live-in Caregiver
Program!
Social justice for the Filipino
community!**

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THE INAUGURATION OF A NEW PRESIDENT – THE CONTINUATION OF U.S. IMPERIALIST RULE

The above title of the brochure published by Ray O. Light in the US, is available from NSC. We just quote the following from this excellent analysis of the situation in the Belly of the Beast.

Had the world Communist movement been armed with a proletarian internationalist outlook over the past two years, the "Obama phenomenon", that provide a new and exciting façade for bourgeois democratic illusions about the US imperialist state, and thus representing a new US Imperialist ideological and political counter-offensive, would have been thoroughly exposed. With a clear international view that the liberation movements of the Afghani and Iraqi peoples are on the frontlines of our struggle. President Obama's

decision to retain Gorge W. Bush's Secretary of Defense, Robert Gates, would have been the "last straw" rather than the first hint about Obama's key role in defense of the U.S. Empire.

Those proletarian revolutionaries, Marxists-Leninists, scientific socialists, who understood very clearly that Obama has become the leader of the U.S. Imperialist State, the chief bulwark of world capitalism, have a responsibility to unite those working people who have illusions about Obama with those who do not – **in practical activities** – tactically projecting petition campaigns, marches, strikes and solidarity strikes, sit-ins and sit-downs – making demands on President Obama, channeling the mass mobilization into a fight for our own working class and mass interests in opposition to the interests of U.S. Imperialism.

Struggles for more union jobs and decent wages and massive public works program, to keep homeowners and renters in their homes, to win guaranteed pensions, to fight for

CAMPAIGNS TO BOYCOTT ISRAEL ARE GAINING MOMENTUM

Below we publish a photograph of young Swedes demonstrating against Israel's genocide in Gaza, plus an excellent cartoon which shows Uncle Sam trying get Israel out of the bloody carnage.

From newspaper Proletaren – January 2009



health care for all and to gain "the right of return" for all the Afro-American masses and other displaced people to and the reconstruction of the Katrina-devastate Gulf Coast and for nationalizing the banks and placing them in the service of the people, should be all in the order of the day!

Let us heed the words of Georgi Dimitroff the outstanding leader of the Communist International and a hero in the fight against Hitler and world fascism that led up to and during World War II: "...in history great revolutions have grown out of small movements for the defense of the elementary rights

of the working class."

The words of V.I Lenin also ring very true at this time: "For the proletariat needs the truth and there is nothing so harmful to its cause as plausible, respectable petty-bourgeois lies."

Selected Works, Vol. X, p.41

JAPANESE COMMUNISTS DEMONSTRATE AGAINST US IMPERIALISM IN MASS ACTIONS

Comrades from Kaihoh-sha movement in Tokyo, Japan, who are readers of Northstar Compass sent us their publication that contained the following photographs of their very large-scale actions against US Imperialism and against capitalism, not only in Japan, but all over the world.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM DONETSK
UKRAINE

Dear comrades:

January 1, 2009 was the 50th Anniversary of the Cuban Revolution, which was celebrated in most countries of the world. In Ukraine this event was celebrated by the All Ukraine Conference for the Solidarity with Cuba – which was organized by the “Ukraine-Cuba Society” and it was attended by the Ambassador of Embassy of Cuba.

At this Conference there were representatives of many of our organizations, like –“Veterans of the Great Patriotic War,” from the “Freedom for the Cuban Five”, youth organization “Che Guevara” plus other organizations.

The Cuban ambassador Felipe L. Korbalió outlined the situation in Cuba, the help that was given Cuba by the USSR, but after its dismemberment the situation in Cuba was very bad economically, and the embargo by US imperialism forced Cuba to reform its economy



Tamara Yakubovskaya is great promoter of NSC and cintr8butes each month in \$\$\$ to help. Her article shortened for space reason only.

Tamara amongst student Theatrical Class



Tamara amongst Komsomol members, Donetsk, on May 9, Victory Day

and find new means of survival. Now the economic relations are starting to again take place between Russia and Cuba. The trade embargo by US imperialism is still ongoing, despite the fact that 185 countries of the world demanded in the UN that this trade embargo be lifted.

Life is getting better each day and the education, the health care, the help that Cuban medical personnel gives to other countries of the world is an example for all to follow. Cuban people are ready, as they were 50 years ago, to defend their country to the death.

The Ukrainian Committee for Freedom to Cuban Five is cooperating in this struggle with 300 such committees that exist around the world – while in Ukraine there exist now 18 such committees.

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FROM PRAGUE
CZECH REPUBLIC

Dear comrades:

I ask for understanding for the late reply to your letter. A while ago I fainted and fell down and broke the main bone in my right arm and this arm is now paralyzed.

I would like to share my thoughts regarding the forthcoming Third World Congress in 2010. To my way of thinking it would be better to hold the Congress in Europe, as I wrote my thoughts about this before. Byelorussia would be the logical venue – in its capital, Minsk. This is the only former Soviet Republic, which wants to resurrect the USSR. The Russian comrades made a mistake when on the 90th Anniversary of the Great October Revolution they wanted to hold the Congress in Moscow and you know what transpired and why, and thus the Congress had to be cancelled. Minsk would have accepted this suggestion with great happiness.

To try and hold it in any other country in Europe would not be successful. In all of these countries the governments are anti socialist and anti-Soviet.

Regarding the suggestion adopted to hold it in South America, in Chile, I feel good about it, since the Communist Party of Chile that is willing to host the Congress is a

genuine Marxist-Leninist party. The revolutionary activity is in South America and that is why I concur if Byelorussia venue will not pan out.

Dear friends:

I will be very frank with you now. I received information from Moscow, some members of the Friendship Society Committee about the work and activity of Viktor Bourenkov, the chairman of the Soviet Friendship Society. In his activity he is casting doubt and not recognizing the work and the effectiveness of the International Council for Friendship and solidarity with Soviet People.

My total conviction is there is only one communist party that is truly Marxist-Leninist – the All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks, headed by Nina Andreeva in Leningrad. Maybe she could take an active part in this Soviet Friendship Society?

I want to wish all of you comrades health and energy in this New Year of 2009 and more successes to this very important Northstar Compass journal.

Many thanks for the very important book you have sent me "From the Carpathian Mountains to Canada."

Your sincere friend
Dr. Zdenek Novotny

FROM UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON – USA

Dear Mr. Lucas:

Thank you very much for your generous gift to the University of Washington Libraries two copies of the book on the History of the Carpatho-Rusyns in Canada (From the Carpathian Mountains to Canada). Such published information on any aspect of Carpatho-Rusyns is relatively scarce, so your gift was all the more welcome.

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Sincerely

Michael Biggins

Head –Slavic and East European
Section
University of Washington, Seattle,
USA

Washington University is now on the mailing list to receive NSC, as well as catalogues of films, videos and books on the Slavic people.

FROM CATALONIA SPAIN

Dear comrades:

Last December 20, 2008, our Association for Friendship with Byelorussia held its Annual Meeting. One of the points was to discuss the establishment of a Spanish Society for Friendship with Soviet People while also maintaining our contacts and friendship with Byelorussia and also to establish closer ties and co-operation with the International Council. This work is open to all comrades in Spain in order to give greater impulse to the solidarity with Soviet people.

We also want to get subscribers to Northstar Compass, both English

and Spanish Editions. NSC is acting as a real source if information about Soviet People.

WE wish you comrades Happy New Year 2009. Let this year be a great success in our common struggles.

Long live the brotherhood of the people!

Long live peace!

Long live the USSR!

Association of Friendship with the Republic of Byelorussia in Catalonia, Spain

FROM PENNSYLVANIA USA

Dear friends:

I have received three of your Northstar Compass issues and I again like to thank you very much.

I am interested in receiving enjoyed then a lot. It is one of the very few magazines that doesn't lament that socialism will never work all information and I am looking for ways that I can become more involved in the Friends of Soviet People and NSC. I use the computer each week in our local library.

Beryl Benson

We sent this information to the Executive of the US Friends of Soviet People.

Revolutionary Democracy

September 2008 issue of Indian Marxist-Leninist journal Revolutionary Democracy is now available.

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NEWS, DIGEST, COMMENTS

WHAT WOULD MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HAVE TOLD OBAMA?

By Michael Honey

What would have Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., whose birthday was celebrated on January 19, 2009 have told Barack Obama if he was alive?

King Jr. thought in terms of progressive phases of history. He saw as phase one of the American freedom movement as a struggle for legal integration, equal opportunity, and full voting rights. That struggle was most intense between 1955 and 1965. This was crowned by the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as well as the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

After that, King demanded a Phase two – which he defined as a struggle for economic equality. He didn't mean that we would make the same income at all, but that the economic playing field should be leveled up somewhat for the poor and the working people. He stated: "Something is wrong with capitalism as it stands now in the United States. It takes the necessities from the masses to give luxury to the upper class."

In Phase two, King sought remedies for capitalism's defects. He organized the Poor Peoples Campaign, demanding that the US government divert funds being spent on war to education, housing and jobs. King also went to Memphis to support the strike of the sanitation workers for their right to have a trade union. King said: "All workers have dignity, no matter what jobs they hold." He supported the unionization of the working class as a portal for a decent life.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. challenged vigorously America's military foreign policy. He saw the slaughter of millions of people in Indochina and condemned America as "the greatest conveyor of violence in the world today." He also said openly to the US government that guns and bombs will never create security for anyone - violent means would only produce violent ends.

The massacre in Gaza now by Israel, again demonstrates the bitter truth of King's words.

Today King would have urged Obama to continue building a broad consensus amongst the people for change, to pass new labor laws to help workers organize trade unions, to gain universal healthcare for all, and to put Americans to work and eliminate unemployment.

But Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. would go further. He wanted a new kind of society, based on love and justice. He wanted America to undergo and undertake a moral revolution, to replace the self-seeking individualism with a concern for the common good of the society. He said that racism; poverty and war are intertwined problems that can only be solved together.

King wanted a much larger agenda and a better world - **to study war no more.** That Agenda would constitute a politics of **real hope.** worthy of the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. that Obama should follow.

COMMENT:

*Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated **not because he was Black** - but because the future for America that he struggled for was not to the liking of US imperialism!*

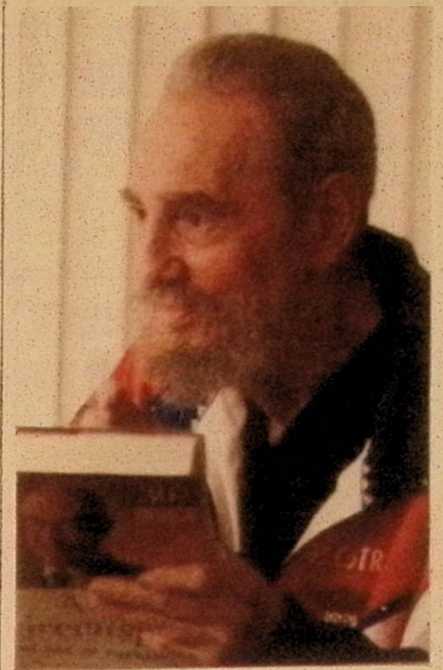
REFLECTIONS OF FIDEL

HAVANA: "I regret that Obama has fallen into sharing with Israel responsibility for the genocide of Palestinians!"

Deciphering the thinking of the new president of the United States, it isn't too difficult.

After his inauguration, Barack Obama stated that the return of Cuban territory occupied by the U.S. Guantanamo Naval Base to its legitimate owner, has to be carefully considered – **first in terms whether it would affect the defense capacity of the United States in even the most minimal way!**

Second, he would also have to consider which concessions Cuba would make in return – including no doubt a US demand to change its



political system. That is the price against which Cuba has fought for a half as century.

With US maintaining a military base in Cuba against the will of our people, violates the most basic principles of international law. The US president is obliged to abide by those United Nations standards without any conditions. Not to respect these conditions, it constitutes an act of arrogance and an abuse of his immense imperialist powers against us, a small country.

Obama resolutely declared last January 22, 2008 - **"My commitment in the Middle East must be the security of Israel, the principle US ally in the region."**

The United States will never distance itself from, Israel, and its president and vice president "believe strongly in Israel's right to protect its citizens" - which assures that, on this issue, they shall continue the policy of George W. Bush. I regret that our friend Obama has fallen into sharing with Israel the responsibility for the genocide of Palestinians.

Before Obama became president, the United States converted Israel into an important nuclear power that annually absorbs a significant part of the exports of the US Empire's prosperous, military industry, with which it is threatening extreme violence on the peoples of all countries of the Muslim faith.

But Obama is offering similar sweeteners to Russia, China, Europe, Latin America and the rest

of the world.

There are many more similar examples; one does not need to be a fortune-teller. Just read the statement of Mr. Gates, the Pentagon Chief for both Bush and Obama!

Fidel Castro Ruz

THE LAST ACT OF BUSH FOR OBAMA TO FOLLOW

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20090120/ap_on_re_as/pakistan

With Obama agreeing to send 20,000 more US troops to the Afghan war, Bush had bought off the corrupt regimes of former Soviet republics in Central Asia to allow the US to supply its troops through their territories. The original route was through Pakistan, but it has become too dangerous to US because of frequent attacks by the Pakistan resistance, which disrupted the needed deliveries of the enormous amount of materials that the US military requires to sustain its occupation of Afghanistan and to prolong the occupation of Iraq.

As Al Jazeera news agency reports, the US officials now will use the arranged overland route from Russia through Kazakhstan and on through Uzbekistan, using trucks and trains. There is another route that will be used in conjunction with the above; it is through Azerbaijan, across the Caspian Sea to the Kazakhstan sea port of Aktau, and then through Uzbekistan.

US military cargo planes cannot supply the necessary large amount of equipment and supplies needed to fight and occupy Afghanistan and Iraq.

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I think that one has to go back to the very beginning: Israel is a colonialist state that chased Palestinians out of their territory in 1948. Israel opposes their return, which is completely a denial of international rights.

This racist state has endlessly

practiced ethnic cleansing in order to increase its territory. It has violated all of the UN recommendations for sixty years, obviously protected by US imperialism and Europe. US and these capitalist countries need a policeman in the Middle East to control the oil. Israel is always moaning and threatening about the possible nuclear weapons in the neighboring Arab countries – but Israel has at least 200 nuclear warheads, which are illegally installed, according to the United Nations Inspectors. Israel also refuses to have UN inspectors come into Israel to check – of course US supports their refusal.

As soon as the Palestinian people vote democratically for their leadership, like in Gaza, Israel immediately enforces blockades or endless repression and starts an invasion.

Those who criticize some Palestinian movements and their struggles against the invaders, conveniently forget that Israel destroyed the growing left-wing movements in Palestine. If you will remember, they refused to negotiate with former Palestinian leader Arafat, while to the world they and the USA were pretending the opposite.

These Israeli colonialists complained and then barbarically attacked and killed close to 1,000 Palestinians because of the rocket attacks. But, the Palestinian people have the right as any other people to defend themselves with whatever they have against the super-armed Israel and the constant arms shipments from the United States. When the Palestinians want to get arms to defend themselves, instead of throwing rocks at the aggressor, Israel demands that no country sell

them arms.

There shall not be any peace or democracy in the Middle East without real democracy and freedom for all – which means recognizing the rights of the Palestinian people!

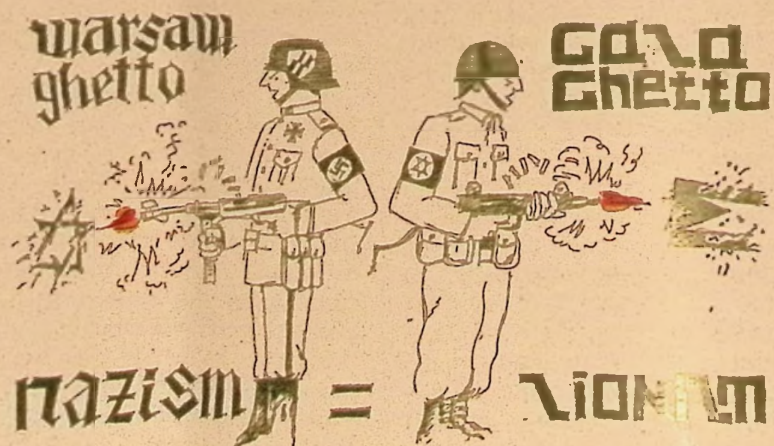
Israelis are also suffering – poverty, racial discrimination to the Jewish immigrants, both Black and White – like former Soviet Jews who immigrated to Israel are now considered as second class citizens and many are returning to former Soviet Republics or to Western countries.

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ANTI-IMPERIALISTS UNITE AT THE BEIRUT FORUM

By Bill Cecil
Beirut, Lebanon

Jan 21, 2009

As the people of Gaza staved off yet another attempt by the U.S.-armed and -funded Israeli military to eradicate the cause of Palestine by murdering its people, delegates from around the world gathered in Beirut to build solidarity and practical support for their cause among secular leftist and Islamic anti-imperialist forces.

As Dr. Ali Fayyad, the director of the Consultative Center for Studies and Documentation in Beirut, who hosted the Beirut Forum, laid out its goals: "In this part of the world the resistance is Islamic. The resistance movement here must introduce themselves to other forces of resistance to imperialism around the world. The ideological differences must be postponed. The resistance must prevail. ... An important goal of the forum is how, despite the ideological contradictions, to find how to work together hand in hand to achieve unity against imperialism."

The Beirut International Forum for Resistance, Anti-Imperialism, Solidarity between Peoples and Alternatives, held from Jan. 16 to 18, assembled 450 international and Arab bodies, in addition to social movements and figures from 66 countries on the soil of Lebanon, where the U.S.-created Israeli war machine suffered its first strategic defeat at the hands of the Lebanese Resistance in 2006.

Besides the host ~~group~~, also participating was the National Gathering to Support the ~~choice~~ of Resistance (Lebanon) in collaboration with the ~~international~~

Campaign against American and Zionist Occupation (the Cairo Conference), the International Anti-Imperialist and Peoples' Solidarity Forum (the Calcutta-India Conference) and the Stop War Campaign (London). Many hundreds of resistance organizations and prominent individuals endorsed the call for the Beirut Forum.

Manik Mukherjee, the secretary general of the International Anti-Imperialist and Peoples' Solidarity Forum, who traveled for and worked on the Beirut Forum for the past year, headed an important delegation from India. The International League of People's Struggle also participated.

The largest number of delegates came from the Arab world, including the Ba'ath and Communist Parties of Syria, and Iran, but there were also many from Latin America, including 30 from the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. Guests from Venezuela comprised members of parliament, unionists and youth from both the United Socialist Party (PSUV) and the Communist Party of Venezuela (PCV).

From Europe, besides the collaborating groups, members of the Party Red of Norway, Odiario.info of Portugal, the Anti-Imperialist Camp, workers' parties in Greece and Cyprus and many other anti-imperialists from around Europe attended.

Anti-war forces there from the U.S. included former Congressperson and presidential candidate Cynthia McKinney, former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark and delegations from the International Action Center and the Freedom Road Socialist Organization. McKinney was recently on the ship Dignity, which was rammed by the Israeli Navy while trying to bring medical aid to Gaza. Sara Flounders, IAC co-director, addressed the Palestine Plenary

Session.

Two camps in the world

"There are two camps in the world, that of imperialism, led by the United States, and that of resistance," declared the Hezbollah deputy general secretary, Sheikh Naim Kassem, at the conference's opening session. "And I think the resistance camp will overcome." He called on fighters for freedom and justice

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around the world to follow the example of the Lebanese resistance, where "We have united the leftists, with the secularist, the committed Muslim and the nationalist. ... We should join hands to form a pressing and effective force, regardless of color, ethnicity, language, religion or creed."

Sheikh Kassem denounced Washington's attempts to impose "a market economy" on other countries, saying, "People around the world find that their problems are caused by U.S. intervention, and we should unite. But there is no solidarity without support of resistance. ... Gaza today is the symbol of resistance and human dignity. We call upon you to stand with Gaza to scatter the darkness of imperialism and Zionism."

Speakers from Hamas, Gaza's democratically elected governing party, Islamic Jihad and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine drew rousing applause from all assembled as they described the horrific suffering and heroic resistance of Gaza's people and called for political solidarity so that the people of Palestine would not lose diplomatically what they defended on the battlefield.

Panels and workshops combined political talks and action proposals with powerful personal testimony. Egyptian journalist Dalia Saladin described her visit to Gaza last January when freedom fighters forced open the Rafah crossing with Egypt. "Every household has at least one martyr and another disabled by the war. But when you walk among the people, you feel you have entered a new culture and a new social perspective, a culture of giving and sacrifice for others, where the poorest of the poor, especially mothers, set the example."

A Lebanese man, Hussein Shokr, brought delegates to tears when he told how an Israeli missile had killed his wife and four children during the

2006 war while he was away working in Canada.

Activists from Greece and Cyprus told of their efforts to break the blockade on Gaza physically and of how Greek dockworkers had refused to load U.S. arms bound for Israel.

In the conference closing session, Palestinian Resistance hero Leila Khaled of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) spoke of the "unilateral ceasefire" just announced by Israeli forces. "We salute all those who fight to break the siege of Gaza. We affirm that this victory was won by our freedom fighters on the ground. The unilateral ceasefire proves that, with all its destructive capacity, Israel could not achieve its goals on the battlefield. They are now seeking the help of the United States to achieve those goals politically. But we consider occupation to be an act of war. When injustice is law, resistance is duty. And the only answer to occupation is resistance and liberation."

"A prime organizer of the conference was Mohamed Kassem, a leader of the Lebanese teachers' union. "For the first time, in Lebanon," he said, "we have created a platform for struggling people all over the world, secular, nationalist, leftist and Islamic to speak their views and work together, against the wars in Palestine, Iraq and Afghanistan, against the threats to Iran and the sanctions on Sudan, against the blockade of Cuba and the attempts to block the revolutionary direction in Venezuela, Bolivia and across Latin America. ... We are building mechanisms of solidarity, and we plan to intensify those efforts in the future."

Cecill represented the International Action Center at the Beirut Forum.

COME TO THE CONGRESS IN CHILE!

CO-CHAIRS URGE SRI LANKA'S TIGERS TO SURRENDER

The Tokyo Co-Chair's – Norway, Japan, US and EU – last month called upon the Tamil Tigers to lay down their arms and surrender to the Sri Lankan government, if the civilians of Vanni are to be spared further death and suffering. They said that they would thereafter ensure an "inclusive dialogue" that will lead to a lasting peace.

International efforts over many years have failed to persuade the two sides for peace. There remains probably only a short period of time before the Tamil Tigers lose control of all areas of the north of Sri Lanka.

To avoid further civilian casualties and human suffering, the Co-Chairs:

* Call on the LTTE to discuss with the Government of Sri Lanka the modalities for ending hostilities, including the laying down of arms, renunciation of violence, acceptance of the Government of Sri Lanka's offer of total amnesty; and participating as a political party in a process to achieve a just and lasting political solution; and

* call on the Government of Sri Lanka and the LTTE to declare a temporary no-fire period to allow for the evacuation of the sick and wounded, and provisions of aid to civilians.

The Co-Chairs will work with the Government of Sri Lanka, India, the United Nations and others to ensure:

* the internally displaced people from the north are transferred to temporary camps where UN Agencies, the ICRC, and humanitarian organizations will have full access and the IDP's will be treated according to international standards and resettled into their original homes as soon as possible, and

*an inclusive dialogue to agree on a political settlement so that lasting peace and reconciliation can be achieved.

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OPEN FORUM

CHINA ON THE COURSE OF SOCIALIST MODERNIZATION

DR. A. PAQUIN



This article by Professor Zbigniew Wiktor appeared in the English edition of NSC in December 2008.

Since several of our readers are also readers of the English edition, I think it is important, to avoid certain confusion, to analyze some aspects of this article by the professor.

It is all the more important since the professor is a member of the Executive Committee of the International Council and enjoys great popularity among several members of our organization.

Zbigniew Wiktor writes, "China enjoys significant interest also because of the character and scope of the socialist modernisation and socio-economic reforms initiated 30 years ago by the CPC under Deng Xiaoping's leadership."

What, therefore, are these principal reforms initiated by Deng Xiaoping described by the professor? They are:

* *The opening to the outside world in favor of economic cooperation with foreign capital and using the flow of foreign capital but in a controlled way. "These investments (\$1.8 billion) (according to the professor) have contributed not only to significant change in the Chinese economic structure and*

with modern technology and created dozens of millions of new jobs."

* *"Socialist modernization and reforms have caused huge economic growth and also realization of big social plans for the PRC's citizens resulting from Marxist axiology". One can wonder what is this "Marxist axiology"? The professor does not say.*

* *"New categories, such as socialist market and socialist market economy were created." According to Deng Xiaoping, "market socialism" consists of the following principles: "the state regulates the market and the market guides the enterprises." Of course, Deng Xiaoping has invented nothing new: this slogan is one of all revisionists. It is the elimination of centralized planning.*

"(In fact, what kind of "planned economy" can one speak of under conditions of market production, or of the crude intervention of state monopoly capitalism? One wonders how people calling themselves Marxists-Leninists see the "survivals of socialism" in China.) Vincent Gouhyse in his well-known book: Imperialism and anti-imperialism.

"There is one theory and a practice of scientific socialism" which are taught to us by Marx, Engels and Stalin whose basic principles and general laws are inescapable for all countries" (Enver Hoxha).

When Lenin stated that the young USSR, ruined and economically backward, possessed all that was necessary to build socialism, the level of production per capita of cement and coal was between 11 and 25 times lower than that of the USA.

In 2006, Chinese imperialism produced as much steel as its 6 most powerful imperialist competitors combined!

Shouldn't the Chinese economy have everything it would need to develop immediately by relying exclusively on its own forces, if China was actually a socialist

country? Wouldn't this gigantic production be able to immediately provide the material and technical basis for the socialist mechanization of the countryside? Of course! Only the lackeys of Chinese imperialism can pass over this fact in silence! Only anti-Marxists can echo the theory of the Chinese imperialist bourgeoisie that "China is still in the initial stage of socialism," "the building of socialism and the modernization of China show an economic and cultural backwardness. This phase will last more than a century. In building socialism in our country, we must start from the situation of our country; our way must be one of socialism with Chinese characteristics..." and "our productive forces, just like our science, technology and education again show backwardness, the industrialisation and modernization still have a long way to go..." (from the 11th Congress of the CPC).

What anti-Marxism! One can see clearly the subscription to the theory of the productive forces.

This strategy of the Chinese revisionists, and of Prof. Wiktor, is nothing new; it is derived directly from the Maoist conceptions on "new democracy" and the Trotskyite theory of the productive forces, taken up by all opportunists! A Marxist cannot accept these mystifications! This provides weapons to the international bourgeoisie to cover genuine socialism with mud: that is "to defend" the theoretical and practical gibberish of the revisionists.

China had all that was necessary to build socialism with its own forces... the pro-Chinese revisionists insist on "the necessary international socialist division of labor, erroneously considering the slogan "relying on their own forces."

The direct foreign investments (DFI) in China were one of the big successes during the last 10 years. From less than \$19 billion in 1990, the DFI in China increased to more than \$300 billion at the end of 1999. The professor tells us that this was the realization of the great social plans for the citizens of the PRC. Of the "huge economic growth" there is no doubt, but for the

realization of great social plans, let us see what they consist of.

* **A considerable increase in social inequalities**

Besides a big bourgeoisie with a very large income and consuming luxury goods, there is a "middle class" of about 150 million persons, with an annual income of between \$3,000 and \$6,000, while the net annual average income of the peasants is 4,140 yuan [about \$620], against 24,932 [about \$3,740] in the cities. There are 320,000 millionaires in China and in the year 2000, there were 30 million people living below the poverty line.

* **Tens of millions of Chinese have no land.**

* **Chinese farming remains under mechanized.**

* **There are millions unemployed.**

* **The farmers emphasize that the protection of their rights is a crucial question today.**

* **In the countryside the peasantry is burdened by taxes.**

* **School is free only for the urban population.**

* Tens of millions of rural migrants, whose income is insufficient, are forced to supplement their income with non-agricultural jobs, joining the waves of the rural exodus without being accompanied by their families. In the countryside, it is normal for the local potentate of the "communist" party to play the role of usurer. Here, one is largely beyond the persistence of the defects from the "old society."

* The media in China revealed that there were 67,000 small and medium-sized businesses that had closed in the first six months of this year. In the province of Guangdong alone, there were more than 25,000 bankruptcies. The problem worsened after June of 2008. The closing of factories in the deltas of the Pearl and Yangtze Rivers led to the loss of jobs for 10 million migrant workers.

This is the result of the

elimination of planning and economic centralization in order to adopt the socialist market economy. That is the "socialism with Chinese characteristics," the new model of development specific to China.

This implementation of policies, reforms and opening in China were worth the praises and admiration of all the revisionists and many so-called Marxists-Leninists and Denguists such as Professor Wiktor.

According to Prof. Zbigniew Wiktor: *"Modernization and Deng Xiaoping's reforms were based on the assumption that Mao Tse Tung's dogmatism must be given up. China is still in the initial stage of socialism when small economy dominates the countryside and plays a significant part in the cities and that it needs to be steered towards fast development under state and legal control and socialist state economy."*

What is most remarkable in this article of the professor is that not only the "market does not have to be the alien and hostile category and mechanism for the socialist economy but it can bring huge increase of production and contribute to dynamism and modernization in the socialist economy. This modernization had significant effects not only for practical activities but also influenced theoretical discussion on the basic thesis of Marxist political economy and theory of scientific socialism."

In response, let us see what Enver Hoxha has to say: **"this denial of the most basic theoretical and practical teachings of socialist construction, to the profit of the blooming of "market socialism," is nothing more than bourgeois society dressed up by means of mystifying slogans."**

Contrary to the revisionists who speculate on the "creative

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development of Marxism Leninism" "in the conditions appropriate to each country" in order to "deny the basic principles of Marxism-Leninism," "to cover their treason," and to impose their "specific and national socialism," to "divert us from the universal principles of Marxism-Leninism such as building socialism and the generalization of the Soviet experience," **Enver Hoxha insisted on the fact that Marxist-Leninists conceive "... the creative development of Marxism-Leninism not as the negation of its foundations, but as the enrichment of this theory by new conclusions derived from the experience of the working class struggle and the development of the sciences... Marxism-Leninism is a science and the objective laws that it has developed are absolute truths... They cannot grow old or become obsolete... The basic questions of the building of socialism are common to all countries; the laws of development of society do not know national borders."**

"How can we attach a "socialist" label to a country where the exploitation of the proletariat (urban and migrant) reaches an extreme degree, a country where the peasantry, burdened by massive fraudulent taxes (at the end of the 1980s, when 95 million hectares were said to be cultivated, an aerial census found 144 million hectares under cultivation).

How can one judge the "revolutionary" verbiage of the "right-wing" Maoists who even today continue to see survivals of "socialism" in China?

How can the professor stick the label "socialist" on such a country?

And here is his main item: *"Socialist modernization and market economy are implemented according to certain rules:*

1. *Socialism has to be adhered to*
2. *The dictatorship of the people (proletariat) must be sustained*

3. *The leading role of the CPC must be adhered to*

4. *Marxist-Leninism, Mao Tse Tung's ideas, Deng Xiaoping's theory and theory of Three Representations must be adhered to*

5. *Socialism in China needs to be built according to Chinese specifics with Chinese characteristics, by paying attention to creating a harmonious, moderately wealthy society*

6. *In international relations the policy of peace, removing threats of war and opposing hegemony has to be promoted."*

What a lot of absurdities and contradictions in this text! Let us raise some of them:

* How can the dictatorship of the people and that of the proletariat be identical?

* How can one put in practice at the same time antagonistic views: Marxism-Leninism, the ideas of Mao Tse-Tung, the theory of Deng Xiaoping and the theory of the Three Representations, etc.

I think what has already been said is sufficient to show all the inconsistency and stupidity of these rules.

I will consider just the theory of the **Three Representations** which is a policy developed by Jiang Zemin for the Chinese Communist Party. This theory clarifies the three categories that the CCP is supposed to represent: the "progressive productive forces", Chinese modern culture and the "basic interests of the majority of the Chinese population." The three representations are interpreted as a means for the CCP to integrate the economic elite arising from the liberalization of 1978 into the apparatus of the CCP.

Jiang spoke about the theory of the Three Representations for the first time in February of 2000. In 2001, at the 80th anniversary of the foundation of the CCP, Jiang formulated the theory of the Three Representations:

"In a word, our Party must

always represent the demands of the development of the Chinese progressive productive forces, must represent the orientation of the vanguard culture and the basic interests of the majority of the population of the country."

The theory was later inscribed in the statutes of the CCP at the 16th Congress in November of 2002 and in the national constitution in March of 2003.

The foundation of this theory is two-fold. It legitimates the inclusion of capitalism and private businessmen within the Communist Party. This is an attempt to link the historic heritage of Jiang Zemin to Marxist theory at the same level as that of Mao Zedong or of Deng Xiaoping for socialism with Chinese characteristics.

There are many difficulties in interpreting this theory. Even many Chinese, and even members of the party, find it incomprehensible. One of the main goals of the **Three Representations** was to change the CCP into a more democratic government party. It opened the party to the "great majority of the people of China" including businessmen and leaders of enterprises.

It was, in the manner of Khrushchev, the abandonment of the dictatorship of the proletariat, the abandonment of the class struggle and the introduction of all the elements that contribute to making China a big imperialist power.

We must not forget that the total betrayal of socialism and Marxism-Leninism began with the adoption of the theories of the state and the party of the whole people and the peaceful transition to socialism.

There is a very important thesis that Prof. Wiktor forgot to mention: that of the **export of capital and commodities which nevertheless form, as Lenin said, "the essential traits of imperialism."**

One can note that nowadays the main traits of imperialism are always the same. Imperialism is always the commercial and financial

hegemony of some powerful bourgeois States which, by means of the export of capital and today equally by means of a new international division of labor, live on the exploitation of the dependent countries.

Imperialism is also the export of commodities and of services.

One must also emphasize that the export of capitals can cover the form of DFI (direct foreign investments), but not only. In fact, for certain imperialist countries (such as Japan, Germany and China) that have bought massive loans and state bonds issued by declining imperialist countries (such as the USA and the United Kingdom), in order to finance the deficit of current accounts in their balances of payments, the DFI represent a small part of the total income from investments. Since 2005, the positive balance of revenue from this type of investments is greater than the negative balance of revenue from the DFI, making China a powerful imperialist country on the commercial plane, but also on the financial one.

Chinese exports should record a growth of 15% in volume in 2009 despite the impact of the financial crisis and the decline of the global economy, an expert of the Chinese Ministry of Commerce (CMC) stated.

China's volume of foreign trade has reached \$2,189 billion in the first 10 months of this year, an increase of 24.4% compared to the same period in 2007, according to the General Customs Administration.

Chinese hard currency reserves had reached \$1,330 billion at the end of June.

Chinese exports amounted to \$546.7 billion in the first half of the year, a growth of 27.6% compared with the same period last year, establishing the Chinese trade surplus of 83% at \$112.5 billion.

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China is the third largest trading power in the world, behind the United States and Germany.

According to these facts, it is still necessary to seize the favorable occasions, accelerate the economic reforms and concentrate all energy on economic development. All this with the goal of continually improving *Socialism with Chinese characteristics*.

This is why the professor said "the main contradictions in China are not the class related ones. They can aggravate only temporarily. The main contradictions are related to the growing needs of Chinese society and the ability to satisfy them with a still backward production base."

What characterized the former capitalism, in which free competition ruled, was the export of commodities. What characterizes present-day capitalism, where the monopolies rule, is the export of capital.

A huge "surplus of capital" builds up in the advanced countries.

As long the capitalism remains the capitalism, the surplus of capital is used, not to raise the living standard of the masses in a given country, since it would result in a decrease of profits for the capitalists, but to increase these profits by the export of capital abroad, to underdeveloped countries. There, profits are generally high, since capital is not very large, the price of land is comparatively low, salaries are low and raw material is cheap. The need to export capital is due to the "excessive maturity" of capitalism in certain countries, where (farming being backwards and the masses miserable) "advantageous" placements for capital are lacking.

The possibilities for the export of capital are due to the fact that a number of backward countries are already caught up in the gears of world capitalism, that the great railroad lines have been built or are being built, that the elementary conditions for industrial development have been put together, etc.

Dear readers, I think that it is

not necessary to go further in the criticism of Prof. Wiktor' article. One should note how he confuses and assimilates (in the crudest and shameless manner) the Marxist-Leninists and revisionists in order to pose as a revolutionary Marxist.

My criticisms are not a personal attack, but we must be "advocates of a frank criticism between comrades, favoring self-criticism." For us, unity is not the absence of debate; such a unity would not serve the rapid expansion of the class struggle. On the contrary we must intensify the debate, of course on the basis of dialectical materialism.

We must not lose our perspective. We must not forget that the activities of our organization unfold in the framework of a class struggle that is becoming more and more fierce.

Hence the importance of our ideological and educational work. Hence the importance of the editions of NSC.

MR. OBAMA ARE YOU LISTENING TO THE FACTS?

According to your own US Department of Defense and the Department of Veteran Affairs – the figures show that the US casualties are climbing fast in Iraq and Afghanistan. The battlefield deaths and injuries are 81,361 and growing alarmingly. This figure does not include the soldiers that return back with Post Traumatic Stress.

Because of the economic situation in the US, not only this affects the veterans, but working people that are now unemployed in hundreds of thousands. The statistics are showing the present situation sees a growth of crime, arson, murder and an epidemic of suicides by US veterans, self-inflicted injuries, in order to get hospital care, plus, veterans are in their hundreds on the streets of US cities for lack of housing and work.

Yes Mr. Obama – instead of having your Personality Cult being promoted all over the media – look at these facts!

YOU HAVE AN OPINION ABOUT NSC? WRITE!



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PARTY CONFERENCES UPON CONFERENCES

In the last 14 odd years there were so many Communist Party Conferences all over the world that it would seem that revolutionary changes are closer than we think!

Alas, this is not the case and there are more and more "communist parties" being formed and reformed and more and more squabbles are coming to the surface – all this is music to Imperialism.

Oh yes, where do some of these inconsequential so-called parties get their finances from to publish even a weekly newspaper? How many of them are impregnated by bourgeois agents of influence?

The CALL by the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People held in October 2008 adopted a Resolution calling for the formation of a Communist International to try and solve the problems that are wrecking havoc on the progressive movements.

Wow, you would think that we committed an unpardonable crime for having the guts to call for unity against Imperialism!

It seems that most Communist leaders like to travel from conference to conference internationally.

It has come to my attention that the regular Communist Conference is held in Greece and the Communist Party of Greece -- this host does not allow some Communist Parties to attend, acting as the "censor" or the "Secretariat of the non-existent Communist International".

The New Communist Party of Britain, the Communist Party of Britain attend regularly. But the New Communist Party of Great Britain

(Marxist-Leninist) under the excellent leadership of comrade Harpal Brar, a world-renown author of many published Marxist-Leninist books and the first member of the International Council and of Northstar Compass – his party is not invited! Why?

The same thing happened in other Communist Conferences that are held in many parts of the world.

Yes there are important differences amongst the parties. But no party should be the Judge and the Jury!

It's about time that the Communist International should be reborn and put an end to these squabbles. Only Imperialism gains from this!

DID YOU KNOW?

THE OLD HEBREW TESTAMENT AND THE GENOCIDE IN GAZA

<http://palestinethinktank.com/2009/01/108gilad-atzmon-the-old-testament-and-the-genocide-in-gaza/>

Here are some direct quotes:

"You will chase your enemies, and they shall fall by the sword before you. Five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight; your enemies shall fall by the sword before you."

Leviticus, Chapter 26, verses 7-9

"When the Lord your God brings you into the land you are entering to possess and drives out before you many nations...then you must destroy them totally. Make no treaty with them and show them no mercy." Deuteronomy 7:1-2,

"...do not leave alive anything that breathes. Completely destroy them...as the Lord your God has commanded you..." Deuteronomy 20:16

As devastating as it may be, the Hebrew Bible saturation with violence and extermination of others may throw some light on the horrifying genocide being conducted

in Gaza by Israel, where even United Nations buildings and personnel come under attack as if the main objective is to "destroy" the Gazans, while showing "no mercy" as the Old Testament says.

Judaism cannot be confused with Zionism, which is a very reactionary ideology. The Zionists who try to mask this scenario, as it is one and cannot be separated. This is like calling all Americans Republicans, because the Republican Party was ruling the United States.

Not all Jewish people living in Israel are Zionists at all!

FREEDOMFEST

By FRANK RAY DAVIS

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PEACE VIA WAR:

Brazil and France have signed a "defense" alliance that will result in production of 8.6 Billion Euros' worth of helicopters, submarines, and other murder weapons.

Are you too sick and tired of assuring peace by preparing for war?

MUSN'T COVET THY NEIGHBOR'S LAND:

Many people say- "Goodie, goodie, the Israells are punishing those Palestinians god for firing rockets at their cities. But it never seems to occur to them to wonder why the Hamas folks fired them in the first place. It is because they had some rockets left over from the Fourth of July, maybe?"

ELECTION SWINDLES AND NAUSEUM:

Ex-president Putin of Russia has finagled for his stooge Medvedev, the present President of Russia, two added terms to his presidential term. This produced such a wave of nausea in election-fraud Russia, which from the depth of Mount Koryakskis viscera, there belched a mighty volcanic vomiting.

SILENCE = SECRECY?

The US bankers and assorted moochers who got away with \$700 Billions of our tax bucks to lift themselves out of their own cupidly and stupidity, are coldly refusing to

reveal who that Pyramid-size pile of dollars was doled out to. This is being described as "secrecy" by the ever-obliging USA "news" media.

Sounds to me more like a mixture of crass insolence and bottom-of-the-barrel ingratitude.

IDOLS WITH SAND FEET:

Former VP Cheney thinks an "irresponsible withdrawal" from Iraq now would be "ill advised". I advice you ill-Cheney that No war responsibility began or irresponsibly ended. No war!

Cheney also pointed out that not Bush, not himself, or much of anybody else saw the economic depression coming. No Dick, every election season we are swamped with costly propaganda to vote for practical, experienced, wise, superior Business Man like you, who know just how to solve governmental problems. Hm-m-m. If you don't know what's happening in your own great Business World, then you and your vaunted Party of geniuses are not able to know the causes and cures of Great Depression II.

NOW YOU CAN TOO:

If you were envious of that Arab journalist who threw his shoes at Dubya Bush, fret no more. Now you can do it too. Get the Bush Shoe-Throwing Game on e-Bay.

AS I SEE IT

Why is it that people like me and others who think like me, and who dare to speak out against the Israeli barbarous military expansionist offensive against the people of Gaza, are immediately labeled by even so-called "progressive" people either as anti-Semitic or told that the Palestinians are to blame because they lurch rockets into Israel – and thus Israel had to act to defend itself.

It seems that the victim of genocide is the "aggressor" while the aggressor is called the "victim."

With over a thousand of deaths suffered by Palestinians; ruined cities and towns; practical starvation; no electricity or water or food; United Nations compound bombed and UN personnel killed – It seems that you CANNOT criticize Israel because you are targeted, not only by individuals people, but by the controlled media!

This is a form of McCarthyism!

How many Israelis were killed by these "vicious rocket attacks by the Palestinians"? Reading all the daily news venues – you cannot find the number of Israelis killed by these rocket attacks. Why? I managed to get the number from Israeli source, and the total number is about **20 people**. Any deaths are tragic under any circumstances in this struggle.

Now for these **20 deaths**, Israel attacked Gaza very viciously with rockets, phosphorous bombs, fighter jets, tank fire and mortar fire. They practiced scorched-earth policy and attacked when school children were coming from school! Even according to Western observers which tried to minimize the carnage and deaths, the figure of Palestinians killed is **over 2,000 deaths**, hundreds of wounded, maimed and shocked for the rest of their lives! **One quarter of these deaths were children!**

How can any human being that has any moral feelings, be quiet?

The realistic suggestion that appeared in NSC to boycott Israel in order to put pressure on them to stop this genocide is called as being anti-Semitic. In 1960's many countries – including Canada boycotted South Africa, in order to put pressure to end the terrible effects of apartheid that was the policy of the White racist government – this included academic, political, economic, cultural and sports boycott.

No one called this boycott anti-White racism!

Then why is it when people protest this outright genocide by Israel against the Palestinians and call for a boycott – to pressure Israel to stop this colonialism – they are branded and attacked as anti-Semitic?

Nationalism eventually breeds fascism in any race or country! By being silent, you are indirectly promoting this evil!

History has shown in Germany before WW II – as an example – when the German Communists asked the Social Democrats to join together in the struggle against Nazism in Germany – the Social Democrats (quasi-Socialists) slogan was: "**Rather dead than Red!**"

Hitler gave them that wish soon enough!

SPECIAL FOR NSC

THOSE KNOWING WELL HOW TO KILL MISLEAD THE WORLD. AGREEMENTS WITH ZIONIST ISREAL CONTINUE

By MLCP – Turkey/North Kurdistan
International Bureau

At the World Economic Forum that took place in the city of Davos, Switzerland, Prim Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan said " *You know well how to kill*" to Zionist Israel's Prime Minister Shimon Perez, and after that he protested against the moderator and left the meeting.

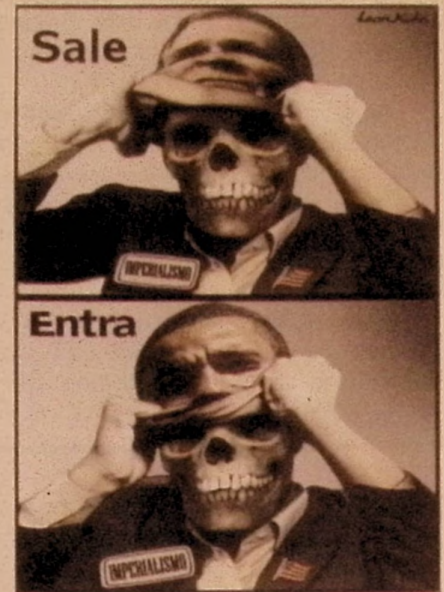
These words of Erdogn about the Prime Minister of Israel's colonial fascism, found a broad echo all over the world, and was enthusiastically saluted by, first of all, the Gaza Palestinians and the people of the Middle East.

In his speech at Davos, Erdogan did not mention the open and secret economic, political, military agreements between the Turkish state and the Israeli state – among them also is the Agreement of Strategic Military Collaboration between Turkey- Israel and the USA. He did not mention also that it was the police of the Turkish state attacking the people in front of the Israeli Consulate during the massacre in Gaza. Mr. Tayyip Erdogan said, "*For me, Davos is over!*" – but he did not say that the relations with Israel are over.

The speeches between these two representatives – Turkey and Israel – that know well how to kill, did not contain words as to how they collaborate in killing. Israel's jet pilots are trained in the Turkish airspace, and they learn how to kill in the Turkish airspace.

Tayyip Erdogan and the Turkish fascist dictatorship know very well how to kill. They know how to torture the bodies of guerrillas and how to cut off their ears. They know well how to make people disappear under arrest, to hold captives in jail, and how to rape women.

It was Tayyip Erdogan who said: "**It doesn't matter if women or**



children, we do what we have to do, concerning the heart-wrenching dead bodies of children shot on the street by police during the Amend serhildans.

Deals were made behind closed door and Erdogan declared that his words were not against Israel's Peres, but against the meeting Moderator – then continued with his diplomatic negotiations.

Erdogan hid his cooperation with Israel and the killing in Gaza. Without canceling any agreements with Israel, tried to show himself as if he was against the massacre in Gaza, and thus turned the anger of the massacre in favour of himself. This was a big step for the coming election in March of he will get strong results from the local elections in Northern Kurdistan against the Kurdish national movement and strengthening his position in the West of Turkey. This will mean that bombs made in Israel will be dropping on the Kurdish people, that will be meant to intimidate the revolutionaries and communists through the help of Israeli's MOSSAD, as well as opening Turkish airspace for Israel's jet flights.

There are numerous Arab countries that call themselves "*neutral*", but in fact are in the hands of USA and Israel. US imperialism and its new Obama face will caress Turkey and the Middle East countries, while Turkey will be the carrot and Israel will be the stick in

the Middle East.

Relations with Israel are continuing and the buying of unmanned Heron planes are ongoing.

Those knowing well how to kill are trying to hide their part in this massacre by misleading the people and to use the fury of the people of Turkey and Northern Kurdistan in favour of Turkey's regional policy ala USA and Israel.

Down with Imperialist and Zionist occupation, down with the collaborating colonial fascist dictatorship!

Long live the unbreakable resistance of the people of Gaza!

Long live the brotherhood of the people in the Middle East and all over the world!

FORGIVE AND FORGET?

By PAUL KRUGMAN

Last month President Obama was asked whether he would investigate the possible crimes by the Bush Administration. Obama's answer was: "We need to look forward as opposed to looking backwards."

I'm sorry, but if we don't have an inquest into these crimes of the Bush administration — that would mean that those who hold power are indeed above the law because they don't face any consequences if they abuse their power.

Let's be clear what we're talking about here. It's not just torture and illegal wiretappings, and they as perpetrators claim that they defended our nation's security. Bush's abuse went into all aspects of internal and external policies of the USA.

Speaking of Iraq, Bush administration in this illegal war handed billions of dollars in no-bid contracts to politically connected US companies, and these companies failed to deliver. Any US official that bothered or tried to enforce accountability on, say, Halliburton Corporation — quickly found his or her career derailed and ended.

There were at least 10 US government agencies that had a major scandal over the past eight years — and they were never properly

investigated. What about the lie about Weapons of Mass Destruction, the excuse given to the world for invading Iraq?

Why, then, shouldn't we have an official inquiry into major abuses of power during the Bush's years?

We are told (*even by Obama*) that we don't have to dwell on past abuses, because USA will not repeat them. But not one US official has admitted or had any remorse for breaking the laws. What makes anyone think that their political heirs won't do it all over again and use the same excuses?

When Mr. Obama was sworn in as President he swore to "preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States".

But to protect and defend the Constitution, the president must do more than obey the Constitution himself, he must hold those who violate the Constitution accountable.

So, Mr. Obama should seriously reconsider his decision to let the previous Bush administration get away with crime and criminal acts.

THIS IS U.S. POLICY SINCE 1894 — RULE THE WORLD

Below are direct quotes from some of their top influential rulers —

"We are the ruling race of the world...We will not renounce our part in the mission of our race, trustee, under God, of the civilization of the world...He has marked us as his

chosen people...He has made us adept in government that we may administer government among savage and senile people."

Zionist US Senator Alfred Beveridge

"I firmly believe that when any territory outside the present territorial limits of the United States becomes necessary for our defense or essential for our commercial and economic development, we ought to lose no time in invading and acquiring it."

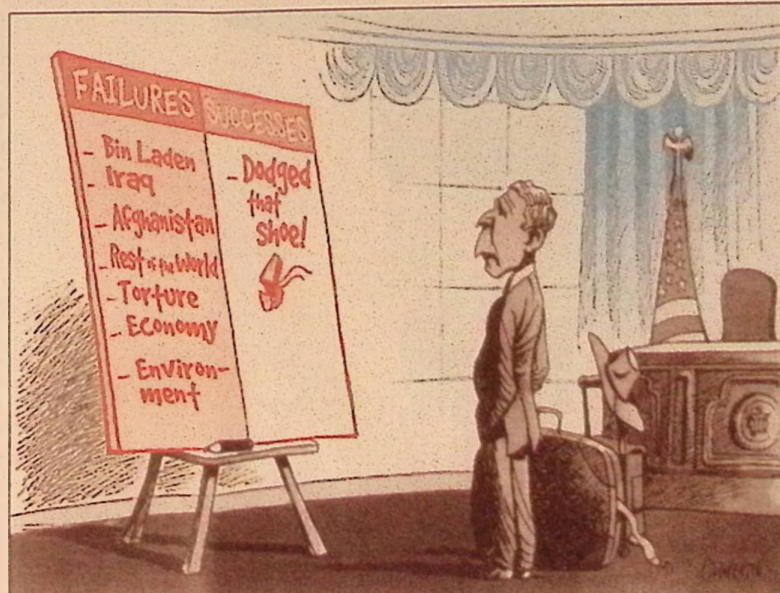
US Senator Orville Platt of Connecticut 1894

"Between 1898 and 1834, the US Marines invaded Cuba 4 times, Nicaragua 5 times, Honduras 7 times, Dominican Republic 4 times, Haiti 2 times, Guatemala once, Panama twice, Mexico 3 times and Colombia 4 times.

US imperialism has invaded, intervened militarily in foreign countries more than 200 times!

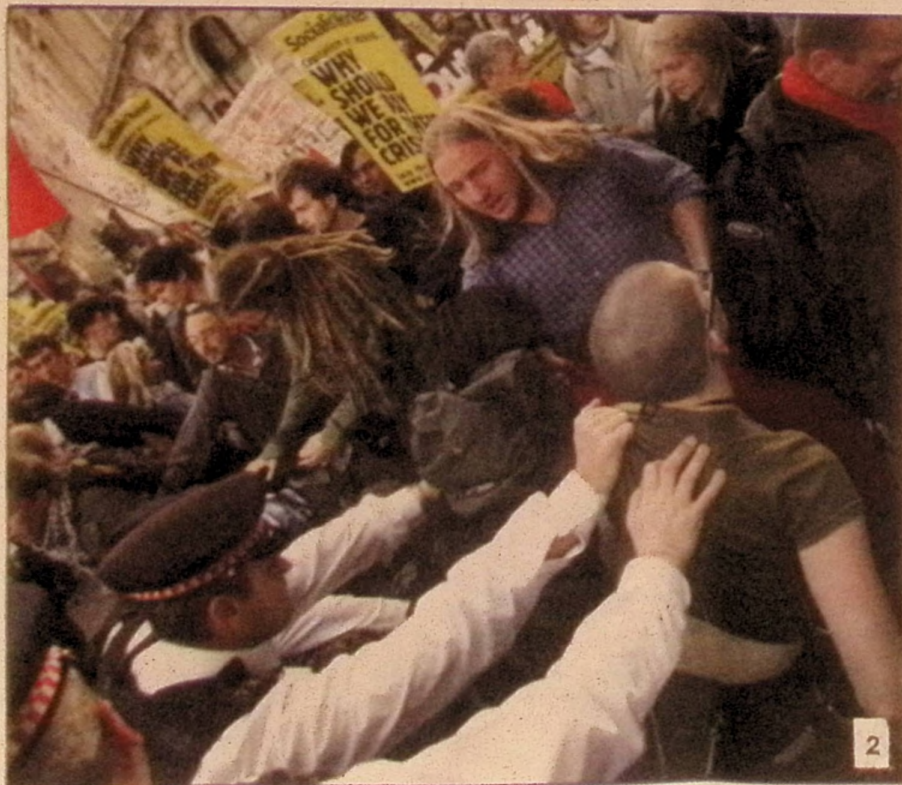
COMMENT:

Hey Mr. Obama — since you always end your speeches with "God Bless America" — how about apologizing now to all of those countries, plus the over 200 invasions your "God Bless America" did up to this moment! Surely if Mr. Bush talked directly to God, maybe you could establish a direct line and ask God to forgive American imperialism for over 200 invasions and massacre all over the world!!!



You should be tried as a war criminal

GOVERNMENTS ACROSS EUROPE TREMBLE AS ANGRY PEOPLE TAKE TO THE STREETS IN PROTEST AGAINST THE ECONOMIC CRISIS



January saw a wave of actions because of the capitalist credit recession (*depression*) and it fueled civil unrest – strikers, demonstrations, protests and rallies. In the European Union countries from Greece to Bulgaria, this economic crisis has dashed the hopes for prosperity among the workers and even in the middle class, but especially the hopes of young people. This compounded their resentment of their governments, already exposed now by their nepotism, arrogance and corruption.

France was paralyzed by strikes; the boulevards of Paris resembled a debris strewn battlefield. The Hungarian currency sank to its lowest ever against the Euro, as the unemployment figures keep on rising. Greek farmers blocked the highway into Bulgaria in protest at the lowest prices for their produce, thanks to the European Union. New financial figures from the Baltic countries' banks show that these three former Soviet Republics face the biggest recession in all of Europe.

Exactly 20 years ago, in the counter-revolutions and their so-called "*rejoicing*", these countries through their traitor-revisionist leaders overthrew Socialism and put all of their faith on Capitalism – but now, because of unbearable economic crisis in their economy, these people feel very betrayed.

The European governments are trembling!

Revolt is in the air!



which the Greek farmers blocked en-mass, protesting against the low food prices for their products.

(4) Reykjavik-Iceland: Icelandic protestors burn an effigy of their Prime Minister, Geir Haarde, during a demonstration over the handing of the financial and economic crisis.

(5) London – England: A grim reaper figure holds a globe pierced by the scythe of capitalism in front of the Bank of England during a protest, because the British Government announced a 35 Billion Pounds bail-out of three British Banks.

(6) Sofia- Bulgaria: Protestors wave the national flag and shout slogans during a large anti-government protest in front of parliament in Sofia. The protestors demanded that the Bulgarian government resign because of corruption and the deepening economic and unemployment crisis.

(7) Vilnius – Lithuania: Protestors threw stones at the riot police in one of the largest demonstrations since



(1) Riga – Latvia: Looters pick up food and spirits in a grocery store after anti-EU protestors clashed with anti-riot police. Thousands of people massed in front of Parliament demanding the resignation of the government because of the deepening economic crisis. This was the largest rally since they declared independence. Soviet flags were also carried by the demonstrators.

(2) London – England: Protestors near the Bank of England because the stock market plunged by almost 10% and because of the economic crisis and high unemployment.

(3) Kulata – Bulgaria: A man walks past a line of transport trucks as they wait to cross the border into Greece. Bulgaria requested urgent help from the EU to help reopen the border





Lithuania declared its independence. Slogans for unity and USSR and red flags were seen.

(8) Marseille-France: Arcelor Mittal workers demonstrate during a large protest against the economic crisis, unemployment and the policies of the present French government.

(9) Colombo-Sri Lanka: Protestors combined their protests against the civil war, the economic crisis as well as against Israel and the genocide against the Palestinian people in Gaza.

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY MONTHS IN EUROPE SAW SCENES OF MASSIVE PROTESTS!

Listed below are just some that we are reporting on below.



Athens-Greece: A 15-year old boy was shot by the police and protests that took place were unmatched since 1970's. People are sick of the lack of jobs, the failing educational system and they see no future in Greece for the majority of people.

Riga- Latvia: More than 10,000 people converged in the city to protest against the government and their policies regarding the economic

crisis and the very high unemployment. They battled with police until late into the night. There were such protests all over Latvia. The economy shrank by over 7% and is going higher each month.

Paris-France: More than a million striking workers burned cars, smashed windows and protested against President Nicolas Sarkozy. France is moving quickly into deep recession. The soaring costs of

repaying the private banks loans and mortgagers in hard currency are fueling the terrible misery not of a recession – but the coming depression.

Budapest-Hungary: Hungary is very heavily indebted to World Bank and other Western money institutions. The industrial output in Hungary is the lowest in more than 16 years. The currency -Forint- sank so low that it was a disaster.



ONCE A TRAITOR – ALWAYS A TRAITOR

Gathered from Associated Press

In a news dispatch from Moscow by Associated Press on February 7th, 2008, the regime of Putin-Medvedev agreed to allow the transport of US "non-lethal" military supplies for Afghanistan to cross its territory by air and by land, as an alternative route to Pakistani roads that are always under attack by the militants.

This news statement was issued by Russian Foreign Minister Lavrov, on behalf of the Putin-Medvedev regime. This is the traitorous road that Putin-Medvedev now undertook – and of course US Imperialism will grease the palms of these two traitors with \$\$\$ very handsomely!



Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov "will issue relevant permissions" to let U.S. supplies cross territory.

Question begs to be asked as to what are "non-lethal weapons" that US imperialism wants to ship to Afghanistan to help their occupation of a sovereign state? Are these "non-lethal weapons" brooms, wooden sticks, shoes or slings to throw mud?

By allowing US Imperialism to ship these "non-lethal" weapons of any form, makes the Russian regime as guilty as US Imperialism in the eyes of the world and in the eyes of the suffering Afghan people.

When time comes to face the music, US Imperialism and the present Russian regime will be judged as war criminals.

ANY WEAPON IS LETHAL!

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The government ordered budget cuts, tax increases and pleading for help from the Western powers. There is austerity for the great majority of the people.

Kiev-Ukraine: The promises by President V. Yushenko dissolved into a very messy, corrupt and brutal political fighting amongst these Ukrainian nationalist leaders. The economy is falling very badly and no cure is in sight.

The national currency is less than 50% of value of six months ago. IMF is trying to save these leaders by a \$16 billion rescue package. The

struggle in the government is paralyzing the government and making the economy dysfunctional.

Reykjavik- Iceland: It was known and promoted as the most developed and most productive and most equal of societies in the world, but now Iceland is in the throes of a revolution.

Riot police in Reykjavik battled the protestors who built bonfires in front of the world's oldest parliament. The IMF bailout of \$11 Billions is not doing much. The national currency, the Krona, seems to be finished.

HELEN LUCAS



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We hope all is well with you this new year and we hope that you are continuing to find the journal Northstar Compass (NSC) a useful source of edification on the struggles of the working classes and oppressed nationalities in the former Soviet Union. We strive to produce ten to twelve times a year an excellent magazine chock full of updates and analyses.

NSC is without a doubt value for money. As you are aware, NSC is very affordable to the point that subscriptions do not cover printing and mailing costs despite being produced completely by volunteers. Alas, printing and mailing costs are out of our hands.

Furthermore, our work has expanded greatly and we now publish in French, Spanish and Russian editions in addition to the English edition.

Last, the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People, of which NSC is its organ, will be holding its Third World Congress in Santiago, Chile on April, 2010. We thank the brothers and sisters in Chile for hosting this Congress. Nevertheless, there will still be costs that have to be covered by us.

We are therefore appealing to your generous anti-imperialist solidarity to give and give to a 40 thousand dollar sustaining fund we have created to support this work.

In Solidarity,
Helen Lucas
Financial Secretary

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