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WINTER MEMBERSHIP MEETING SUNDAY, February 25, 2001

- *Membership Meeting - 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.*
- *Public Meeting - 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.*

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The Current Situation in Yugoslavia and Eastern Europe

Refreshments

Place: International Action Center

39 W. 14th Street (Room 206) (At 6th Avenue) in Manhattan

We have recently heard from the media that Russian President Putin has agreed to restore the melody of the Soviet National Anthem with capitalist words. Here below is the Anthem of the Soviet Union that we remember and love.

ANTHEM OF THE SOVIET UNION

United forever in friendship and labor
A mighty republics will ever endure
The great Soviet Union will live through the ages
A dream of a people their fortress secure
Long Live our Soviet motherland built by the Peoples mighty hand
Long Live her people united and free
Strong in a friendship tried by fire Long may her crimson flag inspire
Shining in glory for all men to see
Through days dark and stormy
While great Lenin led us
Our eyes saw the bright sun of freedom of all
And Stalin, our leader with faith in the people
Inspired us to build the land that we love

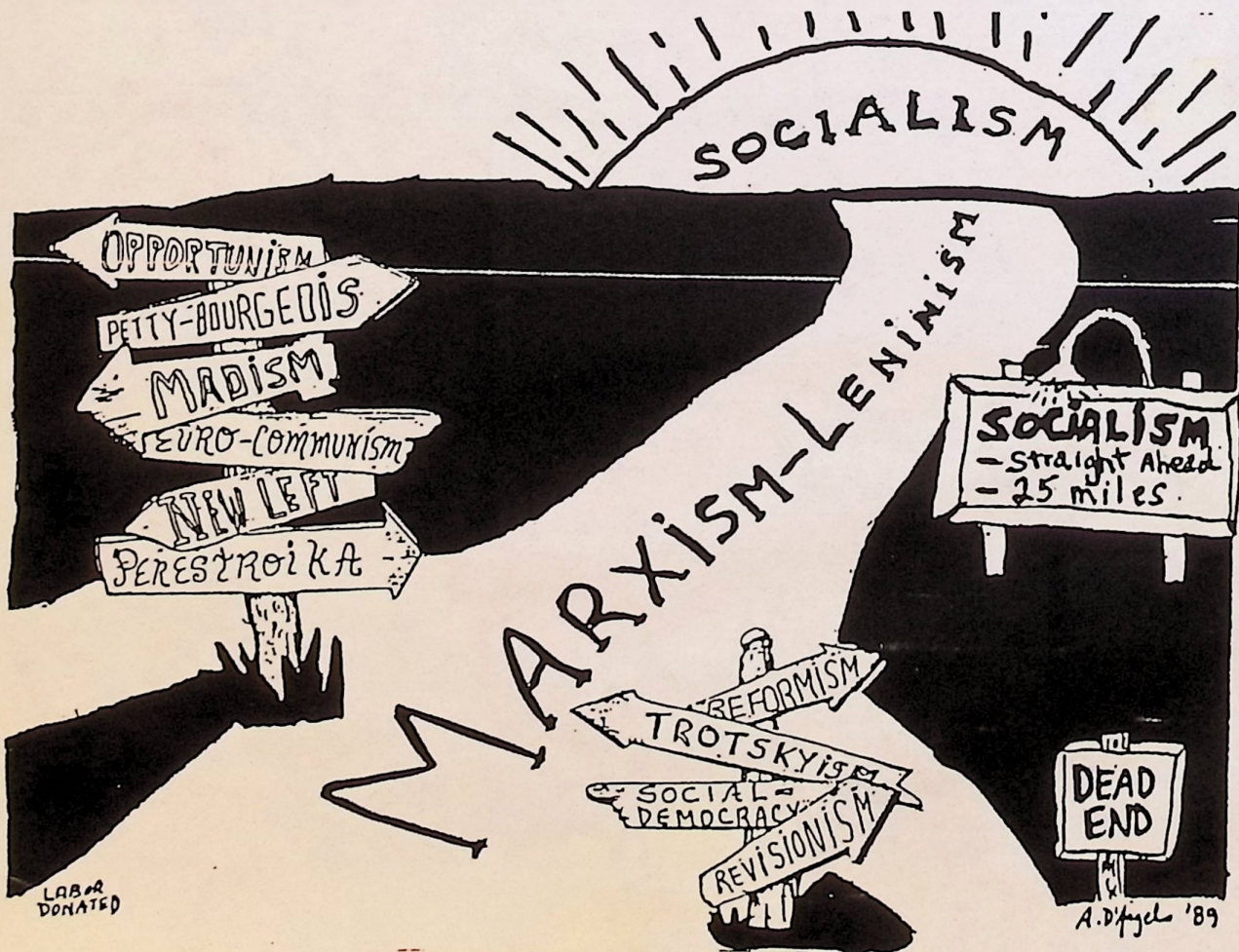
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RUSSIA

What Hitler Could Not Do, Bush and Clinton Did

According to a two part series in the New York Times, Dec 27 & 28, 2000, Russia's population is projected to shrink from 145 million in 2000 to an estimated 121 million in 2050, thereby eclipsing the demographic losses of the Nazi onslaught of 1941-1945. This is on top of an already 3.3 million population loss since 1992. As it and similar recent articles have documented, Russia's birth rate is dropping at a rapid rate, while its mortality and suicide rates are now skyrocketing. Life expectancy has dropped five years since the destruction of the socialist system. The birth rate has gone from 13.4 per thousand in 1990 to 8.4 per thousand. Some demographers believe that Russia's population could drop as low as below 80 million by 2050 making it smaller than Germany, a long held aim of Nazi imperialism.

Crying its usual crocodile tears (while assessing the success of its genocidal agenda for the Russian people), the New York Times blamed it all on "deteriorating health care in Russia" "a legacy of the Soviet system." However, it did not entirely conceal that life was indeed far better under the Soviet system and that the destruction of the Russian people is at least partially due to "dislocations" "after the upheavals of the early 1990's," codeword-euphemisms for U.S imperialist backed counter-revolution.

Most interestingly, the article of December 28 admits that Western imperialist strategists look upon their own handiwork with some unease. As the NY Times writes: "Experts, including some at US intelligence agencies, fear deteriorating public health could lead to political upheavals..."

They've got that right at least. And when the Russian people rise up and smash the US controlled kleptocracy (government of thieves) in Moscow, Wall Street, Washington and all the other NATO capitals will have the wrath of a victimized nation to deal with.

BELARUS

Imperialist Assault Against Belarus Continues

The popular government of Alexander Lukashenka in Minsk is under renewed fire from western imperialism following the parliamentary

elections there last October. In typical wild, hypocritical fashion a US Congressional resolution on October 25th declared that "the Lukashenka regime purposely denied the democratic opposition access to state controlled media."

United States definitions of democracy ultimately depend on the degree of servility to capitalist policies and imperialist control. First, the statement like all made against Yugoslavia was a calculated and deliberate lie. All candidates in the Belarus elections were given free time on Belarus television and radio, and received more time than anti-Western candidates on the many television channels broadcast from Russia, Ukraine and Lithuania, widely viewed across Belarus. The regimes there are all anti-Lukashenka and pro-Western. Secondly, this brazen lie was issued at exactly the same time that the two party dictatorship in the US was excluding Ralph Nader – a candidate whose votes decided the entire election – from the presidential debates and not long before the vote fraud fiasco in Florida. Third, as usual the folks the American war criminals called the "democratic opposition" are mostly paid agents of the US and Britain and self-described fascists.

President Lukashenka is most hated for his calls for a reunification of the Soviet Union. But he is also hated for his opposition to corruption, particularly the sort coming from the kleptocratic regime in Moscow. Much of the opposition is US financed, but Moscow based.

The anti-Lukashenka forces are comprised both of American styled "Liberal-Capitalists" and old fashioned fascists. The latter are violently anti-Semitic, anti-Russian and anti-Communist and pose a real mortal threat to those sectors of the population. Jewish, Russian and Communist politicians regularly receive death threats from these forces.

The British Helsinki Human Rights Group published a surprisingly good report on these elections (at bhhrhg@bhhrhg.org). Drawing parallels with the CIA organized overthrow of President Milosevic in Yugoslavia, the British group pointed out the similarities of the propaganda used in Belgrade and Minsk, much of it in English, including one poster portraying Milosevic and Lukashenka as a two-headed hydra with Milosevic's head smashed and an axe about to do the same to Lukashenka. As with Yugoslavia, imperialist aggression against the bold anti-imperialist government in Minsk will not end soon.

The Communist Position on Anti-Semitism

In the years before the Soviet Union was destroyed by the agents of U.S. imperialism, it was illegal and impossible to buy or sell anti-Semitic publications. There was a good reason for this. First, the Jewish people have always played a leading role in the building of socialism and were a constituent nation of the Soviet Union. Second, anti-Semitism had long been used by the enemies of socialism in Russia to justify nationalist reaction and capitalist institutions.

Sadly, in today's capitalist Russia anti-Semitism has been resurrected with a fury and has been turned into a burning question again in post-Socialist Europe. Today one cannot go to any newsstand in Russia or Belarus without finding from half a dozen to a dozen publications competing to see who hates Jews more. As Communists we know who promotes anti-Semitism in capitalist Russia and why. The scapegoating of the Jewish people for the crimes of the capitalist restoration that is murdering all of the peoples of the former Soviet Union is an essential tactic of the Russian comprador class for deflecting anger away from their western imperialist masters. As internationalists and Communists we take an uncompromisingly harsh stand on this issue against all anti-Semites and racists and we warn our brothers and sisters around the world not to fall for this old con game. There is no better way to do this than by restating the Communist position as put forth by none other than Vladimir Lenin himself.

Lenin on Anti-Semitism, (1919)

Tsarism vented its hatred particularly upon the Jews. On the one hand, the Jews furnished a particularly high percentage (compared with the total Jewish population) of leaders of the revolutionary movement. And now, too, it should be noted to the credit of the Jews, they furnish a relatively high percentage of internationalists, compared with other nations. On the other hand, tsarism adroitly exploited the basest anti-Jewish prejudices of the most ignorant strata of the population in order to organize, if not to lead directly, pogroms – over 4000 were killed and more than 10,000 mutilated in 100 towns. These atrocious massacres of peaceful Jews, their wives and children, roused disgust throughout the civilized world. I have in mind, of course, the disgust of the truly democratic elements of the

civilized world, and these are exclusively the socialist workers, the proletarians.

...The landowners and capitalists tried to divert the hatred of the workers and peasants who were tortured by want against the Jews. In other countries, too we often see the capitalists fomenting hatred against the Jews in order to blind the workers, to divert their attention from the real enemy of the working people, capital....It is not the Jews who are the enemies of the working people. The enemies of the workers are the capitalists of all countries. Among the Jews there are working people, and they form the majority. They are our brothers, who, like us, are oppressed by capital; they are our comrades in the struggle for socialism. Among the Jews there are Kulaks, exploiters and capitalists, just as there are among the Russians, and among people of all nations...Shame on those who foment hatred toward the Jews.... (From *Lenin on the Jewish Question*, edited by Hyman Lumer, NY: International Publishers, 1974, pp.134-136.)

The Soviet Decree on the Uprooting of Anti-Semitism (1918)

When Lenin was handed the draft of the new law he read it and then made with his own hand in red ink the following addition with which the law was then passed:

The Council of People's Commissars instructs all Soviet deputies to take uncompromising measures to tear the anti-Semitic movement out by the roots. Pogromists and pogrom agitators are to be placed outside the law.

The Soviet Union may not be in effect right now – but we follow its laws as if it were!

GERMANY

100,000 Communists March in Berlin in Memory of Luxemburg and Liebknecht

On January 13 and 14, 2001 over a hundred thousand Communists from around the world marched in Berlin to honor the memory of Rosa Luxemburg and Karl Liebknecht, the founders and leaders of the German Communist Party. Both were kidnapped and brutally murdered on January 15, 1919 by the leaders of the German Social Democratic Party in their all out effort to stop the socialist revolution in Germany. This betrayal by the German Social Democrats earned them the label of

"Social Fascists" by the Comintern and eventually became the main reason for the German Communist Party's inability to form a united front against the Nazis in the early 1930's.

The event, sponsored by the Party of Democratic Socialism (PDS) - affiliated Junge Welt magazine, also served as the Luxemburg-Liebnecht annual conference. The PDS is an offshoot of the former Communist Party in the German Democratic Republic. This year's theme was the use of so-called human rights institutions as mouthpieces and weapons of Western imperialist aggression. This was most dramatically shown in the decade long war against Yugoslavia and the Serbian people, where a murderous race hatred against the Serbs became a global phenomenon. It is perhaps the signature event of the last decade of the twentieth century, and surely the litmus test for anti-imperialists in our time. Presenters paid special attention to the big lie techniques employed by the kangaroo court at the Hague and at the so called "Racak Massacre," a faked atrocity used as a pretext by the US and Britain to launch their terrorists aggression against Yugoslavia.

Rosa and Karl – We Salute You!

YUGOSLAVIA

Speaking of Racak

On January 15, 1999 40 Albanians were found dead in the Kosovo village of Racak. William Walker, the US representative in Kosovo, and former diplomat responsible for massive crimes in Central America, declared it an "atrocity," and the Clinton regime used it as the pretext for launching its terrorist war of imperial expansion in the Balkans. The entire liberal-left establishment of Social Democrats, trotskyists and anarchists went along with the capitalist cries of "Serbian atrocities."

However, the public was never informed of the autopsy report prepared by the Yugoslav-Belarussian forensic team which worked jointly with the Western backed Finnish team. The report clearly showed that the Albanian terrorists were "killed in action," and not "massacred." The full report will be published in a future edition of this publication.

More on the Imperialist "Human Rights" Scam

On the scene at Racak was the criminal Fred Abraham, a director at Human Rights Watch in New

York. HRW played a leading role in stoking the flames of anti-Serbian racial hatred and war propaganda throughout the 90's. HRW was founded by long-time government agent Areih Neier and CIA front man George Soros. In January 2001 another "human rights" Nazi, Bernard Kouchner stepped down as the NATO installed governor of Kosovo. He was replaced by Danish Defense Minister Hans Haekkerup. Kouchner was the founder of the increasingly lethal "Doctors Without Borders," a vicious imperialist outfit operating in Chechnya as well as the Balkans. *Kouchner, Abraham, Soros and Neier are all war criminals and must be punished!*

Former MI6 Agent Publishes Book in Moscow Revealing Bosnian War Crimes

Former MI6 agent Richard Tomlinson has published his book The Big Breach in Moscow last month revealing among other things the use of British journalists to carry out deadly spy operations in Bosnia and former Yugoslavia, reported the British newspaper The Independent on January 30. MI6 agents used "deep cover" as journalists to recruit agents, obtain secrets, run psy-ops, pass information, plant false stories in the world media, provide supplies to trained killers, and help train Islamic fundamentalist militias in Bosnia, writes the Independent.

Tomlinson knows what he's talking about because he did it.

The Independent adds that Tomlinson's book confirms what was already suspected about British journalists found dead in the Panjshi Valley in Afghanistan in the early 1980's – they used "deep cover" as journalists for leading British publications to train Mujahaddin terrorists. MI6 did the same thing in Bosnia, according to Tomlinson, only more successfully this time. The book is banned in "democratic" Britain.

Depleted Uranium Weapons Made in U.S. Now Killing Children

17 KFOR soldiers occupying Serbian Kosovo have now died from low radiation cancer and dozens more are dying of cancer caused by contact or ingestion of particles of depleted uranium from exploded US munitions. The dead come from Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Belgium, Spain, Portugal, Hungary and the Czech Republic. The dying come from still more countries. 8 of the dead come from Italy alone. The revelations have sparked

a firestorm around the world on the use of low level nuclear weapons by U.S. imperialism in their war against the Serbs and Yugoslavia. Hundreds of Serbs, Romas and Albanians, including children, are also believed to have died in Bosnia and Kosovo according to The Independent's Robert Fisk in a series of articles last January. It is now revealed that the US also used munitions carrying plutonium and fully enriched uranium-238.

Robert Fisk's moving piece on the final days of the 12 year old Bosnian Serb girl Sladjana dying of du shocked Europe last month.

The full extent of the Liberal imperialists' "humanitarian war" is now known around the world, but not in the US where the story is downplayed or blacked out entirely. Depleted uranium munitions are produced in only three plants: Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Paducah, Kentucky and Portsmouth, Ohio.

Crimes of Genocide By Albanian KLA and KFOR against Roma People

Agence France Presse reported on January 18 that 800 Romas (Gypsies) from Kosovo have been killed by the KLA or Albanian racists in Kosovo since the arrival of NATO-KFOR forces in June 1999.

Capitalist Restoration and Sex Slavery in Eastern Europe

Increasingly, women from Russia, Belarus, Ukraine, Moldavia, Hungary and Albania are finding themselves forced into prostitution rings operating near NATO bases in Europe. The rings are often run by drug gangs and service the growing influx of international "peacekeepers" in the Balkans. The largest center of prostitution has sprung up in the vicinity of the new American military base Camp Bondsteel in Kosovo, the largest overseas military base built since the Vietnam War.

BULGARIA

Capitalist Restoration Is Devastating Bulgaria writes Blagovesta Doncheva

Blagovesta Doncheva writes from Bulgaria that "Bulgaria is threatened to turn into a demographic desert. Only after one more generation the nation will melt away to 2 millions, the specialists say. " in the last decade Bulgaria's population has dropped by one million people from nearly nine

million to less than eight million. 28 towns have completely died out. IMF and World Bank representatives met in Blagoevgrad with Bulgarian officials to set Bulgarian social policies. Doncheva adds "The US and other globalisers do not need children here. They do not need Bulgarians. They do not need people in either Bulgaria or in Yugoslavia. They need only the territory. Besides we, Serbs and Bulgarians, are Slavs and at the top of it - ORTHODOX SLAVS! A double reason to be rooted out for good. Just like the Indians in the US two centuries ago. Different means - same result."

**UNDERCOVER:
IDENTIFYING OPERATIVES
IN AMERICA'S PSEUDO-LEFT**

As a regular feature of this publication we would like to briefly report on the doings of key operatives working for the ruling class (but posing as "leftists") to destroy socialism from within the bastions of left institutions in this country. While this may not be considered polite conversation by many, we do think that it is necessary, especially considering that the termites are beginning to outnumber the institutions.

In a series of articles in December and January Edward Herman, co-author of manufacturing Consent, exposed Balkans reporter for The Nation, In These Times, and Pacifica radio as a US intelligence agent.

The struggle against the corporate takeover of alternative Pacifica Radio's five station network reached a new stage last December when several WBAI station personnel in New York were ousted in a "December Coup." Over the years softer and softer liberal voices have replaced more radical ones at Pacifica. More information is at www.savepacificanet and www.pacificacampaign.org

Even the "good guys" are not so good. Amy Goodman, a leader of the fightback at WBAI and host of the nationally syndicated "Democracy Now" program was, nevertheless, a mouthpiece for the overthrow of Milosevic and the Soviet Union before that. Her sidekick Jeremy Scahill called for Milosevic's overthrow from Belgrade and repeatedly violated Yugoslav laws and state security in his travels.

A new producer at Democracy Now is Terry Allen. Allen and Philip Smith took over the editorship of Covert Action Quarterly in the early



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