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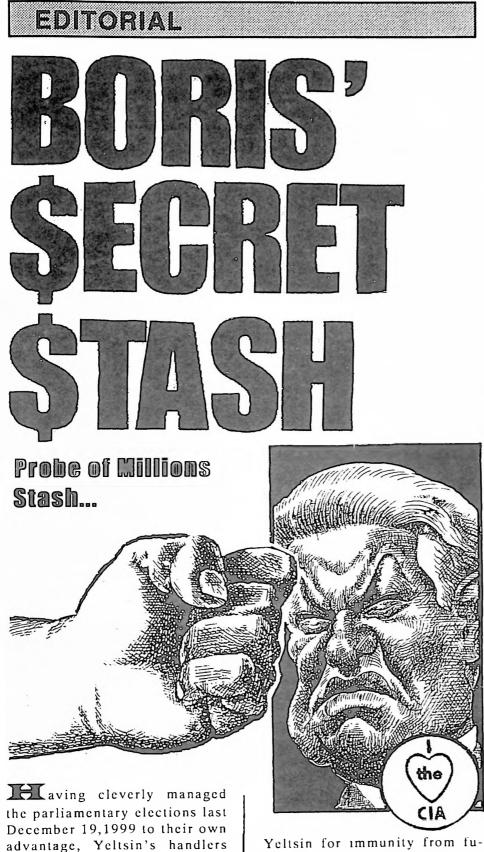
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the parliamentary elections last December 19,1999 to their own advantage, Yeltsin's handlers and foreign advisors have already stacked the deck for the presidential election coming on March 26, 2000. As NSC reported and commented in the January issue as to what the "departing deal" made with

Yeltsin for immunity from future prosecution, we were correct, since then, even rightwing newspapers like the New York Post wrote a story under a screaming headline:"Boris' Secret Stash' and "Boris' Swiss Mess" in which they go into the detail of exposing his secret Swiss bank account which the Swiss authorities froze last summer. On top of this there is an investigation going on in New York where money laundering also took place. Having Putin in place ahead of time and having arranged for his immunity - the timing for Yeltsin's resignation was superb."

Vladimir Putin is practically a shoo-in, because the opposition cannot prepare itself in time and, besides all this, any candidate for a presidential election must have gathered 500,000 signatures in order to run. And, if a candidate like Putin has at his disposal the TV, newspapers, police, and now there's a pledge by Putin that all the pensioners shall get their full pensions, the workers their wages just in time for the March 26th election date!

Vladimir Putin, as stated in all of the bourgeois press is "an avowed admirer of former Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet."

After the news of Yeltsin's resignation, the Editor Michael Lucas had telephone conversations with some comrades in Moscow, Leningrad and Minsk, which confirmed the fact that Putin's foreign and internal advisors are promoting Putin as "young and energetic", "law and order", "Russia must be great" and on and on, counterposing Putin's youngishness with that of Yeltsin.

President Clinton, who met Boris Yeltsin 19 times (more than any other world leader) praised Yeltsin in the following way: "The single idea I heard Yeltsin utter more than any other was that Russia must never go back to the Communist system, which he so vehemently detested."

If Gennady Zyuganov will challenge Putin for the presidency, on what program will he make that challenge? All

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that transpired with Yeltsin and Putin could not have been done without tacit approval by the top leadership of the CPRF! Even the world's bourgeois press admits this. Another question is this:

Will the CPRF and other

Communist and peoples movements realize in time as to what the upcoming election means to the Soviet people if they do not achieve unity?

We sincerely hope that at this hour of danger, the Soviet people shall get united under a banner of dedicated Marxists-Leninists and not allow the coming to power of reaction and fascism, which would just be the system that the CIA, NATO, TNC. World Bank and WTO would be happy with!

CONFERENCE OF NSC DISCUSSES ITS WORK FOR YEAR 2000 2001

The full Editorial Board of NSC from Canada plus Board members from USA and Germany gathered all day Sunday, December 19th 1999 to chart the course for its publication and to make decisions about the forthcoming World Congress to elect an International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People, which is going to be held in Minsk, Byelorussia in May of year 2001.

The Agenda was full and discussions were open, sometimes heated and many decisions were made that will affect the work of NSC plus the Organizing Committee for an International Council.

There was assignment of responsibilities for each member of NSC: a \$20.000 quota was adopted for NSC for year 2000 so that it can continue to be published; many letters, cmail and fax's were read from all of our our overseas correspondents plus numerous decisions that from time the readers of NSC shall be able to get acquainted with in future issues.

Of importance was the decision to send a 2-3 member delegation in May of this year to Minsk in order to meet our Soviet counterparts and also arrange all the logistics for the May 2001 Congress where over 100 delegates are expected from the 4 corners of the world in order to elect an International Council.

The policy of NSC was again reaffirmed as correct and it was given the mandate to struggle for the resurrection of Socialism and against all revisionism and also expose what is happening in former USSR as it has for the last 8 years.

Taking part in the conference were the following:

*Ray O Light comrades trom USA are not in the photo for security reasons as well as Ramon Grajo of Canada.

From left to right-first row: Will Lambert, George Hess, Helen Lucas, Michael Lucas, Ray Stevenson, and Raphael Mellado from Germany Second row: Observer from Yugoslav organization, Alexander Madic, Frank Trampus, Steve Sajban, Michael Popovic, Llyod Redstone, Jerry Morse, and Jesse Papapavolou

Photo taken inside the NSC offices where they share it with the Canadian Friends of Soviet People and also the Organizing Committee.



First Congress of the Peoples of the Caucasus

This First Congress was held on September 26,199 in the city of Nalchik and sponsored by the "International Union of peoples, Unified "For Union and Brotherhood of People".

OPENING REMARKS BY E.K.LIGACHEV,

First Deputy Chairman of the International Committee

Comrades! Friends!

Today's Congress represents over 100 nationalities which live on the territory of Azerbaijan, Republic of Armenia, Georgia, Northern Caucuses of Russia and now gathered here for the First Congress of the peoples of the Caucuses.

What woke us up to come here? What circumstances that are prevailing now made this First Congress imperative?

The International Committee, the peoples patriotic organizations and communist parties, deciding about this congress, came to the conclusion that the decisive decisions belong to the people and must be made by them together.

The serious and tragic situation now in the Caucuses, internal conflicts, wars and terrorist acts, plus the policies and involvement of the USA and Turkey, made this Congress necessary since the foreign intervention in this region is aimed at breaking the traditional ties of friendship and try to dislodge us from Russia.

We came here to proceed to try and implement the desire of the people for a confederation of all peoples into the USSR, Soviet style of equal peoples which was adopted by the Assembly of Peoples of the USSR in April of 1998.

We must discuss the main problems which brought on this conflict in the Caucasus. We must know and state again and again, that the present serious situation in this region is due to the dismemberment of the USSR, the dissolution of the Socialist Soviet system and the forced capitalization of the country. As a result of this, the economic hardships, the massive unemployment, the disbursement of peoples and the growth of the strong exploiting bourgeoisie...these are the very real and main causes.

Because of all of these terrorist acts all across the Soviet Union, many thousands of people perished. Please let us stand and give a minute of silence in memory of these people.

Comrades! Whatever might be said by our enemies. during Soviet times we had a Lenin's national policy. Today, the present regime is not following these principals. The Soviet period in all of the Caucasus was one of the best periods in the growth of unity and solidarity plus the blossoming of all the many cultures. These present pseudo-democrats or also the newly-baked separatists somehow fail to mention these cardinal facts.

We must explain as to what really transpired in the last few years. Let us take this terrorism, banditism - all different suggestions are put forward as to how best to liquidate and to stop this internal strife. Much that is proposed of course must be done.

But there is another ques-

tion. Mass terrorism, this is the product of the dismemberment of the USSR - the horrific and forceful implementation of capitalism against the will of the people. Here, there is more unemployment than anywhere else. Here is the real root of the problem. Here is the cause of terrorist acts. In order to eliminate this terrorism, we must abolish the economic chaos, unemployment and must have a long term economic development plan. Just implementing the military road to end terrorism is not enough.

Russian people shall not allow nationalism from any nation to separate our people. Our peoplefeel themselves that they're Soviet. We cannot have the present bourgeoie regime use the phrase "people with Caucasian faces". We must forcefully state to all the people that terrorists are not the whole people! There are no bad nationalities, all the peoples are equal. Our daily slogan must be: "For Peace and Friendship between peoples of the Caucasus! Together with Peoples of Russia!"

Our proposed Resolution states that we need all forms of effective measures to bring all these conflicts to an end. We must have a state of workers and the rebirth of the Soviet Union.

Comrades! We want to thank the President of the Balkarsky Republic, Valerie Kokovu for the hospitality and the arrangements to hold such a Congress here in the city of Nalchik.

We are certain that this First Congress of the Caucuses is going to go down in history as the meeting of brotherly peoples, while there is bloodshed being caused by powers that want this unity destroyed.

Those that have devastated and dismembered our country are afraid of the coming unity. They want to fan the flames of nationalism and also instigate conflicts...since this is for the benefit of their Western partners.

Many resolutions and demands were adopted and decision taken to hold such Congresses until the re-establishment of the Soviet Union!

FROM NEWSPAPER GLASNOST Union of Communist Parties-CPSU

HE WAS A PROPHET

By A.M.Kolontaeva



Former Ambassador to Sweden in 1938-39 met J.V.Stalin and in a very long discussion dealt with the upcoming war conflict with Finland, which was egged on by Germany and, the coming war with Nazi Germany, Ambassador Kolontaeva (an important women figure in the USSR Foreign Office) met J.V. Stalin and wrote down the discussion. Here we are just reprinting J.V. Stalin's prophetic words about the future. Remember, these words were spoken already in 1939! Stalin foresaw what will happen to the Soviet Union and the vilification of him as a leader.

"Many accomplishments of our party and people will be turned upside down and smeared viciously, first of all beyond our borders, and also in our country. Zionism, desperately vying to rule the financial capital of all the world, together with all other enemies, will do all in their power to hamper our progress. They all look now at the USSR as a very backward country, but also as a valuable raw resource potential. I know that my name shall also be besmirched. They shall attach to my name all sorts of unimaginable crimes!

World reaction of all colours shall try with all their might to break up the Soviet Union, so that Russia itself should never again be able to bring itself up by its bootstraps. The might of the USSR is in the unity of its peoples. Tremendous pressures are going to be exerted in order to break up this unity of peoples...to break up all of the USSR into small insignificant pieces, to tear away all border republics from Russia.

Here we must admit that we still did not manage to do everything that is needed for saving the USSR.

With potential tremendous force the rising up of nationalist malady now is raising its ugly head. This cancerous nationalism will be successful for a while in pressuring down Internationalism and also patriotism. There shall appear many nationalistic groups, all of them supported by outside and internal reactionary forces and many such conflicts shall arise. There will appear many leaders-pigmies, all traitors inside their own nations.

Overall this shall be a very difficult time for the Soviet people and also the international working class. Conflicts shall arise between the East and the West.

In spite of all these forthcoming events and their temporary successes, the coming future generations shall look to our past and the successes that were achieved by our Socialist Motherland.

Year after year a new generation of people shall be coming up They again shall pick up the red revolutionary banner of all their fathers and grandfathers. Their future they shall be building on our successes and our past."

This article is dedicated to the 120th Anniversary of the birth of J.V.Stalin

FROM NEWSPAPER **"NARODNAYA PRAVDA"** LENINGRAD

RUSSIAN HERITAGE IS NOT FOR SALE

For over 225 years the artistic folk art that made the Lomonosov Porcelain China enterprise famous all over the world, and from which enterprise all the best museums in the world have these extremely exquisitely made and crafted porcelain vases, china and ornaments on display. Experts all over the world say that there is no other world class porcelain of such high quality made anywhere.

But ten years ago, at the oul-



set of "perestroika and privatization" instituted by the present regime, this enterprise was to be quickly sold to foreign firms. But, the present regime had its way by trying to fool the workers that were working there, by offering them shares in the enterprise, thery said, in order to stop it from being sold to "foreigners".

The next step was to get foreign "inspectors" to come to control all the books, output and management. Not getting the other workers' shares in order to outright own the Lomonosov porcelain china enterprise, they then turned off the electricity, with the connivance of the authorities, in this way trying to get the other workers to sell their shares.

The workers protested and wrote letters to the Governor, to Yeltsin and other authorities and then on to the courts. The outery at this mechanization by the workers and general public, plus the arts community was so



vocal that the state was forced to temporarily abandon this sell-off of this world-wide exquisite manufacturing enterprise, where sculptors, artists and decorators have for over 220 years beautified world renowned museums.

It seems that the Russian

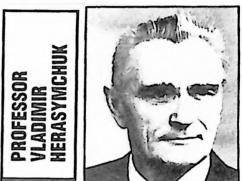
state is going to try to take it over now...but this is just a calm before the storm. The US firm now owns 65% of the shares. The bitter struggle is still ahead. Whatever the outcome, this defiance by Russian patriotic masters shall be copied by other enterprises.

Bamocles Sword of Vakhabizma over the Motherland

The political struggle in the contemporary world is sharpening. New methods are being utilized in this struggle. The main tool being used in this struggle now is rabid nationalism and religion. Situations and tactics are now changing ever so rapidly. A particular role is now being played in disorientating all of the working masses by nationalism and religion. The present Ukrainian nationalists have now activated their Ukrainian bourgeois nationalism. In the struggle by the imperialist clans for the domination of the world they have increased their influence on the so-called Vakhbaty. These elements are the organizers of terror in the world. and now in our country.

What is this Vakhabitism?

This is a religious-political movement of fanatism of lslam. This movement had its birth in Central Arabia under the slogan of a united peoples and country. Its former originator was the Mohammed ibi Abd al-Vakhab. The first aim of this movement was for the "purity" of Islamic laws. Before, at the beginning of the XX century, this fast growing movement was successful in forming the state of Saudi. The



present name of the state was named from the founder of this movement and the dynasty of the Saud ibn Mukhamed. Vakhabism - is the official ideology of Saudi Arabia. It is, in its essence, aimed towards the unifying of the people against their enemies.

Vakhabism in its present form and policy is dangerous and reactionary

Covering itself under a blanket of belief and a religiousnational unity, it has now become fascist political terrorism. Its leaders utilize the religious beliefs of the people in order to help the world capital to rule the world. This is seen with the situation at present in Northern Caucuses. It is necessary to point out that the present leaders of this movement in the Caucuses are Bassaev and Khattab, head of these terrorists, they are also involved in Chechniya. They are presently just pawns of the leadership of

the elite of the Muslim world. Behind them are also solid and extremely rich leaders whose purse strings are available. This is confirmed by the Colonel of the present Central Intelligence Agency of Saudi Arabia V. Makhmud. The real bosses of Basaev live in great mansions and castles in Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and Turkey. But even on top of him there are other masters who are ruling the imperialist world.

The Center of Vakhabism in the first place is very political

Their task - political and economic expansion. The religious dogma - this is just the road towards their final goal. That is why the organizers of Muslim terrorism are always breaking the laws of the Koran. We must realize that Vakhabism has long since went outside the borders of Arabia. It has now sunk its roots in Algeria and Lebanon. Its winds have already blown into Afghanistan and Tadzhikistan and in the North Caucasus. It is now aiming and making inroads into the territory of the Soviet Union, such as Tataria and Baskiria, in Azerbaijan, in the Povolzhije region. There is a dangerous growth of Vakhabism in the Crimea. Now we also see the inroads that this movement is making into Central Russia. There is being formed a Vakhabit "magnetic axis" in Saudi Arabia - in Afghanistan-Pakistan- the Caucasus-Crimea-Turkey" (Newspaper Zavtra, Sept. 1999,#37).

Saddism and Terrorism are characteristic of the present Vakhabittism

Their actions remind the people of all bands of Ukrainian nationalists from Western Ukraine. Those former and the present Vakhabitors are the same - wild animals in peoples clothing, mutations of mankind. "Our state must be very harsh" said Stepan Bandera. In one of the brochures published by these Ukrainian nationalists in 1929, its author wrote:" Is blood needed?- we shall give an ocean of blood! Is terror needed? - We shall do it poisonously... We should not be ashamed to do this, to rob and burn. In the struggle there are no ethics!" And the red blood flowed in rivers from innocent people...

F.V. from Canada wrote about these terrible times: "To our yard came these bandits, took our father and cut off his head with an axe in front of us children, our sister was killed by a stake being driven into her body, our Mother, seeing this had a heart attack on the spot and died."

While V.Ch. from Canada also spoke about, that in his village of Bushkovitsi there were rounded up all of 8 Polish families and put into a shed, where they were all killed by axes of the Bandera gang and then burned. Victor Polishchuk. Bitter Truth-Donetsk, 1996, pages 321-322,330).on fire". (

Are the crimes in the Caucuses the same as the above, by the Vakhbatty? Let us show the facts...in December of 1998 in Chechniya there were interned many British hostages. Rudolph Pech, Peter Kennedy and Daren Hocky. They were beheaded alive. The same faith happened to a New Zealand engineer Stanley Show. The

Moscow correspondent of the newspaper English "Sunday Times" made an exclusive interview with some Caucasians, who were held hostage with the British. These Caucasians were freed by their relatives who had to pay a great sum of money for their freedom, "A number of these fundamentalists, armed heavily to the teeth -remembered one of the former hostages, - in front of cameras they then beheaded the British, while their bodies were convulsing in front of us". "These bandits were like wild animals,- another former hostage told me in sobbing tears.-These Vakhmaddists came in the middle of the night to beat us savagely. But we're lucky to be alive. There was no one to buy the Britons off, so they perished." (Evening News", November 23,1999).

Looking at this tragic tale it seems very incomprehensible to look at the politics of the present British government, under whose wings there was established this terrorist Vakhabbitism. It is also strange to see the policy of the British government, who now demand the cessation of the struggle against these Chehchen fighters. Is it now possible that their policies and aims are the same ... is this possible that the policy of the British government is the same as that of Basev-Khataba?!

Genocide and sadism are the main acts and policy of the Vakhabbitovs. The federal security agency of Russia has stated, that these fundamental-

> Kuchma now is in full speed orientating his policy towards the USA and the West. Here are American soldiers that are now (specialists) part of the Chuguevsky Division in the Kharkov Region

"Evening news 21/10/1999



ist armed fighters are inside Grozny.They attack and mutilate Chechens who speak Russian. The same faith is awaiting the Chechen, who try to hide Russian speaking people in their homes.

In Chechnia, in spite of the defeat of all its fundamentalist fighters, their is still proceeding a psychological attempt to agitate the people. As an example, in one of the special centers in Grozny the youngsters are being trained as terrorists and suicide fighters, over 500 youngsters. This was uncovered by the intelligence services in the Northern Caucuses. The simple fact is that all the elder people have had enough of this terrorism. That is why these Vakhabistists are concentrating on the youth. It is easier to agitate and convince them into this pseudo-Koran ideology. Of course, the Koran here is just a fig leaf.

Why did the people before go into and became Vakhabitists?

In most cases they were forced into joining by economic conditions. The terrorists were paid very well, compared to what the people made as wages there. As an example, after the end of the First War in Chechniya, as was stated by the above mentioned Colonel V. Makhmud, emissaries from Saudi Arabia gave each new recruit that joined to be a "Vakhabbit", \$2,500 US. Besides this, each member of his family received also \$1,000.

Even in spite of this money buying, the terrorist action in the Caucasus is being lost. In the last few years it is estimated that Saudi Arabia and their masters have spent over one hundred million dollars. But all this came to naught. Their authority over the believers is waning very rapidly. There is being formed now a Chechen movement in struggle against these bands of separatists.

But will this end the struggle of the Vakhabitovs?

Absolutely not! They are now enlarging their territory of activity. One of their prime targets is Crimea. There now already exist camps where theterrorists are being trained. These Valkhabbitists are feverishly working amongst all the Crimean Tatars.

Of course, at a press conference in Kiev the Fundamentalists proclaimed to the people that they are the "most peaceful citizens of Ukraine." But the present situation speaks otherwise. The conflict button does not rest with the president of Ukraine or even the government. Crimea is now a potential Chechniya for Ukraine. The conflict button is across the ocean. This is shown to be true by the conflicts that happened in Iraq, Yugoslavia, Chechniya and other regions of the planet. But the control triggers live in Saudi Arabia. in Turkey and also near our southern border.

For Uncle Sam who, programmed, that "peace" in our Ukraine will depend on our people showing their willingness to be all "law abiding". meaning... how long the people shall persevere the onslaught of the West. If in this colony that is called now Ukraine, the slaves undertake to live in peace, then the West is going to allow them to "live in the world at peace". And the Crimean Vakhabbity, the children of Khan Baty and Genghis-Khan, then they shall also try to live in peace"...?!

But the patience of the people is coming to a quick end...and it might very quickly just erupt...

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FROM NEWSPAPER HAMMER & SICKLE KRASNOYARSK, RUSSIA

OPPOSITION AND POWER The class struggle: in words and in deeds

This question is the most important for the people living now in former Soviet Union this is the question of opposition to the state power on all levels, from local to state institutions. On the answer to this question the whole future of our struggles depend. First of all is the question of a united opposition to the present regime and of its tactics. The question that is uppermost in the minds of the people is whether an opposition can perform its function in the present state structures? In the capitalist countries, this question is known already for years, since the capitalist "opposition" does not mean to change the capitalist system at all. The government and the opposition in these countries are one and the same, they represent the bourgeoisie. The differences are minimal and serve only the opportunistic fulfillment of one class of bourgeoisie trying to replace another section of the same class. The question in our country is much different. Against the present Mafiosi regime is the "opposition" of all former party nomenclature, whose program should be to gain power for the working class and aim to rebuild socialism and the dictatorship of the proletariat.

If the opposition that we have now, such as (Yabloko, Motherland and other so-called "oppositionists" to the present regime) does not propose a different socialist path, that is understandable. let them sit in the Duma and in the Government. With them, as the saying goes - now everything is understandable. It's also another auestion for the communist opposition that is now in the Duma - their job is to be the real, fighting opposition, trying through all parliamentary means to bring the government down and prepare the ground for a socialist resurrection.

Around this question there is no unity or understanding even amongst the communist members of the CPRF. What is happening in the Duma and the behavior of the present CPRF deputies, V.I.Lenin would have had a nightmare. For close to eight years this "opposition" was not able or capable to make a small dint in the power of the present Mafiosi bourgeois state! There certainly is a difference between the program of the CPRF and that of the AUCPB.

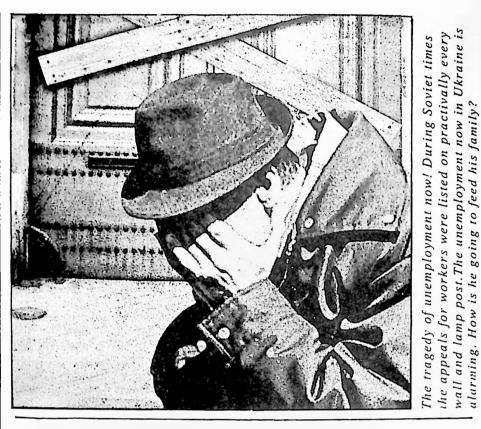
What successes did the CPRF achieve in eight years in the Duma as the "opposition"? Unfortunately there are not any successes worth mentioning

Did the CPRF struggle against privatization? No!

Was the CPRF capable even to weaken in a slightest manner the presidents' power? No, definitely not!

Was the CPRF able to stop the implementing of the new anti-peoples Constitution that was bulldozed through in the Duma? Of course not!

Was CPRF successful to stop the dismemberment of the Army, and to stop the war in Chechniya...for which it carries the sane blame as the present regime? Why did the CPRF condone all the bloodletting amongst our people in all the local conflicts? That is why the CPRF is still being kept in the government by the Yeltsin regime...it gives these traitors legitimacy! Worst crime of all, through connivance of the deputies, the land is now being sold.



Was the CPRF capable to lift up the fighting spirit of Soviet people for their rights to the TV and radio information? Of course not! The CPRF deputies, now in their comfortable and also very warm chairs, big pay plus perks, have forgotten about their party, their pre-election promises as "communists" to fight for the working class. People like Rybkin, Rutskoi and many others, were even excluded from the ranks of CPRF...while they were still in leading positions.

Let us leave those in the Duma to their soft chairs...let us just look at some dedicated CPRF members in the localities, away from Moscow. Are these dedicated Communists able to fulfill their promises? In our regional government, we have elected the Chairman and his Deputy to govern the region - all leading members of the CPRF. What kind of results have we achieved? Majority of the City Deputies are members of the CPRF. The results are catastrophic: the tranportationprices have risen, prices are going higher every week, unemployment is rampant and the militia is used by these elected "communists" to quell all the strikes and work stoppages!

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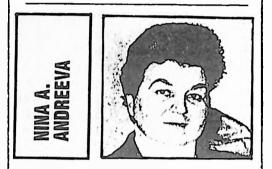
The powers that rule Russia now say without shame and with a straight face:" See, what kind of democracy we have, the Communists are in power in most localities!" In this rehas now CPRF spect the brought itself into a political corner. The only answer is for the CPRF membership to stop lying to the people and not cooperate with the present bourgeois regime. The other alternative for all the dedicated Communist in the CPRF is to chase out and expel these opportunists from its ranks and get out of all the structures of the present regime. The present regime uses very cleverly the CPRF "opposition" in order to give it legitimacy.

The participation and cooperation of the CPRF in all of the present regime's structures acts to disorganize and disorientate the working class. There is a desperate need for ONE party, united against the pres-There is also a ent regime. future in the left opposition that is united, but now unfortunately there is no future in the CPRF to change the present situation and to resurrect the Soviet Union and Socialism.

Of course we should participate in the elections at the present time, but we must vote for dedicated Communists and not opportunists and make certain to get our Marxist-Leninist ideas and also the program to the working class.

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Y.V.Lazovsky Lesosibirsk



This is the speech that was to be made at a meeting dedicated to the 82nd Anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution in Leningrad on the Revolution Square, November 7,1999, by Nina A. Andreeva, General Secretary of the AUCPB. But...due to the tactics of the leadership of the CPRF and their helper, the RCWP, Nina Andreeva was not allowed to make this speech.

NSC therefore is printing its content (abridged) for NSC to read and have their own opinions.



Dear comrades!

On behalf of the All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks I welcome all who came to this Revolutionary Square where the Great Socialist October Revolution took place and succeeded under the leadership of the Bolsheviks and V.I.Lenin. I greet all members of the AUCPB and all comrades that today are carrying the banner of national liberation and for a socialist future

We, the Soviet Communists are blamed by the Soviet people for giving up the gains of the Great October Revolution without hardly a fight and without actively taking up the struggle against the counterrevolution--- because we were mesmerized by sweet promises by this Judas Gorbachev. They also blame all the 19 million members of the CPSU for silently looking on at the destruction of socialism and for not taking up arms to stop the turn - around towards 180* capitalism!

We, Soviet communists are also blamed for giving up the state to the nomenclature that were the leaders of the CC-CPSU without even a struggle. These former CPSU leaders, who were schooled, given important posts in the government, they were fed and given privileges by the Soviet people and then the people were led towards a different ideology and brought to the brink of catastrophe and the coming of fascism

We are blamed as communists for being naive and politically misled in our socialist construction while being encircled by Imperialism and also by promoting the ideology of "peaceful coexistence"!

We must take the blame in front of the world proletariat that we also allowed the disintegration of the USSR, thus allowing the gains made by the world proletariat to be under attack and losing most of the hard fought victory and weakening the struggles against their own bourgeoisie.

On our shoulders is also the blame of temporarily dashing the hopes and optimism of the worlds proletariat in all their struggles for a better future. We are also blamed for dashing the hopes and weakening the struggles of the Communist parties all over the world, and, responsible for the many splits in the communist movements in the world and also the liberating movements.

That is why, we the Soviet Communists must quickly unite and liberate our country, resurrect the Soviet Union and Socialism and open up the epoch of world-wide socialist revolutions. Why?" Because Imperialism has reached the last stage of its own downfall due to internal imperialistic contradictions. Exploiting the resources of the world and its cheap labor, the USA bourgeoisie thinks that they shall forever have the prosperity but not for all their people-as they have now. This prosperity now is at the expense of other countries.

The XXI century is not going to be a repetition of the 20th century. There are still countries in this world of ours that are building socialism and going onward towards the betterment of life for their people. There is now China, North Korea and heroic Cuba that set an example for all of us.

Our All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks is under attack on all fronts in Azerbaijan, in Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and many other former Soviet republics. These attacks are led by the former CPSU leaders like Alexander Yakovlev whose vicious anti-Communist hysteria permeates the airways and the media.

Long live the Great October Revolution!

Long live the Soviet People! Long live the salvo fired by Aurora!

Long live the international friendship of the people! Long live the struggle for unity of all progressive movements of this planet!

SECRET REPORT AT THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF USSR IN 1980

By L.S.Pontriagin Hero of Socialist Labour of USSR

The Zionist-Masonic steps for defending the contemporary, dissidents amongst our ranks can now be seen to exist in our society in different groups, but mainly in the Institutes that are part of the USSR Academy of Sciences...such as the Institute of USA-Canada Studies, Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Institute of Eastern Studies, Institute of Socialist Studies and many others who are members of the Academy of Sciences and fully funded by the Soviet Government.

In the corridors of our Academy of Sciences, some of these dissidents openly speak against Socialism and amongst these dissidents they cleverly mask their support for the dissidents like A.Sakharov or make remarks such as "Yes. Afghanistan is our fault and will be our own Vietnam", or "We shall pay dearly for attacking Sakharov, since he might become president of Imperialist Russia" and other tales with a psychological and traitorous tone. And all this, by the highest paid strata of Soviet Society, hired to defend Socialism not to destroy it!

There are some Directors of these Institutes in our Academy of Sciences that should never be voted into the Central Committee of the CPSU. The Director of our Academy of Science has given the green light to these different Institutes to proceed in undermining the USSR. Then, powers that be, allowed to be elected to the position held by a dedicated scientist, a Marxist and patriot, Anatoly Petrovich an opportunist of such ill repute as E.M.Primakov (registered at birth as Kirshblat) and he immediately changed the Institute of Eastern Studies and forbade the study of Zionism and its link to Imperialism and Masonism.

Moreover, the elections or promotions are not based on the knowledge or expertise or elected by a majority of the Academy of Sciences, it is a personal appointment by the head of Academy of Sciences. He also demotes or discredits any scientist, professor or Dr. of Sciences who dares to discredit Zionism after researching this modern day reactionary ideology and its development and tie-in with world imperialism.

Facts and figures were available from the USA sources themselves, that these scientists were studying and accumulating, as to the tie-in between US presidents, monopoly businessmen, congressmen and many elected United States senators...proof positive that the tie-in between Zionism and Masons is there and growing stronger. Instead of the present Soviet government proceeding to let us accumulate the known facts, thus make concrete suggestions and thus employ the method to struggle against this combined enemy against the USSR, the powers that be, through heads of these Institutes in the USSR Academy of Sciences blocked every effort to the scientists who wanted to present these facts to the Soviet Government.

It is a known fact, garnered from all the publications in the

USA, such as Forbes magazine. Wall Street Journal, Ministry of Finance of USA that over 80% of all the capital is controlled overtly or covertly by the Zionist - Masonic circles. In our own Academy of Sciences, we have proof that is indisputable that some members of the Academy of Sciences such as Didiani, Mirsky, Braginsky, Bondarsky, Rogov and others...their control and all money manipulations go to offshore banks and other investments.

The USA government is always at odds with us over investments and capital - USSR has only 5% to invest - USA is worried to defend the 95% of Zionist-Masonic capital which is utilized by US imperialism to manipulate world currency, economy and to be able to buyoff anyone who tries to defend the interests of their own bourgeois and in their own country.

Therefore, it is very hard for myself and my comrades to understand as to why the present Soviet government allows the heads of the Institutes that comprise the USSR Academy of Sciences to stop our research into the close tie-in of all the Zionist-Masonic capital that is undermining the USSR. socialist counand other tries...isn't this our aim to struggle against capitalist system overall, in order to defend Socialism? Is this not what V.I.Lenin and J.V.Stalin taught us?

Therefore I and many others feel that Anatoly Petrovich should not be elected again as Head of the USSR Academy of Sciences.

Any Academy of Sciences in any country, be it socialist or capitalist, these are the research institutions that every government depends upon for facts, policy and research.

It is time that the Soviet government now, in 1980, revamp the Academy of Sciences, take off some of the unnecessary privileges, the perks, retirement packages and other goodies that after 1953 were allowed to permeate the USSR Academy of Sciences...let us get closer to the Soviet people!

We must stop this "modern feudalism" that is enjoyed by most of the members of the Academy of Sciences! I feel that most Soviet people do not even know as to what exists in their very own Academy of Sciences. It is no wonder that there are thousands of socalled scientists who come in droves to be accepted into the USSR Academy of Sciences. We should retire very old scientists and give the opportunity to much younger, and much more dedicated Marxists-Leninists-Bolsheviks, to be the new members of the USSR Academy of Sciences.

Real danger exists in some of these scientists that are now flirting with the phenomena of "I am a scientist, I am non-political", and I am above politics. These purposely instigated flirtations have reached our Academy and can be seen even in lower echelons of the Institutes and other governmental bodies.

We should at the next meeting of our Academy of Sciences have an open vote on the retirement of Scientists who have now reached an age where thought and productivity is not matched and where too much foreign influence has gained ground over objectivity.

We must be alert that the Soviet Union has lost over 20 million people and we as Scientists must be prepared to struggle with the new form of coming world wide globalization, monopoly influence and the tie-in between the capital of Zionism and Masons...the twin enemies being used by USA Imperialism for the conquest of the world. We must be strong enough so that any foreign aggressor will think twice before crossing our borders. Otherwise, we shall lose all that we have gained since the Great October Revolution.

COMMENT

This was spoken in 1980 at the highest scientific body in the USSR, the Academy of Sciences. It is very tragic that his words were not headed. And as to the fate of comrade L.S. Pontriagin, a Hero of Socialist Labour...no one knows, he just dissapeared! There were thousands upon thousands of dedicated Soviets who struggled against the creeping sell out to Capitalism, but the government at that time was blind or were covertly promoting the disintegration of the USSR. The present "leaders-traitors" that are now in power, prove beyond any resonable doubt what was said at the Congress of the USSR Academy of Sciences. Let no one read anything else into this article than what he said. He predicted the demise of the USSR! As the saying goes: "The fish starts to stink from its head!"

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A NEW YEARS WISH - MAY IT COME TRUE!

FROM

BURLINGTON,ONT.

Dear comrades of the Editorial Board of NSC!

It was with great pride and pleasure that I read in NSC of the honour bestowed on Michael Lucas and also on NSC by the Central Committee of the Ukrainian Bolsheviks with the Stalin Medal. Your dedication to the cause of Socialism and to the resurrection of the Soviet Union and its former republics back into the USSR, made you an automatic choice for this great honour.

It's very gratifying to know that when I'll be able (after my illness) to visit the Friendship House, I shall have the pleasure to look at this important medal of the great J.V.Stalin, a man of steel who gave his life for the working class of the world.

Well done comrades!

My one wish is that all the left-wing parties in the coming next century will close ranks and then deliver the final blow to the domination of the present ruling clique, so that once again the Soviet people will be the beneficiaries of the gains of the Great Socialist Revolution and their life-long sacrifices for the greater glory of socialism.

Yes, I agree with your design Michael that Karl Marx and Frederick Engels were **The Architects**, and V.I. Lenin and J.V.Stalin were **The Builders**.

Their names shall live on forever in history.

Robert McNicol

AN APPEAL! In preparation for the 2001 World Conference for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People, we appeal to our readers to write their thoughts and proposals as to what this Conference should try and achieve.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

FROM COMMUNIST WORKERS PARTY FINLAND

Dear comrades of the Organizing Committee for an International Council

We thank you for the Northstar Compass that we always receive regularly. In this regard we answer your questions in the following way:

1. We take a positive attitude to the restoration of the Soviet Union.

2.All the peoples have a right to decide what kind of socialism they want to build. The peoples of the Soviet Union have the same right.

3. The most important task of NSC will certainly be launching of the anti-capitalist battle-experiences of communist parties and also propagandize a common anti-capitalist strategy of all the fighting Marxist-Leninist parties. We feel that Northstar Compass may well continue as a common publication of the forthcoming International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People.

Our party is ready to support the assembling of a constitutive Congress, and as our resources allow, we will also take part in it and in the activities that follow.

Dear comrades:

We thank you for the work that you've done for the Soviet people and also for the working class of the whole world. We wish you a good and successful New Year 2000.

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Hannu Harju Chairman

Regina Council of the COUNCIL OF CANADIANS

Approximately 85 people from various walks of life came together at a strategy meeting organized by the Regina Chapter of the Council of Canadians. There were Seniors, youth, trade unionists, teachers, environmentalists and also Council members who listened to four Regina activists about their experiences when they were in Seattle, including one youthful demonstrator who just recently was released from US Seattle jail.

The meeting was dedicated to educating people on fair trade, all local, national and global peoples coalition building, guerrilla theater, public education outreach, lobbying politicians and getting resolutions passed at all levels of government.

THE RESISTANCE CONTINUES IN CANADA!

Loretta Gerlach Prairie Regional Coordinator

LET'S BE CLEAR!

Chechens, majority of them during World War Two were all deported to a new territory since they were in their absolute majority helping German troops and killing Red Army soldiers and airmen who were liberating the territory from German Fascism. This was a very necessary move by the Soviet State and it was meant to resettle all these people, whom otherwise would have suffered annihilation if they were all left in the war zone and would have resulted in heavy casualties by the Red Army, who had to defend themselves daily, both from all the Germans and the Chechens, who were led by their nationalistic leaders.

During this resettlement of thousands of Chechen population, there were only 13 deaths, mainly from illnesses, not the thousands as reported by the German SS propaganda or the US lies today.

Please...don't confuse Communism with Russian nationalism!

Joe Corlett, USA

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Lessons from the State Elections-Australia

By Vida Little MARXIST WORKERS PARTY (Australia)

The recently concluded State elections in Victoria resulted in the rejection by the people of the economic nationalist policies pursued by the Coalition Government, headed by Premier Kennett. Although the coalition had an overwhelming majority in both houses of Parliament, and the view of the media and most members in the Labor party, was that it was impossible for the present La-

bor Party to win a majority of scats.

The former Labor Government had started the process of deregulation and privatization, which had alienated many of its traditional supporters, but the Kennett government Coalition aimed their fire at the financial mismanagement of the Labor Government, while remaining silent about its own economic rationalist program. Neither the media or the Coalition were prepared to admit that the defeat was the public anger against the economic policies of that former Coalition Government. They claimed that it was due only to the arrogance of Premier Kennett that alienated all the people.

The reasons for the unpopularity of the Coalition Government become obvious...

*In the 7 years over 350 schools were closed while others were amalgamated.

*7,000 teachers and other staff people became redundant, thus poorer education plus charges for formerly free education. Thus it resulted in long distance travel for most students.

*Contracting out to private hospitals large number of patients resulted in fewer beds, less staff, who are very seriously understaffed, very much overworked .Charges replaced the free universal public hospital care system.

*Privatization also of ambulances caused serious problems and delays.

*Closure of some railway lines in the country, sacking of conductors on trams also had cause a heavy waiting period plus lowering of safety standards.

*Funding for public housing was dramatically increased as did all evictions plus poverty. *Cuts to scientific research had led to strong opposition from

the academic community. *Funding cuts to the police

force is due to the closeness of the present Chief Commissioner being too close to the Premier.

*Sacking of elected local governments, forced amalgamation of many councils. Threat of many dismissals provided the backlash.

*Funding cuts to child care forced all closures of many child care centers, thus it forced one parent of the family to withdraw from the work force due to the high costs.

*Thousands of public servants were sacked, millions of tax payers dollars was used to higher well-paid "advisors" to help the Premier and his Treasurer.

*Gas, electricity and water were privatized thus service deteriorated very badly and charges rose..

*The Director of Public Prosecution was made to resign due to some of his practices.

*Privatization was also enforced into practically every segment of the governmental services.

The media kept much of the Government activity off all the front pages of newspapers. There was only one newspaper that dared to make these exposes.

The left wing newspapers and political parties (Socialist, Communist and also the Marxist-Leninist) challenged the government, plus the left wing of the Labor Party and the trade unions.

The lie about the former Government was, that it was to blame for this chaos due to its borrowing and mismanagement. There was not too much of this in the press and in spite of all this, the Labor Party won in election 42 seats and the Coalition won 43 seats, while the 3 independents decided to support the Labor Party...thus giving it a majority in the House.

The Labor Party, like the European Social Democrats, they serve capitalism, but rely on the working class for their base support, while seeking to support the middle class, both of which are under heavy attack from capitalism which is in deep crisis.

The problem for the Labor Party is that it wants to serve a capitalist system which is in a deep crisis, and thus is helping this capitalist class to maintain maximum profits.

Early capitalism, in its period of full growth, could have afforded to make some concessions to the Labor Parties, but in this period of capitalist decline, the concessions are things of the past. Today, capitalism sees its survival in greater exploitation and oppression.

Revisionists who seek parliamentary road as the only one, must learn this lesson.

Only the public ownership of the means of production, the dictatorship of the proletariat will make it possible to meet the expectations of all the working class and other exploited people, and thus guarantee an increasing level of life and prosperity!

The International League for People's Struggle Advancing the people's resistance to imperialist globalization

By Felipe Tagabalita

Last Nov. 28-29,1999 the International People's Assembly was held in Seattle, USA. This assembly was an alternative forum to expose and oppose the evils of free trade - a protest activity against the Third Ministerial Meeting of the World Trade Organization. It was capped by the marchrally that was violently dis-

persed by the police.

The WTO ministerial gathering was supposed to have launched a new series of multinational trade negotiations, known as the coming Millennium Round, with aim of expanding global capitalist exploitation through means of greater capital investment liberalization especially in the light of the failed Multilateral Agreement on Investment. The WTO meeting ended in failure as a result of the aggravated inter-imperialist contradictions and resistance from the semicolonial world amplified by the dedicated massive workingclass protests outside.

The People's Assembly was co-sponsored by the US based Filipino Organizations under the banner of Bayan International-USA and also the Sentewnaryo ng Bayan (People's Centennial). It was attended by delegates from the Philippines, Japan, and Korea, the United States, also Canada, Belgium, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Honduras and Nepal.

The keynote speech for the Assembly, delivered by a participant, was by Professor Jose Maria Sison, chairperson on the Center for Social Studies in the Netherlands and the founding chairperson of the Communist Party of the Philippines (Marxist-Leninist). In that speech, Prof. Sison presented a "comprehensive crilique of imperialist globalization, the suffering of the proletariat and the peoples of the world, the current status and prospects of the people's resistance."

Following are some key points that were excerpted from that speech. Noteworthy is his invitation to the formation of world-wide International League of People's Struggle.

"As the 20th century draws to a close, all the basic contradictions are now intensifying, that between the imperialists powers and the people of the world, that among the imperialist powers and that between the monopoly bourgeoisie and the proletariat in the imperialist countries. The new world disorder that has followed the end of the bipolar cold war is the prelude to the resurgence of the world antiimperialist and also of socialist movements.

"The broad masses of the people wage various forms of anti-imperialist struggle and also many democratic struggles against the exploitation and oppression that they suffer. At the same time, reactionary forces have the propensity to engage in very violent conflicts in an increasing number of countries over the division of spoils that are fast dwindling. The revolutionary forces of the people can take advantage of the contradictions among the reactionary forces and among the imperialists.

"The great danger on interimperialist war still appears remote. But a review of history shows that the crisis of overproduction can lead to polarization of all revolutionary and counter-revolutionary forces in the imperialist countries and the imperialist powers are now driven to re-divide the world. Imperialist contradictions can sharpen as a result of interventions by imperialism in client states. Learning from history, the people can be vigilant and mobilize themselves to overcome the danger of fascism and world war and to transform an imperialist war, if it cannot be stopped, into a revolutionary civil war.

"The main contradiction in the world today is still between imperialism on one side and the peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America and, in addition of the rapidly retrogressive of all former revisionist-ruled countries, on the other side. The spread and intensification of revolutionary struggle in these client countries can ultimately create a situation in which the proletariat in imperialist countries can surge forward to overthrow the monopoly bourgeoisie in its own heartland.

Amidst the new world disorder, Marxist-Leninist parties in at least six countries are leading the proletariat and the people in waging protracted people's war along the line of new-democratic peoples revolution. Farther afield are other armed revolutionary movements, with a very significant measure of anti-imperialist and democratic character. It can be expected that as the crisis of the world capitalist system continuos to worsen, all forms of people's resistance are going to spread and intensify...

"There is an urgent need to advance the people's resistance to imperialism and reaction because of the rising level of oppression and also exploitation throughout the world and the ceaseless worsening of the people's conditions cannot tolerate the system, policies and methods that have impoverished them and also made their lives miserable and have enriched the imperialists countries and all of the exploiting classes...

"In this regard, I take the opportunity of inviting all the participants...to join in the founding of the International League of People's Struggle within the last quarter of next year 2000.

The League shall promote and develop the world antiimperialist and also the democratic struggle of the workers of the oppressed people against inhuman policies and acts of all the multinational companies such as the IMF, World Bank,, WTO and military alliances, such as NATO.

"The League shall act to realize the unity, cooperation and coordination of the following forces: workers, unions and organizations of all the women, youth, peasants, teachers, health workers, journalists, writers, scientists, and technologists, also lawyers and other professionals, plus all movements for national and social liberation, and also gender equality, world peace and solidarity, environmental protection and against fascism, militarism and other social ills.

"If you are interested, please convey your reply to the Initiative Committee and your expression of support for the League and willingness to participate in its founding. The League can be one more way of advancing the people's resistance to imperialism."

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Northstar Compass and the Organizing Committee for an International Council has joined this International League.

EUROPEAN HEARINGS ACCUSE NATO of Grimes against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia

From "Slav Mutuality" newspaper of the Slav Committee. By authors Pavel Nohavica, Jan Jelinek and also Stanislav Patejdl

The European hearings of the tribunal dealing with NATO's aggression against Yugoslavia was held last year on September 30,1999 in the Holy Cross Church in Berlin's Kreuzberg quarter. These hearings were conducted in the presence of

more than 650 delegates from the: Federal Republic of Germany, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, and from Denmark, France, Yugoslavia, Poland, Austria, Russia, United States of America, Spain and Switzerland. The delegates were composed of various peace and human rights organizations. All of the delegates agreed that these crimes cannot remain unpunished. Among the speakers who addressed the Tribunal were many professors, experts in international law and civil rights, as also experts who's expertise were problems relating to the Balkans. Gennady Ivanovic Rajko who is a member of the Russian Duma addressed the gathering.

The prosecutor of the New York tribunal into the NATO's aggression, held earlier this year, Mr. Ramsey Clark, addressed the hearing. He said that it was also imperative that people of this planet join together and outlaw the use of technology for the purpose of killing people and bar further development of these weapons of mass destruction. He then also pointed out that the USA, in starting the Balkan conflict had unleashed a wave of killings between the 300 million Slavs and 1.2 million Muslims. The overall aim is to condemn 89% of the world's population to difficult times and the installation of a slave-like society existence. In this regard he mentioned the known results of the embargo against Iraq. He also urged everyone to demand that NATO be dissolved as a military alliance and to end sanctions against. Republic of Yugoslavia and other countries.

The conference also was in agreement as to the negative role played by the world news media in demonizing the Serb Nation, a vicious policy which has been systematically prepared over a very long period of time.

The Yugoslav delegate Professor Miodrag Zecevic familiarized the delegates with the tragic results of the war and the great difficulties involved in the restoration of the warravaged land, which nevertheless is proceeding successfully.

Coordinator of the New York Tribunal and representative of the International Action Center Sara Flounders pointed out that NATO needed a war in Bosnia and later in Kosovo in order to legitimize the NATO's existence and presence in the Balkans.

Dr.Pavel Polacek, a member of the cultural organization of the Czech, Moravian and Slizak peoples in the Czech Republic known as Native Czech, Moravy and Slezska, analyzed the reasons for the Balkan conflict. He also pointed out the role that was played by the policies of Hans Dietrich Genscher of United Germany from the beginning of the nineties decade.

Stanislav Pastejdl JUDr presented Professor Wolfgang Richter, the primary initiator of the Tribunal, with accusations documented by the Czech Slav Committee against all the leading representatives of US dominated NATO. This document was supported by all of the peace, cultural clubs that exist in the Czech Republic.

The European hearings previewed a United Nations phenomenalistic mission to the Republic of Yugoslavia which took place in August of 1999. This mission included Czech and Bulgarian representatives.

Albania and some member nations of NATO openly supported terrorism. This was true after the KLA (Kosovo Liberation Army) was established in 1998. All these terrorist actions were coordinated and supported by NATO general staff. From October 1998 to October 20,1999, these terrorist attacks took the lives of 1003 persons in Kosovo and Montenegro consisting of 710 civilians and 293 members of the police and the military. These casualties are in addition to those that were killed by NATO bombing.

Mr. Ramsay Clark, Ehlmar Schmachlingovi and Gennady Rajkov were asked the same question: "Do you think that it is possible for peace to prevail between the so-called Euro Atlantic civilization and the Slav Nations in the 21st Century?" Ramsay Clark answered that it is not only possible but it's necessary. We cannot form alliances with others in order to plot against the remaining members of this world. This in fact is what NATO is doing. We must unite in order to demand that NATO be dissolved He added that Slav nations can cooperate and did with the rest of Europe in a spirit of mutual respect.

Even though all these small Slavic nations are divers, they do however form a very large ethnic group. Six former Soviet Republics have taken the road to "independence" outside of the former USSR. It were people like James Baker and Zbygniew Brezinsky of the USA who tried and try to instigate conflicts between the Slavs and Muslims from the borders of China to the Black Sea.

E.Schmaehling, the former Rear Admiral (now retired) of Germany now is an outstanding peace activist, he was actively involved in the preparations of the present European Tribunal. He stated that it is self evident that we do not see any basic cultural differences between the Slavs and the so-called Western peoples, because both have common historical roots, joint historical evolvement and therefore have no mutual antagonisms.

General Ivanovic Rajko, Member of the Russian Duma parliament and leader of the inter parliamentary commission of Russia, investigating NATO's crimes stated: Slavs occupy half of the European continent. Territory of Europe, which stretches all the way from Lamanche to the Urals. could not exist without them. I don't consider all this a very happy scenario. War between the Slavs and Europe has never ever taken place. The so-called Euro Atlantic civilization is just terminology used by the Americans. If all the Americans were to leave our European home, Europeans would always find readily a common language. Americans and also NATO are the ones who are meddling in the inter-European relations!

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EUROPEAN UNION FALLS TO DICTATORSHIP

BY KOMINFORM FINLAND

European Union as a capitalist power concentration unit, is based on an utopia of the eternal growth of the capitalist world economy. This unlimited growth is mathematically an impossibility. The fate of EU is to collapse, due to this im-

possibility and due to the internal contradictions of capitalism in general. Western Europe before had a relatively healthy market area up to the formation of EU. Within the EU the European countries form a field of crude monopoly capitalism.

The supporters of EU speak of free markets. However the EU concentrates all the power, political as well as economic into the huge multinational corporations. This is now out of any control by the memberstates.

Instead of a free market there shall be the command of corporations while labour and small entrepreneurs are being oppressed.

The EU Parliament is a monster without any element of regional democracy. The decisions are made by lobbyists that represent certain interests. Nations inside the EU cannot affect this process.

European Monetary Union is meant to serve dictator politics. Now the Central Bank of Europe and the European Currency System has been established, but it serves the goals of violent global machinations by the corporations.

EU is just a part of USA's plans to integrate the world into its economical and financial web.

Although in May of last year talks were held, instigated by France and Finland to have a defense system, befuddling the people of the EU was that NATO shall not be part of it. But the process of integration of the European countries into NATO is a fact accompli. This decision is against the will of the people, but the politicians are hiding the full implications.

NATO is not an organization for regional defense. The purpose of NATO is to defend capitalism-imperialism everywhere in the world.

The immigrants in Western

Europe form a powerful nucleus for the working class. The May Day celebrations were widely celebrated and the numbers were very astonishing, compared to the early nineties.

The lies are spread that the EU has brought prosperity to Finland, but in fact, this has brought us nothing but misery because nearly all branches of production have been all sold abroad.

Today, according to EU itself, there are over 57 million poor people in all of Western Europe. Social security, real wages, health care are all reduced and even young children are now exploited and work!!

EU tries to paint a rosy picture of prosperity, but in each country there are more and more empty villages and zones are economically depressed. Even though the EU blames the USA for spying activities in its countries, this is just a cover-up, because under the aegis of USA, the EU has established its own police organization, it is called Europol, and it's operating since October of 1998.

European Union is a regional tool of US Imperialism In August of 1998, the Central Bank of Europe had stated that world capitalism is in a crisis and that this crisis is keenly felt in Europe. The newly established EURO dollar depends heavily of the American Dollar and Japanese Yen.

The aim of US Imperialism is to establish the Multilateral Agreement on Investments, which would involve the EU. The Communist parties and other peoples organizations in Europe have decided to form an International Front in order to fight against this further menace from US Imperialism.

It is no secret that the internal operations of the EU is bureaucratic and corruption is rampant. In March of 1999 the full resignations took place of the governing body, but the problems are not over by any means.

According to expectations, the EU parliamentary elections were a farce. Why vote in such absurd elections? And it is a fact now that workers in EU countries are going to be all forbidden to strike. Besides, NATO and USA had involved the EU countries to take part in the genocide attacks against Yugoslavia.

As another example as to what US is after...in October of last year. Turkey is a member of NATO, even though it does not fulfill any of the conditions usually demanded on a new member. Turkey is a Fascist state and has a very strong army. Because the US-EU are concerned about any future uprisings in Eastern Europe, this very strong Turkish Army will be given the role of "peacekeepers"!

ACTION ALERT By Redmond Guerrero

Lola Lucia Alvarez, a victim of sex slavery by the Japanese Army in World War II died in San Juan de Dios Hospital in Pasay City, Philippines. She was 74 years old. Her death came after 5 days of comatose, following a cerebral stroke that she suffered during a large protest action at the Third Asian Informal Summit at the PICC. It was a protest marred by police violence. It was the one that reeked terribly of injustice.

Gabriella reported that around 8 AM December 1999 there gathered over 60 Lolas accompanied by their families and supporters where the delegates for the Third Informal As ian Summit gathered, including the Japanese Prime Minister Keiko Obuchi. It was a very rare occasion for these sex slaves of the World War II to be in a presence of a Japanese Prime Minister.

A phalanx of police blocked and pushed them away with swinging guns and truncheons. They were pushed near the Japanese Embassy where they tried to hold a symbolic protest meeting. Here they were surrounded by many armed police and it is here that Lola Lucia had her stroke. She went to the hospital in a fighting mood. demanding their right to protest since she was a sex slave for the Japanese Army during the war, where thousands perished from brutality at the hands of the Japanese soldiers.

Many of the women who were living survivors of Japanese camps said: "We witnessed the same violence, the same brutality at the hands of the Japanese soldiers. We were once stripped of our dignity!"

Lola Fedencia David lamented: "We want justice. Our Philippine Government gives support and also first class treatment to all foreign guests while we're treated like rags and he treats us like criminals. Does he not even know that the Japanese government still does not recognize the crimes committed against humanity 54 years ago."

Old now and very fragile. these victims do not pose any threat to the government of the Philippines. These women of sexual slavery in WWII sadly bear once more the terrible injustice and humiliation. First there was the rape of the flesh, then came the rape of all the spirit.

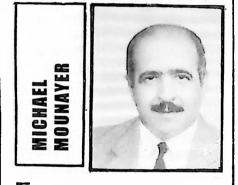
The Estrada regime should take responsibility and immediately address the issues regarding the Filipino Comfort Women.

Write letters, send protests

to newspapers and publications. Send protests to: President Joseph Estrada Malacanang Palace Manila Philippines

The NSC and the Organizing Committee has sent protests to the President of Philippines.

Albright Markets Barak Expansionist Policy



Each visit, carried out to our region by a very high-ranking American official, is normally preceded by a visit to Washington, carried out by an Israeli high-ranking official, in order to set the details of the nature of the American-Israeli later moves in the framework of the so-called "peace process".

The US secretary of state visit to our region had specific aims that are in harmony with the results of Ehud Barak's visit to Washington. The most important result of his visit is the "elevation of the US-Israeli friendship and cooperation up to a level higher than that of a strategic partnership".

Albright began her first stop

in al-Maghreb with talks with King Mohammad VI, heir of Hassan II, "Camp David" godfather and chairman of Jerusalem Committee. In a press conference, held jointly by the US secretary of state and al-Maghreb premier, she hinted at the importance of the political role to be later played by al-Maghreb within the framework of the normalization of the Arab-Israeli relations through the multilateral talks. She also pointed at the importance of the assistance to "North African" countries in what she the needed "historic called reconciliation" between all the Arabs and Israel, specially after the handshake between the Algerian president, Bu Taflika, and the Israeli prime minister, Barak, during King Hassan II funcral. Thus Albright of US has given the King al-Maghreb new tasks, that are not politically known, but in line with the proposed American-Israeli plan which aims at aborting the negotiation terms of reference that were all agreed upon with the Arab and Palestinian parties. Thus in her press conference, jointly held with the Israeli prime minister before leaving for Damascus, she, without the slightest shyness, said "when I go to Damascus, I will evaluate the situation and see their readiness to go ahead with the peace process. I shall take with me brief ideas about the Israeli formula, as suggested for the resumption of the negotiations, based on the Security Council Resolution 242 and the Israeli desire to achieve peace within secure and recognized borders."

Here, Albright is in fact disavowing all of the American promises which are originally deceitful since the letters of assurances on the eve of the Madrid Conference until now,

with the aim of inaugurating a new stage of Arab-Israeli negotiations aiming in consolidating the Imperialist-Zionist hegemony over the region. It is not a coincidence that Albright dodged all the press questions about the Washington's stance toward Syria's request that negotiations start at the point where they did stop in February 1996, and the deposit or trust which Syria repeatedly asked Washington to acknowledge and to coerce the present Israeli government to abide by its content which is (the deposit or trust in Rabin's pledge to totally withdraw from the Golan Heights).

The US-Israeli policy towards this region depends mostly on the Arab weakness and the extent to which it can play on the contradictions of the Arab and world situation in order to back down from the agreements that has already been reached. This can be done through the exploitation of the ambiguity and the gaps in the Arab-Israeli agreements which were specially formulated in an ambiguous way, full of evasive items in order to evade any clear and very specific commitments. Thus the real aim of the negotiations becomes, according to Henry Kissinger, "to deal with easy issues in order to obtain concessions and entangle all the parties together, while the real mines remain hidden in the major problems so that they become subject to new and exhausting negotiations. In order to let such procedure succeed, it is necessary to make elastic formulations and also an inaccurate equivocal language." Thus the Syrian president Hafez al-Assad did already expose the danger of such procedures when he described Oslo Agreement, saying that " each such item needs a new agreement". Actually, the series of Palestinian concessions and the acceptance of formulas that need more than one interpretation and thus obliterate all of the Palestinian rights, led to a whirlpool negotiations about the form of negotiations and the form of implementation. And since the signing of the Oslo Agreements on September 19, 1993 until September 4,1999- Yasar Arafat signed six annex agreements, each one is stemming from the other. The new thing in such agreements is that each one backtracks from the one before, in order to serve the Israeli expansionist interests more. The Palestinian leadership has nothing left but to sign any documents requested by the US and Israel. These agreements are:

Oslo Agreement, Scptember
13,1993, at the White House.
Cairo Agreement, May
4,1994, for the implementation of the Oslo Agreement.
Oslo 2 Agreement, September 28,1995 at the White House.
Hebron Agreement, January 15,1997.

5. Wye Agreement, November 23,1998

6: Wye 2 Agreement, September 4, 1999 at Sharm el-Sheikh.

On the eve of the Wye 2 Agreement signing, the Palestinian leadership had only a very equivocal US assurances document which clearly denies any previous American promises. The assurances document reads as follows: "President Clinton supports the Palestinian people aspirations for determining their future on their own land and at the end of the final solution you shall have a chance of fulfilling your aspirations". Thus, we notice that the socalled American assurances document given to the Palestinian side in Sharm el-Sheikh on the eve of the "Wye 2" Agreement signing ceremony is not only equivocal, but it explicitly substitutes the right to the self determination by only a "chance" when the final solution negotiations are fulfilled.

The American-Zionist arrogance was clear during Albright recent tour in the region through dwarfing the "peace for land" formula approved by the Madrid Conference as a general negotiatory framework. Through an initial study of the "Wye 2" Agreement, we notice how Israel, by a direct American support, could redefine the land concept to fit the Israeli expansionist security considerations in such a way that, according to the agreement formula, the land is no more a geographical concept to be exchanged for peace, but it is a concept to be tailored according to the maps of the Israeli expansionist security.

The following points might be the most dangerous things in the Sharm el-Sheikh Agreement pertaining to the Palestinian track:

-The official declaration of the creation of the Palestinian State and postponing it until September of year 2000, a date that was agreed upon for ending the final status negotiations.

-Imposing the Barak new "no's", specially those pertaining to standards for releasing the Palestinian prisoners.

-Coercing the Palestinians to start the negotiations before ending all of the Israeli military withdrawals from the West Bank.

-To negotiate for setting up an "agreement framework" on the

bases of a permanent solution before February 2000.

-To abrogate the item pertaining to the natural protectorate (3%) to prohibit any Palestinian presence on the borders with Jordan and to replace it by areas in Jenin and Nablus.

- The Israelis are the party who specify the redeployment maps.

Thus. we see that the approach of concessions and negligence followed by official Palestinian leadership did not only undermine and complicated the Arab solidarity issue, but it also gave the Zionist-American alliance the chance to ignore the legitimate rights of the Arab Palestinian people.

All the attempts to gradually entangle Syria and make her resume the negotiations with Israel, without any prior Israeli explicit recognition of the things reached at during the period of Rabin and Peres governments to withdraw from the Golan Heights to the lines of June 4,1967, did not succeed.

INDIA-PAKISTAN Constant Confligts

From Revolutionary Democracy, India, Edited by Vijay Singh, member of NSC Editorial Committee

Skirmishes on the north Indo-Pakistan border are taking place with growing frequency. Both governments are accusing each other of violating the line-of-control while each is making virtual preparations for war. Real war is in the making due to the serious striving of each of them for regional harmony and military supremacy.

COLLECTORS!

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BEAUTIFUL STAMPS FROM Countries like Nepal

*New governments in both Pakistan and India that came to power recently started to disturb the power balance. The question as to who started and who violated the border is almost irrelevant.

*Since the partition of India in 1947 by Imperial Britain, the relations were never normal. Each power in full propaganda force tried to convince their respective population of their righteous cause and fanned the flames of nationalism.

*There were already two wars fought - 1965 and 1970 and both fought during an economic crisis, thus the bourgeoisie tried to take the minds of people off the terrible hardships by bringing forth nationalism.

* The unity of the bourgeois parties, press and other bourgeois institutions clearly demonstrate the definite class character of these wars. Under false slogans of Patriotism, Defense of Motherland, Nationalism...it is to defend capitalism and the rich bourgeoisie. The bourgeoisie is not taking up these slogans on behalf of the people, but only on behalf of their own interests.

*The bourgeoisie of the both countries have their own interests in mind, similarly the common people must oppose this genocide war. This has nothing to do with saving the Motherland *Look! It is the same bourgeoisie, which during the peace time has and is exploiting their very own Motherlands through constant corruption, price hikes, blackmarketing and by all means at their disposal to get common people to fight each other.

*Therefore the common interest of the masses demand that they should join hands against the war efforts being made by their respective governments and oppose them by all available means.

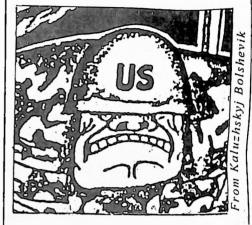
US TROOPS IN Colombia

According to the latest news from the International Action Center in New York, USA, the US government is now in an undeclared war with the Colombian people. According to the spokesperson Teresa Gutierrez, "Colombia is now the third largest recipient of US military aid in the world."

The Us government is considering a vest increase of up to \$1.5 billion for the Colombian government, mostly in military hardware. Colombia received already this year over \$290 million.

In addition to this military aid, the Pentagon has already sent troops to Colombia. "US Special Forces are already on the ground in Colombia training counterinsurgency battalions there," Gutierrez charged. "White House diplomats are preparing the grounds for "regional intervention force," drawing in other Latin American forces in Colombia's civil war."

"This military aid is disguised as part of the "war on drugs," Gutierrez explained. "But Colombia's biggest drug traffickers - the big landlords, the paramilitary death squads and their allies in the military high command - are the ones benefiting from the huge infusion of US cash and hardware. Huge US banks get rich from



billions of dollars in drug profits."

The International Action Center, founded in 1992 by former Attorney General Ramsey Clark, is one of the foremost anti-war organizations in the United States. It has organized demonstrations of tens of thousands against US wars and intervention in Iraq, Cuba, Yugoslavia, Somalia, Haiti, and others.

"We aren't waiting for the Pentagon to turn Colombia into the grounds for the next Vietnam War," said IAC codirector Sara Flounders. "It's time for the anti-war activists and all progressive people to resist the Pentagon's drive to war."

Flounders stated: "The billions of dollars sent to the death squad regime in Bogota could be used in New York City for jobs, housing, drug treatment, or health care."

ELECTRONIC CONTROL IN SOUTH KOREA

It is proposed now by the South Korean government and with tacit approval of USA, to have Koreans wear "electronic devices", specially those that are under "supervision for public peace". According to the Association for Human Rights Studies in the DPRK, these "electronic system for watch" is just another very repressive measure against people who are demonstrating against the present South Korean regime.

This is hideous human right abuse, and the South Korean authorities are working hard to control all the massive demonstrations of people. This is as bad as treating animals with such shackles. This is also a mockery of the achievements made by humankind in modern science and technology.

This is meant to hold on to fascist "security laws" violating human rights while talking about its "reform" despite the demands around the world fort its total repeal.

So, let not South Korea and "democratic" USA speak about "human rights"!

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have known from the beginning that neither the new century nor the new millennium could start before the beginning of year 2001. Yet someone, somewhere, decided that the year 2000 should be, not the last year of the Second Millennium, which it obviously was, but the first year of the Third Millennium, and which it obviously was not.

How this came about we may never know, still less how the incorrect date was accepted by the commercial world at large, unless it was due to its anxiety to cash in on the scam at the earliest possible moment. But so it was; and hardly a voice was raised in protest throughout the whole of the period leading up to the celebrations. Bernard Shaw in his day described Christmas as " a grocer's conspiracy"; and he was right, but this was a conspiracy on a global scale. Those of us who raised our voices or wrote letters to the press were suppressed.

Worldwide, billions of pounds, dollars, francs, marks and of every other currency changed hands to make the rich get richer and poor get poorer. But did anyone care? Not until a few days before the celebrations were under way was there any evidence that more than a few odd people in the whole of Britain wanted to put the record straight. Then, unexpectedly, on a special millennium quiz called Fifteen to One, the presenter opened the program by saying: "In reply to the thousands of viewers who have written us to say that the new millennium does not start until 2001, I agree with all of them."

The first newspaper to break ranks was the London *Guardian* when, on the 30th of December, 1999, in a leading article, the editor, after referring to UNESCO's decision to make year 2000 the International

Mathematical Year, wrote: "it is a particularly poignant decision to declare 2000 a math year because, if the world had been even a little bit more numerate than it is, we would not be celebrating the new millennium this year at all but at the start of year 2001. This was confirmed by newsreader Trevor MacDonald in the BBC News that evening when he also announced: "Technically, the new millennium does not start until 2001 but we are celebrating it tonight."

It was noticeable that many of the television presenters on New Year's Day refrained from prefacing their remarks with "as we enter the new millennium", or even "as we enter the new year". As though they were apologizing for the millennium hype that that they had been required to indulge in a year before it was really due.

On New Year's Day also, the leader writers of all the daily broadsheets, evidently feeling themselves no longer bound by this conspiracy, hastened to distance themselves from issues of bygone years: one welcoming in the 19th century, dated the first January, 1801; and the other was greeting the dawn of the 20th century, dated the 1st January, 1901.

The Daily Telegraph opened its editorial with a poem. The Darkening Trush, written by Thomas Hardy on the last day of the 19th century, and went on to note: "Ninety Nine years later, for Thomas Hardy correctly marked the 19th century as ending on December 30th, 1900, we can see the corpse of the 20th century outline."

But the Financial Times must surely take the award for the most interesting article on the subject with a piece from its correspondent in City of Beijing, China, which was headed: "Chinese Jump the Gun on New Year." Describing the bizarre ceremony, the correspondent, James Kynge, wrote: "Jiang Zemin, the Chinese President and a selfconfessed atheist, stood on a raised dais called "heaven" and, by lighting an ancestral flame, ushered in a new year and a new millennium. But as one of the country's 1.3 billion people will testify, the Chinese Year of the Dragon is still more than a month away. And actually begin until January 1, 2001, according to Chinese government researchers."

"So what," asked the Financial Times Beijing correspondent, "were Mr. Jiang and the entire Communist Party Politburo doing last night?" James Kynge thought the ceremony was "very much more evocative of China's Imperial past than anything witnessed from a state leader since the 1949 revolution." He thought that the "ideology upon which China's is founded," had "lost its dominion" and that the ceremony was "just one of the contradictions of a many transition in which the privatization of state companies is continuing apace."

Does anyone really care when one millennium ends and another one begins, as long as there is money to be made out of it? Yes, of course, anyone with a sense of history cares because dates are important. But does any government care? At least one does, as I discovered when, in an effort to get away from the millennium madness, I switched to BBC CEEFAX for the latest news and learned that Cuba had decided it would not be celebrating the new millennium until the 1st January, 2001. Well done Cuba!

So, for the present, let us leave this nonsense behind us and get on with the job of making the world a safer place for its inhabitants, in the hope that we may actually have at least the beginnings of something to celebrate when the third millennium really does begin.

URGENT APPEAL

On Sunday, January 16 at 10 PM armed forces of the criminal bourgeois regime of Yeltsin-Putin of Russia, using this time regular army troops of the Ministry of Internal Affairs have attempted for the second time in two months to assault the building of the Cellulose plant occupied by the workers on a strike for wages unpaid for close to one year.

This time the troops were successful and occupied the whole territory of the cellulose plant in the Vyborg district near Leningrad.

The bourgeois regime of Russia is trying to drown in blood the peaceful struggle of the workers for the right to work in this now foreign owned enterprise. Regular troops are used to suppress the unarmed civilians, using all kinds of means and weaponry, including chemical substances.

During the last month the hands of the bourgeoisic criminals have shed the blood of many workers in the Leningrad and Cheliabinsk region and also in the Kuzbass region.

We call on the proletariat of Russia to intensify the class struggle with the oppressing class as a response to the cruelties committed by the ruling criminal regime.

We call upon the proletariat of the world to support the heroic struggle of the Russian workers against the bourgeois exploited and assassins.

Demand from you government to break off diplomatic relations with the criminal regime of Russia!

Proletarians of all countries unite!

Editorial; Board of Proletarskaya Gazheta Marxist-Leninist organization of Communist in Russia Union of Labor Unions of Russia "Defense of Labour".

We urge all of our readers to have their organizatioins, parties, all of the publications and movements do the same!]



From newspaper Tovarish.

This is not Munich of 1933 this is Lvov.Ukraine 1999! With torches they marched down the streets "Patriots of Ukraine" from the Hational Socialist Party... and swastika symbols.

A new

'GERMAN INVASION' of Czech Republic

Germans and German moncy is penetrating all of the Czech economy, with corrupt Czechs illegally selling off property, goods and businesses. The present Germans are complaining about the treatment meted out to the Sudeten Germans after Second World War (but these Germans forgot what they did to the Czechs). Aristocrats and former estate owners such as Prince Wallenstein are now back and demanding the return of all their properties. settled since 1945 by Czech farmers.

Thousands of Germans have settled in Southern Bohemia, all at the behest of President Havel. My friend, who is living there is horrified at this second invasion. The present Czech Republic is flooded with Coca Cola, McDonald's and every conceivable Hollywood film.

Alena Leiss Australia

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OVER 260,000 COLOMBIANS MURDERED IN A DECADE

Agency France Presse

A Colombian government study had shown that one person is murdered in Colombia every twenty minutes - which is 72 murders per day, either in rebel fighting or in street violence...said Senator Gabriel Uribe of Colombia. He stated that the country is in a state of "generalized war". Colombian people want Colombia to be liberated from capitalist exploitation.

Patriotic movements

The patriotic guerrilla warfare for the liberation of the Colombian people from exploitation and the terror of the drug warlords is being conducted by the Marxist FARC and also the National Liberation Army for many years. The stumbling block to liberation is the tie-in and support to the military rulers and the drug war lords by the USA and its CIA funding and promotion of the drug traffic.

THREE LEADERS OF CPI (ML ASSASSINATED!

Three leaders of the CPI(ML Peoples War, who have been known in all of India and also on the international level as popular leaders of a great mass movement, were most brutally murdered by the Indian Government in Andrha Pradesh in combined covert action in the very early hours of December 2,1999.

They were members of the Central Committee CPI(ML) -Shyan alias Nalla Adireddy, Mahesh alias Shanton Reddy and also Murai alias Seelam Naresh. The Director General of the Police (DGP) H.J.Dora is responsible.

The DGP made a press announcement that these three leaders were killed in a fierce encounter in the Koyyuru forest. It is very strange that this very brutal police force called Greyhounds, did not suffer any casualties or did the guards of these 3 leaders. But these 3 top leaders got killed!?

Facts are clear that these 3 top leaders were picked up by

the high level intelligence officers from a house in Bangalore at night and killed there on the spot immediately. Then the AP Government helicopter secretly, before dawn on 2nd of December flew the bodies into the forest area in Karimnagar district of the Andrha Pradesh.

These dastardly acts of killing political leaders shall not stop the great mass movement. The legal and humane opportunity for these leaders to be tried in court was denied. But examples such as Ocalan of the Kurdistan Workers Party, of Genjales of the Peru Communist Party or of the Central Committee members of the Communist Party of the Philippines were all treated as political prisoners and were not brutally murdered.

The fascist rulers of India should realize that this will not stop the great mass movement of the Indian workers and peasants.

We strongly protest this action and urge the international community to send immediate protests to the Indian Government.

G.N.Saibaba General Secretary of AIPRF

We sent protests on behalf of the Editorial Board of NSC and of the Organizing Committee for an International Council. We urge all of our readers to do likewise.

Romanians liked life better under Socialism

By George Gruenthal

According to Reuters, on Nov. 21,1999 in their dispatch from Bucharest, ten years after Communism fell, 4 in 5 Romanians are unhappy with the way they live. What is interesting is that 61 per cent said they were better off under Socialism and Ceausescu, according to the opinion poll reports.

"This is a very sad picture of the Romanian society," political scientist Dorel Abraham told a news conference while commenting on the findings of the survey released by the Open Society Foundation. This survey also showed the dramatic downward plunge in popularity ratings for President Emil Constantinescu and his centrists, who are now trailing far behind the leftists that they ousted in polls three years ago. "The situation in the country is very tense, the mood is extremely bad and pessimism is on the rise," Abraham said.

Disaster, poverty, chaos, difficulties and disorder were the very words chosen by most of the 2,019 Romanians polled last October to best describe the country's situation, as Romania prepares to mark its 10 years since Eastern Europe's most violent anti-Communist revolution.

Perhaps not suprisingly, Abraham said, Ceausescu was chosen by most, by 22 per cent of those polled as Romania's best leader over the past 100 years.

This paradox also reflects the current economic and also social situation," Abraham said.

The poll also showed that 84 per cent of Romanians lack confidence in the government after three years of a shrinking economy and widespread layoffs. More than 80% said that they had lost all confidence in parliament and the political parties.

Failure to meet promises of weeding out all corruption, improving living standards and speeding up privatization also

YOU HAVE AN OPINION About NSC? WRITE! halved the support for Constantinescu, now it is at a record low of 17 per cent, down from 38% last year.

Leftist rival Ion Iliescu, defeated by Constantinescu in 1996 polls after seven years in office, is now credited with 44 per cent of credibility, up from 28 per cent a year ago.

It looks as if the Party of Social Democracy is the biggest gainer from what Abraham called: "Three years of terrible mismanagement and of hesitation."

COMMENT

Sometimes we wonder as to why there are still people who believe that the capitalist system instituted in former socialist countries works well and is bringing progress and better life for the people? Not one of the former Socialist countries that was forced to undertake this "perestroika" has even improved the welfare of the people...even with all the billions spent by Western Imperialism. The answer of course is very simple...Imperialism is NOT interested in improving the living standards of these countries: it does not want any competition. It wants only its raw resources, cheap labour and the potential market. Social Democrats shall not solve the present capitalist problems...they do NOT want to change capitalism, they want only to improve it or just give it a Band-Aid solution!

CIA EXPOSES GORBACHEV



Gorbochev

New York Times November 26, 1999 Although this expose tries to make the CIA look "very cautious in preparing the disintegration of the USSR, if you read between all the lines, the message is very loud and very clear...CIA and Mr. Gorbachev were in bed together for a long time!

"Declassified US government documents show that the CIA was very deeply pessimistic about the chances of success for President Gorbachev's efforts to reform the Soviet Union communist system even in the final days of the cold war

The CIA experts in late 1980s and early 1990s came to believe that Gorbachev was anxious to reform the USSR, but it remained skeptical that political instability could lead to a return of communist rule and anarchy.

A decade after the fall of the Berlin Wall, which Gorbachev was working on together with the US State Department and CIA, the agency released a 24 p. intelligence estimates to the US president as to how the CIA thought of keeping up with incredible events between 1988 and 1991. These declassified reports provide an insight into the tie-in between the CIA and their counterparts in the former Soviet Union. These documents were declassified also in conjunction with a conference held on the weekend of November 26, 1999, evaluating the important role that the CIA played in the final days of the Cold War.

The CIA, it is revealed, focused on the political developments interplay in the CPSU, utilizing its previously established contacts. The CIA presented these facts to the State Department of the forthcoming Soviet known weaknesses and thus this information was used by the West to gain "marginal bargaining advantages" in arms control talks.

The CIA's analyses worried about Mr. Gorbachev's hold on power which was fragile, and that Moscow still had an enormous military even though its economy was crating.

In September of 1989 the CIA told President Bush that Gorbachev's chances of succeeding with the previously "adopted plan" was doubtful at best...other plans had to be put into operation.

By November 1990 the CIA was worried that if all the contingency plans were not successful as forseen, it predicted "nightmare scenarios" that could lead to civil war or chaos in the Soviet Union.

Then in April of 1991, the CIA told the US president that all the plans were fully functioning and that all of the anti-Communist forces are breaking down the Soviet empire and its system of governance," and it listed the steps that should be followed with or without Gorbachev at the head.

In July of 1991, as the plans were being fulfilled, the CIA reported to the White House that "the USSR is in the midst of a revolution that probably will sweep the mighty Communist Party from power and reshape the country within the five-year time frame of this estimate."

The CIA was far too cautious since the very next monthh, the Soviet Union went out of business".

There's not much more that NSC can add to this admission! It is only sad that there are still some progressives who think that Gorbachev "really" tried to improve socialism!?

Human rights at the U.S.-Mexico border

Via INTERNET-USA

 ${f T}$ his has been another very deadly year for people trying to cross the border from Mexico. So far this year, 102 migrants (Mexican) have died on the California border alone. The total number of migrant deaths since Operation Gatekeeper began five years ago has reached 455. These deaths have prompted expressions of concern from the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mary Robinson, who will look into the ongoing tragedy when she comes to visit. All the advocates will present her with reports of this anti-humanity instituted by the United States.

The statistics show there's an increase of over 600% in border-related deaths. US instituted "Gatekeeper" was described by US Border Guards themselves as an "attempt to reroute" the migrant workers to the desert or to the harsh mountain terrain.

When this UN High Commissioner comes, it is hoped that she shall see the 5-foot crosses bearing the name, age and place of origin of the migrant. They were put on this border by Mexicans on November 2, Mexican Day of the Dead...such action took place in 19 border cities. Hundreds are dying and will die because the US policy is to send the migrants into the desert or impassable mountains. This policy of US Imperialism is to be implemented on all US bordercrossings between Mexico and the USA.

The migrant advocates state that all that has been achieved by these new laws is to have the Mexican migrant perish either in the desert or in the mountains. This is also done so that these migrants will be hidden from public view, giving an appearance that all is well at this border. Mexico is in the pocket of US imperialism, exploited and people are starving and thus they try to find work wherever they can in order to feed their families, since Mexico is a corrupt undemocratic and ruthless bourgeois regime.

For 2,000 mile border between USA and Mexico there is a 7 foot wall, with barbed wire, and illuminated all night the whole 2,000 "free trade border"!! Claudia Smith of the California Rural Assistance Foundation said: "While we preach human rights in all other countries, we are violating them on a massive scale along our own borders!"

"By ratifying the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the US undertook to protect life - be it of a citizen or of an undocumented person."

COMMENT

United States policy is this: "Do as I say, not as I do!" Oh yes, where is the outcry from all those "Human Rights" advocates that come out of the woodwork as NATO attacked Yugoslavia, demanding "civil libertiies, freedom of movement and right to a job?"

What about the US-Mexican barbed-wired 7 foot tall fence for 2,000 miles? How about dispatching all of the NATO peacekeepers to this undivided US-Mexico border and the policy of North America Free Trade Agreement?

OPEN FORUM

TAMARA KHABAROVA



DISCUSSION ON THE 2001 CONGRESS

Dear comrades!

We received your letter, and we write forthwith to reply to some of your many questions.

We do not have any objections to the postponement of the International Congress until year 2001. Preparations for the Congress is not ready, not only in the necessary organizational-technical aspects, but, according to our way of thinking, -- in first place, in the ideological understanding.

The situation in the Soviet Union (besides, in the whole world) will start to get better only when, all the movements in our country shall take a hard and only correct position. which now is only taken up by the Congress of Citizens of USSR. Soviet Union suffered defeat as if it was the Third World War, it is temporarily occupied by the structures of all the corporate power; to liberate the country, to reaffirm the Soviet State and a Socialist society can only be accomplished by the Soviet people, if it starts to understand and deem itself as such and starts to consolidate itself as such. The consolidation of the Soviet people and organization of its liberation struggle - is the key task for communists of all the left wing forces on the territory of the USSR.

In order for this breakthrough to take place, the communist movement must break away from the neo-Trotskyite dogma of the absolute necessity in the USSR for "a new Socialist revolution". and in order to accomplish this - we need - "a complete proletarianization" of our working class. But quite the opposite, we must give all of our efforts, that the working class on the temporarily occupied territory of the Soviet Union should realize that they are and have been the SOVIET working class, to whom, according to recognized laws, everything belongs to historically. We must consolidate this as kernel of the Soviet people in their liberation struggle.

In principal, we must not be enmeshed and give in to the idea of a pseudorevolutionary demagogy in our time, when the transnational imperialism has under its wing and in its hands the United Nations, they very well utilized these class struggles, as speculation in all right causes and struggles, such as: "rights of man", especially in other foreign countries, "the rights of ethnic minorities and human rights" etc. etc.

It is a fact, according to us,, the USA and its partners in NATO are in fact aggressors, while the USSR - is the victim of this aggressive war. In this regard the USSR de-jury safeguards all its laws according to International Laws, and in this context the international recognition of the laws *restitytio in integrun*, meaning: to remain de facto as it was previously in territory, government and entity/

In this regard, during the now ongoing charade and constant discussion about the need for a "new socialist revolution" we start to leave and put aside all the recognized laws internationally and we, look in the eyes of the world society as insurgents, overthrowing a "legitimate" state and ourselves supporting something foreign, as if they were "lawful" rights. But today is not that epoch, for us to allow ourselves such experiments with the world societies understanding. Moreover, when the world societies understanding is not being formed by us but by our armed enemy, armed with the latest in technology, which they, without a moments thought, unleash them on any country at will.

Unfortunately, this understanding among comrades, in our Motherland and outside of our borders, is still far away. And without such an understanding the holding of such a World Congress as we are planning in Minsk in year 2001 could go not for the betterment of the Soviet people, but for the benefit of the forever discussions by these pseudorevolutionary shouters!

Therefore, dear comrades, we are extremely pleased to accept being named to the Editorial Committee of NSC and to try and fulfill a monthly column. Therefore our Tamara Khabarova has accepted this honor. We feel that on the pages of NSC we shall be able to explain the situation of the SOVIET PEOPLE, its real situation for the world to know and understand, the problems of its consolidation, roads and methods of enlarging its antiimperialist struggles, defending its recognized laws, which to this date are valid and recognized by law.

Not too long ago we did send you an article to be published. We hope that in the future this shall be done. It was sent on September 2,1999.

With deep respect and best of wishes...

-Members of the Executive Council of Congress of Citizens of USSR

T.Khabarova, V.Lebedev, V.Korotaev, G.Petrov

COMMENT

We thank the comrades from the Congress of Citizens of the USSR for this article and we ask our readers to also send in articles regarding the forthcoming Congress in year 2001 in Minsk, Byelorussia. The letter that the comrades are refering to we did not publish due to its length. We hope that their future monthly columns shall touch on the subject matters in that letter. Let us keep in mind that with only 40 pages articles must not be more than 700-800 words!

Let's keep the discussion in NSC moving with your proposals as to what our World Congress should accomplish when we meet in Minsk, Byelorussia in year 2001!

FROM WORKERS-FARMERS PRAVDA CARPATHIAN REGION

Dear comrades!

We thank you for your solidarity and letters of protests to the Ukrainian Government who are trying to ban our Communist newspaper, one of the organs of the All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks.

The trials are not over yet and although we had ten trials still the authorities are determined to close our newspaper.

I am very honored to accept being a member of your NSC Editorial Committee. It is a great honor indeed.

Regarding the International Conference--- the fact that you postponed the conference due to the internal serious situation in Russia and Byelorussia is understandable. But I would suggest that it is not wise to postpone it any longer. It must be held in year 2001.

A.Maevsky Editor

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FROM COMMUNIST PARTY OF SPAIN ®

Dear comrades:

Many thanks for all the books and literature that you have sent us. All of those materials shall be of great help for us in our work, including the 13 volumes of the works of J.V.Stalin which are not available here even in Spanish.

The invitation to participate in the Editorial Board of NSC is a great responsibility and honor. We have designated our representative, one of the foundingcomrades of our party, Francisco Brotons Beneyto, who is actually now imprisoned accused of belonging to GRAPO. We here enclose a biographical sketch plus a photo of the comrade for your publication.

We are not surprised by the postponement of the International Congress until the situation clarifies. From our point of view the clue at this moment is to delimit clearly the field with the gang of the Zyugonovs' etc. who are now directly or indirectly the firm supporters of the Mafia built by the Russian bourgeoisie. We have to now break away from these swine in order to be able to send these gangs to the dustbin of history together with their friends and godfathers.

We would be prepared to send a delegate to Canada in June in order to attend your conference to plan for Minsk Congress. We have designated our delegate, he is a lawyer who has defended many of our political prisoners here in "democratic" Spain. Please let us know or get in contact with him directly.

Enclosed are copies of our publication" and we shall be sending our articles to NSC as promised.

Again we would like to congratulate you for a very good journal that is monthly explaining the confusion within some of the international communist movements and trying to help in the reorganization of the communist forces in all of the former USSR.

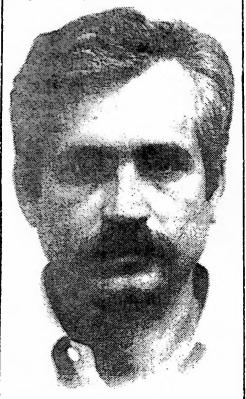
Comradely and fraternal hug.

International Relations Commission Communist Party of Spain (R)

* On the next page we publish a short biography of a Spanish revolutionary hero Francisco Brotons,

FRANCISCO BROTONS BENEYTO

He was born in 1944 where he attended University studies in Engineering. He was a member of the underground, fighting the Fascist Franco regime and in 1979, together with 4 other comrades he escaped the prison after digging a tunnel for almost 9 months in order to again resume the leadership of GRAPO (The First of October Antifascist Resistance Groups) until the moment of his new arrest in September, 1980.



He has participated in more than 20 hunger strikes in order to achieve decent living conditions in the prisons. In February 1990 he suffered a heart attack, escaping from death only by the fact that he was already in hospital under medical control.

Francisco participated in the preparation of the party in 1975. In January of 1977 he assumes the leadership of GRAPO. He was elected as a member of the Political Commission of the CC PCE(r). He has been in 14 prisons, and now he is the Seville-II prison. The truth is that the present Spanish authorities do not forgive his audacity of having broken down all the walls of their dungeons and even less that he did so in order to undertake the reorganization of GRAPO, who were at that time decimated by the police repression.

We have to stop this Fascist revenge! Immediate freedom for Francisco Brotons! Amnesty for all political prisoners!

It is an honor to have Francisco Brotons Beneyto as a member of the Northstar Compass Editorial Board!



Here are some items that are sent out daily via Internet that mostly do not appear in the daily media! It is sent by the Russian Itar-Tass news agency.

*March 26 is the Russian presidential elections. Communist Gennady Zyuganov, the leader of the CPRF said that he is seeking the support of Moscow's powerful mayor Yury Luzhkov and ex prime minister Yevgeny Primakov for his second bid to become the next president. Zyuganov also said: "I am currently holding negotiations with both Primakov and Luzhkov plus regional governors, and aiming to unite the "patriotic forces".

There are 5 announced candidates for the post of president.

1. Vladimir Putin- age 47 and obviously the choice of Yeltsin, the "family" and of the Western powers.

2.Gennady Zyuganov, age 55. son of University professors who received about 40% of all the votes in last election in 1996. He is leader of the block "For Victory".

3.Grigory Yavlinsky, age 47,

former aid to Gorbachev and the author of the "500 day plan" which so devastated the country.

4. Vladimir Zhirinovsky, age 53 a rabid anti-communist who hates everyone on the surface, but behind the scene was and is a supporter of Yeltsin and of the West.

5. Aman Tuleyev who considers himself an outsider.. He is the governor of the Central Siberian Kemerovo region.

COMMENT

Here is Zyuganov, a well publicized (by the West) leader of the "Communist Party of the Russian Federation," wooing the most reactionary Mafiosi figures for an election "United Front!" Meanwhile, he refuses to call for the unity of all the Communist and the left-wing forces in Russia! As the saying goes.. show me now who your friends are and I shall know who you are!

Here are some headings that appear of e-mail

*Kyrghizia has now signed over its gold mining operations to the Australian Mining and British Oxus, forming a consortium to mine the fabulous gold fields in Kyrghyzia. Mines produce over 5.5 metric tons of gold. This is besides other business consortiums that the government has signed with foreign firms. They predict they will produce over 20 metric tons of gold per year.

COMMENT

It's sad that this former Soviet republic, which was poor, illiterate, very underdeveloped, received the help of all other Soviet republics to get on their feet, but now, it's the foreign multinationals that shall reap the profits, not the people of Kyrghyzia.

* The Prosecutors Office in Moldavia seeks to curb any opposition press. *Alexander A. Blokhin (dual Russian and Israeli citizenship) appointed as Minister for Russian Federation Affairs.

*Putin's takeover of Russia will accelerate ongoing cooperation with the London Club, which is another arm of the International Monetary Fund.

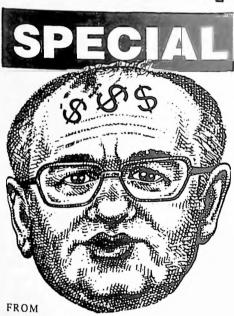
*All former citizens of Soviet Union are a great acquisition for Israel, according to the Israeli government spokesman.

*English was declared the official working language in Russian Siberia) Yakutia, instead of Russian."!

*Chechen hotel tycoon is going to put his name as a candidate for the Russian presidency, and try to declare all of Russia as a Muslim State.

*Poland (under pressure from NATO) has denied a permit to any Chechen representative to visit.

* Estonia is getting prepared to be accepted as a NATO mcmber.



DIALOG NEWSPAPER CZECH REPUBLIC

This is from an interview by newspapers with Gorbachev in Ankara, Turkey where he was a guest at a seminar at the American University. This should dispel any questions of those people who still think that Gorbachev was the best thing since "sliced bread"! "THE AIM OF MY LIFE WAS TO GOMPLETELY LIQUIDATE COMMUNISM!"

"My ambition was to liquidate communism, the dictatorship over all the people. Supporting me and urging me on in this mission was my wife, who was of this opinion long before I was. I knew that I could only do this if I was the leading functionary. In this my wife urged me to climb to the top post. When I actually became acquainted with the West, my mind was made up forever. I decided that I must destroy the whole apparatus of the CPSU and the USSR. Also, I must do this in all of the other socialist countries. My ideal is the path of social democracy. Only this system shall benefit all the people. This quest I decided I must fulfill.

I found friends that had the same thoughts as I in Yakovlev and Shevernadze, they also deserve to be thanked for the break up of the USSR and the defeat of Communism.

World without communism is going to be much better. After year 2000 the world will be much better, because it shall develop and prosper. But there are countries which shall try to struggle against this. China for one. I was in Peking during the time of the protests on Tianamen Square, where I really thought that Communism in China is going to crash. I sternly demanded of the Chinese leadership that I want to speak to the protesters, but they did not allow me to do so. If Communism would fall in China, all the world would be better off, and on the road to peace.

I wanted to save the USSR, but only under social democracy rule. This I could not do. Yeltsin wanted power, he did not know anything about democracy or what I intended to do. We wanted the democratic USSR to have rights and freedom.

When Yeltsin broke up the USSR and at that time I was not in the Kremlin, all the newspaper reporters asked me whether I shall cry? I did not cry, because I really managed to destroy Communism in the USSR, and also in all other European Socialist countries. I did not cry, because I knew that I fulfilled my main aim. that was the defeat of communism in Europe. But you must also know, that communism must be defeated in Asia also. to make the transition quicker to democracy and freedom in the whole world.

The liquidation of the USSR is not beneficial to the USA. since they have now no mighty democratic country (the former USSR) which I wanted to call the Union of Independent Sovereign Republics. I could not accomplish all of this. All the small countries now are thanking the USA for the help. I wanted the USA and the former USSR to be partners without the scourge of Communism, these could hav been the ruling countries of the world. The road towards democracy will be a long one, but it is coming very quickly. The whole world must now defeat the last remnants of communism!"

COMMENT

Not much can be said now to prove that Gorbachev was a traitor - by his own words is he known!. It is just a shame that now there are still some so -called "progressive" people who think that Gorbachev was in all reality a "patriot". The interview of Gorbachev in Turkey should dispel any such illusions!

FEATURE ANALYSES

SERBIAN TRAGEDY

BY REDMOND GUERRERO

The ill-treatment and ouster of Serbs in Kosovo, the land of their forefathers in the presence of the UNO forces, the French journal in an article wrote bitterly in this way...

Why are these churches attacked by the Albanians? Why did they destroy these churches and monasteries? Systematic devastation of the Serbian Orthodox sacred places in the "Serbian Jerusalem", plus the grave aftermath's of NATO bombings across Serbia - these are the main themes of the dossier published by the Paris Weekly "Le Figaro Magazine" on several richly illustrated pages.

Le Figaro calls the Serbians the "martyred nation" and the uncertainties awaiting the millions of Serbia's citizens with the forthcoming winter.

In spite of the 40,000 UN troops there, "the devastation of the Serbian religious symbols by the Albanians is spreading" and these sacred Orthodox places will soon become just a historical memory", warns Le Figaro.

> How long will all the people of the World suffer at the hands of American Imperialism?

By Bill Stapleton

"why are churches as targets? The author states: "By attacking the Orthodox Churches and monasteries - more than 60 were destroyed since the war was over - the Kosovo Albanians have the right target: they are aiming at the very soul of the Serbian nation. If the West (NATO) has never understood the essential ties of the Serbs to this land, (Kosovo) the Albanian-Moslems know for sure what this is all about. For the Serbs, Kosovo is the epicenter of their religion, culture and memory. Why? To the uninformed-to the ones that tend to ignore the irrefutable historical facts, matters could become more clear if they learnt that Serb Orthodox Patriachal for two centuries was in Pec (1557-1758) and Pec is still its honorary residence and also that in Kosovo and Metohija there are over 400 Orthodox places out of which "three quarters are dated from the Middle Ages".

In history annals, the Prizren Mosque, raised upon the ruins of the Church of the Holy Archangel was the undertaking of the Turkish Grand Vizier, an Albanian by origin, Sinmnanb Pasha, the same one who dug up the relics of Saint Sava, the founder of the Serbian Church and the father of the nation, to burn them down on the stake.

During the five centuries of occupation, during which the Serbs were all treated as live-stock", the tragedy of all the wars in which the Serbs were "massacred and also deported." During 50 years of Tito's rule, this tormented nation", although representing a majority of the population of Yugoslavia, was underrated and disfavored. Tito was a "Croat" and did everything possible to weaken the Serbian influence in the Yugoslav Federation. The method by Tito was to weaken the Orthodox Church by systematically favoring the Kosovo and Metohija Moslems - according to Le Figaro.

Here is just one example that illustrates this policy: "between the years of 1945 and 1980 (the year that Tito died), Belgrade allowed the construction of about 700 mosques, opposite to less than 200 of the Orthox Churchesthe author Jean-Loius Turenne wrote.

This author asks whether the Albanian Liberation Army (KLA) will achieve - under the auspices of the United Nations - in what the Turkish Sultan and the Tito's regime failed?

The many articles in Le Figaro by different authors, touch upon the over 180,000 Serbs that were forced out of Kosovo and Metohija by physical violence, intimidation. To be a Serb in Krajina is the same as being Black in a place in USA ruled by the Ku-Klux-Klan.

Twenty years ago there were 40,000 Serbs in Pristina, today there are only 400, living in fear and poverty.

The Serbs are forced to organize their own protection, since the UN forces are somewhat oblivious as to what is happening to them. The KLA is destroying the homes, electricity, water supply and killing the live stock that the Serbs have, besides murdering the Serbs whenever they can. In Pristina nearly 400 were abducted and haven't been heard from since.

How can the Serbs take heart and believe the nice statements by the representatives Javier Solana of NATO and Hashim Thagi of preserving the multiethnic Kosovo and Metohija"?

"Winter is here now and millions of Serbs are facing cold and famine, besides daily murders at the hands of Kosovo Albanians. NATO, according to world experts has devastated the country to a tune of way over thirty billions of dollars.

The article in *Le Figaro* ends with these words:

"The dossier we in France are compiling is also a lesson to the ones still inclined to name a dangerous military adventure and the devastation of a sovereign country, as a very "humanitarian action"?

CRIMES OF ALBANIAN TERRORISTS

Here is just a sample of the crimes that are committed daily, under the eyes of the United Nations force:

*Groups of Albanians went on a rampage in Kosovo Polje and stoned houses, burnt flags, terrorized the remaining Serbs, robbed, promised that anyone speaking Serbian, will be attacked or killed at once. *In Kosovska Mitrovica, about 5,000 Kosovo Albanians attacked a UN convoy, headed by Russian troops. They dragged drivers of the convoy out, beat them up, and set fire to all of the UN trucks. The Russians fired shots into the air.but the Kosovars started to throw molotov cocktails at the trucks and its people. French police, coming to the rescue of the Russian soldiers, were also attacked, and 5 French police were seriously injured.

*Kosovo Polje was the scene of over 40 Serbians killed by the Kosovo Albanians when they

PYRAMIDS TO THE HIGH MEAVENS

The following article explains the battle for control and exploitation of space.

By BRUCE K.GAGNON

threw bombs and started to shoot indiscriminately.

*Zvecan sees no trains running, since the Albanian Kosovars have erected barriers on the tracks.

*Pristina was the place where two British engineers were abducted after they were forced out of a house where they were staying, because a fire bomb was thrown at the building Brits were lucky to have escaped alive.

*Kosovska Mitrovica was the place where the Albanians mortared a Hospital, a Serb part of the town. Extensive damage.

*Gora district saw more than 30,000 Bosnian Muslims being chased out of their homes, some were killed while others had to flee when their homes and farms were torched by the Kosovo Albanians.

*Pristina was the scene of butchery when Kosovo Albanians stormed Serbian homes in the night and butchered with knives the inhabitants demanding that they leave Kosovo province.

This is a sample of terror that the Serbs undergo daily, while the UN and NATO beat their chests that finally peace is at hand and that the NATO-UN had accomplished their often "humanitarian solution" to the Kosovo problem.

There's definitely a need for another "Nuremberg Trial for War Criminals"!

he Persian Gulf War convinced the US military that "space dominance and space control" were necessary. Using its satellite supremacy, the Pentagon pre-targeted Iraq's vital military installations, and hit over 90 percent of its targets within the first few hours. This gave the US the ability to control the entire battlefield. The rest of the war was essentially an opportunity to test new weapons systems

Afterward, Pentagon spokespersons predicted that if other enemies could be prevented from gaining access to military space, the US could dominate any battlefield situation. An urgent call went out for antisatellite weapons that could knock out competitors' eyes and cars. Less than a decade later, the war in Kosovo was used to show the world that the goal has been achieved.

In June 17/99 news release, the US Space Command proclaimed:" Any questions about the role or effectiveness of the use of space for military operations have been answered by NATO's Operation Allied Force." The statement concluded with the determination that "the Space Command's Global Positioning System constellation of 24 satellites is credited with providing navigation and timing support to coordinate the actions of allied aircrews and naval forces operating in the region."

EARLY DEPLOYMENT STRATEGY

The Pentagon is so sure that whoever controls space will control the Earth and beyond that they are are feverishly working to deploy antisatellite weapons (ASATs) that will enable the US to knock out competitors' "eyes in the sky" during any future hostilities. As the Space Command says in its slick Vision 2020 brochure, "Control in space is the ability to assure access to space, freedom of operations within the space medium; and an ability to deny others the use of space it required."

The military early deployment strategy is to put into orbit sophisticated Kinetic Ene. ASAT, which would essentially smash into a rival's satellite. The Space Command hopes to deploy the ASAT within the next five years.

While attending the 36th Space Congress at Cape Canaveral in Florida, I asked a panel of military officers about the status of the ASAT program. One panelist, Col Tom Clark, responded that the issue "politically sensitive," was then went on to say that ultimately the US would "need an event to drive the public to support ASAT deployment. But it will happen. We are now talking, planning, doing research and development. Someone will attack one of our systems."



In the meantime, Clark assured the audience that NASA workers, aerospace industry representatives, and military officers that we already have "defensive" Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) system that was recently approved by US Congress. It's "obvious that dual use is clear," he noted, referring to the fact that lasers in space could be fired either defensively or offensively.

Still, one of the military's problems is providing the massive power needed to project their space-based weapons. In a study commissioned by US Congress, Military Space Forces: The next 50 years, author John Collins notes that "nuclear weapons thus remain the only known long-lived, compact source able to supply the military space forces with electric power." He concludes that nuclear reactors "could meet multimegawat needs of space-based lasers, neutral particle beams, mass drivers, and rail-guns."

SPACE COMMAND VISION FOR 2020

In fact, because of the growing demand for nuclear power in space, the Department of Energy may reopen previously closed production facilities at a string of labs across the US. Between NASA's demand for future nuclear powered space probes and the Space Command's desire for nuclearpowered space weapons, the result could be a return to massive contamination problems in the labs. Over 224 cases of worker contamination were reported at Los Alamos labs in New Mexico from 1993-95 as they prepared the generators for plutonium NASA's Casino space mission. Los Alamos is also developing the rocket to Mars, with nuclear reactors for engines.

The Space Command's Vision for 2020 not only speaks of controlling the Earth and the sky above our planet. It also invisions controlling the vast region beyond as NASA and aerospace corporations move towards mining the Moon, Mars, and other planetary bodies for minerals. Like Queen of Spain, who paid for the Columbus exploration in hopes of greater economic rewards, these forces are lining up to harvest the enormous benefits expected from exploration of the outer reaches.

The Vision for 2020 states, "Due to the importance of commerce and its effects on national security, the US may evolve into the role of guardian of space commerce - similar to the historical example of navies protecting sea commerce."

MASTER OF SPACE

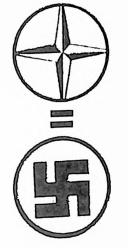
space industry is taking no they're in a camchances, paign called the "Declaration of Space Leadership", a coalition of corporations has had their congression: 1 allies introduce the plan as a US House resolution. Among other things, the "declaration" calls large funding of all the space "defensive" systems and NASA levels that guarantee at "American leadership in the exploration of space."

One organizing tactic is to brainwash young people into a knee jerk support for everything "space". To this end, NASA has launched a program to reach every science teacher in the country. Think of it this way. In 2020, their students will be taxpayers, and the industry hopes that they'll not only believe we should spend whatever it takes to go to Mars, but also that war in space is inevitable.

But everyone is not cheering, however. Russia and China are deeply concerned, both about US circumvention of the IBM and Outer Space Treaties, and US plans to be "Master in Space", as the Space Command uniform patch reads. Both nations have called for the UN Conference on Disarmament to form an adhoc committee devoted to the "prevention of an arms race in outer space." But the US is blocking this initiative.

During the past year, the Global Network Against Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space has expanded its efforts to oppose the US agenda. As the reality of the recent congressional vote on ballistic missile defense sinks in, the need to halt space exploration and warfare becomes increasingly clear. The International Space Station has already cost \$100 billion. Another \$100 billion has been spent on Star Wars so far. Regular launch failures at Cape Canaveral waste billions more, while people are told that there's not enough money to adequately fund health care, childcare, and other important programs.

But in order to build their pyramids to the heavens, the aerospace industry must still convince the public that these schemes are vital, exciting and patriotic. Thus, the time has come for a rigorous international debate about the entire space program.



Bruce Cagnon coordinated the Florida Coalition for Peace & Justice for 15 years, and currently leads the Global Network Against Weapons & Nuclear Power.

COMMENT

This timely, well documented and researched article should open up many minds to the tremendous danger that US imperialism presents to all mankind. Maximum profits by these transnational corporations, tied in to the reactionary US policy is a recipe for untold carnage, suffering and genocide...all in the name of maximum profits!

It is sometimes hard for our Editorial Board and Organizing Committee for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People to comprehend the petty infighting, recriminations, vilification and outright disruptive tactics that are prevalent in the communist and patriotic movements in Soviet Union! Danger is clear! Plans are in place by US imperialism which will not stop invoking Fascism if that will guarantee its goal of world domination! Then, why is there no unity inside the former Soviet Union amongst the patriots against the bourgeoisie? Then why <u>Is</u> there no unity amongst them in the forthcoming elections to the Russian Duma or the upcoming presidential election in March?

On the international scene, the problems are the same. Nearly every party thinks they are so correct, so pure and even more Marxist that Marx himself was!

The above article should sober some people to realize that without the resurrection of the Soviet Union and Socialism the chances of stopping this mad American bully are slim...with all the good intentions by the people.

We are cognisant of the possibility that some parties and movements might cast a dark glance upon Northstar Compass, asking: what right has NSC to make such a statement? We, as patriots of progress, of socialism and being anti-Imperialist and as human beings, have the right to demand that we be allowed to live in peace and with no creeping Fascism on the horizon.

Imperialism certainly has unity amongst their immediate plans to dominate the world, both politically, economically and militarily. If we agree on this...then it only follows as to why we, the anti-Imperialists cannot find a common language and unity?

That is why we're planning the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People. They shall change their present conditions, and thus help the working class of the world. We will be there to help them!

LETTERS

FROM SAN GABRIEL, CA. USA

Dear friends:

Enclosed is a donation towards NSC but I would like to speak my mind about the terrible role of Imperialism and US genocide against the people of Yugoslavia. Today the Soviet people are practically starving and its the fault of those so-called Soviet leaders that allowed the USSR to be dismembered.

The Western organized demonstrations in all of Serbia are meant to overthrow the present leaders and replace them with willing tools of the West

As a person who comes from Yugoslavia, who also knows its history and the struggles against all the fascists during Second World War; as a person who knows the terrible atrocities committed by the Croatians, who worked hand in hand with the Germans and Italians; as person who lost practically his whole family during years of the Partisan war against Fascism...I know who are the friends and who are the enemies...no matter what they call themselves now!

We need Socialism, we need the resurrected Soviet Union and we need Slavic unity in order to help defeat NATO imperialism, together with all the international working class.

Pero Nikov

NSC Editorial Board would like to extend our deepest condolences on the loss of your wife, a dedicated and staunch fighter for peace and socialism..

FROM SEVASTOPOL UKRAINE

After reading a couple of letters to the Editor in past issue of NSC and also hearing about the attack against this excellent and important journal, I would like to make my comment on these accusations.

Accusing NSC as anti-Semitic, which in itself is outrageous, since for all of the 8 years that I read NSC carefully, each issue and, having contributed to NSC many articles from the former Soviet Union...may I suggest the following:

*I would suggest that these misinformed accusers read the works of Karl Marx, called the "Jewish Ouestion". Karl Marx does not attack Jews (himself being Jewish)...hc attacks Zionist ideology vehemently. If these people who attack NSC are really Marxists, the rereading of all of the fifty volumes of Karl Marx is a must in order that they shall open their eyes widely. There is a difference between being Jewish and believing in a Zionist ideology which is extremely reactionary ... and should never be confused with race or nationality.

As an historian-researcher, may I point out to you comrades that I sincerely believe that there shall NOT be presidential elections in Russia in year 2000! During the summer of year 2000 we all are going to live in a different world!. In this regard I'm sending you an article, entitled: "Third World Crisis, Third World War, Third World Revolution". I hope that I might have answered some of the questions. I certainly welcome comments from readers ... after all, debates, discussion is the essence of all Marxists-Leninists...or it should be!

Konstantin Kolontaev Historian-Researcher

FROM QUILL LAKE, SA. CANADA

Enclosed please find a \$100 donation and may I add that NATO's role in Yugoslavia is to overthrow that government. Yugoslavia's is about 1/4 the size of our province of Nova Scotia and on this small piece of land NATO dropped over 20,000 bombs and flew 15,000 sorties. Much more than 5,000 bombs were also carried by our Canadian planes in this genocide!

Let us remember that every evil action creates an equal opposite reaction...that is the basic law of physics.

Take Canada out of NATO before the Third World War Starts!

Peter P.Morozoff

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FROM MAJHOP-AGYRIA RUSSIA

On behalf of the Editorial Board of the newspaper "Bolshevik Kavkaza" I greet you dear Editor with the award of the Stalin Medal. I wish you health, long life, happiness in your family and success in the work of Northstar Compass.

We thank you for the NSC.

We're sending you our newspaper, but because of shortages of finances, it does not publish regularly. It is the organ of the All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks.

B.Dzekhohov Editor

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FROM MIAMI, FL. USA

I do not want to sound pessimistic, but I cannot help to be amazed and also disappointed when I see Russia and the former Soviet Union republics oppressed and exploited, raped, plundered. humiliated, deceived and alsotricked by their own ruling traitorous clique and their foreign masters.

The Soviet people are not yet able to find within themselves a true leader or leaders that shall take them to victory against those who are destroying their homeland, their nations and are also murdering the hopes and the future of their children.

Maybe what they need is a Soviet/Russian "26th of July Movement" (the action that started the Cuban Revolution), maybe this way they shall succeed and the Soviet people will be able to defeat their own. cynicism when they see their own leaders willing to sacrifice themselves if needed for their Motherland and, by trusting these dedicated leaders, their triumph will be unstoppable!

There is no doubt in my mind that the only reason why the Soviet Communists have not been able to create and consolidate unity amongst the communists, is becase theirpresent "leadership" has been badly penetrated by Yeltsin's and foreign imperialist powers and their secret services. Amongst the Soviet communist parties (as analyzed by Northstar Compass) I can see many politicians but no revolutionary leaders. Perhaps something could be learned From Lenin, Stalin, Fidel Castro, Mao, Kim ll Sung and Ho Chi Minh.

J. Pedroso

FROM

DABROWA GORNICA POLAND

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Dear comrades in Canada and readers of NSC:

Communist and revolutionary greetings from Poland and the League of Polish Communists "Proletariat".

We read NSC with great interest and find many interesting articles and information, plus opinions about the situation in Russia, Ukraine and other countries, plus the news of the terrible war in Yugoslavia. Therefore we congratulate you on your clear opinion and correct political stand on these issues. Your work is excellent. Congratulations!

We are rebuilding the Communist Party of Poland after the collapse of "real socialism" and of the Polish Peoples Republic and its Polish United Workers Party in 1989-1990. This collapse resulted in great anti-communism, and the reestablishment of pro-capitalist institutions.

In the spring of 1990, the League of Polish Communists "Proletariat" as the new Communist party was established and we're doing political activity in very, very difficult conditions. Our party has organizational branches all over Poland, but we do have very strong groups in Upper Silesia, Warsaw, Sczczecin, Wroclaw, Kielce and others. We are now preparing for the Fifth Party Congress in spring of year 2000.

We wish you comrades success at NSC and in all of your activities.

Comradely yours Zbigniew Wiktor, Chairman

We wish you comrades success, and we hope that there shall be a strong representation at our Congress in Minsk, Byelorussia in year 2001!

FROM COMMUNIST PARTY OF AUSTRALIA and MARXIST WORKERS' PARTY

Dear Editor: Northstar Compass and the Statement from the Brussels Conference has been responsible for a decided improvement in the relationship between two Communist parties in Melbourne.

Recently, elements of the leadership of the Communist Party of Australia and the Marxist Workers' Party met here in Melbourne and conducted a very healthy discussion on matters of concern and, areas of future enhanced cooperation.

Among other important joint efforts we propose to undertake is the consolidation of "Friends of the Soviet People" organization. We are now immensely pleased that so much information is available in the Northstar Compass to assist us in this important international work.

We shall keep our readers posted on all future developments, which we are confident will continue to be positive.

With fraternal greetings

Ray Berbling Communist Party of Australia Vida Little Marxist Workers' Party

We certainly hope that your example shall be followed by all others, because the progressive movement needs unity during these very critical times. We're glad that NSC is of some service in this respect.

FROM BETHUNE,SASK. CANADA

Enclosed is a donation of \$100 and I look forward to always seeing the next issue. The contents are very timely and informative. I congratulate you on your articles of the real truth on the temporary downfall of the Soviet Union. Keep the information coming!

Mervin Ermel

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FROM LEAGUE OF POLISH COMMUNISTS

Dear comrades:

Proletarian greetings from Poland of the League of Polish Communists "Proletariat".

We thank you for the rich information that is contained in every issue of NSC.

We support your activity and the idea of calling an International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People in year 2001 in Minsk, Byelorussia.

We are ready to participate fully at this very important Congress.

Zbigniew Wiktor Chairman

FROM LIVERPOOL ENGLAND

Dear comrades:

Enclosed is a donation to your Sustaining Fund. I very much look forward to receiving your publication for all information unobtainable elsewhere.

Robert Hale

FROM NEPAL WORKERS & PEASANTS' PARTY NEPAL

Dear comrades:

I would like to thank you comrades for the excellent journal "Northstar Compass" that we receive regularly. We are translating the information that is contained in each issue because of the topical information and valuable articles for our members and readers of our newspaper.

We are very glad to inform you that our publications as The Workers Daily has celebrated its 7 months while The Workers Weekly has been published for 6 years. Our Workers Daily is the first newspaper of the working people of Nepal.

We express our hearty greetings to Northstar Compass, on this the 8th Anniversary of its publication. Enclosed please find the latest issues of our newspapers for your interest.

Sincerely yours Narayan Man Bijuchhen (Rohit) Chairman

Best wishes and success to your daily newspaper! It shall be the organizer of future Socialist Nepal!

FROM MOSCOW RUSSIA

Dear comrades:

We look forward always to receiving your journal which we find very interesting and useful in our work. We shall be sending our materials soon.

With communist greetings Michael Popov Editor in Chief of "Narodnaya Pravda" Workers' and Peasants' Party Ideological Committee, Chairman

FROM TAMIL NADU INDIA

Dear comrades:

Yes, we appreciate NSC and shall subscribe. At this time we are sending our revolutionary greetings to the forthcoming Congress in Europe. In this regard we are translating articles from NSC here to Tamil and making copies from NSC then spreading them amongst Communist symphatizers.

We are comrades who are studying works of Marxism-Leninism. We are learning the positive and also the negative events in order to chart the right course for our future. Although we represent different thoughts, but the real glue that holds us together is the Internationalism that is on the pages of Northstar Compass. There must be proletarian dictatorship and also revolutionary awareness in our work.

We are happy to continue our comradely relations and we do support the forthcoming Congress for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People.

N.Mohan Komar

On behalf of the Communists in Tamil Nadu

FROM GRANVILLE FRANCE

Dear comrades:

NSC comes regularly to me. I am originally from USSR and would like to cooperate with NSC and the International Council. My husband and I were members of the Communist Party of Britain. At the moment I get newspapers from Russia and I keep in touch with the dedicated Bolsheviks there, such as the "Golos Kommunista" and newspaper "Pravda" where some of my letters were published.

I will publicize NSC since it is a wonderful and important work that you comrades are doing.

Yours Oxana Holdsworth

Let us keep our new contacts growing for the resurrection of the Soviet Union.

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FROM CATANIA ITALY

Dear comrades:

Receiving NSC we are translating articles into Italian in order to guarantee ample knowledge to the activists of our local party, Circolo Lenin (Lenin's Circle) in Catania. Enclosed please find our program and activity. We agree with the Call for and International Council and will participate in it. At the moment we're working towards the reconstruction of the Communist Party in Italy.

Comradely yours CIRCOLO LENIN

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FROM PARIS FRANCE

Dear comrades:

Reading your publication regularly and utilizing some articles in our journal "News from USSR". I and my many comrades are in the middle of reforming the Friends of Sovict Union Society and we all shall try to be part of the International Conference in year 2001.

Comradely yours Jacques Lejeune

FROM

JERSEY CITY,NJ USA

Dear friends:

To me and others, NSC is a beacon of light in today's world, given that US Imperialism and their friends are running rough-shod across the world.

Here in my native USA, we are the wealthiest (not for all of course) and the most heavily armed in the world, pushing for oil and other raw resources that can lead to worldwide conflict.

NSC and our readers and

also supporters now in over 68 countries are today very much needed. We must continue to help NSC in donations and expand our work.

Comradely Samuel Weintraub

FROM CHESHIRE UNITED KINGDOM

Dear friends:

In regards to NSC appeal to give a gift subscription to our Soviet friends, I've sent a gift sub for Nina Andreeva of the AUCPB. It is indeed a thrill for me to know that such a dedicated fighter for the resurrection of the USSR is receiving our "Socialist" journal.

I'm happy to also give a gift subscription to another dedicated fighter in the Ukraine, named Galina Savchenko who also writes for NSC.

Fraternal greetings Clifford F. Roe

We hope that other readers shall follow your example, which shall help us also financially to cover the high costs of mailing to the Soviet Union.

FROM LEHIGH ACRES, FL. USA

Dear friends:

You are my best source of truthful news about the horrible disasters afflicting all the people of the former Soviet Union under their new capitalist regime. Here's hoping that NSC will keep on publishing and help us all towards a Second Great October Revolution.

Joffrey Gerber

We shall keep on publishing! Readers must raise \$20,000!

ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW!

Dear Editor:

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Thank you for your excellent publication. While I do not always agree with all of the ideas expressed in it, I do find myself in agreement with the fundamental desire to restore socialism in the former Soviet lands and build a new global movement for socialism and against imperialism. I've come to the conclusion that your articles on Eastern European and former USSR polities are indispensable. Please find inside a check enclosed for a one year's subscription.

I will add my two cents here though and tell you that trying to rehabilitate Stalin is pointless and counter-productive. I say this in friendship. Lenin's Testament is not a figment of the "Trotskyite" imagination it has long been a part of the Collected Works of Lenin as published in the Soviet Union. Surely you don't believe that the publishers of Lenin's Collected Works were "Trotskyite agents? Let's all emphasize the many truly great achievements of socialism, and allow that certain gray area to exist. The alternative is a complete surrender to present American fascism which is unconscionable.

Looking forward to receiving NSC!

Barry Lituchy Brooklyn, NY,USA

We invite readers to express their opinions regarding the above points.



FROM SANTIAGO CHILE

Dear comrades:

Please accept our greetings for your success in the revolutionary work in which you are engaged in.

Our Chilean Communist Party (Proletarian Action) is about to hold its National Congress on which we have been working for a while.

For our Party this is an important event in our history, in our development of the revolutionary struggle for Peoples Democracy and Socialism in Chile, since this will allow us to synthesize the accumulated experiences and then define our next steps that we must follow.

Since we are an integral part of the World Revolutionary and Communist Movements, we have made extensive progress and gained results.

Given the particular circumstances at this time, we are accepting greetings to the Congress and not delegations.

This First Congress is taking place at a particular time of the mounting class struggles in Chile, in which the popular masses are firmly proceeding on the road of economic and particularly political struggles in which the Communists, the Communist Party (Proletarian Action) P.C.(AP) is increasing its presence and its leadership in the movement in a very sustained way.

Forward with Proletarian Internationalism! Long live the First Gongress of the P.C. (AP)!

Political Secretariat Central Committee Chilean Communist Party (Proletarian Action)

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OUR CAMPAIGN IS OFF TO A GOOD START! LET'S KEEP IT GOING AND OVERFULLFIL IT!

Yoar 2000 will be a year of intense straggies and the need for Northstar Compass to keep on being published regularly is a must! We must intensify our work in year 2000 so that our international Congress shall be a success in May of 2001 in Minsk, Byolorussial

