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# AFGHANISTAN...BEFORE AND AFTER...and THE ESCALATING GLOBAL CONFLICT...

As this is written, a conference of Afghani warlords and factions is unfolding under United Nations (!) auspices in Germany. Widely publicized, the stated purposes are to fashion some sort of "broadly based" Government for the war torn country and its devastated people. Hovering near the curios gathering are representatives of US TNC oil monopolies and government, plus the "Imperial" lordships of the British and NATO monopoly driven powers. These talks include representatives of the exiled and ancient feudal monarchy of Afghanistan, apparently much too feeble to totter to the affair. Meantime the US B.52 and B-1 bombing runs continue on the hapless country, offensive and barbaric military actions by something called the "Northern Alliance" backed by President Bush's "merciless bombing" and "on the ground" Marine and "Special Forces" continue. The main "democratic (!!!)" creation to date is death and increased horror stories that flood the Western media of atrocities against Afghan civilians and the former "Taliban" fighters and hapless flood of refugees, seeking escape from US President Bush's bombing expeditions.

To even suspect there is hope that the US conclave of blood drenched warlords et al might advance anything democratic or stabilizing in the interests of Afghan people is to visualize Dracula switching from his blood diet to sipping milk shakes. So whose interests are being served and advanced? It had been already concluded by the psycho-war pundits that some infinitesimally obscure purpose is being served by Bush's "new war" against (dare we use the word?) "TERRORISM" to ensure never again will there be another "asymmetrical" war attack such as that on New York City World Trade Centre towers and the Pentagon on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Supposedly soothed will be

the great American colossus of illusory piety and killing bomb runs, as well as avenging the loss of life on that date. We reject such notions, totally.

These would be error of proportions fit to "dwarf an Alpine mountain"...or Mt. Everest if you so desire...and will certainly bring greater hatred and war onto the global agenda.

Without fear of contradiction, the gathering of the warlord military power

LATEST DEVELOPMENT  
BY US IMPERIALISM

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brokers representing very much less than 50% of the Afghan people has been convened to smokescreen, and hide behind the curtains of the advanced psychological warfare blathering (such as CNN et al) the real war aims of the US-British-NATO monopoly capitalist powers that have unleashed their nauseating war of revenge of the Afghan people without regard whether they are Pashtuns, Uzbeks, Tajiks, Hazaras or other. It is very hard to detect any "humanitarianism" there.

The real war aims of those powers can be summed up in short: the domination, defeat, political and economic control of the resources and people of the Middle, Central and Eastern countries of Asia. And that is hardly a new historical purpose, dating back generations to Afghan forays...military and otherwise. History tells us that control of the

## Bush takes aim at 'rogue states'

US president Bush stated, that the next priority in the war against terrorism was to prevent the spread of nuclear, biological and chemical weapons. "Rogue states, wherever they may be, are surely the source of these weapons, and they must be eliminated!"

"We are going to end their state sponsorship of terror. Every nation must know that we will not tolerate this. These states are warned, they are being watched and these states will be defeated unless they abide by the will to fight terrorism!"

In other news items it seems that Iraq, Somalia, Iran, Libya are on the list of US imperialism as next targets. Former republics of USSR (Uzbekistan, Tadjikistan, Azerbaijan and others) are also to be monitored and "US peacekeepers or British soldiers" will be stationed there.

The war aims of US imperialism should be self evident to everyone and it bodes great danger of creeping fascism to be installed for the countries that US deems "rogue states". At the same time, the creeping loss of freedom and voice in the imperialist state itself is scary and is going to be the law by the build up of hysteria and nationalism.

President Bush and Pentagon have told all Hollywood Studios that they must do films that Pentagon deems patriotic and all scripts for future films must toe the line as demanded by the Pentagon...or else...their films shall not be allowed to be seen on screens of TV.

Afghan territory is the vital key to the far more important and extended mid-Asiatic controls...military, corrupted or other. It is no secret that at the heart of US foreign policy, dating particularly back to 1955, US sponsored CENTO agreement and the 1951 CIA engineered overthrow and resources of the area are their prime target. Mossedegh had dared to nationalize the Iranian oil!!! That is why the veritable war of "terror" has been waged, and is currently being contemplated by the Bush (Jr) oilmen to be extended to Libya, Algeria, Iran, Iraq, Syria,Uzbekistan, Tadjikistan, Turkmenistan et al...all in the name of fighting (may we dare use the word to wipe out "TERRORISM"... which they claim is spawned mainly within the Islamic world!!!

On April 12, 1980, more than twenty years ago, speaking to a European conference of two hundred Parliamentarians

on the Helsinki Accords of 1975 in Helsinki, on behalf of the World Peace Council, I said in part:

*"What is the symbolism of the US National Security Advisor, Zbigniew Brzezinski aiming a rifle across the border of Afghanistan and being pictured world wide, while slaving to pull the trigger? That is the symbol of war, backed by the US decision to place huge naval military forces in the Persian Gulf and illegally installing in the Indian Ocean on Diego Garcia island a nuclear equipped B-52 bombing force with a range capability to reach every country on the Eastern African and Southern Asian perimeter, including China and the USSR..."*

The question then as of today demands an answer..."what 'national security' interest of the USA, other than war making and

*predatory economic and also political aggression could possibly have been at stake?"* Since then the "Bush the Elder President Oilman's 'Desert Storm' war of Iraq has continued, as has the robbery of Palestinian land and aggression on those people by Israel; the CIA emplacement of US appeasing the Pakistani rulers such as El Haq and the current leadership, and a ten year CIA war in conjunction with the hideously feudal Mujahadeen warlords of Afghanistan to overthrow the first government there in 1978 had placed its feet on the path to modern, progressive policies and direction. A Treaty of Friendship and Mutual Assistance had been put into place with the neighboring USSR and its Muslim Republics of Turkmenia, Uzbekistan, Tadjikistan and Kirghizia. Building of Afghan infrastructure, modernizing of educational facilities and



new economic development were the great results under a non-Communist Government, albeit led by a Communist, Taraki. **Most significantly for the first time the legal elimination of feudal and medieval oppression of women was brought into force, and they emerged in the professions and new freedoms.** On a very popular basis they began to discard the ancient oppressive restrictions that were part and parcel of the feudal Afghan way of life. It should be noted...these conditions grew and strengthened under the tottering old monarch now dredged up from exile to become "the focal point" of whatever is cynically projected in the current meeting in Germany. The destruction of the "new freedom" for the Afghan women, in fact became a significant target and point of agreement between the "New War" engineered by Brzezinski, the CIA and



From the Toronto Sun newspaper, Dec. 2/2001

cohorts in 1979. Brzezinski now brags of "baiting the USSR into their Vietnam War". The Mujahadeen (now in the German conclave) agreed that the hideous restrictions on women were to be imposed...as it was by the Pakistan (post-Indira Bhutto) Government and the Taliban feudalists. This more than 50% of the Afghan population were thrust into female slavery and servitude such as the civilized world has not witnessed in centuries. The US government did not even raise a whisper of dissent or opposition. Instead, they sent in their bombers and the most modern weaponry to the feudalist warlords to the tune of billions to help their bloodthirsty feudal friends of the Mujahadeen and the Taliban to re-impose the unbelievable conditions on the Afghan people...first of all on the women.

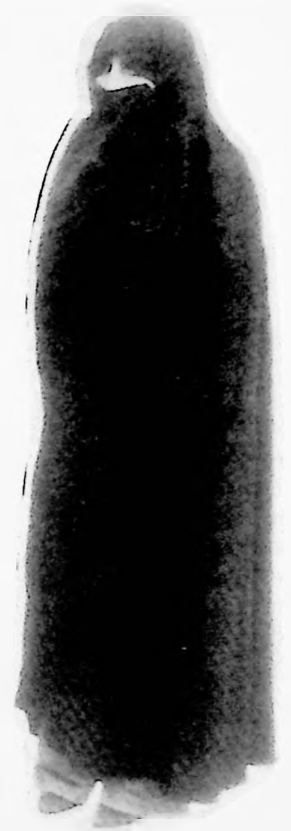
Did the USSR "invade" Afghanistan when they sent troops there in late 1979 under the commitment of mutual aid to the Afghan Government who requested such military assistance? It is extremely unlikely that a single "psychological warfare" media such as the (CNN, BBC, CBC or otherwise) will "inform" their audiences otherwise. The facts of history based even on the loquacious outpourings of "Triggerman" Brzezinski (see previous story in November NSC) are otherwise. The Soviet interest in seeking to uphold a popular, progressive Government in their neighboring Muslim country, beside their own Muslim Republics is clear. Their entry into the ten years attempt at protection of the Afghan Government and people came at a official request of that Government under the terms of the reciprocal Treaty of Friendship and Solidarity. In reality, it should have received UN support opposing the war.

Incidentally the first of these treaties between the Afghans and the Soviets was signed in 1921, but fell upon non-appliance precisely because of mainly British intervention in Afghanistan with corrupted medieval forces of the Mujahadeen...now being entertained in Germany. Their "price" of cooperation will unquestionably come in the form of greater shipments of military hardware in their hands. The US-British-NATO "rewards" will involve a greater confusion and more deadly control of the

*This is how even the capitalist press sees the US glued-together Northern Alliance who are a vicious gang of cutthroats and quarreling amongst themselves for position of power and the money from US imperialism. They are just mercenaries!*

Afghan people and some kind of military occupation and open season on the exploitation of the natural resources and wealth they have been so successful thus far in stealing from the Afghan people. Under such regimes these bloodied and exploited people will have zero control of their destiny...political, economic, cultural or otherwise. That future will be determined in

*This is how it was under the Taliban rule and how it's going to be under the present Alliance, as agreed to by US imperialism.*



the Board rooms of the TNC oil monopolies and their financial backers of the "Westernized" (more correctly... "militarized") Powers. Unless the peoples of that world, particularly the working class and their political and economic organizations rouse themselves in opposition to the oil Barons wars, the "new war on terrorism" will darken in deepest gloom by today's economic and political TNC programs all our lives and the lives of our descendants for generations. Already the seizure on unprecedented powers, in Canada, Great Britain and first of all in the USA to throttle civil, political rights under the heavy smokescreen of "fighting terrorism" is advancing with seven-league strides as the neo-fascist actions of the oil and TNC cabal of Governmental authority deliberately swells their new doctrines of neo-fascist military and political controls.

The degree of lies and duplicity, amounting to a wholesale "hoax" is prevalent on all sides. On at least two occasions it has been reported that offers of

the Taliban and Sudanese to surrender bin Laden, US President Bush's "dead (preferably) or alive" proclaimed target. The offer was rebuffed. Another report in the Toronto Star (Canada), quoting the British "Guardian" newspaper, tells us, that "...FBI agents were told by the Bush Administration to back off investigating of the bin Laden family living in the USA." At the same time,

"The Wall Street Journal" in September of 2001 documented "lucrative business connections between the bin Laden family in the United States and some of the senior US Republicans...including former President Bush (Sr.)."

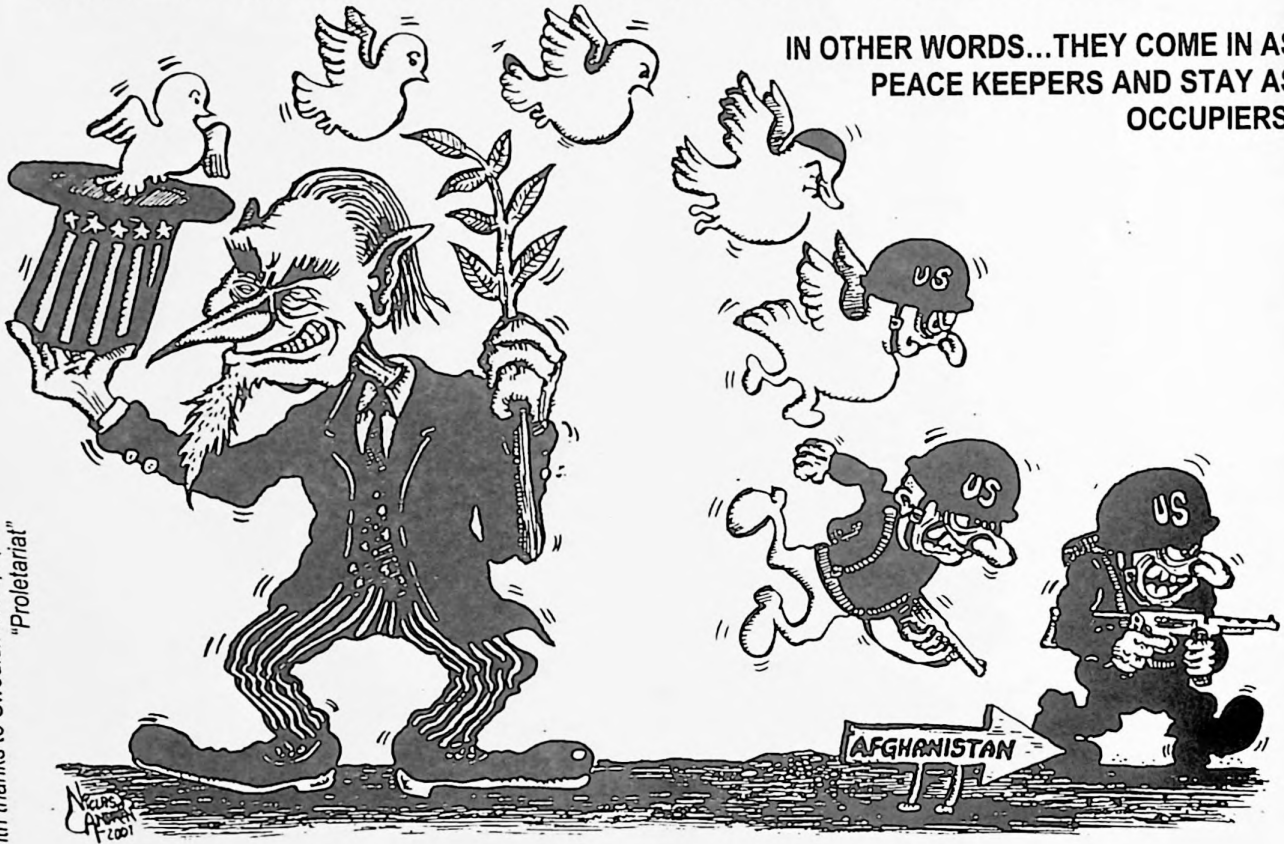
The "Toronto Star" (Canada) writer, Thomas Walkom, raises the question...quite pointedly..." if that is true, no wonder the

Bush Administration prefers bin Laden be killed, rather than to testify in open court..."

The "witches brew" flaming ever upward from blood and the oil smeared leaders of TNC and governmental authority threatens to consume us all unless massive popular mobilization come to be. It is time for precisely that!

# THE AMERICAM HAT TRICK

IN OTHER WORDS...THEY COME IN AS PEACE KEEPERS AND STAY AS OCCUPIERS!



With thanks to Swedish newspaper "Proletariat"

US AND TALIBAN TROOPS OF COURSE FOLLOW THE AIMS OF "THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS " OF WARFARE!



# WORLD CONGRESS DISCUSSION

## 9 RESOLUTIONS THAT WERE ADOPTED BY DELEGATES AT THE WORLD CONGRESS

### RESOLUTION #1

#### **ON THE TERRORIST ATTACKS AND THE PREPARATION OF WAR**

The International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People condemn, without reservation, the September 11<sup>th</sup> attack in New York City. No human, political, economic or other positive nature has been served. We join with the millions, who are mourning in extending our deepest condolences to the bereaved and in extending our salutes to those who have innocently lost their lives.

Ten days following the tragic event, we are deeply aware that the head of US government, President George Bush and his immediate cabinet members and supporters have declared a new war. Massive actions of revenge are announced, and are said to be all directed against "international terrorism". These actions might hit now only Afghanistan and Iraq, but in fact any country or movement that resists the domination of US Imperialism.

For over 50 years, the US has been financing Israel in its aggression against the Palestinian people. When in 1951 the government of Iran nationalized their oil resources, the CIA engineered the coup in Iran to overthrow the Government of Mossadegh. In 1979 the National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski and the CIA intervened to wage undeclared war to overthrow the progressive government in Afghanistan that took power in 1979.

For 50 years, the secret services of the United States have been supporting – as Bin Laden – all fascist, fundamentalist and chauvinist currents, including reactionary Arab regimes, to divide the peoples in order to protect the interests of the US transnational corporations and to fight communism and the national liberation movements. They have been recruiting, arming and training the most fascist and fundamentalist elements of several countries to become high-level terrorists. Osama bin Laden was considered, just a few years back as a "freedom fighter", as helping hand of US-imperialism in their fight against the Soviet Union in Afghanistan. Since then his forces have appeared with and fought with US-interested parties in the NATO-war against Yugoslavia, in Kosovo, Chechnya, Algeria and elsewhere.

The continuing occupation of Saudi Arabia and the war against Iraq, since the end of George Bush Sr. Desert Storm is creating the conditions for, not only devastating the whole region, exploiting its resources, but growing resistance and anger.

For more than 50 years, the US government and the US transnational corporations have been imposing their will on the entire world, destroying local economies, expropriating peasants, overthrowing popular governments and putting in Pinochets, Marcoses and Mobutus in power, people subordinate to the US, who would not hesitate to massacre their own people. By doing so, they have aroused the

hatred and the revolt of all peoples that had become victims.

Today, in the period of the so-called "new world order", imperialist aggressions are in all forms directed against people defending their national interests and independence, or are fighting for liberation. Therefore US imperialism is actively involved in the naked Zionist aggression of the State of Israel against the Palestinian people, is preparing open military intervention in Colombia and financing the full genocide, against the population in the East of Democratic Congo, planning to install a puppet regime in Kinshasa. In the Philippines, US imperialism is actively involved in the "low-intensity warfare" against the popular uprising of the Philippine people.

Another element of this so-called "new world order", heated up by the recent terrorist attack, are the growing danger of racism, fascization and liquidation of democratic and social rights.

Furthermore, there is a danger of as nuclear war, because US imperialism might use all of the means in defending their dominance. As long as the Soviet Union existed, no nuclear could be launched by the US, since the Soviet Union acted as a peace factor on a global scale. Therefore, the struggle for the rebuilding of the Soviet Union is also an inherent part of the struggle for peace.

The International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People appeals to all peace-loving forces of the world to organize large-scale actions of protests and resistance against the preparation of war by UD imperialism, in defending democratic rights and assisting the justified liberation struggle of the peoples.

### RESOLUTION #2

#### **FREE THE POLITICAL PRISONERS- FIGHTING FOR SOCIALISM**

After the dissolution of the Soviet Union and the formation of the bourgeois nationalist states on the territory of the Union States, a new wave of unlimited repression by these regimes against their citizens begun. The victims are citizens who fought German fascism and other kinds of world fascism during the Second World War to defend the socialist state of the Soviet Union, namely Vasili Kononov, Michael Farbtukh and other Revolutionaries, who wage a political fight against the bourgeois regimes for the restoration of socialism are also being criminalized.

Police also harass those who organize pickets in support of these comrades.

Amongst these, repressed for their political activity within the last two years are Nadezhda Raks, Tatiana Sokolova, Andrei Sokolov, Latrissa Romanova, Alexander Brukov, Alexander Danilov and M. Burokaievichus, plus V. Bulacov and others.

These people have been falsely accused of being involved in terrorist activities. Cases were forged against them, where police officers allegedly found guns, weapons and explosives in their possession.

All of them have consistently been denying all these false charges against them, since they are against individual terror. In prison their rights are brutally violated. Raks saw her lawyer only two months after her arrest, Romanova had a baby of only seven months that is locked up together with her, often they are not allowed to send letters, or they do not receive the proper medication. Sokolov was beaten on many occasions by the officers who arrested him, as well as by prison officials. We demand that these violations be stopped.

There is an attempt to deal with the fighters against German fascism and its servants, whilst at the same time they attempt to rehabilitate local fascists who have been committing murders against peaceful population during the Second World War. The powers have been trying to scare the fighters against the bourgeois regimes, thereby making themselves look innocent in their annihilation of their own people. This is connected with the triumph of the bourgeois-criminal system in all of the former republics of the USSR.

The International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People supports the "Committee to Defend Political Prisoners Fighting for Socialism", which is fulfilling its sacred duty of defending those innocent people, who are criminalized and also persecuted.

We denounce the attempts to portray the war time hero's and partisans, and the fighters against the bourgeois regimes as criminals. We demand the heads of states, governments, the supreme courts in Latvia, Russia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan and other former republics, to stop immediately their witch-hunt and liberate these prisoners and accused. It is imperative that they are rehabilitated and that in the future we'll see no similar actions taken against other fighters against fascism or against the bourgeois regimes.

The International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People supports also the cause of all other progressive, democratic and revolutionary political prisoners, all over the world, in the jails of

fascism and imperialism. We support the resistance, which is still going on in Turkish prisons, and condemn the dictatorship in Turkey, that implements the F-cell type of prison, that aims maximum isolation. We denounce the brutal violation of human rights of the secretary and members of the Spanish PCE(r), that have been arrested and unjustly isolated in prison cells in France. We condemn firmly the kidnapping of the former president of the Socialist Republic of Yugoslavia, Slobodan Milosevich, and the creation of a so-called International Court in The Hague, which is a flagrant contradiction with the Charter of the United Nations. Ana Lucia Gelabert, a progressive Cuban American, political prisoner, has already served seventeen years in Texas, longer than even the hardened criminal.

We demand immediate and unconditional freedom for all democratic, progressive and revolutionary prisoners.

*Send letters to the prisoners and a copy to the committee address:*

*"Committee to Defend Political Prisoners Fighting for Socialism"*

*125167 Moscow*

*Ul. Planetnaya, dom 26, corpus 3, kv., 70 Russia.*

#### RESOLUTION # 3

#### **RESOLUTION ON THE AGITATION WORK AMONGST THE YOUTH**

The role of young communists always has been vital in all stages of socialist revolution.

There is no wonder that the traitors and revisionists have paid much attention to corrupting and destroying the All Union Leninist Communist Youth League, as well as the CPSU. Unfortunately, despite tremendous efforts of the Soviet Communist parties, as well as structured youth organization has not been reestablished yet. This World Congress affirms that it is necessary to rebuild a re-born Young Communist League and wishes success to all enthusiasts in accomplishing this task.

If a united Communist League is built across the Soviet Union, it will be an example to the whole Communist movement and thus will expedite a resurrection of the USSR.

#### **RESOLUTION ON THE SOVIET VETERANS OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR**

Ever since the victory of the Soviet people and its allies in 1945, the veterans of

the Great Motherland war have been playing an extremely important role in bringing up the new generations of Soviet people, their stories are invaluable to keep up the memories of the courage of Soviet people, when they fought for socialism, for the homeland and for Stalin.

The bourgeois power has done everything it could to isolate the youth from the veterans. Veterans are subjected to humiliation, poverty and extermination, every day the number of them falls off by about 200. This World Congress condemns this process of accelerated extermination of the veterans, conducted by the anti-popular murderous regimes of Yeltsin and Putin. We call upon the Soviet people, who are involved in bringing up the new generation and who care about their history, to relate their ideological activity and educational work to these living examples of heroism by these fighters who liberated humanity from fascist terror.

#### RESOLUTION #4

#### **HANDS OFF THE UNDIVIDABLE SOVEREIGN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO**

Since three years the Democratic Republic of Congo, is now in danger to be wholly dismembered, under the pressure of imperialism, against the will of the Congolese people, who resist against the aggressive war that was started on August 2, 1998.

We know that in spite of the resolutions of the United Nations, that demanded the withdrawal from the Congolese territory of the aggression troops from Rwanda, Uganda and Burundi, and in spite of the Charter of the United Nations and the Organization of the African Unity concerning the respect of sovereignty of states and inviolability of the national frontiers, aiming at imposing the factual division of the country, against the will of the people, where the number of victims is estimated at more than 3,000,000.

The International Council denounces the will of imperialism to destabilize the Democratic Republic of Congo and the whole of Africa, and demands that the Congolese people can determine freely their destiny, enjoy full sovereignty and respect for its rights and liberties, that are granted for all peoples of the world.

**DID YOU DONATE TO SUSTAINING FUND?**



## RESOLUTION # 5

### **SOLIDARITY WITH THE PALESTINIAN AND IRAQI PEOPLE**

The International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People expresses its warmest, revolutionary and internationalist solidarity and support for the just, heroic struggle of the Palestinian people against the criminal ongoing Zionist onslaught by the State of Israel, fully supported by US imperialism. We continue to support the just demands of the Palestinian people for the in all of the occupied Arab-Palestinian territories with Jerusalem as its capital! We are also calling on all progressive, democratic and peace-loving people to intensify their solidarity with the struggling Palestinian people.

We furthermore strongly demand the immediate and unconditional lifting of all embargoes against Iraq and the Iraqi people. We support the Communist Party of Iraq. We call on all peace-loving people to launch massive actions of solidarity with the

***Americans are protesting against US Imperialism in all major cities!***

Iraqi people against the ongoing imperialist Zionist war against the Iraqi people. It is the right of only the Iraqi people to decide about the regime and government of their country.

## RESOLUTION #6

### **SOLIDARITY WITH THE COLOMBIAN PEOPLE AGAINST THE PREPARED AGGRESSION**

The undersigned entities, participating in the World Congress aiming at the creation of an International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People, manifest their support and solidarity with the Colombian people and especially to the Colombian Communist Party and to Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia - FARC, repudiating the "Colombian Plan" currently being carried out on the initiative and under the control of agents of US imperialism against the country.

*Marchers are carrying coffins symbolizing Latin Americans killed by US trained militaries Ft. Benning, USA. Over 10,000 marched here. Thanks to Workers World newspaper*

## RESOLUTION # 7

### **SOLIDARITY WITH THE SPANISH POLITICAL PRISONERS IN FRANCE**

The participants of the First World Congress for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People, having been informed of the detention in Paris, France on November 9, 2000, of Manuel Perez Martinez, General Secretary of the Communist Party of Spain (reconstituted) and other communist militants and the Spanish anti-fascists, demonstrate our most energetic rejection towards the French Government, and demand their immediate freedom. We denounce the conditions in which they find themselves in the French prisons, the seizure of all their correspondence, the lack of medical assistance and the detention of some of their family members who have tried to visit them.

Manuel Perez and the other Spanish comrades were in Paris organizing the revolutionary struggle for the Spanish workers and other popular sectors against the criminal fascist government in Spain, therefore the attitude of the French



government shows its open collaboration and complicity, which takes from the Communists their most elementary rights.

Therefore we express our protest and we reiterate our demand that Manuel Perez and other Spanish Communists and anti-fascists be freed immediately without any type of charges against them.

#### RESOLUTION # 8

#### SOLIDARITY WITH THE POLITICAL PRISONERS IN TURKEY

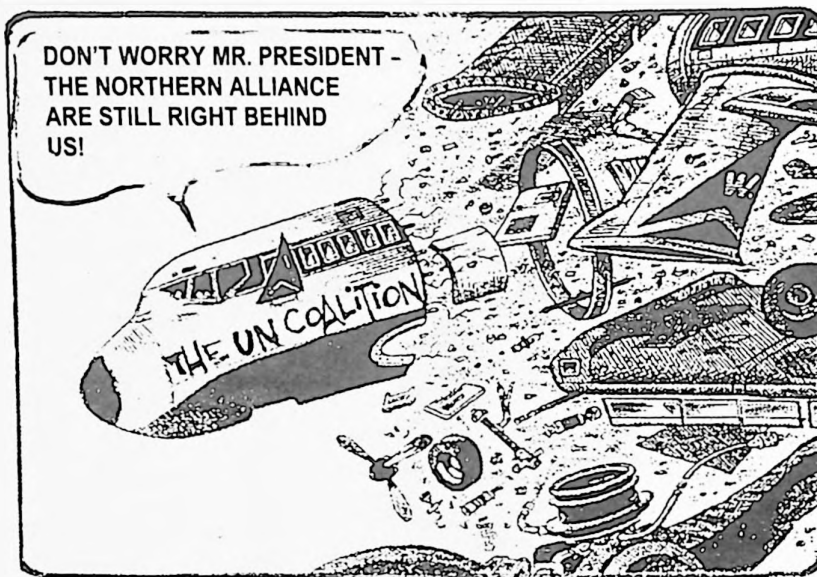
The existing communist organizations, individuals, youth and women, as well as all means of communications by all of the participants attending the World Congress, whose signatures appear below, having been informed about the massacre committed by the Turkish Army on December 29, 2000 in the assault on the prisons in which were communists and revolutionaries on hunger strike, conscious of the seriousness of the attempt to shut off these comrades into new extermination prisons called "Type F", under conditions on full isolation, express our most energetic condemnation of the plans of the Turkish fascist oligarchy towards our imprisoned comrades. We further denounce the killing of 65 of them in the hunger strike, which is continuing both inside and outside the prison, and the criminal complicity of the imperialist powers, which have financed with many millions of dollars the Turkish fascist criminal oligarchy.

We would also like to send our most sincere condolences to the families of the 65 comrades killed in the hunger strike, as well as to various communist organizations of which they were members, as they constitute for us an example of struggle and revolutionary heroism.

#### RESOLUTION # 9

#### FOR UNITY AGAINST IMPERIALIST PREPARATIONS FOR INTERFERENCE AND WAR IN THE BALKANS, MIDDLE EAST, CAUCASUS AND THE CASPIAN SEA BASIN AREAS

Today the densest developments of imperialist contradictions are in the Balkans, the Middle East, the Caucasus and the Caspian Basin area. Rivalry of all of the imperialist countries in these areas are much more severe and extensive than rivalry in other areas. Imperialist rivalry in this region is of concern for the working class and all toilers in this region. Local unification of all the revolutionaries, anti-imperialists, communists and anti-fascists in this region must aim at imperialist rivalry in this area and this unification must be widened gradually to encompass the widest unity of forces to fight this danger. ■



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## SPECIAL

### FROM THE DPRK FRIENDS

Dear comrades:

We thank you for the information about the creation of the International Council for

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Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People.

The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics is the heart of the communist revolution and a land of inspiration for all the countries that desire progress for mankind.

Today, in Pyongyang, DPRK, in the Kim Il Sung Square, there are big portraits of Karl Mark and V.I. Lenin, which are admired by the Korean people who will never forget these leaders and the USSR which gave the inspiration for freedom.

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea won't allow the poison of revisionism to influence its policy and will firmly defend the pure socialism until the last blood drop.

The Great Leader Kim Il Sung started his revolution inspired by the Communist Manifesto and the life of V.I. Lenin. In old Manchukuo (Manchuria), in 1924 when he was 12 years old, he already was talking to his friends and started to have plans for a revolution, for a worker's Korea.

Like in the great Soviet Union, Kim Il Sung learned how to unite nationalists, socialists and religious organizations of all kind in order to bring forward the struggle against imperialism and the liberation of the country.

Following this tradition, we are certain that the mission of the International Council will be successful and the USSR will be again the great socialist power that it was before the temporary destruction of the Soviet Union.

The bullet-proof train that was given by J. V. Stalin to our Great Leader is as strong as the friendship and solidarity between the citizens of the DPRK and the Soviet people.

With my best congratulations and good wishes in your struggles.

Alejandro Cao de Benos de Les y Perez  
President  
Korean Friendship Association ■

## NEWS FROM THE SOVIET UNION

### NEED SUPPORT FOR LATVIAN INTERNATIONALISTS

We call upon the proletariat of all the countries of the world, communists and especially the revolutionary youth, on all progressive forces to provide moral support to the Latvian internationalists and put pressure on the government of Latvia in order to free from jail Alina Lebedeva, a school girl who has been arrested by the authorities for political reasons. The 15 year- old Alina Lebedeva is facing up to 15 years in jail for the accusation of terrorism. Alina Lebedeva, an anti-NATO activist, tried to throw a bunch of flowers in the face of Charles of Britain, who was in Latvia on an

official visit. This is how the treacherous bourgeoisie in Latvia deals with activists who struggle against international terrorism, led by NATO.

Latvian internationalists are struggling against the integration of Latvia into NATO, under the conditions of rigorous fascist terror inflicted by the dictatorship of the local bourgeoisie. The Latvian bourgeoisie is inflicting on the working masses and the progressive forces of that country a campaign of raging terror. This is done with the support of the Russian and Western bourgeoisie.

It is our duty to support the Latvian proletariat and progressive forces of this small country in their struggle against capitalism. We ask you to distribute the text of this call in order to expose the infamous arrest of this school girl Alina Lebedeva, using all available progressive channels at

your disposal.

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*Fifteen year old Alina Lebedeva*



### AS I SEE IT FROM EUROPE

BY  
JERRY MORSE

### MORE CHILDREN IN POVERTY IN EX SOCIALIST COUNTRIES

GENEVA: Nearly 18 million children are living in poverty in Eastern Europe and former Soviet Union after 10 years of capitalism.

The huge majority of these children – 1'6,000,000 live in former USSR, UNICEF wrote in a 192- page report, "A Decade of Transition". In Moldova and Tadjikistan, almost three-quarters of children live on less than \$2.15 per day – a World Bank yardstick for poverty.

UNICEF stated that poverty increased extensively since these countries left socialism in 1989.

The study showed that one child in three is malnourished in Albania, Uzbekistan and Tadjikistan. Less than half of the 15-18-year olds attend school in Central Asian countries.

Cases of HIV/AIDS have skyrocketed in Russia and Ukraine, and there has been a huge increase in tuberculosis.

The increase in the mortality rate, especially for adult men, has resulted in 3.2

million deaths that would not have occurred if rates had stayed at the 1989 level, UNICEF admitted.

The agency also reported that the total number of children in the 27 countries studied-108 million- is about 13 percent down since 1989 due to the sharp drop in births. Marriage rates also fell down and the proportion of children born out of wedlock had doubled to 22 percent.

### HEAD OF RUSSIA'S BANK WALKS OUT OF THE RUSSIAN DUMA

This appointee by Mr. Put-in, Victor Geraschenko didn't like what the Duma was discussing and suggesting. After all, you cannot just question the shenanigans of the Director of the Russian Bank! Where is this democracy, he asked?

Geraschenko, hates Harry Potter, because some of its money-making proposed methods are floating around the Russian Duma. Witches are running around up and down the aisles, sets all of a sudden switch to face the back wall, or turn around by sets of two, and other permutations and combinations where groups of deputies are facing each other for several minutes, then become parts of seated combination as Duma members jostle from one party to another. His banking committee had the permutations of 3 presidential appointees, 3 governmental appointees and 5 Duma appointees.!!!?

This formula was suggested by Mr. Blair to the British publisher who published the

Harry Potter books, who then referred it to the IMF, and thence to the Finance Department of Hidden Accounts, Swiss Bank Dark Glasses Mathematicians.

In the DUMA Mr. Geraschenko shouted "ABRACADABRA" (of course in Ukrainian and Lvov accent) and walked out of the Duma.

At that very moment, all of these permutations and combinations of FREE MARKET SENSIBILITIES, turned in their chairs, facing the lunchroom, where traditional Russian dilemmas were being served.

Meanwhile, American financial experts rushed to Wall Street and have issued an ultimatum where limits to Bank's power and independence must not therewith be tempered. Also, the suggestion was made to change the word Potter to "POT", and keep them filled! ■

### DID YOU KNOW?

ON THE 10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
COLLAPSE OF THE USSR, SOME  
RUSSIAN PARLIAMENTARIANS  
EXPRESSED THEIR REGRET AT  
WHAT HAPPENED!

According to the poll taken by the Romir Institute and quoted by TASS news service, 72% of Russians now mourn the collapse and dismemberment of the Soviet Union. If that's the case...why is there no UNITY among all the Communist Parties?

FELIX  
GORELIK



## THE BANDIT ST. PETERSBURG

Art and culture is just like a mirror, it reflects reality whether it's a bourgeois culture or socialist culture. This, what has transpired after the dismemberment of the Soviet Union, a mighty country not too long ago, you can judge the situation by the films that are made or that are shown on the movie or TV screens. These films reflect the present state of culture.

The real life in Russia and in other so-called "independent" states of former USSR are hidden from the world public by a thick fog. The statement by Putin - Yeltsin's "anointed" and his helpers whose hands are in the trough about "democracy", and that he brought Russian into the "civilized world", "humanistic ideals", "freedom". But what is factually hidden is that these words are nothing but plain foul air and nothing else. All these words are completely different and absolutely have nothing in common with what is really shown on TV screens or on movie screens.

Aside from the imported American TV serials on the theme that "The rich also cry", the Russian TV screens show new Russian serials, called "Destructive Might", "Streets of broke Lanterns", "Bandits of St. Petersburg" You can say that these films are the daily encyclopedia of today's everyday life in Russia. Who came out on top after the dismemberment of USSR and the CPSU. In whose hands are the peoples riches? What are the real "rights of man"? This can be seen as a biography of former CPSU- Central Committee member and the mayor of St. Petersburg (*Leningrad*) Mr. Sobchak - the teacher of Mr. Putin. Here are just some examples.

There are violent and clever robberies, killings, manipulation of votes, grabbing people's property, amassing illegal fortune, contacts and cooperation with the Mafiosi elements and other ills of capitalism and ill-gotten gains. The actors portray these episodes and it is presented as fiction. But... in reality, even though the actors and directors try to hide the facts that these are

really the daily happenings and outright robbery...the "actual and very real criminal revolution"... most people know that these episodes are real daily life that they are experiencing.

Very cleverly this is presented as fiction entertainment and the end always shows that these elements are arrested and the truth of present day government of Putin again is presented as the "White Knight charging to fight crime and evil."

According to the government itself, they published these facts that there are more than 600,000 bandits in Russia, which could be formed into 4 divisions. These bandits are composed mostly of former sportsmen, former soldiers, those who fought in Afghanistan and are now unemployed and also forgotten, Chechen veterans, former officers of the KGB and militia members. They are now being replaced by the unemployed youth. That is why crime is on the rise and growing by leaps and bounds.

Why is this happening? Because, instead of collective thinking and building of the state or Soviet patriotism, there came along a cult of individualism and get rich at someone's expense or life. The aims and driving force is the question of getting rich before someone else does. Private enterprise as opposed to people' collective undertakings is what is demanded.

Banditism is the shortest road of getting rich! The criminality arises from the policy of the state and the market economy of "Yeltsin and Gaidar", Putin-Greff, that left the working people on the brink of disaster.

Is this not banditism by the state when they took the property of the people and sold it to foreign corporations or privatized it and took it into their own hands?

Bourgeois propaganda tells us daily that we should not worry about these bandits at all. The criminal elements is being replaced by younger people, the children and grandchildren will go into foreign lands and will become "civilized businessmen" and then return back to Russia.

What bitter truth is hidden behind these TV and film production films? They tell us that they are changing the totalitarianism into democracy, that they help to guaranteed the "rights of man".

The only way to end with this "civilized method" is to end it completely and reestablish socialism and resurrect the Soviet Union!

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## GEORGIA

*Due the fact that the 4 member Georgian delegation was not able to obtain Canadian visas, they were not present at the World Congress. Only now have we managed to receive their report that they were to make at the Congress. Below we publish this report.*

"Dear delegates and Guests of the Congress:

Perhaps I could begin by saying that at this significant international event, our delegation represents the People's Patriotic Union of Georgia, which was established in September of 1998 on the initiative of the United Communist Party of Georgia (UCPG). Its chairman is a retired Major-General Panteleimon I. Georgadze. Its vice-chairman is Avtandil G. Maruashvili. A co-founder of the PPU of Georgia is the Georgian Association of Friendship with People (a public organization) that signed the Call for the establishment of the International Council. The other principal constituent members of the Union are: The Soviets of the Working People (a public and political organization), the Union of Soviet Officers of Georgia and the Young Communist League of Georgia, named after J.V. Stalin.

The establishment of the Patriotic Union of Georgia was caused by an urgent necessity of the beginning of, so to say, an offensive by all the left forces in opposition against the ruling bourgeois regime in Georgia, and that in its turn was caused by the factually existing danger of total destruction of Georgia, a country of the centuries-old history and culture.

Under complete independence as a member of the USSR, Soviet Georgia achieved great success in all spheres of socialist construction. It was a mighty state with a highly developed economy, with globally recognized science, art, culture, sports and with fine customs and traditions, inimitable in its beauty, a country with a natural and manpower resources does not need any advertisement.

Eleven years have passed since Georgia

stopped its membership in the USSR. What are the actual results of the annihilation of Soviet power in Georgia and of the establishment of the bourgeois regime in this state? The "independent" country entered into the XXI century and into the third millennium amidst an unprecedented national crisis. Owing to the fratricidal war unleashed by the central national-separation power of Georgia in South Ossetia in 1991 and in Abkhazia in 1993, our country lost its own territorial integrity. South-Ossetian Autonomous Region and the Abkhazia Autonomous Republic left Georgia de facto. In fact other territories and regions of Georgia are not under the jurisdiction of the central power. The economy of the country is in decay. The production of the national industry is only 8%. Factories and industries, which cost millions of rubles have been destroyed, some of them are being dismantled and sold as scrap metal. Rich agricultural State and Collective farms have also been destroyed and all of the farming machinery has disappeared. Manual labour and a wooden plough have come into use again. And, according to the official data of 1989 (before Georgia stopped its membership in the USSR) in 777 Collective Farms and 627 State Farms there were 24,000 tractors and also 2035 grain harvester combines. In 1164 offices of saving banks the citizens had 3 million 211 thousand deposits, which amounted to 7 billion rubles. At the same time, medical services and education were free. By now all of the citizens savings-deposits have been plundered, education and medical services are on a paying basis and are inaccessible for more than 80% of the population. 300 hospitals out of 421 have stopped performing their function long time ago.

At present, the financial position of the absolute majority of the population of Georgia is miserable. Over 85% are in the poverty level living condition. The number of Georgian population of 15,400,000 and the territory of the country decreased by over 169,500 kilometers and the population decreased by over one third!

Homelessness, hungry elder people growing weak, unsettled refugees living in inhuman conditions, corruption of morals of youth, morally declining nation, violation of rights and liberties of man, people absolutely unprotected from the tyranny of corrupted officials, thieves, gangsters, who steal not only material values, but also people, debt's of the country to its bosses like the IMF, people dying off, a completely economy, difficult condition of science, education, culture, deep spiritual

crisis – those are the results of the so-called reforms, of a brutal, experiment of abrupt transition from a Socialist State system to a capitalist one.

Those are for Georgia the most painful effects of the dismemberment of the Soviet Union. A never ending list of unprecedented disasters which followed the barbarous disintegration of the USSR would be continued. But it is very painful to speak about that because beyond each given fact there are awful human tragedies broken fates and deep inconsolable grief of innocent people. This all can be defined more exactly by one word – genocide. During over a three-millennium history of Georgia, nobody has done so much harm to this country, to its people and nation as has been done to them by the present regime.

Correct, complex and objective analysis of the disastrous situation in Georgia called forth the unification of sensible citizens of the country in the People's Patriotic Union and defining as its priority program objectives as the resurrection of the renewed Soviet Union, the defense of interests of the unfortunate and exploited working people, the struggle under the present legislation against the present anti-popular regime in Georgia and, finally the change of the economic and social course, the establishment of the sovereignty of the people, who will eventually take under their control the whole government and the restoration of socialism of the Soviet style.

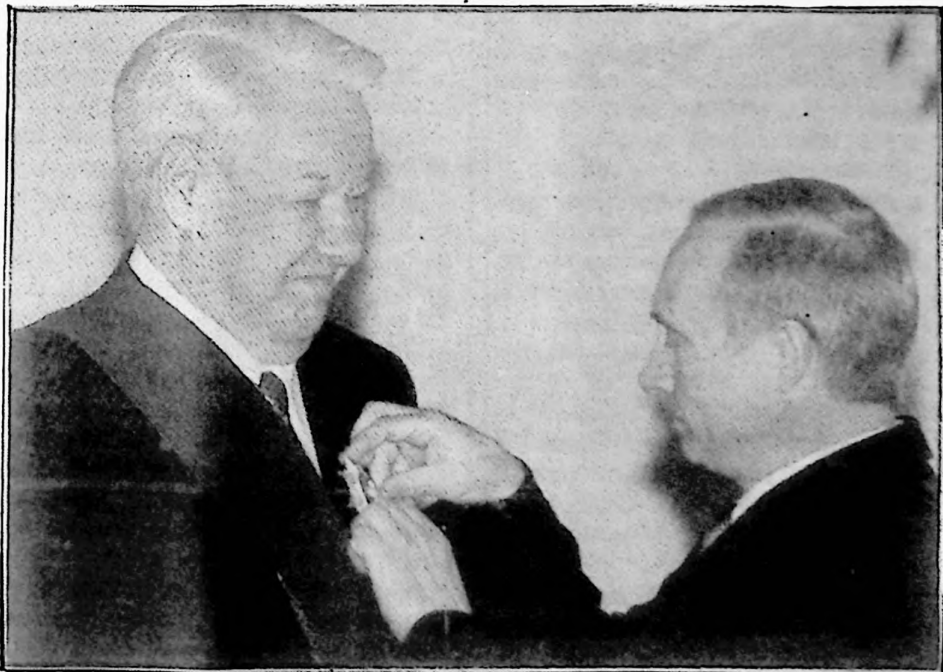
A strong kernel of the PPUG is the UCPG. It is these Communists that broad section of patriots of the country joined. As our delegation here consists of that broad section of two members of that party, I cannot but say a few words about their activities.

The United Communist Party of Georgia was established in June of 1994. It is the only recognized successor to the Communist Party of Soviet Georgia. P.I.Georgadze is the First Secretary of the CC UCPG. The Deputy to the First Secretary is A.G.Marushvili.

The central published organ of the UCPG is the newspaper "Communist". During election campaigns, in formational bulletins, leaflets, special issues of the newspaper are published. Over 20 newspapers regionally of the UCPG are published.

The UCPG has 1217 local party organizations, 68 town party committees and also regional party committees as well as one very large regional committee; congresses are held where the current work is analyzed and new decisions are taken. There are also held many peaceful demonstrations of the working people as well as numerous actions of protests, marches, manifestations, constant pickets, meetings with the representatives of the fraternal Communist parties, of the left public and Komsomol organizations of the former USSR. A number of events held by

*FROM A PRESIDENT TO A PRESIDENT: President Putin gives the top State Medal to Yeltsin for "dedication to the Russian State"! Yeltsin the traitor-butcher-embezzler is forgiven his crimes in exchange for Putin to get put-in power! Both weren't elected by the people. Both dismembered their country and sold out to US imperialism!*



the UCPH and the PPUG were dealt with by me in previous issues of NSC. The UCPG should be given the credit of holding regional and All-Georgian congresses of the people of Georgia, where Appeals addressed to President Shevermadze to dissolve Parliament and also to have the President resign himself. A business trip of a delegation of the so-called People's Diplomacy to Moscow to meet the authorities of the Russian Republic in autumn of 2000 as well as events held to support freedom-loving nations of Iraq and Serbia are also worth mentioning.

Taking into account the difficult social conditions and the tough conditions created for the activities of the PPU, each event entailed strong moral overstrain, both for the organizers and participants of these events. It might be enough to mention the event of last March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2001, when the Anniversary of the All-Union Referendum of 1991 on the matter of the preservation of the USSR, our march of supporters was broken up on the orders of the chief of police in Tbilisi. The result was that 27 people were seriously injured, among them a veteran of the Great Patriotic War, a retired Soviet Major-General P.I. Geogardze.

It is indisputable now that the PPUG is going on the correct path. The proof of it is the fact that only during the past year, 24 political parties and public organizations of Georgia, which support the Union's strategic goals, joined it. Another proof is the fact that owing to the urgent demands of the PPUH the planned measure by the government to give NATO military bases in Georgia were suspended. The PPUG also managed to urge the Georgian government to change, though only for some period, its policy in this sphere.

A Statement made by the delegates of the Extraordinary Congress of the People's Patriotic Union on August 4, 2001 is important by its content. It says:

"Having thoroughly analyzed once again the social, economic, moral and political situation in Georgia, the delegates declare with all responsibility that it is impossible to bear any longer the ongoing genocide of the people organized by the present Georgian leadership."

The delegates defined as sadism a statement made by the present powers at whose feet lies the disemboweled and impoverished country of Georgia, stating that Georgia is a happy nation since having become "independent."

The present Georgian parliament is composed of the loudest babblers, hooligans who like fighting, demagogues

and tipsy populist windbags.

The so-called Georgian government does not rule Georgia and cannot rule over it, and it is totally corrupted; it is busy with plundering its own people and with personal insatiable enrichment. The government has proved that they neither want or can defend the citizens and guarantee them the right to life and minimum conditions for safe existence. Moreover, they deliberately create conditions for unleashing a Civil War, thus creating hotbeds of tensions and armed conflicts.

The present leadership of Georgia acts against the interests of Georgian people. For the last ten-year period, it has kept none of its pre-election promise's, it continuously breaks the basic propositions of the present Georgian Constitution.

In order to stop the genocide of the people, organized by the present leadership of Georgia, to defend human rights and liberties from the tyranny of the corrupted criminal officials and their criminal connivance, the PPUG calls upon the citizens of Georgia to begin to exercise their rights! The Union calls for self-defense by all the available means, including the establishment of defense detachments formed by volunteers.

Besides intensive activities in the UCP-CPSU, the UCPG established closer relations with 86 Communist Parties in foreign countries and enjoys deserved authority in the International Communist movement.

During the whole period of its activities, our party endured pressure, threats and repressions. None of our 150 parties in Georgia has been so exposed to the threats of fascist reprisal as has the UCPG. None of the other parties have been so persecuted by the authorities and the organizations that support them as has our UCPG.

At present the AUCPG does not have any of its representatives in the government bodies. As it is the only real party in opposition in the country, it is exposed to unprecedented pressure and persecution by the present government. Although during the last parliamentary elections in 1995 the UCPH beat the established 5% barrier and received 12% of the votes. But the Election Commission of Shevermadze, through manipulations and fraud lowered our results of the total 12% we received to 4.5% and did not allow the Communists to get seats in Parliament. According to the election results of 1995 our Party took 4<sup>th</sup> place.

Due to the anti-democratic and anti-popular election law adopted for the elections to the institutions of the local

governments, the UCPG boycotted the elections to the local Assemblies "Sakrebulo" in November of 1998. Due to an ever greater refinement of the anti-democratic elections law adopted specifically for the elections to the Parliament of Georgia in 1999, under the constant pressure of the authorities, the UCPG could not beat the 7% barrier, established for getting seats in the Parliament of Georgia, and as a result we took seventh place out of 60.

As compared to the Communist Parties of the former Union Republics, the UCPG has carried out activities in the most difficult of conditions. Under anti-Soviet, anti-Russian and pro-capitalist hysteria, the UCPG has a very practical program and acts confidently because members of our party believe that the future belongs to Socialism of the Soviet style.

Expressing its disagreement with the present Georgian government, the People's Patriotic Union resorts exclusively to methods of struggle according to the law: its members write in protests, official appeals and presentations to the leadership of the country.

PROFESSOR  
VLADIMIR  
HERASYMCHUK



YES...

**WE ARE THE  
SOVIET PEOPLE!**

Time seems to fly very fast, counting the steps taken by mankind during the beginning of the third millennium. Already a month has passed from the time that in Toronto there gathered delegates from the world, all friends of the Soviet people, to a World Congress. The delegates discussed all of the problems in today's world and the struggle of the working class for the rebirth of the Soviet Union, for international solidarity of the workers of all countries and continents. The delegates will always remember the ardent speeches of the organizers of this World Congress, Michael Lucas and Ray Stevenson (Canada), Harpal

Brar (England) and Mate Zalka (Spain). The speakers asked for unity in the struggle against imperialism and reaction, for peace and socialism.

Yes, the river of time flows on and it leaves its traces in the never-ending Cosmos. It throws out into the void all attempts that try to hinder the progress of mankind in the revolutionary struggles in the world. At the same time, on the chronological tape it records for the future generations the struggles, the successes, and the failures of the pioneers of these struggles. The path to the future of mankind is being shown by the publication Northstar Compass.

But, let us return in our thoughts to those days in September in Toronto where delegates from 17 countries gathered at the World Congress for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People. One of the problems that were discussed was the problem of – does there still exist Soviet People even though there is no longer a Soviet Union? But, to be very analytical and look into history...did the Bulgarian people cease to exist after their colonization by the Ottoman Empire? Did the Ukrainians have their identity after they started to form themselves as a nation? Even the American Indians (*Native People*) who over the period of hundreds of years were practically wiped out by the European colonizers, to this day they remain as Indians (*Native People*) with their languages and cultures. Some people might disagree with us, that the Indians in America are a definite ethnic group of peoples. They have their history, culture. Well, do not the Soviet people, future internationalists not have their history? The history is a heroic history! Is not Soviet culture and Soviet life in actual fact contemporary humanism and democracy? Therefore, why is it that everything should change after the temporary demise of the USSR because of the psychological war by imperialism? Should the Soviet People as an entity no longer exist?!...

We must point out, the question of integration of ethnic groups and people, without question is a natural progression. Even the American Native Indians in time were composed of different tribes, culture and language...

To put this question that there are no longer Soviet people because of the temporary demise of the USSR can be done only by those who, somehow do not understand the objective truth of this question. Soviet people were formed in the period of the development of the social-economic and demographic conditions.

The objective basis of its formation was the material-technical base of a Workers State, in reality and practice – a communist society. Soviet people had and also set an example for the whole world when they had as Socialist State. Its honor and freedom they defended in the most trying and tragic times against internal and external enemies. The ideology that guided the Soviet people was Marxism-Leninism. All their energy was geared to achieve- the material well- being for all of the Soviet people...that is, the beginning of a Communist society. There was formed a new type Soviet person. This Soviet person if allowed to develop peacefully would be a humanistic person imbued with the most humane principles and morals.

Should all of this that was mentioned above should be forgotten and thrown out because of the temporary demise of the Soviet Union?!... Oh, no! We, the Soviet people, did not disappear into darkness!

***History has registered us as Soviet people forever!...***

Soviet people – first of all are a people of workers, internationalists. At same time they are safeguarding and developing their national identities and culture. Cultural development always formulates the man-creator, developing a New World. The development of the Soviet person is based on international outlook. Therefore the understanding of a Soviet person is not only by looking at demographics, but as social. And not only as social! But as ethno-psychological! People that were formed in the Soviet State, have undertaken upon themselves a new moral and humanitarian code of conduct. Even today under the heel of bourgeois exploitive class and totalitarianism and reaction, citizens of so-called "independent states" that were formed on the territory of USSR ■

## **BACK TO THE USSR**

*The Netherlands newspaper called "De Waarheid" (Pravda) is published by the United Communist Party of the Netherlands. In its issue of December 8, 2001 it published two articles that NSC reprints below. Translated by Vic Ratsma in Nova Scotia.*

MOSCOW- In Moscow young people are

demonstrating against the war in Afghanistan. The Putin regime reacts with repressive measures. Prison sentences of up to 20 years are threatening five young Russians. What's their crime? They are members of a youth organization that aims to restore the Soviet Union and are organizing meetings against the Afghan war. The newly set up International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People calls for their defense.

On Friday evening in the Pushkin Square of Moscow, some people looking on could not believe their eyes: a meeting of young people against the war! Two hundred young people with home made signs, red flags and pamphlets, while in the background neon-lights are flashing advertisements for Martini and Technics: this is a time of drunkenness, war and capitalism. Not a single policeman, only their own marshals. Smiling faces, an icy cold wind, warm hand shakes, exchanges of written articles.

Victor Shapinov opened the meeting in the name of the Revolutionary Communist Youth Organization. "*We protest against the military operations in Afghanistan and the occupation of Southern Iraq*". The young singer Vyatcheslav Poluyanov had brought his guitar and sang: "Americans broke our Soviet Union, America spits in our face, America I don't fear you, you will pay dearly! No third world: war! No greenbacks! Long live the Red Flag..."

The average age of all these young communists is about 20-25 years. They talk about the attacks of US imperialism against North Korea, Vietnam and Cuba, and especially about Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

The latest news about protests demonstrations in the USA. The present Russian government was denounced; their fingers are itching to bring order in their homeland. The US Army has for the first time threat on their Motherland, the Soviet ground. A dangerous precedent was set. Today, they are in Uzbekistan, tomorrow in Georgia and next it will be Moscow.

The speakers demand the release of political prisoners in Russia. "*We want peace, but we are not pacifists!*"

Then a veteran of the Great Patriotic War speaks, E.D.Monyusko of the Russian Communist Workers Party:

"We want peace, but we are not pacifists. When the hordes of Hitler attacked our country, the whole nation took up arms. We knew that we were defending our Motherland, our children, our own socialist society. We had a wise leader Stalin, who through his politics, united our people against the fascists, and let the capitalists fight among themselves. But today, it is Mr.

Putin who leads the country, a puppet of the American money speculators. And the raging president Bush of USA, with Hitler's wreath of laurels on his head, drags Russia along in this criminal war. I ask you dear boys and girls, do you want to fight in such a war, which will deliver nothing but shame? And girls, is your loved one perhaps good for such a dirty war?"

At the end of this meeting the participants adopted a resolution:

*"Under the guise of the struggle against terrorism, the world again is being divided. The largest imperialist states make war to*

*conquer new territory. We oppose the participation of Russia in this colonial endeavor and the subjugation of nations and people. We will not allow the Russian Army to be used as cannon fodder for Uncle Sam. We have to fight against the war of the American government. We support all progressive and revolutionary people, who fight against imperialism. Efficient battle against the war is a battle against the causes of war...privatization and capitalism.*

**NO to colonial plunder!**  
**NO to the new world order!**

In the second article in this newspaper they wrote:

"Representatives of Seventeen countries inaugural World Congress in September in Toronto, Canada with Michael Lucas being elected as Chairman of the International Council. Northstar Compass journal is issued monthly in English and publishes articles about the revolutionary parties-organizations in former 15 Soviet Republics. Subscription is available at their address or by e-mail and they also have a web site."

Our sincere thanks to "De Waarheid" for publishing these articles. Editors.

# WHO IS CALLED A "SOVOK"

BY ALEXANDER ZINOVIEV

Alexander Zinoviev is a writer, sociologist, logician, artist and poet, a person of gigantic capabilities that are still to a great extent underrated. He has many adherents, but even more opponents. Zinoviev spent twenty years in the West in forced emigration.

Alexander Zinoviev received his degree in philosophy from Moscow State University in 1951. He soon became one of the more prominent researchers in logic, and received a Doctorate of Political Science.

Many of the works of this talented academic created a sensation in the scientific world. These were "Philosophical Problems of Multifold Logic", "The Logic of Science", "The Logic of Expression and the Theory of Deduction", "The Logic of

Physics". He was elected to the Finnish Academy of Sciences that at the time was one of the main centers in the field of logic.

Following is an excerpt from his new book which is still in the process of publication.

George Shenkar, Detroit, USA – translations from Russian.

## CONFESSIONS OF A "SOVOK"? NO, OF A SOVIET INDIVIDUAL!

The Russian bastardized word "sovok" (sovokopniy=cooperative or a collective person -GS) is now used for the representatives of the generation that were born and lived for a more or less significant

part of their lives during the Soviet period. Some people now use this word as a term of derision towards the USSR epoch and to the people that this period has produced.

I belong to the many such "sovoks" whose silent acquiescence destroyed the Soviet Union and the Soviet socialist structure in Russia and in other parts of the former Soviet Union. Until the present day I was afraid to admit this to myself, analyzing and imagining all kinds of excuses for that which occurred during Gorbachev and Yeltsin years. And yet, in the Institute where I worked for over thirty years, they told me that as a result of privatization and reorganization my services were no longer

War heroes like these are called "sovoks" and persecuted and jailed!

Will President Putin call his father a "sovok" who fought against Fascism?





enquired. I had known that sooner or later this would happen. I was waiting for that moment. And naturally, I was prepared for it. But, when they officially notified me of this, it sounded to me like a death sentence.

### UNEMPLOYED

Unemployed! For me as for all the "sovoks", in all of the years of my life in the Soviet Union, it never ever entered my head, even hypothetically, that I could be unemployed. Now I accept this word as a diagnosis of an incurable illness. A special type of illness; a social illness. Against it there is now no cure.

In a condition of petrification, not even seeing my friends, I left the Institute. It was as though I have left an entire epoch. Did this indeed occur in reality, and not in a sick delirium?! How and why did this happen?! Who was responsible for this?!

Walking halfway to my residence, I finally achieved the capability of logical thinking. You, yourself are responsible for this. How did you react to Gorbachev's "perestroika"? You welcomed it? How did you react to Yeltsin's "revolution" in August of 1991? You welcomed it? How did you react to the shooting and bombardment of the Supreme Soviet in October of 1993? You favored it? And so you got that which you were fated to receive for all of your foolishness, thoughtlessness, irresponsibility, if not to say even more about your conduct - for your treason, or at best, for your tolerance of treason. What you sow, so shall you reap!

### LOSS OF A COLLECTIVE

Having left the Institute on the day that they announced my dismissal, I suddenly understood that I lost not only my accustomed place of work and source of income, but something even immeasurably greater: the collective. I dare say that this is the greatest loss for a "sovok". It is easier to survive the loss of friends and relatives than the loss of a collective. Only now have I understood (*actually realized*) that the soul of a "sovok" is in his association within the life of a socialist collective, in all aspects of its existence - that is what, it turned out, was the basis of our socialist life. And now, this, greatest achievement of the Soviet era no longer exists!

I began to notice this while I was still working at the Institute. With the beginning of Gorbachev's "perestroika" there began to occur in the life on the Institute something that I could not describe. There was some type of decay. They were the same

premises, the same students, the same teachers. Everything was the same as previously. But the most important thing disappeared: the organization of people in a united collective, a socialist collective consciousness, a collective psychology, a collective behavior. There was a sense of a loss of purpose in the Party and the Komsomol organization, in meetings, in conferences, in reports and in other components of the undivided collective. There still remained the hope of Soviet collectivism, still a dim hope that this condition was temporary, that soon a miracle will occur, that we will be gathered in an assembly hall, and that there will be read some kind of announcement from a superior court - and everything then will return back "to our daily rounds". But alas, nothing of this sort occurred. Hope was lost. The thin thread, tying me to the past, was broken.

The basic support of the lives of "sovoks" consisted of all that they did within, through, their primary collectives. We did not attach unfortunately any importance to this, as we considered this to be self-evident and unshakable. Many former Soviet emigrants admitted that they had suffered when deprived of the Soviet collectives. But here, something dreadful occurred: the people remained at home and not abroad as emigrants, while the Soviet collectives disappeared. The emigrants had been surviving their own personal drama. But now there occurred a tragedy of an entire nation: they were all excluded from the basic conditions of their existence, their natural medium of existence...Something was done to us similar to a fish being hauled out of the water onto dry land and told: here you are, free from the Communist water, enjoy the Democratic dry land! Well, we are now enjoying it!

### PRIVATIZATION

I walked past innumerable establishments after I was let go from my job, factories, enterprises, business-cells of post-Soviet Russia. People were working in them. But they seem no longer collectives, such as were during Soviet times. These were isolated business machines, cleared out of everything that constituted the essential life of "sovoks". The people in all these private machined, seemed to me to be phantoms people, and their movements seemed to me only imitations of human life. To me the city looked like a kinematoscopically revived cemetery.

The destruction of Soviet collectives was the greatest illness of our nation. It was


astounding that it proceeded with little resistance and almost inconspicuously. It entered hardly anyone's mind that this would become the basis for everything else that occurred without limit. The individual was freeing himself from control, but likewise from control of an intimate environment. Only now do I realize that the whole undertaking of privatization was actually aimed at the destruction of all collectives and of collectivism. The organization of collectives and communes has been killed. It is terrible that all of this occurred before my own eyes, and I did not lift a finger to interfere with it.

It seems that what we had we did not appreciate it and we do not feel sorry for it, but when we lose it, we weep. How amused we were at the scenes of our collective life! We somewhat strove to avoid meetings, subbotniks (*Saturday volunteer work-GS*), and other state activities. And now I think about participating even in one such activity, to feel myself as one member of a gigantic family-a collective. To participate in all activities as we did during Soviet times and to feel that you are part of a loving collective.

Lord, has all of this indeed disappeared in that summer, never again to return? What idiots we were to have let everything go by!

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## STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL

Dear comrades and friends,

I must briefly take issue with the views of Comrade Brar in criticizing the resolution passed at the World Congress "On the Terrorist Attacks and the Preparation for War." Comrade Brar objected to the first paragraph of the resolution, which "condemns, without reservation, the September 11<sup>th</sup> attack in New York City." This introductory paragraph was followed by 9 paragraphs detailing the crimes of U.S. imperialism, and condemning the war preparations of imperialism (the Congress was held, and the resolution was passed, before the imperialist attack on Afghanistan). Brar states that, "in light of the contents of the first paragraph, the rest for the resolution became the meaningless moaning and grumbling of a parson."

In the first place, it is still not known who actually carried out the attacks of September 11. Such attacks, that are aimed at large numbers of civilians, have frequently been carried out by reactionary forces. After the bombing of the Federal Building in Oklahoma, the bourgeois press in the U.S. immediately tried everything possible to try to pin the blame on "Arabs or Muslims." Although I am generally one to downplay conspiracy theories, it is not impossible that the attacks were orchestrated by some group acting in the interests of imperialism, or at least that the U.S. knew about the attacks and did nothing to prevent them. But regardless of this, there is no doubt that U.S. imperialism made full use of these attacks to strengthen its position abroad and at home.

The U.S. used the attacks as an excuse to launch a brutal and cowardly war against Afghanistan, killing thousands of innocent people using cluster bombs, daisy cutters and other instruments of mass destruction. The U.S. is now engaged in installing a puppet government in Afghanistan. If the attacks of September 11 were carried out by Osama bin Laden or any force supported by the Taliban, they certainly had consequences that were totally contrary to what they expected.

Comrade Brar states that it was only after the attacks that U.S. President Bush made statements giving some sort of lip

service to the idea of a Palestinian state. But first, Bush's concept of a Palestinian state is a form of "Bantustan" of isolated Palestinian enclaves, over which the Palestinian Authority has "control" today. And immediately after September 11, the Palestinian Authority was compelled to call for a temporary halt to the Intifada (a halt which, of course, could not last because of the aggressiveness of the U.S. client Israel). And now, Israel is launching a full-scale war against the Palestinians under the guise of Bush's phony "war on terrorism."

Even the people of the U.S. colony of Puerto Rico felt compelled to temporarily halt the disruption of U.S. target bombing of Puerto Rico's island of Vieques. No, the September 11 attacks did not in any way aid the struggle of the oppressed people in the Middle East or elsewhere; it temporarily set them back.

Besides the fact that the September 11 attacks killed large numbers of civilians, they were just the form of "excitative terror" that Lenin criticized for holding back the revolutionary movement. Even though the Narodnik assassination of the tsar may have struck a chord among some workers and peasants who felt oppressed but also helpless, such assassination did nothing to increase their organization in the fight against tsarism. In the same way, even if some in the Middle East and elsewhere felt sympathy with the destruction of the World Trade Center as a symbol of imperialism, the attacks did nothing to increase their organization against imperialism and in fact led to the temporary strengthening of imperialism. Only those who have lost faith in the revolutionary struggles of the oppressed peoples and the workers to defeat imperialism can see the attacks as having played a positive role.

There is no doubt that the movement of national liberation in the oppressed countries, and the Middle East in particular, are at a far higher level than the movement of the working class in the imperialist countries, the U.S. in particular. If the attacks had helped develop these national movements, even while increasing chauvinism among U.S. workers, then we as

revolutionaries and anti-imperialists within the imperialist countries would have had to "bite the bullet" and support the attacks, since they would then have developed the movement internationally. However, such is not the case.

Of course, aggression breeds resistance, and the U.S. war of aggression is also increasing the resistance of the peoples worldwide against imperialism. The mass demonstrations of tens of thousands in Pakistan during the attack on Afghanistan seriously threatened the stability of the Pakistan military regime, which has been a key U.S. ally. Israel's armed aggression, fully backed by U.S. imperialism, against the Palestinian people, including the organs of the Palestinian Authority, will lead to the intensification of the Intifada. And even within the imperialist countries, there are the beginnings of an anti-war movement, even though it is still organized mainly on a pacifist basis. But these developments are all despite, not because of, the September 11 attacks.

All Marxist-Leninists and anti-imperialists must fulfill our internationalist duty by directing our fire at our main enemy, imperialism, and particularly U.S. imperialism for those of us in the U.S. Let us make full use of the contradictions exposed by this latest and continuing war of aggression, as well as the economic crisis that has been heightened since September 11 and the war, to go to the working class of our own country. We must point to the billions of dollars being given to the capitalist robbers while the workers undergo even greater unemployment and suffering, to expose the imperialist lie of "United We Stand."

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By MICHAEL MARTINEZ

Humanity will never forget one of its most glorious moments in history, the triumph of the Soviets and the construction of the first socialist state by the Bolsheviks and one of, if not the, most memorable comrades of all times; V. I. Lenin.

It is of great sadness and dismay to see the bravest and most courageous people, the Russian Proletariat, stripped of their power. But the Soviet battle-forged masses have not been stripped of their hard-fought gains and combativity. Imperialism has not succeeded in its fight to defeat the Soviet People. Capitalism has not been restored in Russia and that is what Gorbachev, Yeltsin, and Putin - opportunist traitors and lackeys of imperialism - wish to do. Their aims are to become wealthy by selling out the greatest revolution in history and its last remnants to imperialism.

The heroic Soviet people will no longer stand for this, for they have known no master. If we analyze the history of the Soviet People, we would see that they have never kneeled down before any oppressor. Neither Genghis Khan, nor Napoleon, nor the Tsar, nor the Nazi invaders; No one! The imperialists have nightmares when they remember the brave sailors of Kronstadt, the brave people of Petrograd when they stormed the Winter Palace, the brave men and women of Stalingrad who sent the Nazi troops with ice-covered faces into retreat, and the glorious entrance of the Red Army into Berlin, the Nazi capital, saving the world from Nazi terror. But what is worse for them is, that the imperialists have even greater nightmares when they envision what can be done never underestimating the Soviet People's capacity as a revolutionary threat to their privileges.

There is no doubt that the USSR will be resurrected. The work being done for the re-establishment of the USSR is a sign of the growing mood of resistance of our Soviet comrades against the steps forced upon them that can only lead towards imperialist war and fascist barbarism. The revolutionary heritage of the Soviet People is too strong.

The recent World Congress for the Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People

documented a *turning point* in history. It, and the valuable information gathered together in Northstar Compass, are a blow for the US imperialists, who assumed that they won the "Cold War." This turning point demonstrates the end of a period of retreat by Soviet workers and farmers and the beginning of a period of radicalization and resistance. And may the imperialists be forewarned, if there is any group of people more combat ready and experienced in the class struggle, it is the Soviet People! In this congress, modern day Bolsheviks accorded the rebirth of the Russian Revolution, working side by side with Soviet Comrades (the Russian Communist Workers Party, RCP-CPSU, Communist Party Bolsheviks Ukraine, and Communist Party Poland "Proletariat") to build a strong working class movement in the former Soviet Union, showing that there are willing and able revolutionaries left ready to take part in their historic task assigned to them by history. This is not what the bourgeois press would have us believe.

We must remember that the Soviet people have the heritage of Lenin and Stalin. I agree with Mr. Harpal Brar's statement in the World Congress, "Imperialism attacked Stalin in an effort to destroy the internationalist working class' confidence in itself to struggle for power." Now they attack Lenin and the idea of socialism and human solidarity. The bourgeois does this consciously in its efforts to defeat the morale of the revolutionary-minded Soviet workers and farmers. The interests of the Soviet proletariat and the Soviet rural poor classes are clearly separate from that of the rising Russian bourgeoisie and its Mafiosi lapdogs. The specter of communism still haunts up to the last confines of Eastern Europe. Yesterday we witnessed the strength of the downtrodden who shook the world.

All revolutionary-minded workers, farmers, students; All men of good will, all socialists and communists; Join the struggle of these modern day Bolsheviks. Join the Friends of the Soviet People! By resurrecting the USSR we are resurrecting the world revolution! Buy, sell and read Northstar Compass!

Long Live Marxism-Leninism!  
Long Live Comrade Stalin!

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## I SUPPORT HARPAL BRAR'S AMENDEMENT!

I would again restate as I did at the World Congress in September that I support the amendment on Resolution #1 regarding the attack on the World Trade Center in New York and against the Pentagon.

Giovanni G. Vieira  
General Secretary  
Instituto Brasileiro de Cultura Socialista

## REPORT ON CONGRESS INTERESTING

We have read the report in NSC and found it very interesting. Nevertheless, for us it is necessary to understand some aspects better. Can you send us the complete documentation of the proceedings so that we can decide if we'll adhere to join the International Council.

The Editorial Board of  
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## WE SUPPORT THE CONGRESS

Although we did not get a visa to the World Congress, we support its decisions and hereby return the money that you kindly sent us for taxi fare to the Hotel. Many thanks for all the information.

Dr. Ley- Ngardigal, Secretary-General  
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By V.K. Shashikumar, New Delhi, India

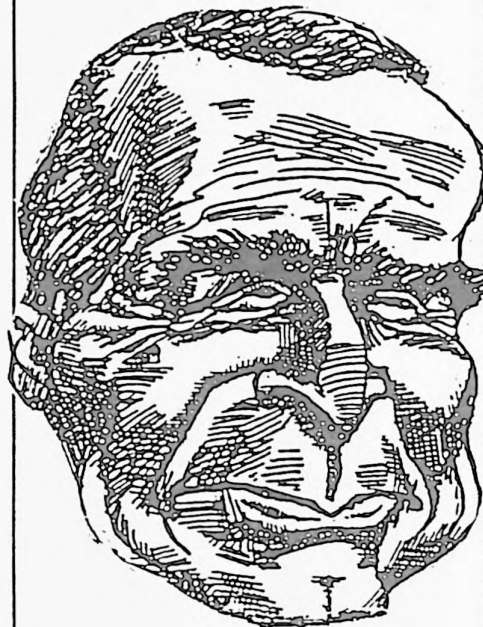
Intelligence analysts Charles Brisard and Guillaume Dasquie have released an explosive book that claims that the USA's primary interest in the Afghan war is oil, not terrorism; the US president, they claim, had obstructed investigation into the Taliban's terrorist activities.

A book written by the two French intelligence analysts is certain to embarrass President George W. Bush and his administration. The book, "Bin Laden, La Vente Interedite" (*Bin Laden the Forbidden Truth*), released recently, claims that the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Deputy Director John O'Neill resigned in July of 2001 in protest over Bush's obstruction of an investigation into Taliban's terrorist activities. The authors claim that Bush resorted to this obstruction under the influence of the United State's oil companies.

Bush stymied the intelligence agency's investigation on terrorism, even as it bargained with the Taliban on handing over of Assama bin Laden in exchange for political recognition and economic aid. "The main obstacles to investigate Islamic terrorism were US oil corporate interests, and the role played by Saudi Arabia in it," O'Neill reportedly told the authors. According to Brisard and Dasquie, the main objective of the US government in Afghanistan prior to Black Tuesday (Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>) was aimed at consolidating the Taliban regime, in order to obtain access to the oil and gas reserves in Central Asia.

Prior to September 11th attack, the U.S. Government had an extremely benevolent attitude and understanding of the Taliban regime. The Taliban was perceived "as a source of stability in Central Asia that would enable the construction of an oil pipeline across Central Asia" from the rich oil oilfields in Turmenistan, Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan, through Afghanistan and Pakistan to the Indian Ocean. This would secure for the USA another huge captive and alternate oil resource centre. "The oil

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and gas reserves of Central Asia were controlled by USSR and now Russia. The Bush administration wanted to change all this...this rationale of energy security changed into a military one," the authors claim.

"At one moment during the negotiations, US representatives told the Taliban, "either you accept our offer of a carpet of gold, or we bury you under a carpet of bombs", Brisard said in an interview in Paris. On Saturday, November 25, representatives of the Northern Alliance (NA), former King Zahir Shah's confidantes, and possibly non-Taliban Pashtun leaders met in Berlin under the aegis of the US-led coalition to discuss a broad-based government for Afghanistan. It might be a coincidence, but the US and Taliban diplomatic representatives met in Berlin early this year!

According to the book, the Bush administration began a regular series of negotiations with the Taliban early in 2001. Washington and Islamabad (Pakistan) were also venues for some of these meetings. The authors claim that before the September 11 attacks, Christina Rocca, in charge of Asian Affairs in the US State Department, met the Taliban Ambassador to Pakistan Abdul Salam Zaeef in Islamabad on August 2, 2001. Interestingly, Rocca is a veteran of US involvement in Afghanistan.

She was previously in charge of contacts with Islamist guerrilla groups of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), where she oversaw the delivery of US Stinger Missiles to Afghan mujahideen fighting the Soviet forces in the 1980s.

Brisard and Dasquie also revealed that the Taliban were not really ultra orthodox in the diplomatic approach, because they actually hired an American public relations expert for an image-making campaign in the US. It is, of course, not known whether the Pakistanis helped the Taliban secure the services of a professional image-maker. What is, however, revealed in the book is that US's Laila Helms, a public relations professional, who also doubles up as an authority on the way the US intelligence agencies work, was employed by the Taliban. Her task was to get the USA to recognise the Taliban regime. Prior to September 11<sup>th</sup>, only three countries – Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates recognized the Taliban regime. Helms' familiarity with the ways of US intelligence organizations comes through her association with Richard Helms, who is her uncle and a former director of the CIA and former US ambassador to Tehran, Iran.

Holmes is described as the Mata Hari of US-Taliban negotiations. The authors, claim that she brought Sayed Rahmatullah Hashimi, an advisor to Mullah Omar, to Washington for five days in March of 2001 – after the Taliban had destroyed the ancient Buddhas of Bamiyan. Hashimit met the Directorate of Central Intelligence at the CIA, and the Bureau of Intelligence and Research at the US State Department.

The Frenchmen have indeed produced a controversial book, which is undoubtedly explosive, because of the interesting nuggets of information they have dug up. Besides, they have an impressive record in intelligence analysis, and this perhaps is the reason why the book is being talked about in hush tones in Paris and other European capitals.

On November 18, the Irish Times newspaper said in a report: "O'Neill investigated the bombings of the World Trade Centre 1993, a US base in Saudi Arabia in 1996, the US embassies in Nairobi and Dar-Es-Salaam in 1998, and the USS Cole last year."

"Jean-Charles Brisard, who wrote a report on bin Laden's finances for the French intelligence agency DST, and is co-author of "Hidden Truth", met O'Neill several times last summer. He complained bitterly that the US State Department – and behind it the oil lobby, who make up President Bush's entourage – blocked attempts to probe bin

Laden's guilt."

"The US ambassador to Yemen, Barbara Bodine, forbade O'Neill and his team of so-called Rambos (as the Yemeni authorities called them) from entering Yemen. In August of 2001, O'Neill resigned in frustration, and took up a new job as head of security at the World Trade Centre. He died on September 11th attack.

O'Neill, an Irish American, told Brisard that all the answers and everything needed to dismantle bin Laden and Al Qaeda, can be found in Saudi Arabia. Fearing that the Saudi royal family will be offended, US diplomats quietly buried the leads developed by O'Neill. So much so that when the FBI wanted to talk to the suspects accused of bombing the US military installation in Dhahran in June of 1996, in which 19 US servicemen were killed, the US State Department refused to make much noise about it. The Saudi officials, however interrogated the suspects, declared them guilty and executed them. No witnesses to worry about.

The US hedging on investigating Taliban's terrorist activities and its links with bin Laden were premised on a belief that a quid quo deal could be arranged with the Taliban. The deal was for oil in exchange for diplomatic recognition. One important reason for the Operation Enduring Freedom could well be securing American oil interests in the region. It is certain that the oil pipeline project will be put on track soon. Even a cursory look at the oil potential, you can see and understand the American interest in this region. The Caspian Sea basin which encompasses the countries such as Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, are believed to possess some 200 billion barrels of oil, which is one third the amount found in the Persian Gulf area.

The greater Gulf area, encompassing Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and other adjacent countries, have been the centre of international politics of oil. First, the British fought to gain control over the areas petroleum wealth, followed by the French. But in post World War Two scenario, the US emerged as the dominant power in the

region, because its energy security and economic prosperity depended on the uninterrupted oil supply from this region. In March of 1945, President Franklin D. Roosevelt and King Abdel Aziz ibn Saudi signed a secret agreement, which forged a long-lasting strategic partnership. Though the details of this agreement remain secret till today, the deal ensured privileged US access to Saudi oil, in return for US protection of the royal family from internal peoples wrath and external threats.



*President PUT-IN of Russia, now in deep pocket s of Uncle Sam, although he has big ambition of his own. Even hard-fast reactionary dictator such as in Pakistan has problems going along with invasion of Afghanistan, but PUT-IN is gung-ho and has allowed bases for Yankee troops and sent in Russian troops!?*

However, the US dependence on Middle Eastern oil is not a secret. The US national energy policy, released by the Bush administration earlier this year, stated: "The Gulf oil will be the primary focus of US international energy policy." According to Michael T. Klare, professor of peace and

world security studies at Hampshire College in Amherst and author of *Resource Wars*: "The new landscape of Global Conflict, by launching Operations Enduring Freedom, the US wants to achieve two sets of objectives: First to capture and punish those responsible for the September 11th attacks, and two, to consolidate US power in the Persian Gulf and the Caspian Sea area, and to ensure the continued flow of oil to the USA. And while the second point might get less attention than the first, this does not mean that it is less important."

With a large number of senior members of the Bush administration linked to major oil interests, it is more than a matter of coincidence that the US is involved in a war in Afghanistan. Vice-President Dick Cheney was, until the end of last year, president of Haliburton, mega-company that provides services to the oil industry. US National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice was, between 1991 and 2000, manager for Chevron, Secretaries of Commerce and Energy, Donald Evans and Stanley Abraham, worked for Tom Brown, another oil giant.

There is therefore, more to the War against terrorism than the USA's Bush administration is willing to admit. So, Operation Enduring Freedom wants to do the following:

- \*Destroy Taliban and Al Qaeda
- \*Counter and destroy the threat to Central Asian countries from Islamic extremists (or peoples revolutions-Editor). The Americans have already conducted joint military exercises, with forces of some Central Asian countries, and prior to the start of military operations in Afghanistan, signed agreements of cooperation with Uzbekistan, Tadjikistan and Kirghizia

*We can add that with the cooperation of traitors such as Yeltsin, Putin, Shevernadze and other present leaders of so-called "independent states" US policy is to divide Russia into small "statets" who would be wholly dependent on US while US imperialism would take over the economy, culture, resources and these small colonies would be at the mercy of US imperialism. ■*

## THE INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE OF PEOPLES' STRUGGLE ESTABLISHED - MAY 27, 2001

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We, anti-imperialist and democratic mass organizations from different countries of Asia, Africa, Latin America, North America, Europe and Oceania, are happy to

announce the successful holding of the First International Assembly establishing the International League of Peoples' Struggle (ILPS). This is a historic moment for the

progressive forces throughout the world who are fighting for national independence, democracy and social liberation against imperialism and racism.

The First International Assembly was attended by 336 delegates and guests, representing 232 mass organizations from 40 countries Afghanistan, Belgium, Benin, Brazil, Burma, Canada, Congo, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, England, France, Germany, Greece, India, Indonesia, Iran, Italy, Japan, Luxemburg, Malaysia, Mexico, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Scotland, South Korea, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey and the USA.

Professor Jose Maria Sison, chairman of the Initiative Committee, opened the assembly. He welcomed the delegates and delivered the report on the historical background of the assembly and the preparatory work undertaken by the IIC that led to the successful launching of the League.

Here are the objectives of the League of Peoples' Struggle:

\*The League is an anti-imperialist and democratic formation. It shall promote and develop the anti-imperialist and democratic struggles of the people of the world against the ideological, political, military, economic, social and cultural domination and attacks of imperialism and reaction.

\*The League has a broad character and shall not be subordinate to any political party, government or church and shall afford equality to all participating organizations. It shall strive to realize unity, cooperation and coordination of all anti-imperialist and democratic struggles throughout the world.

The League stands and fights for the following:

- 1.The cause of national liberation, democracy and social liberation against imperialism and reaction.
- 2.Socio-economic development for all oppressed and exploited countries and nations and social equity for all working people.
- 3.Human rights in the civil, political, economic, social and cultural field against state violence, national oppression, class exploitation, gender oppression, fascism, casteism, racism and religious bigotry.
- 4.Struggle for just peace, against wars of counterrevolution and aggression and against nuclear, biological, chemical missile and other weapons of genocidal and random mass destruction.
- 5.Promotion of trade union and other democratic rights of the working class, improvement of wage and living conditions against the intensifying exploitation of labor and the destruction of the working class

organizations in their pursuit of the historic mission of fighting for social liberation.

6. Agrarian reforms and rights for peasants, farm workers and fisher folk against feudal, semi-feudal and capitalist exploitation and oppression.

7.The cause of women's liberation and rights against all forms of sexual discrimination, exploitation and violence.

8.Rights of all youth to education and employment.

9.Children's rights against child labor, sexual abuse and other forms of exploitation.

10.Rights of indigenous peoples, national minorities, and nationalities for self-determination and de-colonization, against discrimination, racism and national oppression by imperialism and local reaction.

11.The rights of teachers, researchers and other education personnel and struggle against ideas and researchers directed against the people.

12. The right of people to health care and the rights of health workers.

13. Science and technology for the people and development, environmental protection against plunder and pollution and the destruction of the foundations of human life, the right to safe and healthy food and water and opposition to manipulation of genetic technology for imperialist profit.

14.Arts and culture and free flow of information in the service of the people and the rights of artists, creative writers, journalists and other cultural workers and against imperialist and reactionary propaganda and oppression.

15. Justice and indemnification for the victims of illegal arrest and detention (especially political prisoners), violations of due process of law, torture, extra-judicial executions and disappearances, mass displacement, and other blatant forms of human rights violations.

16. Rights and welfare of homeless persons, refugees and migrant workers displaced by imperialism and local reactionaries

17. Rights of aged people to a life of dignity and secured existence.

18. Rights of gays, lesbians, bisexuals and trans-gendered against discrimination, intolerance and xenophobia.

There was an International Coordinating Committee elected. The ILPS shall make immediate effort to publish and distribute the decisions and documents of the First International Assembly in English and other languages.

The ICC decided that the General Secretariat and the International Headquarters shall be located in Utrecht, The Netherlands.

**MICHEL  
MOUNAYER**



Statement by the Central Committee of the Syrian Communist Party

Capitalism's general crisis is deepening and aggravating in spite of all attempts by the imperialist forces to get out of it at the expense of the peoples. All the symptoms for this general crisis have recently become clear, especially when it interlocked with the periodical economical crisis, not seen by the world since 1929, that swept all over the capitalist centers.

The recent course of events proved that World Imperialism, the US imperialism in particular, now will try to solve the crisis, or alleviate its impact, by accelerating the aggressive military actions.

## FOR A BROAD WORLD ANTI- IMPERIALIST FRONT

With disregard to those who directly carried out the September 11<sup>th</sup> action on New York and Washington, the imperialist circles undoubtedly used these attacks to justify their aggressive military acts which aim at absorbing the social and political tension stemming from the deep economic crisis.

The pre September 11<sup>th</sup> period witnessed a stepped-up wave of mass protests against the policies of the imperialist circles, and even in several of these countries, many of these protests reached the stage of street battles, as in Quebec, Gotenburg and Genoa, Italy. Hundreds of people were

wounded and some killed. The Western governments used brutal methods to suppress these protests, something that they have not used for decades. What draws attention to these protests is that they were under clear and forthright slogans of "Down with capitalism!" Communists played a prominent role in these protests which proved the falsity of the cry that there is "the end of Communism!" said by George Bush Sr. at the beginning of the 90's, after the collapse of the Soviet Union and the Socialist countries in Eastern and Central Europe.

All events proved the failure of the efforts for creating a US-led New World Order. Such imperialist efforts for creating a unipolar world were aborted by the forces of the other pole, the toiling people, in addition to the internal differences of the imperialist world and the frenzied competition to get a lion share from the booty, which rarified the imperialist forces and the contradictions between them. The mightiest of imperialist powers began losing some of its economic positions while facing other imperialist powers, particularly in Western Europe.

In order to maintain its leading position in the imperialist camp, the US imperialism deemed it necessary to carry out a military strike in order to unite the imperialist forces, on the one hand, and to weaken the positions of its staunch allies on the other hand. At this stage, it chose to direct its strike towards Central Asia and beyond the Caucasus in order to dominate the Caspian Sea region, one of the riches oil regions of the world. Dominating this rich oil region is the great momentum for the 21st century, a very dangerous period of economical and military confrontations.

Resisting imperialism by individual terrorism is not effective. Only a broad based revolutionary movement can resist and put an end to imperialism. Individual terrorism could shackle this movement instead of developing it, as has happened many times in history. Now we see that the basic danger stems from Imperialist states terrorism which has killed millions of innocent people. The entire 20<sup>th</sup> century stands witness to this catastrophes caused by such terrorism on mankind.

After the downfall of Hitler's Germany and Nazism, the US became the bastion of terrorism in the world. In inaugurated such bestiality as when it dropped atomic bombs of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, wars of aggression and support to the ugliest terrorist forces all over the world, even using biological and bacteriological weapons during the wars in Korea and Vietnam, violation of the sovereignty of Dominica and

Grenada, and the support given to such fascists as Pinochet of Chile, Somoza of Nicaragua, Suharto of Indonesia and the Black Colonels of Greece and many others. In the US, imperialist terrorism is being used against their own citizens whose attitudes do not please the most reactionary imperialist circles.

It is now mindless to mention that US imperialism is the main buttress supporting the dirtiest contemporary Fascist forces like: World Zionism. Were it not for the US imperialist absolute support the Zionists would not have dared to commit repeated crimes against nations like the Arab and Russian nations. The Zionist capital constitutes an important part of the US ruling junta.

Now, under the circumstances of US frenzied campaigns against the peoples of the world, the importance of achieving the slogan calling for the formation of a broad anti-imperialist front, is increasing. Because, this is the only successful way for curbing imperialism and rescuing mankind from the danger of annihilation.

This task requires unification of the ranks of anti-imperialist forces of all different ideological and political orientation. Because, when we face our main enemy, we should put aside all of the minor differences for the sake of unity of all forces of goodness.

As far as our region is concerned, the Imperialist and Zionist pressures are increasing. There are some circles here that call for an actual capitulation to the Imperialist and Zionist dictations under the pretext of the "new world climate". They are promptly trying to liquidate the brave Palestinian uprising, "Intifadah", and its outcome which forms and important transformation in the course of each Arab national liberation movement. Such defeatist attempts are confronted by an ever-growing resistance by the Arab masses and their brave patriotic forces who are struggling for national sovereignty. Here we should appreciate the principled Syrian stand, which rejects the different imperialist dictations and extortions.

Within this context, there were, during the last period, various pressure attempts on the Syrian national line under different pretexts and by several trends. But in spite of all such attempts, the Syrian national stand remained firm and tenacious. In order to strengthen and solidify this honorable stand, it is necessary to pay more attention to the interests of the masses, the main pillar of the Syrian national position. It is also necessary to seriously defend the national production and state sector, which

is the backbone of this production, against the continued restriction attempts to covert liquidation by the new bourgeoisie representatives who arte closely allied with Imperialism. Their allegation that modern economy means an economy free from state intervention, are disproved by the developed capitalist states for maintaining their vital economic sectors. A clear example is the steps the US recently took to back important economic sectors.

But the imperialists have rights for their countries and other rules that they recommend, in order to exhaust all such countries economically, and, then, control them politically.

Here, we should point at the importance of the inclination, by the Syrian political leadership, to broaden the democratic freedom of the masses and their national progressive masses through continued consecutive procedures and strengthening of the National Progressive Alliance. Such broadening is the corner stone of the solid national unity. In addition, respecting the rule of the law and the broad dialogue among all the national forces, has an important role in solidifying the Syrian honorable national stand. ■

## TRIBALS SHOT DEAD IN INDIA

By John Samuel  
Executive Director of NCAS

Dear comrades of NSC:

It is shocking and sad to bring to your notice again the police fire that killed two tribals and injured eleven on November 11 of this year at a rally of 8,000 women in Nabrangpur district of Orissa. The atrocious and inhuman killing of tribals who are demanding their right to a livelihood, has become a serial and repeated phenomenon, especially in Orissa.

The first incident was at Majhiguda village in the Gajapati District on December 31, 1999 where eight people, including one tribal women who died from gunshot wounds. The second one was at Maikanch in Rayagada District on December 16, 2000 in which three people died.

The present incidence took place when a rally was organized to protest against the death and arrest in Raigarh on October 30, 2001 when armed police had entered Rengabhad village in the Raigarh police station of Nabarangpur and opened fire at a gathering of 400 tribals. Two were killed and

the spot and the third died on account of his wounds. Another 50 sustained serious gunshot wounds.

The reason for the conflict is the land grabbing by mostly Bangladesh refugees who were resettled in the area in 1958-60 by destroying two lakh hectares of forest of Bastar and other districts in order to establish their colonies. On top of that, the timber mafiosi, forest officials and administration plundered the forest even further. There is an unholy alliance between the land grabbers and administration, which has proved to be thoroughly exploitative for the tribals and dalits. The tribals of Nabrangpur had organized a number of protests, marchers and demonstrations, demanding strong state action against the land grabbers. The administration simply refused to take any action because of the involvement of powerful political persons. The media has also failed in its role to bring the facts to light.

The efforts to reclaim their land by the Tribals and Dalits together is not taken too kindly by forces that survive on their exploitation, as is clear from the following incidents:

\*Two people were shot by the land grabbers after an armed mob of 3000 people invaded the Dali village of Jambodora on June 24, 2001. No action had been taken against the main culprits, despite a number of rallies and demonstrations organized by the Dali Samaj after this incident.

\*On July 22, 2001, three tribals were killed in a clash between tribals and non-tribals over the land grabbing.

Now, the tribals and dalits are hiding in the interior villages and trying to mobilize their people. The land grabbers are also mobilizing to challenge the tribals and dalits. There is every possibility of more bloodshed. Police have arrested 25 tribals and most are young women.

There is an urgent need to write to the Chief Minister and other concerned authorities to immediately take steps in order to check further violence and to condemn the brutal killings of tribals. A high-level and independent fact-finding team should be set up and sent to the area at the earliest, because of the gravity and complexities of then problem.

Send your protests to:

**The President of India**  
**Fax: 11-301-7290**  
**E-mail: [pressecy@alpanic.in](mailto:pressecy@alpanic.in)**

**The Chief Minister, Orissa**  
**Fax: 0674-400-100**

## COMMUNIQUE

### OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE MARXIST-LENINIST PARTIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Meeting in Mexico, we, Marxists-Leninist parties and organizations, holding our regular International Conference, take note of the following situation:

The recession in the dependent and imperialist countries, including the USA, the growing misery and unemployment, the deterioration of the conditions of life of popular masses, the lack of faith in bourgeois institutions, the exacerbation of the fundamental contradictions of our epoch; the development and increase of the popular struggles in the world: in Palestine, where the "intifada" is demanding the right of the people to their own territory and State against Zionist aggression; in Argentina, Ecuador, Colombia, Bolivia, Peru, with broad popular movements for their right to life, to national sovereignty and against imperialist interference, expressed in Plan Colombia, the Andean Initiative and the Plan Pueblo Panama; in South Africa, Burkina Faso, Benin, mainly confronting the politics of privatization; in Iran challenging and fighting the repression of the government of the Islamic Republic; in South Korea against the politics of adjustments imposed by the International Monetary Fund and the anti-worker repression; in the US, Canada and Europe, the ongoing struggle against imperialist globalization, including the rejection of the imperialist European Union, through large street demonstrations that were savagely repressed, as in Genoa.

All these are clear and present expressions of the sharpening crisis of imperialism, which can culminate in an upsurge of the class struggle, of the struggle for the national and social liberation.

It is in this context that the events of September 11<sup>th</sup> in the USA took place, regarding which we Marxists-Leninist declare:

\*We are fighting for the revolution and socialism. For this, we spur on the revolutionary political action, utilizing various firms of struggle, including the organization of the revolutionary violence of the masses, the armed popular insurrection, as the road to seizure of power.

\*Terrorism does not constitute, for Marxists-

Leninists, a revolutionary form of struggle, precisely because it does not make use of the organized actions of the working class and the popular masses; because in many cases it targets innocent civilians.

\*The main terrorist that has spread blood and death in the world is imperialism, principal Yankee imperialism, which has earned the hatred of the peoples. Therefore we are in solidarity with and fight together with the Chilean, Cuban, Iraqi, Yugoslav, Palestinian peoples etc. etc. who have been and are victims of imperialist barbarism that has caused the deaths of millions throughout the world. All this makes the task of forging a great anti-imperialist unity more urgent.

This Conference has initiated a study, an analyses and debate about the working class of today, with its different peculiarities and situations, starting from a common element which is the role that it is called upon to fulfill as the leading class of the revolution. The debate should continue in close relation with the revolutionary practice of our parties and organizations, in the heart of the working class.

The conference paid an emotional homage to the memory of comrade Marino Baez, member of the Central Committee of the Party of Labor of the Dominican Republic, murdered in Colombia by pro-imperialist paramilitary forces in July of this year, and to comrade Pausides Rojas, member of the leadership of the Communist Organization October and in charge of the Communist Youth, who died at age 23.

Finally as a result of the debates held at the Conference, various tasks arose that will be carried out by the parties and organizations in the next period and that, without a doubt, will contribute to the strengthening of the unity of the international Marxist-Leninist communist movement and to the development of the revolutionary struggle of our peoples.

Mexico, September 2001. ■

## ROMANIA WORKERS PROTEST POVERTY

Barry Stoller

About 10,000 workers marched through Romania's capital of Bucharest on November 22, 2001 to protest poverty, low wages and corruption in national politics. Many protestors claimed that times were better under Communism.

*"More than ten years since the (1989) anti-communist uprising, Romania is among*

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the last in Europe in living standards and attracting foreign investment," said Bogdan Hossu, head of the Alfa Cartel, a large union that organized this demonstration.

The protestors stopped in front of the government headquarters in downtown Bucharest to call for the government to resign. They chanted "thieves", "down with corruption," and "Ceausescu, where are you?" in reference to former communist leader Nicolae Ceausescu.

The government raised utility prices last month as part of a plan to bring them up to international levels. Monthly utilities now can cost up to \$50, a strain on budgets in a country where the average monthly salary is about \$100.

After three years of recession between 1997-2000, about 35% of the population lives below the poverty line, defined as a monthly wage of \$40.

On November 29 some 15,000 workers marched in Bucharest and in other cities in Romania to protest low wages and job security.

The mostly male crowd marched to the beat of a brass band as thousands of workers converged on Bucharest, organized by the trade union center which has 750,000 members. With winter setting in, fears have increased that officials will slash jobs to control spending.

The protestors thrust their fists into the air and shouted: "We've had enough! Down with the Prime Minister!"

Romania's poverty bites harder in winter, when heating bills rise along with the price of fresh produce. Workers fear that they will not be able to pay their bills. The government has recently raised the utility prices in order to bring them up to international levels.

The protests also showed that the people have lost faith in Romania's government. The Prime Minister Nastase has been criticized for pandering to the West in the government's quest to join NATO while putting a gloss on ordinary people's problems.

The formerly socialist Romania has had difficulty restructuring its economy along market lines.

Although a 4 percent growth is predicted, few people's living standards have improved and the national monthly salary remains at the equivalent of \$100.

"We want higher wages, lower taxes and a risk bonus," said Elena Baciuc, 26 years old postal worker from Bucharest, who said that she makes the equivalent of \$60 per month.

Defense industry worker Gheorghe Stoica, 41 years old, said that his factory in

the town of Ploieni, north of Bucharest, was short on orders, forcing him and others to work part-time and cutting his earnings.

Unemployment is officially registered as over 8% in Romania, and all the previous governments, fearful of unrest did not close the remaining industries as demanded by IMF and World Bank. ■

## **The BIG BROTHER will watch over YOU!**

The European Union plans to extend its Schengen Information System (SIS) database to include "suspected protesters":

\*Create a database to target "all suspected" protesters and bar them from entering a country where any protest is planned.

\*Create a database of all "foreigners" to remove third country nationals who have not left within the "prescribed time frame."

\*\*"Targeted" suspects would be tagged with an "alert" on the SIS if they overstay their visa or residence permit - this follows a call from Germany for a "centralized register".

Both of these databases will target anyone that disagrees with the laws of surveillance and also disagrees with any policies of the given government. The policy envisaged is jail sentences without any trial or proof.

European Union is coming more and more under German domination as the power, aiming at its imperialist quest to control all of Europe at first and then to take on US imperialism. As Lenin and Stalin wrote, capitalist-imperialist rivalries always ended in bloodshed and wars.

Yes, the **BIG BROTHER** is getting ready for an onslaught!

Source Statewatch Press ■

## **MANY DIFFERENT KINDS OF TERRORISMS**

By Luis Brito Garcia of Prensa Latina - Cuba

**Terrorism** - an unlimited violence against the defenseless. All the wars of the last century, and those now in progress, are disasters heaped on unarmed civilians.

**Strategic terrorism:** the weapons industry is the most lucrative on the globe. Five powers that control the UN Security

Council are also the main weapon manufacturers. To sell them, they promote wars where their puppet states crush unruly states or movements.

When their puppet states become unmanageable, a new deluge of weapons, destroys them and the sales resolve the recession. The cost of this warmongering orgy, is sufficient to put an end to hunger in the world, is paid for by the victims.

**Narcotic terrorism:** drug traffic is the second most productive business venture in the world. The seven most powerful nations control all of the financing, distribution, consumption and reinvestment of drugs.

At present, US banks handle \$300 billion dollars of doubtful origin. Such large financial movements cannot occur without the knowledge and the consent of the authorities.

The country that controls the world's drug traffic uses this as an excuse to intervene in troublesome countries such as Panama or Colombia and destabilizes others, such as Peru and Bolivia.

**Energy terrorism:** oil is the third most productive business of the planet. The wars of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, and those of the 21<sup>st</sup> are for oil and the control of oil.

Strategic and energy terrorism are part of a political and military aggregate to transfer control from the country of resources to the powers of consumption. Their aim is to destroy them in a few decades, leaving a contaminated humanity without energy resources.

**Ecological terrorism:** the most powerful countries, with barely 20% of the planet's population, consumes almost 80% of the world's resources.

To that end, they poison and overheat the atmosphere, contaminate the oceans, hoard and waste the water reserves, destroy the ozone layer, destroy biodiversity, cut-down forests, contaminate the biosphere with uncontrolled genetically mutated species, and make the planet, progressively uninhabitable.

**Financial terrorism:** The United States forces the rest of the world's countries to support their own currency with dollars, although, since 1974, the dollar is no longer backed by anything. The constant uncontrolled speculation complicates the false value of this painted paper.

To obtain loans in this currency, puppet States hand over their sovereignty and resources and accept unpayable debts that

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consume almost 50% of their gross national products, collapse their economies and destroy the standards of living, not to mention the human and social rights of their citizens.

According to the UNICEF statistics after the debt crisis, half a million children die every year as a result of economic adjustments.

**Cultural terrorism:** the powers that monopolize the means, demand a single idea, a single omnipotence, a single model of civilization as the only one possible, and praise the absolute imposition of the above-mentioned terrorism as an inevitable global destiny.

Their media saturates the air waves with the five thousand victims of the attack on the Towers in New York, and absolutely ignores news of the five thousand civilian victims of US intervention in Chile, the five thousand civilians burned by their bombers in Panama, the 30,000 disappeared by puppet governments in Argentina and the 40,000 victims of US actions against Nicaragua.

At the same time, they cover-up the 200,000 Indians annihilated in Central America, the thousands of Venezuelans who were exterminated by repression, the catastrophe of the bombings of Baghdad and also Kosovo, plus the Clinton administration's butchering in Sudan and Somalia that, according to Norman Cholmski, had more civilian victims than those of the World Trade Center. Add to this Yugoslavia and now Afghanistan, than the picture becomes crystal clear.

All forms of terrorism, and those yet to be invented, come from the powerful countries. Against this deluge, humanity has only the light of our own conscience, that teaches us to identify the true enemies and thus defend ourselves.

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## SLAV COMMITTEE SESSION CONDEMNS TERRORISM

PRAGUE- The International Session of the Slav Committees accepted a resolution in which they strongly condemned terrorist attacks on peaceful inhabitants and objects, carried out by individual persons or groups against the World Trade Centre in New York.

At the same time, the resolution condemned the United States, group of states and NATO for the attacks on schools, hospitals, public offices and other objects in

Belgrade and other cities in Yugoslavia, Iraq and Afghanistan.

The International Session of the Slav Committee strongly condemned the roots of terrorism. *"The world should unite against all forms of terrorism!"* they stressed in the resolution.

The International Session requested that the United Nations, in harmony with the Charter, should take a leading role in the attack against terrorism. Simultaneously, we express our deep condolences to the families and close friends of the victims.

The International Session of  
Slav Committees  
October 13-14, 2001

## DID YOU KNOW?

Berlin, Germany, war plans against Afghanistan were already being discussed in July of this year, according to German intelligence sources and the terrorist acts could not have been carried without the support of a state secret service.

Eckegardt Werthebach, former head of Germany's domestic intelligence service *"Verfassungsschutz,"* told the American Free Press that *"the deadly precision" and "the magnitude of planning"* behind the attacks of September 11th would have needed *"years of planning."*

In the January issue of NSC we shall print the full expose by the American Free Press. The authors of this expose said that, *"a lack of US Congressional hearings or an open and official investigation into the events of September 11th attacks on New York and Washington, was incomprehensible!"*

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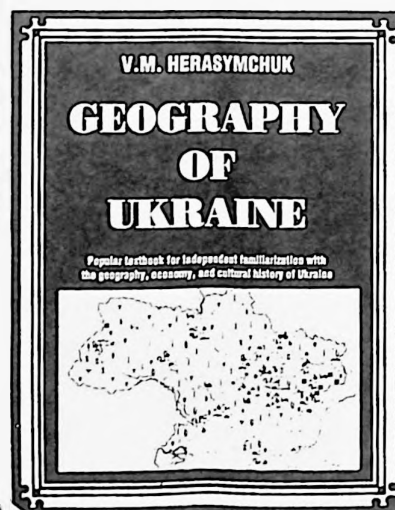
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# The War, the Anti-War Movement and the Task of Marxists-Leninists

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The first phase of the new imperialist war of aggression is ending. Taliban troops have withdrawn from almost all the major towns in Afghanistan, and the U.S. is busily orchestrating the formation of a new government that it hopes will faithfully defend its interests there. The U.S. has also begun to introduce ground troops – after a month and a half of continuous bombing and the fighting done by its clients in the Northern Alliance have reduced the likelihood of significant U.S. casualties.

But the war is far from over. Immediately after the September 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, U.S. President Bush warned that this war would last 5 to 10 years or longer. He declared that this would be a war not only against terrorists, but against "states that harbor terrorists." U.S. Undersecretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz even spoke, in true fascist style, of "ending states" that sponsor terrorism. Now Bush is again threatening Iraq, declaring unspecified consequences if it does not open itself completely to "inspections." He also threatened a long list of other countries, including Somalia, Iran, Syria, Sudan and even the Democratic Peoples Republic of (north) Korea.

## The "War Against Terrorism" is a Lie

This was never a "war against terrorism." The U.S. attack on Afghanistan was a war by the most powerful country on earth against one of the poorest. This war has caused thousands of civilian casualties, as the U.S. has bombed schools, mosques, Red Cross facilities and wiped out entire villages. It has made use of cluster bombs, designed to kill and maim civilians, and depleted uranium, which will cause illness and death over the years to come. Hundreds of thousands of civilians have been forced to flee their homes, and food could not be imported due to the U.S. attack, leading to mass hunger.

This war, despite the lying claims of the capitalist rulers and their servile press, is not to bring justice to the thousands of civilians killed in the World Trade Center. These civilians have become pawns twice over: first in their deaths and then in the way their deaths have been used by the U.S. government. They clearly chose their targets first and came up with their justification afterwards (they had been planning an attack on Afghanistan since at least last July – as Pakistan's former foreign minister, Niaz Naik, recently said he was told by U.S. officials). The U.S. did not present any convincing evidence that the attacks of September 11 were the work of Osama bin Laden. They never even explained how they "identified" the 19 alleged hijackers (unless they simply chose all those with Arab or Muslim-sounding names from the passenger manifests). If the U.S. had evidence against Osama bin-Laden, it could have made it public and negotiated with the Taliban to have him tried in some other country. (The U.S. carried out such negotiations for over 10 years with Libya when it blamed two Libyan nationals in the crash of an airplane over Lockerbie, Scotland, in 1988. The trial led to one conviction and one acquittal). But the U.S. government completely rebuffed offers by the Taliban to negotiate about bin Laden. No, the U.S. needed this war.

Even if it turns out that bin Laden was involved, one must remember that he was



supported and financed by U.S. imperialism to fight against the Soviet Union in Afghanistan in the 1980s. The CIA, in its largest operation ever, spent \$6 billion to arm, train and supply the religious forces in Afghanistan. This shows that the U.S. has no permanent friends, just permanent interests.

The attacks of September 11, no matter who carried them out, were totally unjustified. Marxist-Leninists have always condemned individual terror against the ruling class and its representatives, as taking the struggle out of the hands of the working class masses and putting it into the hands of individual "heroes," usually from the petty bourgeoisie. But this act of mass terror was much worse. It led to the deaths of thousands of innocent civilians. The majority of people who worked in the World Trade Center were clerical workers in the finance, insurance and real estate industry, as well as restaurant workers, building maintenance workers, workers in the construction trades, etc. Moreover, the attacks pushed many of the more backward elements among the working people into support of the U.S. rulers' phony "war against terrorism" – all they saw was that "we have all been attacked."

There is no doubt that in many parts of the world people see fundamentalism and other non-Marxist trends as the major forces opposing imperialism. They see people who are willing to die for their cause in attacking imperialist targets. This is a consequence of the weakness of Marxism-Leninism, which is still in the process of regrouping from being undermined by revisionism. It is our duty as Marxist-Leninists to be the firmest fighters against imperialism, especially in the imperialist heartlands themselves.

There are some opportunist groups, both revisionists and Trotskyites, which condemn the U.S. war of aggression, but also feel the need to explicitly condemn the fundamentalists in Afghanistan. This is a form of imperialist chauvinism. It is only the Afghan people who have a right to determine the government of their country. Many fundamentalist groups, regardless of their social policies, are staunch fighters against imperialist aggression.

Coincidentally it was regarding the same country that the great Marxist-Leninist leader Joseph Stalin pointed out in 1924: "The struggle that the Emir of Afghanistan is waging for the independence of Afghanistan is objectively a *revolutionary* struggle, despite the monarchist views of the Emir and his associates, for it weakens, disintegrates and undermines imperialism; whereas the struggle waged by such "desperate" democrats and "socialists," "revolutionaries" and republicans as... [Stalin here names various social-democrats] during the imperialist war was a *reactionary* struggle, for its result was the embellishment, the strengthening, the victory, of imperialism." (*Foundations of Leninism*, Chapter VI: "The National Question")

### Why Does U.S. Imperialism Need This War Now?

It is conceivable that the U.S. knew of the attacks and let them take place, as it has done with similar incidents in the past. In 1898, the U.S. blew up its own ship in Havana harbor as an excuse for its war with Spain under the slogan "Remember the Maine." This war led to the colonization of Puerto Rico, the Philippines and Guam, and the establishment of a protectorate over Cuba. In 1941, the U.S. ignored warnings of the planned Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor (see Robert D. Sinnott "Day of Deceit - The Truth About FDR and Pearl Harbor," 2000; New York), since U.S. imperialism needed an incident to declare war on Japan in order to preserve and expand its influence in the Pacific and in Asia. In 1964, the U.S. used the Gulf of Tonkin incident, a fake "attack" on a U.S. warship, to begin bombing the Democratic Republic of (north) Vietnam and vastly increase the number of troops sent to fight in the south. Other imperialists have created similar incidents. The Nazis burned down the German Reichstag (parliament) immediately after coming to power in 1933 in an attempt to blame the Communists and justify their establishment of a fascist regime.

### Oil and Strategic Position

Afghanistan is in an important position in the strategic area of Central Asia. It borders on three former Soviet republics (Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan). It is situated near the oil reserves of the Caspian Sea and the huge reserves of natural gas in Turkmenistan. It is on the route of proposed gas and oil pipelines from

the former Central Asian republics through Afghanistan and Pakistan to the Arabian Sea. This route is important to the U.S. because it does not pass through either Russia or Iran. As the U.S. government's Energy Information Administration report for September, 2001 (evidently written before the September 11 attacks), states: "Afghanistan's significance from an energy standpoint stems from its geographical position as a potential transit route for oil and natural gas exports from Central Asia to the Arabian Sea."

Control of oil and its transport is important for another reason. Europe does not generally have its own oil resources, with the exception of the North Sea oil controlled by Britain (and to a lesser extent Norway). Europe is overwhelmingly dependent on oil from the Middle East, where most of the governments of the oil producing countries are U.S. dependencies. Now there are newly available sources of oil in the Caucasus and Central Asia. These resources are a major reason for the U.S. to increase its influence in the region.

But this war is over more than just a pipeline. Ever since the collapse of the Soviet Union and its Eastern European allies over a decade ago, the U.S. and its imperialist allies/competitors have seen these as areas ripe for imperialist exploitation. The U.S. encouraged the break-up of the former Soviet republics into "independent" states, as it did with the states of former Yugoslavia. It has tried to gain control over the natural resources of this vast area, while denying this control to its competitors. The U.S. is also trying to prevent Russia from becoming a source of serious competition in the future together with others in Europe, China and elsewhere.

### Inter-Imperialist Contradictions

The U.S., though it is the only superpower, faces serious competition from both the European Union (led by Germany) and from Japan. In some countries of Eastern Europe, Germany is the main imperialist power. This is true in Poland, where even under the revisionist regime, Polish agricultural workers worked as migrant laborers in Germany. Today in Kosova the main hard currency is the German Mark. Of the world's 10 largest banks, the top 4 are Japanese and only 2

(Citigroup and Bank of America) are U.S. owned.

Even earlier, the U.S. was losing out to its competitors in export of goods and capital. While the U.S. was bogged down militarily in its war in Vietnam, Japan was increasing its investment in south Korea and other Asian "tigers," supplanting the role of the U.S. there. Lenin noted at the time of World War I that German trade with the British colonies was increasing at a faster rate than Britain's trade with these colonies, indicating that German imperialism was "younger, stronger and better organized" (see *Imperialism*, Chapter IX, "The Critique of Imperialism"). In the same way today, Europe and Japan are stronger than the U.S. economically and financially, though not militarily.

In the future, the U.S. may face the threat of an alliance between Western Europe and Russia that would be directed against it. When Russian President Putin after the September 11 attacks, he made a very notable statement: "No one denies the great value of Europe's relationship to the United States. But I am of the opinion that Europe will in the long run only strengthen its reputation as a powerful and independent center of world politics, if its own potentialities are combined with Russia's human, territorial and natural resources as well as with its economic, cultural and defense potential. (Quoted in the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, September 27, 2001.)

It is of such shifting alliances that imperialist wars are made. Lenin pointed out that: "'Interimperialist' or 'ultraimperialist' alliances, no matter what form they may assume, ... are *inevitably* nothing more than a 'truce' in periods between wars. Peaceful alliances prepare the ground for wars, and in their turn grow out of wars" (*Imperialism*, Chapter IX).

The U.S. has been using the war to assert its overwhelming military dominance. From the beginning it established a base in Uzbekistan with over 1,000 troops. It is now introducing ground troops into Afghanistan, and it has sent aircraft carriers and troop ships to various parts of the region. As the war expands, it will increase the stationing of its troops in other strategic areas, all the while trying as much as possible to avoid any significant losses in combat (it is still suffering from the "Vietnam syndrome").

### Unintended Consequences

It is this combination of contradictions, between imperialism and the oppressed countries and between the imperialist powers themselves that will lead to a major

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war. But this war is not likely to go the way the imperialists planned. The longer the war progresses, the more resistance will spread on a vast scale. The bombing of Afghanistan already led to strong reactions in the area. Mass demonstrations of tens of thousands of people took place in Pakistan, threatening the stability of the pro-U.S. military regime. There were other mass demonstrations from Palestine to the Philippines to Indonesia. If and when the war expands, resistance will undoubtedly increase as well.

Moreover, an expanded war is likely to lead to increased uprisings in vastly different parts of the world. It is quite possible that people in the oppressed countries, from Colombia to South Africa to the Philippines, will use the opportunity to step up their revolutionary struggle. U.S. military policy calls for its ability to fight two local wars at the same time, but this has never been tested, and as the war in Indochina showed, the U.S. was not able to suppress the armed peoples in one area despite direct intervention of half a million troops. Moreover, there is the likelihood of mass opposition in the imperialist countries, from increased strikes to the growth of the anti-globalization movement.

World War I was fought mainly in Europe to see which group of imperialist powers would maintain control of the colonies. This war will be fought mainly in the colonies and dependent countries, both to maintain imperialist domination and to determine which imperialist power bloc, the U.S. or others, has superiority.

### Consequences of the War at Home

The attacks of September 11 and the war are having some serious consequences within the U.S., which can only intensify as the war spreads.

The most obvious of these have been the restrictions on democratic rights. First have been the attacks on immigrants. Already Congress has passed legislation allowing for detention without charges of any immigrant (including permanent residents). So far, over 1,100 people have been detained since the attacks. Only a few have actually been arrested; the majority have been held by the INS on charges of immigration violation, and some have been held as "material witnesses." The names of most of those detained have not even been made public. And Bush has declared an "extraordinary emergency" establishing military tribunals to try non-citizens charged with terrorism. There has been a great expansion of racial profiling, particularly against Arabs and Muslims. Pilots have

refused to fly with certain passengers from the Middle East just because they "looked suspicious."

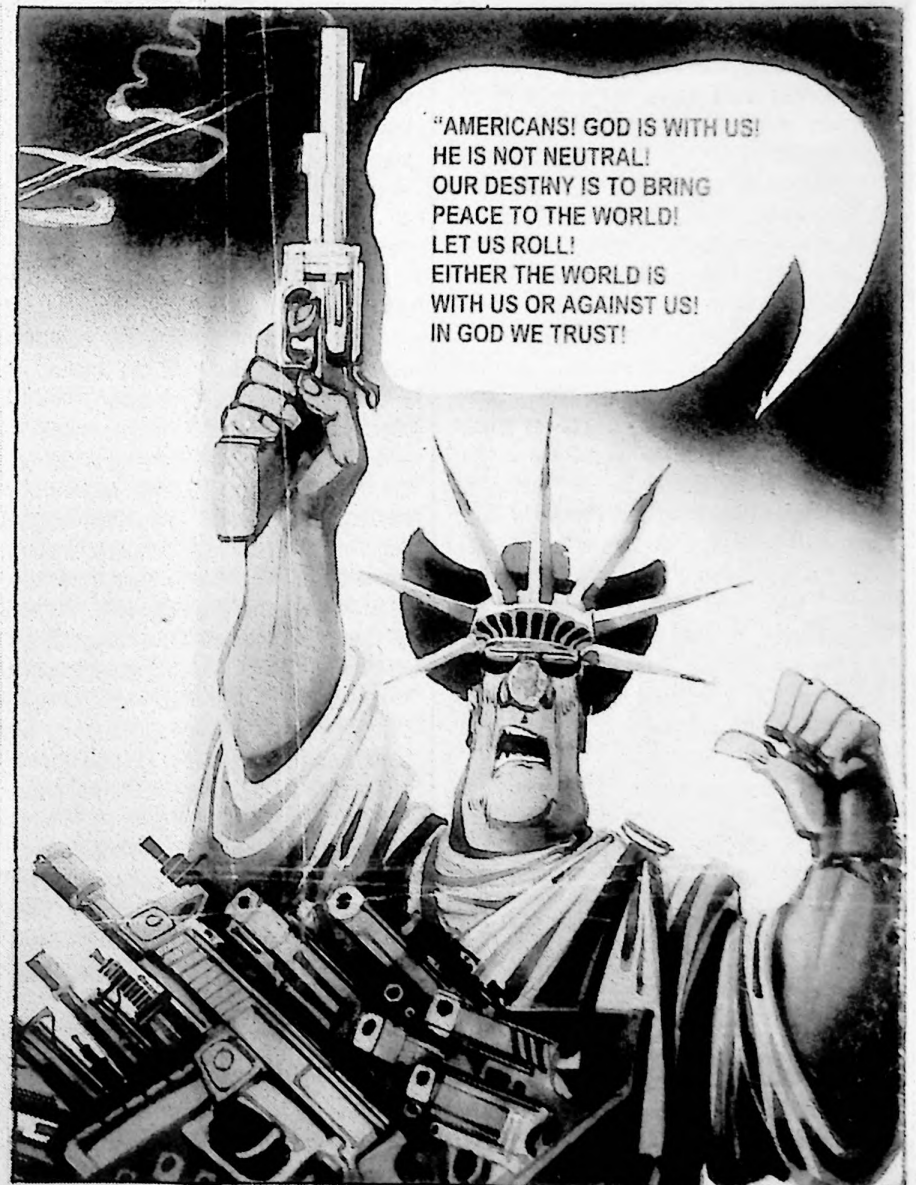
Further, there have been numerous cases of verbal and physical attacks, beatings and even killings of individuals with absolutely no connection to the attacks, just because they appeared to be Arabs or Muslims. The primary blame for this, of course, rests with the U.S. government and the lackey chauvinist bourgeois press, which have been constantly playing up fears of Arabs and Muslims.

Next, and crucial in the long run for revolutionaries and progressive people in general, are the new and forthcoming restrictions on democratic rights. Congress has already passed new laws vastly expanding the government's authorization to use telephone wiretaps and surveillance of electronic mail. Of course, the political police have long had the ability to monitor calls and electronic messages, which we are sure

they have used to the fullest extent. But the new legislation now gives them the legal right to use the information thus obtained in court. It is necessary for all revolutionary and progressive people to take the question of security much more seriously. This question has historically been downplayed in the U.S., mainly because of illusions about the nature of bourgeois democracy. Ways must be found to increase security without allowing the fears of government monitoring to restrict our political work (a reverse error that has been made by a few revolutionary groups).

### The Increased Economic Crisis

Another consequence of the war, one which in the long run may be the most crucial, is the increasing economic crisis, particularly in the U.S. The U.S. economy was already heading for a downturn before the attacks, with companies announcing



new layoffs every day. Since September 11, the crisis has deepened rapidly.

First, of course, has been the loss of jobs by those who worked in or near the World Trade Center and survived the attacks. These people number in the tens of thousands. Then come the people in the airlines, tourism and related industries – hotels, restaurants, Broadway shows, etc. There have been some 150,000 layoffs in the airline industry alone. Tens of thousands of people have been laid off in the airplane manufacturing industry, devastating the economy in cities such as Seattle, Washington and Wichita, Kansas. Some 100,000 people have lost their jobs in the New York area so far, and estimates are of more than 1 million jobs lost on a nationwide scale.

The capitalist government, of course, has done very little for these unemployed workers. This lack of aid is in sharp contrast to the handouts the government has been giving to the capitalists. Bush and Congress immediately gave \$15 billion in aid to the airline industry; this money is being used to pay off their bank creditors, not to rehire any workers. Additional billions are being given to the owners of the World Trade Center and other buildings destroyed or damaged in the attacks. Bush's request to people to "buy a share" or eat in midtown restaurants to help restart the economy is an insult to workers who have lost the income they need for basic food, clothing and shelter.

Future consequences will be even worse. California Governor Gray Davis already proposed a 15% cut in social services. The federal government is looking at ways to loot Social Security funds for investment (something that President Bush was already trying to do before the attacks). And the labor unions are being encouraged (and the sold-out bureaucrats are volunteering) to use pension funds to bail out the government. (This was done during New York City's financial crisis in the 1970s – much to the detriment of the municipal workers.)

It is these measures – billions in aid to the capitalists and severe cutbacks for the workers – that will most sharply undermine the government's call for national unity – "United We Stand." It is the responsibility of all revolutionaries, and Marxist-Leninists in particular, to point this out in increasing agitation among the working class.

### **The Anti-War Movement and the Tasks of Marxist-Leninists**

In the U.S., and in New York City in particular, an anti-war movement, or more

accurately a peace movement, has sprung up since the first days after the September 11 attacks and the government's war threats. The first march in New York City of several thousand people took place in the first week after the attack, breaking through the general climate of fear, particularly the fear of police repression under the guise of a state of emergency.

The movement in New York City has been divided into two coalitions: the New York Coalition for Peace and Justice, which led two mass demonstrations in the first months of the war, and the A.N.S.W.E.R. (Act Now to Stop War and End Racism) group, which organized the anti-war protests in Washington DC in late September and one in New York City in late October.

This movement has a mass character, and it explicitly rejects the government's call for "unity" in support of aggression. However, the composition of the marches have been overwhelmingly Anglo (white) petty-bourgeois ("middle class"), and their political character has been mainly pacifist and social-pacifist. Most of the signs and speeches, particularly at the New York Coalition for Peace and Justice events, have called for "peace" in general, without clearly targeting the U.S. attack on Afghanistan as an aggressive, not to mention imperialist, war.

Lenin criticized this type of peace movement in his day, and pointed to the necessity of demonstrating the connection between imperialism and the monopolies. Without making this connection, it will be impossible to create a movement that is genuinely based in the working class, since the monopolies are the main enemy of the workers. Lenin stated: "... a petty-bourgeois-democratic opposition to imperialism arose in the beginning of the twentieth century in nearly all imperialist countries.... But while all this criticism shrank from recognizing the inseverable bond between imperialism and the trusts, and, therefore, while it shrank from joining the forces engendered by large-scale capitalism and its development – it remained a 'pious wish.'" (*Imperialism*, Chapter IX.)

Neither group has done much work to mobilize workers, and particularly those from the oppressed nationalities (Blacks, Latino, Arabs, etc.). This weakness is serious for two reasons: the workers are the class in the U.S. that, through their position in production, can in the long run do the most to undermine the war, and they are the ones who will be most affected by the war. There is also a need for anti-war agitation specifically directed to young workers, who will be the cannon fodder for the U.S.

military in a prolonged ground war.

A limited exception to the petty-bourgeois character of the coalitions is the forces involved in the New York Labor Against the War, a part of the New York Peace and Justice coalition. This group has circulated an anti-war petition, endorsed by some 9 heads of union Locals and several hundred union members in the New York area and is carrying out other anti-war work. However, even the majority of the petition endorsements have been by members of petty-bourgeois unions (teachers, social workers, lawyers, etc.) and mainly by activists working in the unions rather than ordinary rank-and-file members. We encourage those activists to reach out to the rank-and-file of their own and other unions.

To begin to change the character of the movement, the progressive activists must put out their own agitational literature emphasizing the class character of the war – that it is a war in the interests of the monopoly corporations and not of the workers. As the war drags on, it will be evident that it is against the day-to-day interests of the workers, as it leads to increased layoffs, attacks on workers' standards of living and democratic rights. And again, special agitation must be produced aimed at soldiers and future soldiers.

It should not be difficult for a broad range of progressive forces to carry out the necessary work – both at workplaces and in working class communities. It takes a certain amount of organization, an understanding that the workers are the main force who have an interest in opposing the war, and the willingness to take on, in a non-sectarian and non-antagonistic way, arguments based on the current war frenzy and chauvinism built up by the bourgeoisie and its media.

Only by persistent, prolonged agitation in the working class can we slowly change the character of the peace movement into a class-based, genuinely anti-imperialist anti-war movement. We have a lot of work to do. Although our forces are still small, and though a prolonged war will cause much suffering, not just in the U.S. but on a world scale, we have many new opportunities ahead. Let us be worthy of the tasks before us. We have a world to win!

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## GUEST EDITORIAL

# NEEDED, A NEW SOVIET STATE

The book "Ten Days that Shook the World" was the account of the legendary American journalist, John Reed of events that took place in Russia in 1917, which culminated in the Great October Socialist Revolution. An eyewitness to many of the actions of that time, he was later buried outside the Kremlin Wall, an honour bestowed on him as a hero recognized by the new Soviet government.

We know what followed after that.

The Military intervention against Russia by many Western powers; the Civil War and then World War II; the Arms Race and, ultimately the collapse of the USSR.

During those 70 plus years of Soviet Government, most of the world was fed a steady diet of anti-socialist propoganda through government and corporate-controlled media. But inside the Soviet state, despite all of the outside pressures, enormous progress was made. The Soviet Union rose to become the only military power in the world capable to be a match for the USA, its economic strength grew by leaps and bounds, its collective social security system protected its whole population, its education system was free and accessible to all. These are but a few examples.

To be sure, this was not achieved without difficulties, or without cost or struggle. There was no prior example of a socialist state in the world to follow, thus the Soviet Union became a true pioneer of socialism.

Now, the capitalist world has declared socialism dead. A failed experiment! An aberration. Socialism, they declare, has been thrown on the great scrap-heap of history, never to rise again.

So, we may ask: "how much better has the world become since the demise of the Soviet Union. Say, in the last ten years?"

There's no denying that, in the former USSR, some people have now become enormously wealthy, some, it seems almost overnight. Curiously, many of them are

VIC  
RATSMAN



former officials of the Soviet government. A middle class is arising slowly as well. But for most others life has become much worse, as unemployment, the collapse of the ruble, the virtual disappearance of any form of social security and the enormous growth of crime have taken its toll. Perhaps, all of this was to be expected, as one social system makes room for another, as collective security makes way for individualism.

But, what about the rest of the world? How did it fare in the last ten years? What have been the benefits of the promised "Peace Dividend" that was to accrue to the people of the world once socialism was defeated?

The answers are not hard to find. What we see today is the celebration of imperialist power over the people's power!

Free Trade Agreements everywhere reduce government controls over its economy, its environment and its social policies. It thus undermines democracy.

Through the WTO, the World Bank and the IMF, the USA and a number of supportive governments in the West are pressuring less developed nations into trade agreements that really undermine their independence and make them subservient to imperialist powers with designs on their natural resources. Multinational corporations move in and the stage is set for future military intervention, should internal resistance reach the point of destabilizing a cooperating government. So far, the social impact of these policies is that inequities have doubled in the past ten years.

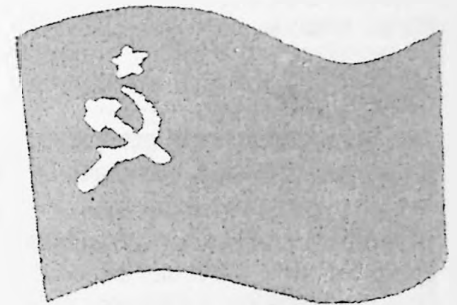
NATO, which should have been dismantled as one of the dividends of peace, now serves as the enforcer for world imperialism. US military presence, at earlier times held in check by the former Soviet Union, now stretches over all of Eastern Europe, the former southern republics of the USSR and right up to the Chinese border. A mighty imperialist empire, not unlike that envisaged by Adolph Hitler in earlier days, but now under the leadership of the USA, is growing right under our eyes. Private, corporate power is to replace peoples control over all but a few unprofitable

necessities of life. The poor will continue to get poorer. Those who cannot pay will die.

Do we need to hear anymore reasons why socialism must be resurrected?

Did you ever wonder what the Soviet Union might have looked like if the socialist revolution of 1917 would have been allowed to run its course without constantly being threatened by outside forces? Without the 1919 intervention and civil war, World War II, the Cold War and the Arms Race? Without constant diversion of the enormous funds for the defense of the Soviet Union? Without all of the war destruction? Without all the internal enemies who were always supported by Imperialism?

Oh, it still would have been an enormous challenge to build a society free of exploitation of man by man, where each person has equal opportunity for development and fulfillment of personal needs, where safety and security prevail and where democracy and people's well being instead of private profit would be the



prime goal of its institutions. But it would have stood a chance.

The Ten Days that Shook the World in 1917 opened the door to a brighter future for mankind. Opposing forces took 70 years to destroy it. The ten years since then show that socialism must be resurrected.

In September 21-23 of 2001, in Toronto, Canada, a very important step was taken by delegates from around the world, including representatives from former Soviet Union and 17 other countries, when they established the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People. More than 100 organizations from 50 countries endorsed the new Council and the Statutes. It's a good start. Let's assist the people of former USSR to reclaim their country and stop the march of imperialism in the world!

I urge all the readers to visit our website:

[WWW.NORTHSTARCOMPASS.ORG](http://WWW.NORTHSTARCOMPASS.ORG) ■

## LETTERS

FROM  
MIAMI  
USA

Dear comrade George Gruenthal:

Having seen the Northstar Compass Web Site, I am very pleased with the content. The line of your elected International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People is correct. I definitely want to join the US Friends of Soviet People. I am a member of the Jose Marti Alliance and I am in charge of information and media relations. I am 19 years old Cuban American and our Jose Marti Alliance is a united front organization opposing US blockade imposed on Cuba which is part of the National Network on Cuba and also I am a member of the Antonio Maceo Brigade.

I am very excited with meeting such a group as yours and am now spreading the word to all of my friends and comrades.

Attached is the article for NSC that I would like you to look at.

Comradely  
Michael Martinez

### US THREATENING NORTH KOREA

North Korea stated that US escalated policy is intended to stifle the DPRK and make it increase its military capabilities and thus weaken it economically by added burden of military spending. DPRK stated that they will defend themselves at all costs.

### MONEY BEFORE BODIES!

According to reports in the New York Village Press, the authorities of the Bank of Nova Scotia removed over \$20 million in gold and silver from the bank's blast-proof vaults at the bottom of the World Trade Center. They also stopped the New York firemen who were digging and looking for their lost comrades. The authorities just scooped up the debris, bodies and limbs to dump into the landfill in New Jersey.

But the firemen breached two police lines at the site, but police allowed only a token number to continue looking for their dead buddies as the New York construction companies got to work on the site.

FROM  
DARTMOUTH, NS  
CANADA

Dear Editor:

Please allow me to comment on the lengthy expose by Harpal Brar in the November issue of NSC.

Essentially I do not challenge his Marxist analyses. Most of what he says is undoubtedly correct. I however would approach the subject of the events of September 11th from a very different perspective.

We, as an organization for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People exist because We favor the reestablishment of socialism in former USSR. Therefore, I have to ask myself the question whether or not the terrorist attack on the USA has in way advanced the cause of socialism in former Soviet Union, or anywhere else for that matter. In my opinion the answer is NO

The attack absolutely finds its origin in years of US foreign policy. However, not only socialists oppose this policy. Clearly, for many different reasons, the US has made its share of enemies around the world. So what are we saying if we support the attack? That my enemy's enemy is my friend? Right now that appears to be much the same as the policy of the USA: Freedom fighter one day, terrorist the next day!

Mr. Harpal points out that, in the words of Lenin, the use of terror may be justified *at a definite juncture in the battle* (for socialism). But we are nowhere near that point in the struggle.

It is perhaps understandable that some people will resort to terror to support their Cause. But in the final analysis, to support this particular act of terror, I have to ask myself if I am prepared to be responsible for designing and carrying out such an act. The answer to that is also a resounding NO!

It may be all good and well to try and find a textbook justification for the events of September 11th, but you cannot remove it from the human dimension. And this was an inhuman act.

Violence will result in more violence. If we truly believe in Socialism as a system to improve the human condition, we must be better than our opponents. And we must show that we are better, not degrade ourselves through supporting acts of unimaginable violence. Sorry Harpal Brar, but in this case I cannot support your position.

Vic Ratsma

FROM  
TORONTO  
CANADA

Dear friends:

It is with great pleasure I share some excerpts of a personal letter from a beloved comrade and friend in Berlin, Germany. The writer is the widow of Fritz Rathig who sadly deceased four years ago after fifty years of unflinching activity and dedication to the prevention of war and the development-preservation of socialism. That activity began following service in the Nazi Wehrmacht during World War II and some years as a prisoner of war in the United States. We both served as associated Secretaries on the World Peace Council in Helsinki, Finland and became fast friends. In the German Democratic Republic he became a leading figure in their Peace Committee, led by internationally recognized Gunther Dreifl. Amongst Fritz's great contributions was his work in the GDR in establishing and developing effective re-training and reorientation of the population following the end of the Nazi regime. I am honoured indeed to have received the beautiful letter of greetings and comment from his life-long companion and wife, Ursula Rathig.

She has informed me that she has continued Fritz's work despite changed conditions, by speaking at many events about his "*life for peace*" and suggests that the "*the struggle for peace is today very different*". At "*age 80*" she does all she can and "*prays that the young people fight against war*" and that "*they take no part in this dangerous future*". Her activities, she writes "*have a great part of the people of the GDR in agreement.*" "*We have learned more about 'kapitalismuss and socialismuss'*" she writes. "*It is sad that now so many people are poor, with 20% out of work. The government has done this in such a short time*".

It is indeed a honour for me personally to have received such a letter of friendship and clarity from a person of the great stature and heart of Ursula Rathig. I know that she will be pleased I have shared it in part with NSC readers and I thank her in full friendship and solidarity. It is as well honour to the name and work of Comrade Fritz Rathig and his devoted and unswerving loyalty and work under the most difficult of times to the future of all people everywhere.

Thank you dear Ursula again, on behalf of all who read your words on inspiration and hope.

Ray Stevenson, Associate Editor





FROM  
"FOR USSR NEWSPAPER"  
RUSSIA

Dear friends:

Enclosed please find copies of our newspaper in which I have reported on the World Congress and its decisions. Please send them to Russian speaking contacts since I have no finances to be able to send them. I do not know whether in the near future I shall be able to publish this important newspaper "For USSR". There are serious problems in the Communist movement, since now finances play a very crucial role.

The people somehow do not know how to defend themselves against the present Mafiosi-run regime, since in Soviet times workers did not have to defend themselves.

Therefore, I think that the journal Northstar Compass can play a very crucial role by reporting on the struggles and the methods of struggle that are being utilized by the organized working class living under capitalism, how they find and build solidarity and what kind of tactics are utilized. Since, to get put in jail, you do not need too much knowledge and tactics of struggle, and you are forgotten soon enough.

How do we teach our children and grandchildren under the present conditions of exploitation? We must support our youth and teach them how to struggle and we must be able to finance our activities and build a coordinated effort internationally.

Let us keep on struggling! Many thanks for a very important step that we took by holding the World Congress!

Larisa Babienko  
Editor of "For USSR"

FROM  
SKELMERSDALE  
ENGLAND

Dear Editor:

History will record that the destruction of the Twin Towers in New York by Saudi terrorists, was no more the cause of the attack on Afghanistan and a possible Third World War, than was the assassination of Archduke Ferdinand by a Serb terrorist, the cause of the invasion of Belgium and World

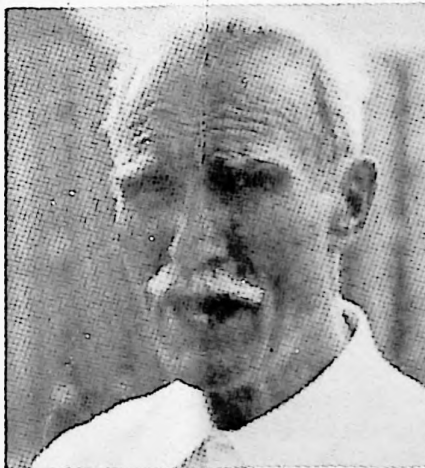
War One. Both events were only a prelude to imperialist expansion and global war.

The real motive for the attack on Afghanistan was explained at a meeting in February of 1998, to a sub-committee of the United States House of Representatives International Relations Committee, by John Meresca, a Vice President for International Relations of UNICOL, the giant corporation that (*among other activities*) constructs Oil and Gas pipelines. Mr. Meresca then told the Congressmen and Women, that in order to exploit the vast oil and gas resources of the former Soviet Union, in the Caspian Sea, pipelines must be constructed.

The only two routes, without a conflict with Russia, are through Iran to the Adriatic Sea, or Afghanistan to the Indian Ocean.

Iran is too powerful to be easily subdued. Saddam Hussein fought them for eight years, with British and US support without success. Afghanistan remained as the only alternative. Since the pipeline will cross Afghanistan for most of its length, two things are essential: "A subdued and pacified" population and, very important, is needed a "Collaborative Government". Hitler pursued the same policy in Europe, for German imperialism.

## OBITUARY



In loving memory of

**MICHAEL  
LOGOYDA**

Nov. 21, 1910

June 23, 1997

From

**ANN LOGOYDA**

I joined the British Army in August of 1939, at the age of eighteen, to oppose the subjugation of Europe and the World to military imposed tyranny. I will not remain silent, at the age of eighty, to its imposition by carpet-bombing and airborne land mines in 2001.

**The British people are being led down the slippery slope to a Third World War...beware, the price of freedom is eternal vigilance!**

Charles Denton

FROM  
**PAN-AFRICAN INITIATIVE**  
**PATRICE LUMUMBA**  
GERMANY

Dear Editors:

Having received the documents of the World Congress from a German delegate who attended (*Michael Operskaski*), plus the last edition of NSC that encouraged the readers to voice their comments, especially on #1 Resolution, I am sending you the following comment:

I was, admittedly shocked by the "monstrous" wording of the September 11<sup>th</sup> resolution's first paragraph. At the same time, a federal meeting of various anti-imperialist parties and also platform organizations took place in Jena, Germany, which also adopted such a resolution, however, without any other evaluation of the so-called terror attacks than as a pretext to carry out long-term geo-strategy plans to re-divide the whole world and the arising consequences to be expected.

This resolution did not even mention a word of mourning, because in the meantime (*September 11-21*) so many others have died by imperialist terror without being mourned. Especially in light of a given proposal to the first paragraph (*as reported in the Oct. NSC*) it is very disappointing that such an important international Congress failed to find its own language to evaluate the September 11<sup>th</sup> events and simply just trod along the imperialist mainstream wording.

Instead of publicly ensuring our distance to the "terrorist acts", we should understand that they resulted from, among other reasons, the weaknesses of our very own movement and that it is not our job to condemn anti-imperialist actions from other sources, as bizarre as they may appear. Instead, such a World Congress should inspire the anti-imperialist movement with tenable ideological reasoning.

Andrea Schon

## INVITATION FROM COMMUNIST PARTY MARXIST-LENINISTS (r)

Dear comrades:

On behalf of the Central Committee of the Communist Party (KPML(r) of Sweden, I convey to you our comradely best wishes.

Our party will be holding its 13<sup>th</sup> Party Congress in Gotthenburg from January 3-5 of 2002.

We're inviting comrade Michael Lucas, Chairman of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People and Editor of Northstar Compass to be our guest and observer.

We expect about 125 delegates, representing the party's local branches and leading organs and the party's youth organ

On the agenda of the Congress will be, among others, the following items:

\*Central Committee report

\*Evaluation of the Swedish membership in the European Union, including the Swedish chairperson earlier this year

\*Evaluation also of the growing movement against the neo-liberal market economy of globalization, especially among the young people

\*The forthcoming election in Sweden in September of 2002

\*Election of the new Central Committee  
With international Communist greetings

Teddy-John Frank  
International Secretary

## NEW COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL

Dear comrades:

We are inviting you to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congress of the New Communist International in Sofia, Bulgaria on May 4-5, 2002 since we planned it in November 2001, but there shall be presidential elections on those days and under these circumstances they will not allow us to hold our 2<sup>nd</sup> Congress.

We propose the following agenda for the Congress:

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1.Reasons and guilty persons for the split in the international workers and communist movements.

2.Proposals for strengthening of the unity of the international workers and communist movement on the Principle of Marxism-Leninism.

3. Condemning the splitting policies of J.B.Tito, N.S.Krushchev, L.I.Brezhnev, M.S.Gorbachev, Boriis Yeltsin, Eduard Shevernadze, Alexander Yakovlev and those of their supporters and followers in the international workers and communist movements.

4. Who are the creators and organizers of the world terrorism?

It will be a great pleasure to meet you in Sofia on those days. Please confirm your participation.

With communist greetings  
V.S. Spasov, General Secretary

FROM  
GAITSVILLE, TEXAS  
USA

### THE TALIBAN: PRODUCT OF IMPERIALISM... MAOISM

A recent article about Afghanistan in the U.S. Maoist newspaper of the Revolutionary Communist Party, which is called the "Revolutionary Worker", unwillingly confirms the pernicious counterrevolutionary role of the so-called "Maoism" and its sects worldwide have played for decades, and how very much "Maoism" helped to defuse revolutionary situations and undermine the world wide communist movement.

In the case of Afghanistan, the very first counterrevolutionary challenge faced by the revolutionary government, came not from the Islamic fundamentalists, but from a "Maoist" sect, which was helped both by China and the USA's CIA - part of Mao's military alliance of China with the United States against USSR - not content with pouring ultra-left venom to spread confusion, actually took up arms against the revolution in Afghanistan.

Predictably, later on, after the initial damage had been done and more reliable CIA "freedom fighters" like Osama bin Laden had been found, the treacherous "Maoists" were unceremoniously shot.

As the Revolutionary Communist Party-USA would put it: "it is not easy being a running dog."

Ana Lucia Gelaberet #384484

FROM  
BUDAPEST  
HUNGARY

Dear friends:

Just a few lines to thank you all for holding the World Congress last September. I remember very sincerely the time in Toronto and I found the World Congress of immense importance and very beneficial not only for the delegates who attended, but for the world. Again, Many sincere thanks for your generous hospitality.

Svetlana Benedikt  
Karl Marx Society of Hungary

FROM  
LIVRY GURGAN  
FRANCE

Dear comrades:

We are pleased with the tenure of the World Congress that was held last September in Toronto, Canada. We regret that we were not able to send a delegation, but this is due only to the financial factor. The struggle is very difficult for us and many urgent tasks fall on us unexpectedly. We are very sympathetic to all of the efforts you comrades made, and also, as one of the signatories to the International Council, we consider this very significant and necessary.

In many respects, our publication "Editions Democrite du BIP" threats the same subjects, from the same ideological point of view as does Northstar Compass, and therefore we feel very close to you.

We wish you comrades every success in your efforts.

On behalf of the Editorial Cmmittee  
Alexander Moumbaris  
Editor in Chief

FROM  
WHITE LAKE, MI.  
USA

Dear fiends:

The latest issue of NSC is a beautiful new format, highly enriched and a big step to becoming a great international journal.

I am greatly encouraged. The new International Council is a seed that will grow into a mighty tree. Enclosed is a \$100 donation (US) in answer to the appeal for \$6,000 to get the Congress materials printed.

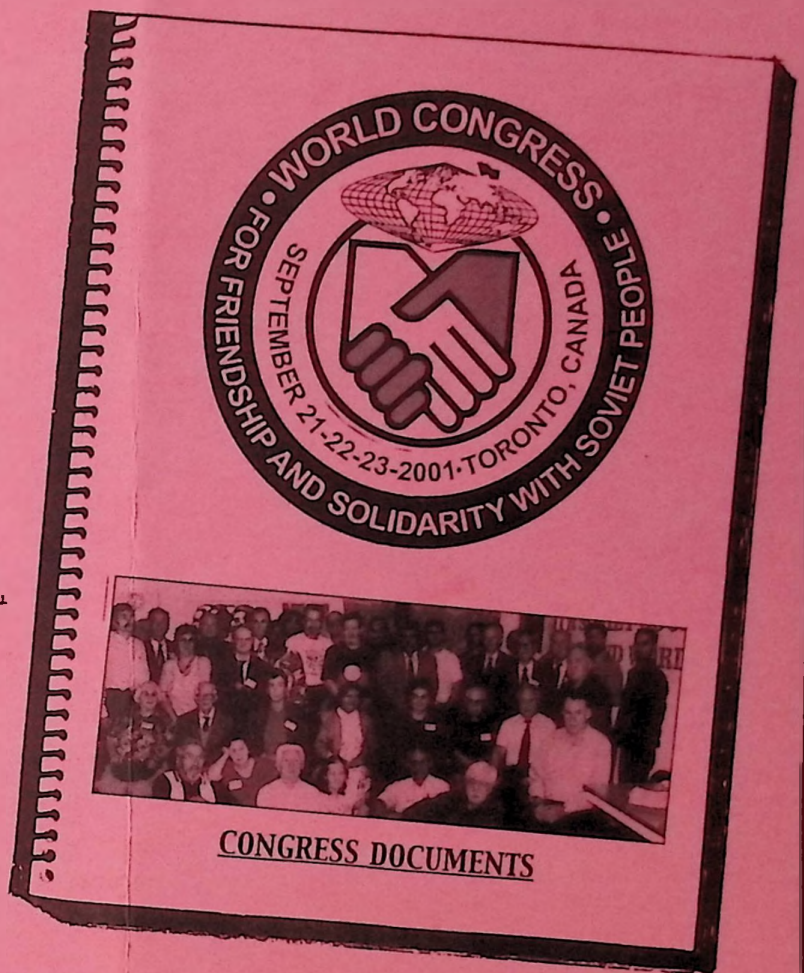
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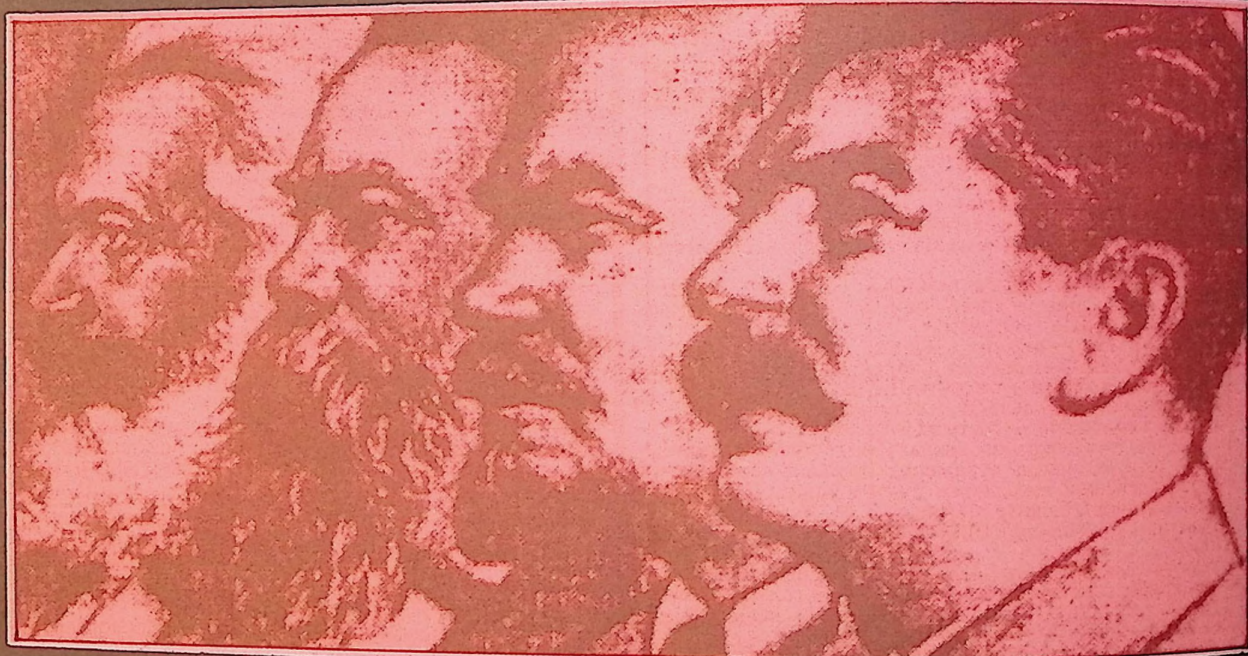
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