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IMPERIALISM / ZIONISM UNLEASHED GENOCIDE IN PALESTINE!

These horrific photographs speak louder than any words ever can do about the outright brutality by Israel, to stop any possibility of a Palestinian State.

We publish the Statement by the International Action Center, which in concrete terms tells what the situation is and asks for world solidarity support for the Palestinian people.

This barbarity by Israel, with the backing of US Imperialism produced demonstrations all over the world in such numbers that frightened even Mr. Bush and Mr. Obama alike.

Since 1948, the United Nations have adopted scores of resolutions condemning Israel expansionism, killings and expulsion of hundreds of thousands of Palestinians from their land. Why then is the situation getting worse and no solutions found?

The answer is very simple: The Israel expansionist policy fits very well with US expansionist policy, and together with Imperialism they **Divide and Rule** – for now!

URGENT APPEAL TO PROTEST BOMBING AND SEIGE BY ISRAEL OF PALESTINE GAZA

*By Ramsay Clarke – International
Action Center*

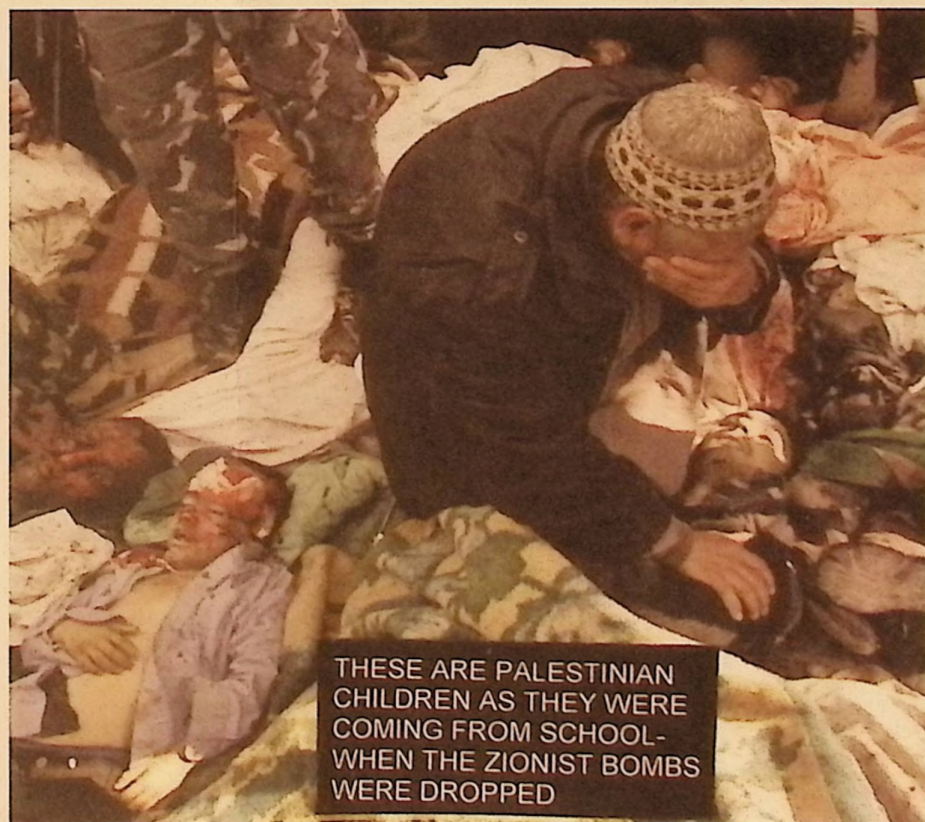
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For 60 years, Israel has persecuted the Palestinian people with impunity in defiance of the United Nations General Assembly and United Nations Security Council Resolutions, orders of the International Court of Justice, International Law and fundamental human rights.

Throughout all these years, Israel has proclaimed itself the victim as it grew richer, more powerful and more violent, while the Palestinians were abused, impoverished, divided and demeaned.

A consistent tactic of Israel



through all of these years has been to divide and conquer the Palestinians against their most effective leading organizations. Through most of these years Israel had attacked FATAH, Now it is HAMAS that Israel attacks. But there is only one Palestinian people and there can be only one Palestinian State Israel

Israel's policy has always been to destroy the possibility of a Palestinian State: **divide and conquer!**

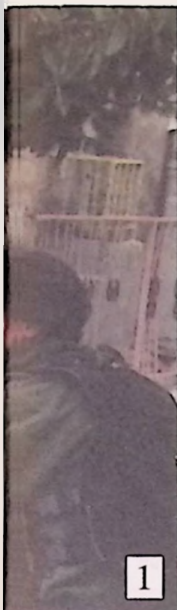
Now in the waning days of President Bush and the Government of Israel with its Prime Minister under criminal investigation indictment – now Israel is testing whether world public opinion will permit it to escalate and go on a rampage to destroy the leadership of the Palestinian people in the Palestinian Gaza and launch a genocidal, and indiscriminate assault on Gaza. They killed the leader of the Palestinian people in Gaza and his whole family!

The world calls upon the United Nations, the US, the EU, NATO and all other countries to demand an immediate ceasefire throughout Israel and Palestine. All borders to Gaza, Israel, Egypt and the Mediterranean Sea must be opened for humanitarian aid and a complete arms embargo plus starting a trade embargo against Israel started, until Israel fully complies with the United Nations resolutions.

We call upon all governments to demand that Israel stops its aggression immediately and that UN resolution 181 of October 1948 in the UN General Assembly be adhered to establish a Palestinian State.

The International Council and Editorial Board of NSC have become signatories to this Appeal. We ask all of our readers to do likewise!





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(1) Israel's bombing, bullets and tear gas against Palestinian civilians
 (2) Zionist youth taking pictures and happy at this genocide
 (3) The only weapons used by the Palestinian youths are rocks
 (4) This young Palestinian child is classified as a terrorist?!
 (5) Father's anguish among the carnage of dead
 (6) Hundreds of thousands of Palestinians took to the streets
 (7) Hundreds, including school children were killed
 (8) Nazi-like bombing by Zionist Israel's war plains



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ZIONIST
BRUTALITY!



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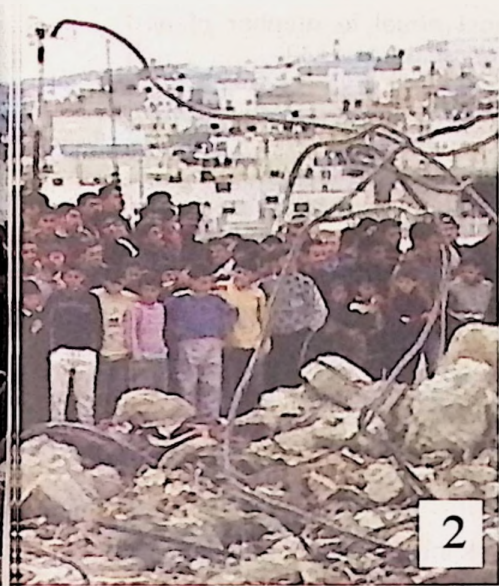
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- (1) Heroic Israel soldier caught an 8 year old terrorist!?
- (2) Aiming at innocent young Palestinians



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- (3) This is fascism
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- (7) Obama's residence in Kailua, Hawaii
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NEWS FROM FORMER USSR

RUSSIA IS BUYING ISRAELI SPY DRONES

Gathered from Associated Press

MOSCOW – Russian government is buying Spy Drones from Israel according to the head of the Russian Armed Forces. Georgia used these Israeli-made Spy Drones in its attack on South Ossetia. It seems that the present Russian weapons industry is still not able to produce its own drones.

This will be the first-ever technological product from Israel that is being bought by the present government of Russia!

The relations between Russia and Israel have improved very dramatically since Putin and Medvedev became a team in Russia.

What were the chances to be sent to GULAG?

Pavel Krasnov

In the article "A Logical Analysis of the Mass Repressions Theory" we found out that the so called "tens of millions of repressed peoples" - are nothing but a bunch of far-fetched lies unable to withstand even the simplest logical analysis. But how were things actually? How many people were sent to GULAG and why? How terrifying was it to live, that is how high were the chances of being sent there in real life, not in the lies of TV-propaganda clowns?

There are very clear Soviet statistics regarding this, because it is totally impossible to handle millions of people without bookkeeping and data records. Moreover it is not even possible to run a hundred-man factory without bookkeeping, let alone a whole country. This data does exist, and no one from serious scientific communities question the statistics of those years. Otherwise they would have had to make a crazy supposition that in 30s of 20th century the USSR jails kept 2

records of the statistics – a real one for them to use, and a fake one for the people that would live decades later.

Let's have a look at the statistics. We will also find out how much truth there is in the theory that the Industrialization in the USSR was made by the hands of 'many millions of slaves-prisoners'.

The biggest specialist in this subject Viktor Zemskov, who worked in the Soviet archives in the period of 'Perestroika' gives the following facts [1]: "In 1937 there were 1.196.369 prisoners and 87% of them were ordinary (non politic) criminals like thieves, cons, etc. in GULAG. In 1938 in GULAG were 1.881.570 prisoners and 81% of them were ordinary criminals.

From 1939 to WWII, the number of prisoners was decreasing mainly because of setting them free after the completion of their sentence. The smallest percentage of ordinary criminals was in 1947 – 40% but at that time, the prisons were full of war criminals like parricides, deserters, collaborators, marauders, and other 'innocent victims' of this kind.

The largest number of GULAG prisoners was 1 January 1950 - 2 561 351 and 77% of them were ordinary criminals, mostly after-war bandits.

What do these numbers mean? Is it a lot or not? 1.9 million of prisoners in the pike of 'mass repressions' or is it nothing unusual? Let's compare these numbers with "the base of democracy"- the USA, where there are more than 2.3 millions people imprisoned today [2].

The US population is about 300 million, and the population of USSR of the 30s was about 200 million. If we recount the proportion and imagine that the USA now has the population of the USSR in the 30s then the US would have 1.53 million prisoners, a bit less than in the pike of the "repressions" (1.88 millions), but more than in the "terrible 1937"

and almost equal to number of all GULAG prisoners in 1939.

Now in Russia there are about 1.1 million men and women in jails and prison camps. If we recalculate that in proportion to population of the USSR (145 to 200 millions), then we see then that the relative number of prisoners is 25% more than in the USSR in 1937 and 25% less than in the USSR in 1938. We can say that there is practically no difference – the chance of being imprisoned in the time of Stalin or Eltsin-Putin regimes are equal.

Can we ask the Russians if they feel petrifying fear to be imprisoned by the current government? Can we ask the Americans if they are afraid to be imprisoned by Bush or Obama? They will laugh.

The overall number of prisoners in the USSR was never more than 2% of the labor resources of the entire USSR. Thus the statement that "Industrialization in USSR was mainly done by enslaved prisoners" is nothing than a blatant and bold lie. It is totally impossible that 2% could not make any significant contribution to the economy and the industrialization. Moreover, the prisoners could only be used in the most unqualified jobs like digging, when modern industry and construction require high-qualified workers.

Furthermore: up to 1938 most of the Soviet Industrialization tasks were successfully completed (more than 80%). Industrialization had been started in 1928 and was practically finished in 1939.

Before 1938 there were less than 1.2 million prisoners in the USSR, and in the most difficult period of the Industrialization (1934) they were only 0.5 million. That means that all during the years of the USSR Industrialization (including 1937) they were no 'millions of slave-prisoners' – the average number was less than one.

The average percentage of prisoners in the USSR Industrialization was about 0.8 % of the USSR labour resources. We

have to make a conclusion that the commitment of the prisoners labour in the building of the USSR economy is negligible.

The criminal situation in the USSR was very complicated: right after the Civil war when there were up to 4 million homeless children, and when there were thousands (!) of specially trained terrorists and commando squads infiltrated the USSR border from Poland, Romania, Hungary, China, Finland etc. where they were hosted, supported and trained by their governments. It was also during that time when the USSR was practically a kind of military camp, and one war followed other: Middle Asia 10-years of war ('basmach war'), war with China ('KVZhD war'), Hasan conflict with Japan, Halhin-Gol war with Japan, not even mentioning WWII.

And despite of all these wars and country devastation the percentage of prisoners in the population in the Stalin's USSR was the same as in the USA now.

"In reality the number of convicted prisoners with political counter-revolutionary conviction from 1921 to 1953 (33 years) make up the total of 3.8 million" [1]

Who were the 'political or counter-revolutionary criminals'? Convicted in these crimes were spies, partisans, terrorists, bandits who were supported from abroad, Hitler's chasteners, collaborators, persons who carried anti-soviet and anti-state propaganda (including Nazi and Japan propagandists), and participants of anti-state rebellions. And in the condition of permanent wars were considered by Soviet Government as dangerous, etc. It should be taken into consideration that the Civilian war just finished, and there were a lot of former red-army opponents who utterly hated the USSR and the Bolsheviks' regime. These 'opponents' were ready to go to any means to do any harm to the USSR.

These counter-revolutionary criminals were sentenced to very different punishments, including deportation and some city-banishment (765 180 persons).



38,4% of prisoners had been sentenced to 5-10 years of imprisonment, 35,5% had from 3 to 5 years, 25,2% had less than 3 years and only 0.9% were imprisoned for more than 10 years.

The average imprisonment term in Gulag thus was less than 4 years – nothing overwhelming, especially if we compare it to the 'stronghold of democracy and human rights'; in the USA 2007 the average sentence of imprisonment was more than 5 years. (63 months) (<http://www.albany.edu/sourcebook/pdf/t5252007.pdf>)

Why we do not hear the screams about US-GULAG that was worse than in Stalin's time?

In the end of the 80-s Michael Gorbachev ordered to create so-called 'rehabilitation commission' that was further expanded in the Yeltsin's time. According to the conclusions of this 'commission': "According to the information of the office of the Attorney General 636 302 cases were reopened, in which there were 901127 people involved and 637614 of them were stated rehabilitated" [3]. Please note, that only 636 302 cases were reopened because in all of the other cases, it was obvious that no criminals would be stated "rehabilitated".

I beg your pardon, but where are the 'many millions of victims'?

If we name the work of this 'rehabilitation commission' biased it would still be a far too gentle term, because what was happening there can be briefly described as completely lawless actions – people were 'rehabilitated' in a crowd in a few minutes! There were 'rehabilitated' crowds of obvious criminals. A lot can say that the attempt to claim general Vlasov (a parricide who joined Hitler and took part in massacres of civilians) an 'innocent victim' failed only because mass indignation of WWII veterans.

A few cases opened to the public show fantastic insolence: 'discharges' of terrorists, wreckers and spies who were captured when they tried to cross Soviet frontier with weapon in hands.

The chairman of this commission was famous liar and traitor Yakovlev, one of the key people in 'Perestroika'. According to his directions to the commission "All people that were convicted as criminals by all non-court organizations are now considered innocent." This statement is a con because they were military tribunals and the 'court of three' ("troika") that were in fact tribunals created for faster processing of cases when the guiltiness of a criminal was obvious e.g. he was caught red-handed [4]. All these criminals despite of their approved crimes were claimed as 'victims of repressions'.

According to Yeltsin's 'rehabilitation law' (part 5) people were claimed 'innocent' despite of any legally obtained evidence that were confirmed guilty in court for the following crimes: "anti-Soviet propaganda" (including the war time), distribution obvious lies that blacken Soviet regime, encroachment on the rights of Soviet citizens under the pretence of devotions and even escape from Soviet jail if this person was claimed as 'repressed'.

So that means that according to the current regime in Russia it was considered lawful if someone

escaped from jail because they were so - called "repressed, or that it is fine if someone encroaches to rights of Soviet citizens, and it is fine if someone runs anti-government lies and propaganda for the sake of enemy in war and pre-war time....All this does not make sense not only from the point of law but also from the point of common sense and fairness.

All 'groundless mass rehabilitations' cannot help the cons and traitors.

We can say that setting Yakovlev as chairmen of this kind of commission is the same as setting Gobbels or Hitler as chairmen of Nuremberg tribunal or Judas Iscariot as a bartender of Jesus Christ.

Even with this boundless fraud and lies all official result of "Yakovlev' commission" is 637 614 'victims'. No trace of 'many millions'. This information is not so easy to find in Russia – it does not appear in the official media thus the wows about 'many-millions repressions' we can hear daily many times.

So, where are the '32 millions of victims' as Yakovlev claimed on meeting with Putin? [5] Does it mean that it is borderless lie? Yes, it does. That was the main public motivation of killing the USSR, wasn't it?

I have to emphasize the point – the hysteria about dozens of millions was not a sudden mistake – it is an operation or coverage and hiding the truth. Obviously that 30 or 50 millions of citizens cannot be criminals, and if it was true then without any additional evidences the USSR could be convicted in a crime against humanity. But if we claim '600 thousand or even 3 million 'victims' in more then 30 years then the next question will raise immediately: "Why do you claim them as victims, maybe they are real criminals according the Soviet law of those time?" To announce them as 'victims' we need reopening these cases in fair and independent court with all appropriate procedures and before this no one can name them 'innocent.'

The traitors like Yakovlev's Yeltsin's

and 'gorbachevs' did not have a chance in fair justice competition – even one of their declarations like 'all prisoners who escaped from jail are claimed as innocent' would be a good enough reason to kick them out of any fair court and even in return claim Yakovlev's in fraud. They perfectly knew (the Zemskov work was finished and published) that in case of any fair investigation the 'mass repression' claim does not have any chance to be won, and that's why they started this repression hysteria that is totally controlled by their mass media.

What does it mean, that the country that was penalized to death was innocent? Yes, it does. The horrible crimes against humanity that were claimed against Soviet Union totally failed.

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WHAT IS THE WORLD EXPECTING FROM THE NEW U.S. PRESIDENT?

BY NINA ANDREEVA
General Secretary of the AUCPB

The election of Barak Obama as the US President became top news all over the world in conditions of a developing world economic crisis in the capitalist world.

So what is the world expecting from President Obama?

(1) A rejection by the USA as the



world's gendarme and that it subordinates to the rules laid down by the United Nations Organization;

(2) The withdrawal of the US troops from Afghanistan and Iraq;

(3) The closing of the Guantanamo concentration camp in Cuba and also the closing of all its secret prisons scattered all over the world;

(4) Rejection of US policy of listing a number of states as belonging to the "axis of evil", or "rogue states", abandoning the economic blockage of Cub, North Korea and Iran;

(5) Cessation of extremist Americanism on independent world states under the pretext of "struggle of Americans for human rights";

(6) Cessation of gangster-style military arbitrariness on the Palestinian soil, in the Middle East by Israel that is fed by the USA;

(7) Inadmissibility of aerial bombardment by US Air Force of independent countries where Americans suddenly spot the presence of terrorists (Syria, Lebanon and others);

(8) Signing the Kyoto Protocol, signaling the willingness of US to struggle against global warming;

(9) Ending the global anti-missile defense systems located close to Russia (Poland, Czech Republic) and former republics of the USSR;

(10) Ending the expansionist policy of NATO further into the East;

(11) The ending of the US initiated world financial crisis that strongly hit the economies of countries like Russia, Japan, China and others.

We have already analyzed the question as to which real powers belong in America. It belongs to the

Zionist Lobby, aiming for world domination. Any US president is only an Executive of the will of US Imperialism, the Committee of 300, which runs the transnational corporations and dictates to any President of the USA!

Well, so Barak Obama has a black skin, so what? He is still their puppet. Let's face the fact that any politician, no matter what colour his skin might be, that has another view or another political orientation other than what makes the true power in the US happy, to the post as President – is **absolutely impossible!**

So Obama will do what he is told by the powers that be and he will do even more (*than George Bush has done – which Obama has done*) to constantly prove his complete loyalty and obedience as demanded by US imperialism and the Zionist Lobby!

It is not excluded that in choosing a Black President, US Imperialism is going after even broader penetration of the African Continent, which is immensely rich in rarest minerals and raw materials and exceptionally cheap labour. Is this a last ditch attempt at colonization and trying to find a way out of the economic crisis it's in?

Maybe it is very much needed to remember what the 41st US President Gorge Bush Sr. said in 1992 – ***"We have spent \$4 Trillion Dollars on winning the Cold War and compared to this amount, the sum we intend to spend now for breaking up the USSR – is \$24 Billion Dollars. The democrats inside the Kremlin are able to guarantee our security far more reliably than all of our Nuclear Missiles."***

In other words, Gorbachev's betrayal cost Americas 166 times less compared to the confrontation between the two political systems.

Here is also a historical fact that is not well known worldwide:

When Gorbachev and his Minister of Foreign Affairs, Shervernadze met in the summer of 1987 on Destroyer in the Mediterranean Sea near Malta with US and NATO power elite, Gorbachev and Shevernadze gave their consent to President Ronald Reagan of the US, to dissolve the Warsaw Pact, withdraw all Soviet troops from the German Democratic Republic (GDR), and also to end abruptly the Soviet Space Shuttle

BURAN.

The West German Chancellor Kohl at that time offered Gorbachev \$160, 000, 000 for handing over the GDR. After that, Gorbachev went away very happy with his \$14 Billion Dollars for that traitorous deal.

We are standing now on the

threshold of large social changes that we need to be ready to correctly understand and realize them wisely.

With us in these just struggles for peace, justice and socialism, are our leaders – Lenin and Stalin!
This excellent article was condensed for space reasons only. Editor.

BOLSHEVIKS IN VLADIVOSTOK ARE IN THE FOREFRONT IN DEFENSE OF THE WORKING CLASS - From newspaper *Rabotcha-Krestyanskaa Pravda* of the All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks



THE LAST FEW YEARS SAW THE GROWTH OF MORE AND MORE PROTESTS ORGANIZED BY SOVIET YOUTH AGAINST THE PRESENT BOURGEOIS REGIMES!



BY MARIA DONCHENKO – Moscow

Photos show demonstrations and meetings of protests against lawlessness in the City of Himki and the attack on the independent journalist Mikhail Beketov.

Another demonstration was held last November 7, 2008 in the City of Kazan.

Other photos show the meeting held last December 1, 2008 which was devoted to the 140th Anniversary of the revolutionary poet Fedor Stepanovich Shkulev (1868-1930), the author of the song "We are blacksmiths. and our spirit is young!"

All of these photos show that more and more people are becoming active and organizing to defeat the preset capitalist regimes in all of the former Soviet Republics.

There must be UNITY of all progressive forces in order to be more effective in struggles against all of the present capitalist regimes





RUSSIA IS BRACING FOR FURTHER UNREST

Gathered from Financial Times-Moscow

As the Russian ruble slid down to a new low value against the Euro, after the regime tried to devalue its currency. This was followed by six weeks of devaluation by the Russian Central Bank in order to deal with its own as well as the global economic crisis and falling of oil prices.

Gorbachev (the traitor who sold out the USSR – Editor) warned: "Russia faced unprecedented difficult and dangerous circumstances and could be heading into a black hole". The Ruble has lost over twenty percent of its value.

Because of this and the economic crisis, there are more and more demonstrations taking place, such as happened last December in the city of Vladivostok and it marks a growing challenge to Putin-Medvedev duet. Even Mikhail Sukhodolsky, the Russian Interior Minister stated: "The situation will be exacerbated by the growth of further mass protests and frustration of workers over non-payment of wages and the ever-growing threat and actual dismissal of workers from their jobs."

COMMENT

The uncontrollable corruption and embezzlement is running wild in Russia and other former republics, with this money fleeing to foreign and offshore banks - this is admitted even by the pro-imperialist Financial Times newspaper.

SON OF PRESIDENT OF UKRAINE SPENT \$500,000 ON GIRLFRIEND

Andrei Yushenko, the son of the President of Ukraine is now again in another scandal by spending \$500,000 on Chanel bags in Dubai for his girlfriend plus having a bottle on champagne and oysters costing 2,000 Euros in Kiev's most luxurious nightclub.

His President father covers the cost of his penthouse apartment, the most expensive in Kiev and he leaves \$500 tip at top restaurants all over Europe. His previous girlfriend also is used to luxury living, and when on one of his many trips, like the latest one to Turkey, he spent \$2,500 a room per night in luxury hotel.

COMMENT!

How long will the people of Ukraine put up with Mr. Yushenko and the likes of his son? How long will the Soviet people put up with these degenerate so-called "elected leaders"? With millions unemployed, no heat or electricity and forced to either immigrate or try to feed their families somehow – the only way is to unite into a mighty fist and put these people where they do belong.

Where is the UNITY of the Communists in former USSR – not in theory, but in practice?

CHINA AND RUSSIA ARE AT ODDS OVER OIL AND LOANS

According to Russia's Interfax Agency last December 2008, the two countries have suspended negotiations on the supply of oil and loans.

Russia claimed that the Chinese side is proposing "absurd conditions on credit financing. They are not setting a fixed cost of money. They want to provide funds at more than five percent. This is a floating rate. The Chinese side is always demanding multiple guarantees for the loan, guarantees for growing profit and for oil from the oil fields."

The Chinese banks agreed to loan Russia private consortium Transneft over \$10 Billions plus another \$15 Billions to construct a branch of the eastern Siberia-Pacific Ocean pipeline to China. China said that due to the economic crunch in the world, the Chinese banks still have not resolved their sources of lending.

Hey, we all thought that China is a Socialist country and is not affected by capitalist manipulations! Yes, some people still believe China is building Socialism, and following Marxism-Leninism.

PUTIN-MEDVEDEV PUSHED THROUGH SIX YEAR TERM

As was predicted even by the Western Media and the Communist movement in Russia, President Medvedev, fulfilling the plans of Putin (who will again be President) had the Russian Duma and Federation Council approve overwhelmingly to extend the presidential term from 4 years to 6 years!

According to the New York Times the opposition came from some Communist members of the Duma, and as one member expressed: "Why are we in such a hurry? Already we have in Russia a strict authoritarian regime that was established under Putin. There is already an unprecedented concentration of power in one person's hand!"

WHY IS MEDVEDEV DIMINISHING THE RUSSIAN ARMED FORCES?

Russian retired generals are very alarmed at the abrupt retirement of hundreds of Generals and the disbanding of over ninety percent of the Russian Army's standing units and their strategic capabilities.

The Associated Press quoted a Russian retired General Leonid Ivashov of the Defense Ministry: "President Medvedev is inflicting more harm on the Russian military might than NATO!"

WHY IS IMF GIVING BELARUS \$2.5 BILLIONS?



The International Monetary Fund (IMF) the tool of Imperialism is giving Belarus the Government of President Lukashenko \$2.5 billions to cope with the global financial crisis. This statement was issued in Washington, by the IMF Managing Director Dominique Strauss-Kahn on December 31, 2008.

NSC wonders as to what are the conditions attached?

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DOUBLE-FACED TRIDENT

Just like the ancient Greek god Janus, the symbol of "independent" Ukraine, the Trident, has two faces as well. The state presents it to the world as a business card. On TV screens one can see "the Honourable President" Mister Yushchenko during his visits to other countries, participating in the parades, blessing crosses in the memory of "holodomor" and other ceremonies. In moments like these Mister President is very proud, putting his chest forward, lifting his chin up. In addition Ukraine shows itself to the world with its "embroidery", folk dances, demonstration of "democracy", represented by several dozen parties, never ending elections and fist fights in the Parliament "Verkhovna Rada". Wouldn't it be a shame not to accept such a wonderful state "in the centre of Europe" into the EU and NATO?

However, behind the fancy business card is hidden the other face of the Trident: Ukraine's reality, year by year crawling into the ruins of the catastrophe. Restoration of the wild ugly capitalism, development of Ukrainian fascism with praises to banderites, impoverishment and beginning of dying out of the people – this is the pay off for undermining of the USSR, praising "independence", and "transition to a market economy".

I recall a trip to a prison, a correctional facility, in Krasni Louch where Iliia Romanov was kept after being sentenced for 10 years in prison. Did he kill or rob anyone? No, his crime is that he refuses to put up with the existing system. Iliia became a revolutionary back in Russia without having completed his studies at a medical university. In October 1993 he provided medical help to the defenders of the House of

Soviets in Moscow. Later he defended arrested communists. In 1998 he was imprisoned for 2.5 years and later released due to the decision of the European Court. Fleeing persecution in Russia Iliia moved to Ukraine. Here he has committed his main "crime": a dumpster was exploded near the Ukrainian security office in Kiev. Even though no one was hurt in this "terrorist act", Iliia Romanov was sentenced as a "terrorist" for 10 years of imprisonment. At the same time in Odessa Komsomol members who created an underground revolutionary organization were put on trial and given similar sentences. During the investigation Sergey Berdiugin was beaten to death and Igor Danilov contracted tuberculosis. Iliia Romanov who has already spent 5 years in prison is located in a cell with 11 other prisoners where the temperature does not go above +16C and the ceiling leaks and is damp. Torture and imprisonment for thinking about "changing the Constitutional system" is the true face of Ukrainian "democracy"! And people have forgotten that the "Constitution" itself was imposed on them as a result of the criminal destruction of the Soviet power – the power of the labourers. So who should be put on trial and behind the bars? Perhaps it should be the ones who destroyed the USSR and grabbed into their hands the factories, mines and power stations, and destroyed collective farms and Soviet farms, re-established exploitation and brought the masters back to power?

When gentlemen "democrats" called upon voting for "independence" they assured us that Ukraine would immediately reach the standard of living of France and Germany. In the USSR Ukraine was one of the most prosperous republics, where one ton of steel and one ton of grain was produced per person! What the nationalists did not talk about is that Ukraine's achievements were possible as part of the united economic complex of the USSR. By declaring "independence" the creators of the new Ukraine cut all blood vessels connecting Ukraine with the all-union body. Each Ukrainian enterprise was connected with many hundreds of other enterprises across the territory of the USSR! Therefore, the

economy crashed. Until today the economy cannot achieve its results of 1990! Ukraine tumbled down to one of the last places in Europe after Albania and Moldova. Its population has decreased by 8 million since it achieved "independence".

Another blow to Ukraine was caused by the world financial crisis. Especially hard hit were industries producing for export: metallurgy and chemical production. For example, one of the largest metallurgy factories in Alchevsk, near Lougansk, works at 20% of its capacity and one third of its workers are forced to unpaid vacation. The predictions are that the number of unemployed in Ukraine will be higher than 4 million. Such is the "sweet fruit" of capitalism!

One evening we were returning from the factory Krasni Louch as I saw a picture I will not forget as long as I live. Right next to the highway were piles of rock and dirt. We stopped and saw an ugly cave 15 meters deep and half a kilometre long which was cut into the field and came all the way up to the highway. It looked like the excavators had worked here, searching for a layer of coal. The man-made ravine looked like a deep wound on the surface of the Earth. This would never bear harvest again. Seekers of new coal layers have carved such ugly scars throughout Donbass. Who permitted these barbaric actions? It looked like the local authorities have been paid well for the permit to dig. The predators who rule Ukraine today have nothing in their souls except greed. This wound in the Earth is a true symbol of predator capitalism, which leaves ruins behind.

Closed, flooded mines and factories led to bankruptcy, the equipment of which has been shredded for recycling, millions of former labourers, thrown to the market, forced away from productive labour, affected by alcoholism, drugs and lack of spirituality, a young generation, deprived of ideals – this is the face of the modern Ukraine, lifeless cut-off from the dismembered USSR.

Life is the best teacher. Ukrainians start to wake up when they see that prices for food in Ukraine are 1.5 times higher and wages and pensions 10+ times lower than those in Europe. The rating of

the Orange revolution "hero" Yushcheko has dropped from 60% to 3-5%. More and more people begin to ponder: who is guilty about the troubles they are facing?

We were returning to Lougansk late at night. The Secretary of Lougansk regional committee of the Communist Party of Ukraine drove his truck steadily to the sounds of Komsomol songs on the recorder. I was reminiscing my earlier meeting with Iliia Romanov. The room for the meeting with political prisoners was divided in half. The prisoners were in their mini-cells for visiting hours and were separated from visitors by glass. We could talk only via the phone. It was obvious: the prison has not broken Iliia's spirit. He was abreast of all the current events, read newspapers, which Lougansk communists supplied him with. He spoke calmly, even threw a few jokes. He had no intention to go down on his knees and beg for pardon. People like Iliia who do not abandon their beliefs, are afraid neither of tortures nor prisons, nor death itself are a threatening sign for the lords in power. They are like dawn and like a forerunner of the coming storm. Here, I recalled Gorky's words from *The Song of a Storm-petrel*: "Storm! There shall soon start a storm!"

I believe, the time will come when the Trident of Petliura will be replaced with a "hammer and sickle" and yellow and blue banner with the Red one!

BRUSSELS (NATO) TO INTEGRATE THE POST SOVIET REPUBLICS

From Trend News Agency
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The newly set-up Eastern Partnership after the war in the Caucasus - South Ossetia - this European Committee made a decision to go ahead to integrate the future with six ex-Soviet republics.

Poland and Sweden made this proposal on behalf of EU-NATO to establish a united forum that will bring together 26 states - including Ukraine, Moldova, Belarus, Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan.

The idea is to establish a free trade zone (of course to get the US and Chinese goods to be dumped

into these countries - Editor) plus strategic agreements! (*Against whom - is the question - Editor*).

Ferrero Waldner, the European Union Commissioner said that the EU recognizes the efforts made by the present leadership of these countries for quick integration into the European Union.

EX-GEORGIAN AMBASSADOR BLAMES SAAKASHVILI FOR WAR

TBILISI -AP - Matt Siegel

Before last summer's Georgia-Russia War, President Saakashvili was itching to do battle with Russia. Georgian authorities (*supposedly*) mistook messages from the United States as encouragement to use force - according to former Georgian Ambassador to Russia Erosi Kitsmarishvili - who spoke to the press last month. He also charged that the leadership of Russia is also to blame, because it was trying to inflame Saakashvili's warlike itch.

The war ended with the Russian forces firmly in control of South Ossetia and Abkhazia. Moscow recognized them as independent states.

The former Georgian Ambassador charged that: **"Saakashvili wanted that war, he had been planning this action for the last four years. Russia was also eager to exploit this, pushing him to attack in force."**

Now, a majority of the Georgian population and politicians have been increasingly critical of the president and the war. Former Ambassador Kitmarishvili is the highest placed official in the pre war period to openly and publicly challenge President Saakashvili on that conflict. He also charged that Georgia thought that they will regain South Ossetia within hours and did not expect Russia to intervene.

The Ambassador also charged that the U.S. president gave assurance to Georgia that they will intervene. When US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice officially visited Georgia on July 9-10, Saakashvili was encouraged to invade and Saakashvili's inner circle told him

"Condoleezza Rice gave the green light."

It is very interesting that President Saakashvili recalled Ambassador Kitsmarishvili to Russia on July 10, about one month before the war broke out

SOVIET PEOPLE PROTEST RENAMING OF STREET TO SOLZHENITSYN

From GUARDIAN NEWSPAER -UK

President Medvedev when he gave permission to rename the street in honor of Solzhenitsyn did not expect thousands of Muscovites to demonstrate and to tear off the street signs. The people demanded that the street be named as it was called before - Big Communist Street. According to Russian today's Law on renaming streets - the authorities must wait ten years before renaming any street. But of course Putin-Medvedev have no regard for the laws that they themselves have pushed through.

Over 1000 people of Moscow demonstrated in the street organized by the Communists and thousands signed a petition against this change. All across the ex-USSR there were street names and cities changed which brought demonstrations and demands to go back to their original historical names given by the people.

PEOPLES HUMOUR IN UKRAINE

If around you are only Angels - that means that another election campaign is starting in Ukraine.

If your question is being answered by President of Ukraine, you are sure to forget the questions.

Those that receive much in government, they will take more themselves.

Armenian Radio was asked:

Is there freedom of the press in Russia?

Armenian Radio answers:

In Russia all press is free. Others are barred.

THE RISE OF HATE CRIMES IN RUSSIA

From AP – Moscow

A Moscow court last December of 2008 sentenced seven men to prison for involvement in the murder of 19 non-Slavic migrants in a series of hate crimes. The rise in hate crimes, xenophobia and neo-Nazi groups are on the rise – and supported by sources both internal and external. These fears are growing after police found a gruesome scene when a Tadjik migrant was found beheaded near Moscow.

Russian prosecutors charged that this group of men picked out Central Asians, Caucasians and other non-Slavs, attacking them on the streets or in the pedestrian tunnels with hammers and other weapons. This group also videotaped many of these attacks and posted clips online.

Hate-crimes are on the rise in Russia according to the Moscow Bureau of Human Rights which estimated that documented 110 xenophobic murders in Russia in 2008 year alone, compared to 74 in 2007.

In December of 2008 two Tadjik men were attacked in a town north of Moscow, and one of them was beheaded. The Russian media reported that his head was found 12 miles away and an obscure Russian nationalist group did claim responsibility. Also in December of last year an 18-year old Kazakh student was found stabbed to death near his Moscow dormitory, Moscow police reported. Also early in December of 2008 an 18-year old African American exchange student in southern city of Volgograd was beaten up and left in extremely critical condition.

Police efforts are not consistent or effective, since their job is to stop protests or demonstrations against the preset regime. The economic and political situation in former USSR is critical with economic stagnation, unemployment and terrible conditions in making a living. These internally and externally supported hate groups are aimed at the "Official Cause" – meaning the migrant workers from other former Soviet republics – this false blame is

even nurtured ^{now} by the Church that " *foreigners are to blame!*"

Hey, Mr. Putin-Medvedev – your 6-year presidency term that you pushed through will not solve this problem! Your resignation and the rebirth of the USSR and Socialism is the only answer!

THE TRAGEDY AND LACK OF OUR AND INTERNATIONAL UNITY

BY VLADIMIR PRONIN

I have received and read the last issue of NSC with the documents of the International Conference. I was very pleased to see my article in that issue surrounded with a splendid cartoon. When I was sending you my last article I was not sure you would publish it, but now that I see you have use of literature like this, I can send you more. My English has improved since the time I started receiving NSC and I now read it whenever I have time, which I do not have that much of. I express my regrets for not participating in the Conference at least by correspondence. I have experience participating in such conference, for example I collaborate with the Japanese organization СЯПК. You know about them because in the last report of their regularly held antiwar conference my speech and the greetings of the International Council with your signature were published side by side. Naturally, I have not the means to travel either to Japan or to Canada, and neither the Japanese nor you have the means to pay for my travel. However, every year I have an opportunity to present my speech to the Japanese conference *by correspondence*.

I think if you invited all your readers who wish to express their opinion on the agenda of the Conference and in general on the outstanding problems of the communist movement at its modern stage there would be many of those willing to express their serious thoughts, worthy of presenting to the attention of the NSC readers, as well as useful advice, directed towards further steady movement of our cause and our ideas.

On the other hand, I realise what a burden on you and your closest colleagues would be publishing such responses, never mind their translation! I can imagine you saying to me: "It is easy for you to advise!" and I admit you are right. However, I feel obligated to express my thoughts and wishes, and it is for you to decide to apply them or not.

It would be ideal if the series of political seminars about socialism and what happened in the USSR, which started on November 9 in the Friendship House, could also take an international character, if such seminars were announced beforehand and if participation of foreign Marxists *by correspondence* was allowed.

About some issues raised and discussed at the Conference. Bourenkov's opinion that in the Georgian-Ossetian conflict, Russia was an imperialist country just like the USA, saddened me, but did not surprise me. Part of the left, here in Ukraine as well, hold this opinion. They explain their position with the idea that at some point Lenin *according to them* also took such a position in a similar conflict. And without burdening themselves with serious concrete historical analysis they take a similar stand! However, such a position hurts your own cause and works for the imperialists. If they believe that the Georgian aggression conducted by an American puppet Saakashvili against South Ossetia and the Russian army stepping in to defend the citizens of South Ossetia and rescue them from open genocide are equivalent actions, then in whose favour is such thinking? There are many such examples!

Without forgetting the nature of today's Russian government, if we want to remain on a Marxist path we must say that today Russia is not simply a capitalist country, but a post-socialist country, being dragged into capitalism by force, which for a post-socialist country is quite a reactionary and unnatural path, which contradicts the essence of the society, its ideology, economics and state of mind!

Having survived the period of comprador bourgeoisie of the Yeltsin epoch and first years of Putin's government, today Russian is merely

a supplier of raw materials to the imperialist countries. It is making its first steps towards becoming a truly independent state. This state can very likely choose a path of becoming a mighty imperialist state, or it may not. It may take the path of *state capitalism*, from which it will turn to *state socialism*, which for a country with the recent socialist past would be a more natural transition... Not to understand the difference between the politics of the imperialist monster, who just recently tried to play the role of almighty master of the unipolar world, means to sign under one's own helplessness and inability to properly evaluate the situation in the modern world society. Should we support any attempt to throw the USA off the throne of world gendarme, or stand by and watch? If we chose to simply observe, then from which camp will we hear the applause?

I wholeheartedly support the comrades who proposed to maximize use of the Internet. NSC must keep up with the times. At the same time, I am absolutely against discontinuing publication of the print edition of NSC. A large portion of the exploited and oppressed does not have access to the Internet.

I was somewhat offended with the part of your speech where you said that NSC readers do not say "Thank you" for the magazine sent to them for free. I think all that we do, each one in his place of duty, we do not do so we can receive "Thank you's", but for the victory of socialism in the whole world. Also, it seems to me that all regular readers of NSC value the work of the comrades in Canada and your work particularly in publishing NSC and are greatly thankful for your efforts.

To conclude, I would like to express my joy on the occasion that I managed to find the time and write you this message. I wish you, your wife, and your comrades success in your noble work, as well as health, and express one more time sincere thank you for everything you are doing for our common cause.

Having finished I continued reading the NSC and came to the part where it says about broadening the network of local Organizations of Friendship with Foreign Countries. Several years ago I expressed my readiness

to make an attempt and start some work in this direction. If I recall correctly, back then you counted on Professor Herasymchuk in Rovno. I have tried contacting him several times by mail, unsuccessfully though (likely because Professor Herasymchuk has always lived in Lutsk, not in Rovno -- translator). I inquired about him at the local office of the Communist Party of Ukraine and heard a lot of good things about him. However, I have never heard back from Professor Herasymchuk himself and this endeavour of mine dwindled. Today, unfortunately, I am too busy with the Antifascist Committee and association Intellectuals for Socialism, and I cannot take upon myself organizing of a local branch of Organization of Friendship with Foreign Countries. However, if anyone in Ukraine starts such a branch, I will help them with whatever means I have.

As for the call to create a Comintern, you appeal to the communist parties for unification, and I cannot make a decision for any party. If any work is done regarding this, I am always ready to help in this noble beginning. At the same time, I do not see any true serious parties, and not those who are "communist" only in name, who could approach the task of creating a Communist International.

I think that we should not create the new International. For this, first of all, we need the building material. We must do like Marx and Engels in a similar situation. They created a Union of Communists which individual communists could join as well as organizations. I have written to you about such a form of unification a long time ago and until now remain firm in this opinion.

90TH ANNIVERSARY OF KOMSOMOL CELEBRATED

By VLADIMIR SHKARUPA-AUCPB

Last November 19, 2008 in Mineralny Vody there gathered patriots around the monument to V. I Lenin in order to celebrate the founding of the Soviet Komsomol.

In all sections of life in the USSR the Komsomol, under the guidance of the Communist Party, helped to build and defend the gains of the



young Soviet Union.

During the Civil War of 1918-1920, the Komsomols were in the front lines to save the young Soviet state from the counterrevolutionary forces, that were supported by imperialism. After the end of the civil war, the Komsomols were in the forefront of rebuilding the economy, industry and agriculture of the country.

From 1960-1980 the Komsomols helped to make the country stronger by industrialization of the country. The Komsomol organization was awarded 6 of the highest State Awards for their work and dedication to Socialism.

During the 1990's the counterrevolutionary forces temporarily dismembered the USSR. Komsomol ceased to exist. The preset regime set up many dubious youth organizations that do not know the meaning of work and dedication. The spread of egoism, grabbing of goods, narcotics, prostitution – the ills of a capitalist state - and only Western cultural values are promoted in the daily media – civil strife and oncoming anarchy.

We gathered around the Lenin Monument and sang the Komsomol songs, like – "I will not leave the Komsomol – I will always be young!"

**YOU HAVE AN OPINION
ABOUT NSC? WRITE!**

WAS IT ONLY GERMANS THAT ATTACKED USSR ON JUNE 22, 1941?

These are the facts that were and are hidden from the people by all capitalist Western media ever since World War II ended in May of 1945. **WHY?** Why is it that the present regimes of former USSR, Poland, Czech and Slovak Republics, Hungary, Bulgaria, Romania, Yugoslavia – plus others that are listed below – do not admit to their new generation that their country also attacked the Soviet Union, together with Nazi Germany?

The die-heart Nazis who were the elite troops of the German SS – had in its ranks many other nationalities listed in the countries below. **These Nazi-Fascist murderers numbered over 400,000**, besides the regular army soldiers from these countries.

Take a look at the numbers below that the Soviet Red Army captured as prisoners of war – and this number does not include the millions that were killed during WW II. **Of the 50,000,000 people that were killed during the Second World War, over 27,000,000 of them were Soviet People!**

It also must be remembered and never-ever forgotten that it was the Western imperialist powers that nurtured, financed, urged on and supported Germany to attack the Soviet Union.

History has recorded these terrible words, uttered by the top scion of Imperialism, Winston Churchill of the British Empire, after the Great October Socialist Revolution took place in Russia in 1917, when 16 countries that included Germany, attacked young Soviet State – **“Let’s drown this baby in its cradle!”**

Everyone heard about the German Nazi SS butchers – the backbone of German Nazism. But there were in this elite SS Divisions also over 400,000 non-Germans – from all countries of Europe.

Here is the list of prisoners of war, captured by the Soviet Red Army – their numbers and nationality – during the period June 22, 1941 to Sept 2, 1945.

GERMANS - 2,389,560
JAPANESE - 639,635
HUNGARIANS - 513,767
ROMANIANS - 187,370
AUSTRIANS - 156,682
CZECHOSLOVAKS - 69,977
POLES - 60,280
ITALIANS - 48,957
FRENCH - 23,136
YUGOSLAVS - 21,822
MOLDAVIANS - 14,129
CHINESE -- 12,928
JEWS - 10,173
KOREANS - 7,785
DUTCH - 4,729
MOLGOLIANS - 3,608
FINNS - 2,377
BELGIANS - 2,010
LUXFMBURGS - 1,652

SPANISH - 452
GYPSIES - 383
NORWEGIANS - 101

SWEDES - 72

In the Second World War there were **50,000,000 people** killed and out of that number, the Soviet Union lost over **27,000,000 people!**

No matter how Imperialism or the internal traitors inside former USSR and other countries try to obliterate, the Soviet history from 1917 to 1953 and heap dirt and lies upon lies about Stalin, his name and his deeds will shine above all of the present traitors to Socialism! These so-called present leaders in former Socialist countries will never-ever reach the stature, the leadership that was J.V. Stalin – **NEVER!**

http://iwolga.narod.ru/docd/ub_st/ub_st.sow

**BACK TO THE FUTURE! BACK TO
THE USSR AND SOCIALISM!**

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

CZECH REGIME WANTS ITS SOLDIERS TO PARTICIPATE IN US-NATO-EU FOREIGN MISSIONS

FROM CZECH NEWS AGENCY

PRAGUE - The Czech ministers responsible for foreign policy said that the Czech Lower House will support their proposal for Czech soldiers to participate in all foreign missions, starting this year – but the left-wing opposition is against it.

The Czech government can and does act without the Czech parliament’s approval, as it did with Czech troops sent into Afghanistan.

For the first time in its history the Czech Social Democrats (CSSD) are reluctant to support future missions. The Czech troops are also in Kosovo at the urging of NATO

THE RIOTS IN GREECE

*STATEMENT by MLCP-TURKEY/
NORTHERN KURDISTAN
International Bureau*

The Greek brotherly people shook the country last month with resistance against the murder committed by the Greek police. This

resistance of the Greek people is in response at the massacre-like attacks of imperialist-capitalism by transforming this pain and rage we all feel for this assassination of a 16-year old Aleksis Grigoropoulos. This was like 1985, after the Greek police murder- when cars were burnt, building set on fire, streets barricaded and universities were occupied.

This is an example which Greece shows that the hypocritical bourgeois states answer any resistance of the workers and students with detentions and prisons – calling these protests as blind violence and terror- but meanwhile the state reacts with unbridled violence. This is the reaction in all of the European States as well, which are praised now as “*cradles of democracy*” and importing their “*democracy*” to Iraq and Afghanistan. The present deep economic crisis in the capitalist world will bring even more political reaction and even more unbridled violence over the working class.

In our country after the state passed a law in 2007 “*Law on Powers and Tasks of the Police*”- scores of people became victims of police bullets. The struggle of the families, democratic organizations and revolutionary organizations against the police murders are

growing.

We, the MLCP are condemning the police and the murder committed in Greece. We greet the resistance of the Greek people! We call upon all progressive, revolutionary and communist forces of the world to show their solidarity with the Greek people.

The Greek state will have to account to the workers for this assassination!

Aleksis Grigoropoulos is immortal!

TAMIL NADU SLEEPS WHILE DEADLY SERPENTS BREED UNDER THE PILLOWS

As Mahatma Gandhi said: India and Ceylon can't afford to quarrel with each other. Now it is truer in respect to Tamil Nadu and Sri Lanka (formerly Ceylon).

This ongoing tragic civil war in Sri Lanka has cost thousands of innocent victims, devastation and the country ripped apart, ethnic conflicts and this is promoted for their own ends by powers outside Sri Lanka.

Sri Lanka people have been living in this ethnic strife and agony for nearly half a century and it cost the people of Sri Lanka over one hundred thousand lives and billions of dollars in destroyed property.



LTTE attacked a central bank in Sri Lanka and over 100 were killed And 1,200 were injured.

The LTTE with its drastic abuses against the civilians is unparalleled. LTTE forces young children and youth into their camps and trained them to be suicide bombers. Over 20,000 such youth have been dragged into these camps and trained in warfare and used as suicide bombers for years. It is not the LTTE's children that are



A mass execution of villagers by the LTTE in late 80s



abducted and trained to be suicide bombers – it is the Sri Lanka Tamil children that are abducted into these camps.

Hundreds of thousands of ethnic Tamil civilians are currently trapped in intensifying fighting between the Sri Lanka Army and the separatist Liberation Tigers (LTTE). The LTTE has very frequently killed civilians with bombs and remote controlled landmines, killing perceived political opponents and Tamil politicians, journalists and forcibly recruiting children.

Where the LTTE controls the region, they shut down the pass system and have banned the people from leaving the area under control of the LTTE, trapping several thousand of people.

The Sri Lanka government ordered the United Nations (UN) troops to withdraw plus all the



A mass funeral following a village massacre

humanitarian organizations also. The government of Sri Lanka denies the people who manage to flee the LTTE controlled regions and thus the people are scared to go any place for safety.

Above we do publish a few photographs showing the plight and atrocities committed in this civil war in Sri Lankas.

WHO WAS BEHIND THE MUMBAI MASSACRE IN INDIA?

By Kurt Nimmo – India Times

The horrendous massacre in Mumbai, India last month now is becoming increasingly clear and hard to put the blame on Pakistan and to set the stage for an attack on Pakistan after Obama becomes President of the U.S.

According to a report by the Associated Press last month, it is likely that the Indian secret service, Israel and USA are behind the Mumbai attacks.

This expose was carried in the national daily newspaper published in the Indian State of Madhya Pradesh - Israel's Mossad was involved in the planning of this

attack. Relations between Israel's Mossad and the CIA are acting together with Indian secret service RAW and are doing covert work to destabilize South Asia and elsewhere.

It is a fact, according to that report that India RAW, with the help of the CIA and Mossad created the current situation and has set up Pakistan's secret service ISI to take the blame for the Mumbai attacks.

It is necessary to remember that President-elect Obama, when he was a US Senator in August 2007 said: **"The United States must be willing to strike at Pakistan."** It now appears that this arranged India's "9/11" will serve as a pretext to get the ball rolling on this planned **"surgical strike at Pakistan."**

WHAT IS EUROPEAN UNION UP TO NOW?

From MAREEG – BRUSELS

We worried about the EU Army, and forgot to look at what was going on by stealth. We looked at what is going on by stealth and forgot to look up at the sky to see the EU Air Force in action. This phantom force, and we were told that there was no need for a referendum by members of the European Union.

The EU for the first time in its history sets out its EU Navy. (*Did you know that there was an EU Navy?*) Not bad that EU was promoted all over the world as a "Common Market" for trade!

Now tell us by what legal base is the EU using for this action? There is no military treaty. When were the EU member countries people given a chance to say "Yes" or "No" on this graver constitutional move to commit forces to this action under the command of the EU?

At the EU Parliament sparks flew over legality and justification of a naval and air mission to the Horn of Africa. So now the EU and NATO have joined forces. This action is against international law, according to many EU member states, including a very strong criticism by the German MEP Anglika Beer.

COMMENT:

So...is there any difference between the policy of EU and NATO?

HUNDRED THOUSAND PEOPLE DEMONSTRATE IN ANKARA

From info@mlkp.info

Last November 29, 2008, hundred thousand people gathered in Ankara, Turkey, to protest the high prices and unemployment. The workers, coming from all parts of the country, followed the banner and were enthusiastic about the banner, which proclaimed: *"We are against unemployment, poverty and high prices for bread! We are for peace and democracy!"*

The demonstrators represented a wide section of the population of Turkey. There were banners such as: *"Forward towards a General*

Strike against repression, attacks against workers and economic terror!"

Demonstrators that came to take part in this mass demonstration from the Kurdish provinces of Turkey, were stopped by the police. The participation of the KESK branches, which wanted to come from Sirt were also stopped by force. The police continued with their provocations. When the demonstrating masses protested, confrontations arose and the police used gas bombs against the people. But the demonstrators answered this attack with stones and the police were forced to withdraw.

There were other demonstrations organized, such as the "Month of the Martyrs" in Alibeykoy and Istanbul in memory of the martyrs that were killed by the Turkish authorities.

In November there was a memorial held in Zurich, Switzerland where Hasan Arslan, a martyr was buried in 2006.

ZIONIST BUTCHERY

Statement by MLCP Turkey/North Kurdistan International Bureau

Zionist Israel, gendarme of US imperialism in the Middle East has started a gruesome massacre on the Palestinian people. Israel had waged air attacks on the Gaza and killed more than 800 Palestinians since the attacks in December of 2008.

This has been the last link of the chain of imperialist "solution" that culminated in the division of Palestine into two parts. This latest attack did not remain without a response by people all over the world, from Asia, Europe, North and South America – showing solidarity with the Palestinian people.

Despite all of these attacks by Israel, tortures, imprisonments, dirty and bloody occupation war that has lasted for tens of years - the Palestinian people did not yield and raised their resistance by defending their dignity and freedom – and, in this way they showed the peoples of the whole world. They were and are the source of inspiration resisting Imperialism.

The destiny and the struggles of our Turkish, Kurdish, Arabic and Persian peoples is becoming more and more the same, with the efforts

of the progressives, revolutionary and communist forces of the region uniting in the common struggle.

It is the necessary task of proletarian internationalism to struggle for unity in struggling and fighting imperialism.

At the MLCP, we call upon all the progressive, revolutionary and communist forces, the working class and laborers to increase the solidarity with the Palestinian people.

Down with Zionism! Down with Imperialism!

Long live the unyielding resistance of the Palestinian people!

Intifada in Palestine, resistance in Iraq and serhildan in Kurdistan will win!

IRAQI SHOE TROWER CAPTURED THE MIDEAST RAGE AT PRESIDENT BUSH



The throwing of shoes at Bush on his farewell visit to Iraq is very fitting as well as a furious comment on how the people see him as a calamitous legacy in this region. Arab and Iranian TV stations have gleefully replayed this TV clip over and over again. The Iraqi reporter who called Bush a Dog and then threw two shoes at him is now a folk hero. Shoes in the Middle East are thrown only at dogs!

VERY FITTING!

WRITE YOUR OPINION, NOT ONLY VERBAL CRITICISM!

**Eduardo Artes
Primer Secretario
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Chileno (Acción Proletaria)**



CRIMINAL ZIONISM

At the end of the year, so that nobody could forget its criminal nature, the fascist Zionist government in Israel is carrying out a new and ferocious crime against the Palestinian people, it is bombing the City of Gaza and the whole Gaza Strip.

The Israeli weapons of U.S. manufacture have sown massive death and destruction; it is said that there are more than ~~170 dead and about 400 wounded~~. Israel is threatening to continue until it reaches its objective; is it to annihilate the heroic Palestinian people?

The present bullying and criminal action is taking place after months of having Gaza surrounded, without a drinkable water supply, electricity, food or medicine. The situation is so severe that our own devious government in Chile felt obliged to send, a short while ago, some medical equipment and medicine. The criminal Zionists are trying to achieve with murders what they have not achieved with their criminal blockade, to bring a dignified and patriotic people that is only seeking their sovereignty and liberty to their knees.

The Israeli Zionist army, which practices legalized terrorism, is not acting alone, nor without permission of U.S. imperialism, without the support and approval of the Pentagon. Therefore, besides

unmasking them and fighting them, we should denounce and deepen the anti-imperialist fight, the fight against U.S. imperialism.

All democrats, revolutionaries and communists everywhere should immediately put at the center of their work the defense of the lives of the Palestinian people; we should quickly come out with concrete actions. The Communist Party (Proletarian Action), PC (AP), is already taking necessary measures and we are ready for united actions around this internationalist duty of solidarity and humanity.

Stop the genocide against the Palestinian people!

Today, we are all Palestinians!

Eduardo Artes: Candidate for the presidency of the Chilean Communist Party (Proletarian Action) – PC (AP)

2 Years Since the Death of Pinochet

Last December 10 has been two years since the death of the Fascist Gorilla, executioner of the working class and peoples of Chile.

Why is the C.A.S struggling against Pinochetism and his economic, social, and political legacy?

* Because we are anti-fascists, and the Pinochet regime, its advisors such as Guzman and Claro and the movements which preceded it in anti-working class terrorism, such as Fatherland and Liberty, are based on fascist conceptions of society and politics. These are conceptions that people such as Pinochet and Guzman have made their own; they are heirs of the Spanish Franco-fascist tradition. characterized by an extreme Catholicism to justify divine social hierarchies and the sacred right of property, and a phobia towards everything of the workers,

everything popular and progressive. Even today, the UDI [Independent Democrat Union, part of the right wing Alliance – *translator's note*], the party that is openly pro-Pinochet, continues to support the idea of hierarchical "syndicates" to demobilize and depoliticize the workers, an idea common to the Nazis and Italian fascists. Independent of the shades in the themes such as racism, the economy, etc., the Pinochet regime has in common with that of Hitler and Franco being "the open terrorist dictatorship of capital against the working class and peoples".

* Because just as historic fascism of the period between the world wars was the gendarme of national capital and the geopolitical interests of imperialism and the large U.S. companies, the Pinochet regime fulfilled exactly the same role. Just as the European fascist regimes were set up with the approval of the "Western democracies", led by the USA, to crush the large waves of worker and popular mobilizations after the Russian revolution of October 1917, the various military regimes with fascist characteristics that appeared in Latin America are also supported by imperialism and local capital to repress the legitimate wave of struggles of the workers and peoples that struck Latin America in the 1960s and 1970s. This is the case of Chile.

* Because the Pinochet regime dismantled the gains achieved by the workers at the cost of much blood during the 20th century, mutilating the economic, social and trade union rights won in struggle with the ruling class. Just as it dismantled other popular gains, such as the nationalization of copper, selling off the resources that belong to the Chilean people to transnational robbers, parasites and allies of the dictatorship in the privatization schemes. All this is linked to the neoliberal phase that capitalism adopted and imperialism promoted at

the end of the 1970s. It tried to sell a "transition to democracy" that really was a political re-accommodation between the local capitalists and imperialism, which no longer needed the gorilla in uniform and they preferred to have gorillas in suit and tie, renegades from social-democracy, and even Christian Democratic coup supporters such as the Concertation [bloc including the Christian Democrats and the Socialist Party – *translator's note*].

* The Concertation, in marriage with the Alliance, has maintained the same fascist constitution of 1980, imposed by fraud during the curfew and the continuous raids, with superficial changes in order to sell a certain false progressivism. It has deepened the same economic model and does not hesitate to use the same fascist methods and laws against the working class and people when it needs to. Methods such as watching over the business interests with armaments of war, as can be seen with the murder of the forestry worker Rodrigo Cisternas, and with the harsh repression that has caused victims among the legitimate movements of the Mapuches and students. It also counts on the National Intelligence Agency, under the tutelage of the FBI, a worthy successor of the CNI [National Information Center, a political police agency under Pinochet's regime – *translator's note*] in infiltrating and bullying the workers and peoples in struggle. Ministers from Concertation even attended the homage to Guzman, the ideologist of the dictatorship.

* Because there has been no real punishment of those responsible for the massacres, tortures and selective assassinations that took place under the dictatorship, nor for those that took place under bourgeois democracy. They are sent to country-club "jails" or manage to evade punishment with various tricks or by alleging false dementias. Only the people themselves will provide

justice through their struggle, inspired by the just punishment that the Italian people gave to Mussolini's executioners.

There still remains the urgent task of overcoming the burden of Pinochet by fighting intransigently against the politicians that today maintain his legacy, the Concertation and Alliance, without distinguishing between them or letting oneself be deceived by a false progressivism. We must build, through a revolutionary struggle, an economic, political and social model that serves the workers and multinational peoples of Chile, where they will be in the center and organize society according to their historic interests.

Unity of the workers and peoples against the Pinochet legacy, capitalism, today called neo-liberalism!

Down with the fascist constitution of 1980!

Do not forget or pardon them, put the fascists against the wall!

ANTIFASCIST COORDINATOR OF SANTIAGO – CAS

STATEMENT FROM THE ANTI-RACIST ACTION CALVER CITY, CA. USA

Camilo Mejia, Chairman of the Iraq Veterans Against War (IVAW)

"WE CANNOT ALLOW ANY PRESIDENT TO SHIFT FOCUS TO AFGHANISTAN. A BETTER WORLD RESTS ON OUR ABILITY TO ASSERT OURSELVES AS ARCHITECTS OF OUR FUTURE!"

During the US presidential debate at Hofstra University in Hempstead, NY. Members of the U.S. Iraq Veterans Against War requested the Moderator Bob Schieffe to allow these Veterans to speak and ask a question. The question for Republican Sen. McCain was about veterans' benefits since, being a war veteran himself and a former Prisoner of War (POW) himself, he should have a better voting record when it comes to veterans' well-being. The question to Sen. Obama,

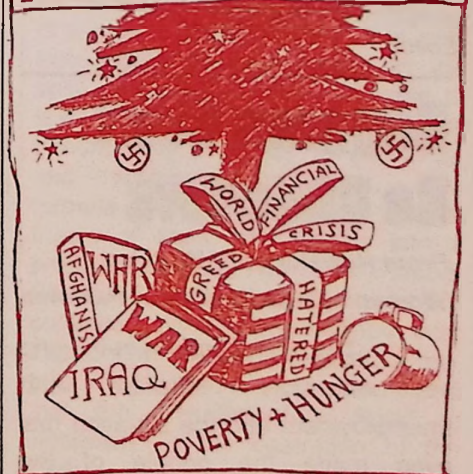
who voted against the invasion of Iraq and called the invasion illegal at one point – focused on whether he would be willing if elected President to support the US soldiers who wanted to become conscientious objectors.

Not only were we not allowed to ask the two questions, but we were physically attacked by the Hempstead mounted police. Many of our members and civilians were roughed up and arrested—two of our members were injured – one suffered a broken cheekbone when smashed by the police. **Neither McCain nor even Obama mentioned either Iraq or Afghanistan during the entire 90-minute debate.**

Their promise of a better nation whose resources are to improve social conditions and other promises they made ring very hollow when US military veterans can't even ask a question without being violently repressed. The only conclusion is that the building of a better world remains in the hands of the people and on our ability to assert ourselves as the true architect of our future.

Even though Obama was considered as an anti-war candidate, both he and McCain spoke only of the "surge of successes of our troops in Iraq". Obama should really know and state the well-known fact that Pentagon and White House try to hide - there are over 180,000 private military and civilian contractors in Iraq, the permanent military bases that US established there, plus all of the diplomatic and corporate

BUSH'S CHRISTMAS PRESENTS TO OBAMA



complex from which the White House plans to run the country! This "surge" fails to recognize that more than half of the population of Iraq is either displaced, dead or in dire need of emergency food and shelter!

These wars by US imperialism are all under the slogan "global war on terror" – this name was given by the past and now the preset US administration to justify profit-driven invasions and occupations. This Iraq war has become so unpopular to continue to justify US imperialist agenda. We cannot allow any US president, no matter whether he is White or Black to shift the focus to Afghanistan in order to continue this American warmongering. President Obama has now officially promised to continue pouring more US and other troops into the country and to see that war spills into Pakistan if he deems necessary.

The American anti-war and peace movements need to realize the need to continue the struggle for peace and justice. These struggles have to start at home, where in opposing the costly and illegal wars of aggression, we are waging war against poverty, racism and exploitation of the working class by the US ruling elite.

The anti-war movement has to realize the need to continue the struggle for peace and justice. Only by building a true grassroots movement to combat a corporate-controlled government will we be able to create a world where peace, justice and social equality can prevail.

May I add this to your excellent article - that capitalism-imperialism must be eliminated and socialism established in order to be on the road towards a better and peaceful world!

Editor

Beggars Can't Be Choosers

**From Newsletter of Working
Women's Organization of Pakistan**

The entire world is in the grip of recession, inflation and unemployment and the situation has even made the people of the

developed world cry. Economic instability is not new to third world countries like Pakistan, as it is sucking people's blood for the last many years. It's not difficult for the 90 per cent of the Pakistanis, who are making failed attempts to survive, to see in which direction the country is heading economically, socially and politically. The economy has fallen to the extent that international experts have shown dissatisfaction at it and downed it in ranking. As a result, Pakistan has become lowest of the economies in Asia and now we are even below Sri Lanka on the ranking list. People, already faced with the problems of unavailability of basic necessities and killing inflation, have been baffled by the water, electricity and gas crises. In 24 hours, electricity visits people for only a few hours. To add to this, electricity bills are playing havoc with people's lives. The rich-by-birth rulers have increased the power tariff by 70 per cent and implemented a policy with effect from October under which electricity units consumed at night time would be costlier than the units consumed at day time. It means that consumers would pay Rs 4 per unit for the electricity consumed at day time and Rs 12 to Rs 15 per unit for the electricity consumed at night time. The government pleads that this decision will cut power consumption by 10 per cent, but the issue is that where this power is being consumed?

No new industry has been set up in the country for the last many years. Prolonged and unscheduled load shedding has destroyed the existing industry. Domestic consumers have electricity only for a few hours a day. The people of small towns and rural areas are even deprived of this 'privilege'. Then who is the consumer whom the

government wants to cut power consumption by 10 per cent. Besides the devastating power load shedding the officials of the ministry of natural resources have warned people about the gas load shedding this winter that will be far worse than the previous years. The noose is being tightened from all sides.

The industrial crisis is as clear as day and now agriculture, on which 70 per cent of the country's population is dependent, is also in a serious crisis because of the government's apathy towards it and its failed policies. On the one hand agricultural land is being given to 'favourites' for establishment of housing colonies, while on the other hand ever-increasing costs of irrigation water, electricity, fertilizers and pesticides have broken farmers' back.

What can be said about the law and order? The war, which was being fought across the border a few years ago, has spread in the entire country after destroying the people in Bajaur, Swat and other tribal areas. People are falling prey to bomb explosions every day, but the government is doing nothing, except for issuing statements about the killing of hundreds of militants and declarations that no one will be allowed to carry out terrorist activities in the country. What a ridiculous attitude? Do terrorists come to the government to seek permission for their activities?

The government has chalked out a plan to tackle bombings and other terrorist activities in Islamabad. Under the plan, a wall of 15-kilometre length and 7-foot width will be built around the Parliament House, Presidency, Prime Minister's House, Supreme Court, Secretariat Block, Ministers Colony, Judges Colony and Diplomatic Enclave at the cost of Rs 8,000 million. But if

dozens of bulletproof vehicles, signal jamming devices, secret plans of movement, three security circles, thousands of bodyguards and more than 15 intelligence agencies cannot protect this part of the capital without a concrete wall, how can they protect 160 million people of Pakistan living on 350,000 square miles. The protection of their self, their property and their rule is the policy of our rulers. They are not concerned about the masses. But the rulers busy in self-protection should not ignore the point that they need people's support to remain in power. As beggars cannot be the choosers, those who have the power to snatch their rights do not need to ask for usurpers' permission.

People should not be pushed to the extent that they also take onboard their sinking ship the privileged class. This is the reality which the superpower like America is trying to avert by making utmost efforts to save its banks and financial institutions. The American government knows that collapse of the capitalist system will not only affect people of the entire world, including that of the US, but a few companies which are ruling the entire world and their owners will also collapse. They have much more to lose compared to the common people. But why don't the Pakistani rulers understand that they have much more to lose compared to the common people. If they want to enjoy sound sleep in their well lit and weather protected palaces, they should not deprive people of bread, clothing, shelter, education, health care and jobs, otherwise, misery-ridden people's sleep will go away and in reaction they will disrupt the nice sleep of their rulers.

COMMENT:

The WWO of Pakistan exchanges their very informative magazine, besides their extremely beautifully done posters that they produce for their many public activities

throughout Pakistan. WWO would have been present at our last International Council Conference in 2008, but due to difficulties in obtaining a visa, were not present.

66 COMMUNIST PARTIES MET IN BRAZIL



This was the Tenth Meeting of Communist and Worker's Parties in Sao Paulo, Brazil with 66 Communist and Worker's Parties represented. It began with a message from President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva of Brazil.

His message recalled: *"We are facing the crisis of a neo-liberal model that prevailed in the power and production structures of society over the last three decades.*

Deregulated, the economy assumed irresponsible logic of casinos, while public policies, in particular social policies, lost space in the agenda of the people and underdevelopment became the giant mechanism. Moments of crisis bring also a series of opportunities and we must learn to profit from them to rescue the values of solidarity, equality and justice."

There were many excellent reports, much discussion and exchange of ideas and concrete plans for future struggles. The program was very well received, while the logistics were great and ran smoothly during the entire conference.

Unfortunately there was great lack of concrete basics of Marxism-Leninism in most speeches and, conspicuous by its absence was any mention of the Great Soviet Union or of Stalin – as if he did not exist or did not contribute to the struggles and victory over fascism during the Great Patriotic War.

In all of the presentations none touched on the absolute necessity of unity and the rebirth of a New

Communist International.

We publish just a segment of the photographs taken to show the Conference proceedings and the delegates.

Below is the presentation that I prepared to present at this Conference but I was not given the opportunity to do so.

The World Needs a New Communist International

Dear comrades:

The current world situation includes the continued US-led military occupation of Iraq and Afghanistan. It included the rapidly unfolding economic collapse of Wall Street and the US Empire. The Communist Parties around the world are unfortunately more disunited than ever. **We urgently need unity, unity and action of solidarity and the creation of a much-needed "New Communist International."** On the issue of **UNITY**, Marx wrote to all party leaders: *"If you must unite, then enter into agreements to satisfy the practical aims of the movement, but do not allow bargaining over principles, do not make theoretical concessions!"*

The crisis of Imperialism cannot be solved by the Capitalist Class. It is a proven historical fact, that only true Marxist-Leninist parties in the spirit of Internationalism are able to lead the masses through transforming struggles to overthrow and eradicate capitalism. The formula exists as to how to transfer theory of Marx and Engels into a practical success. The Great October Socialist Revolution led by Lenin and continued by Stalin confirmed that. The entire numbers dedicated and true revolutionaries must understand that the *"Parliamentary Road to Socialism"* is the castration of the Party.

V.I. Lenin and the Bolsheviks organized the Third International to extend the revolutionary ideas, by encouraging the formation of Marxist-Leninist Parties the world over. Proletarian Internationalism, defended by Lenin, Stalin and Dimitrov, is the solidarity of the world proletariat, and it must be principle component of the Marxist-Leninist parties.

Following the example of the great leaders of building Socialism in the USSR, the revolutionary struggles were indispensable to overthrow the bourgeoisie and other capitalist forces in order to assure the dictatorship of the proletariat. To quote Lenin: "Only he is a Marxist who extends the recognition of the class struggle to the dictatorship of the proletariat. This is what constitutes the most profound difference between the Marxists and the ordinary petty (as well as big) bourgeois."

This necessary step is in order to defeat the bourgeoisie as a class became a major criticism by the social democrats, revisionists and other opportunists. The great treason by Krushchev at the 20th Congress triggered a chain reaction throughout the Communist Parties of the world which then jumped on the revisionist band-wagon and path – believing the lies of the revisionists and their behind the scene bosses in the bourgeois mass media. The onslaught of anti-Stalinist propaganda, the lies were all anti-Marxist, anti-Leninist and anti-Communist as well as anti-progressive.

We saw clearly its destructive effect in my beloved country of Yugoslavia and the once mighty Soviet Union and other East European Socialist countries. It was this precise and destructive example of the revisionist leadership that penetrated into the leading positions of the Communist Parties. The working class and the toiling masses did not want the destruction of Socialism. As a matter of record - over 80% of the people supported the socialist path.

Religion was and is the "Opium of the people" – an obstacle to progress and so is the promoted "consumer society"—which represents the last offensive of capitalism-imperialism and announces its complete and

definitive disintegration. This attempt tries to prolong the life of capitalism by annihilating man as a cultural and biological being – as well as annihilating nature.

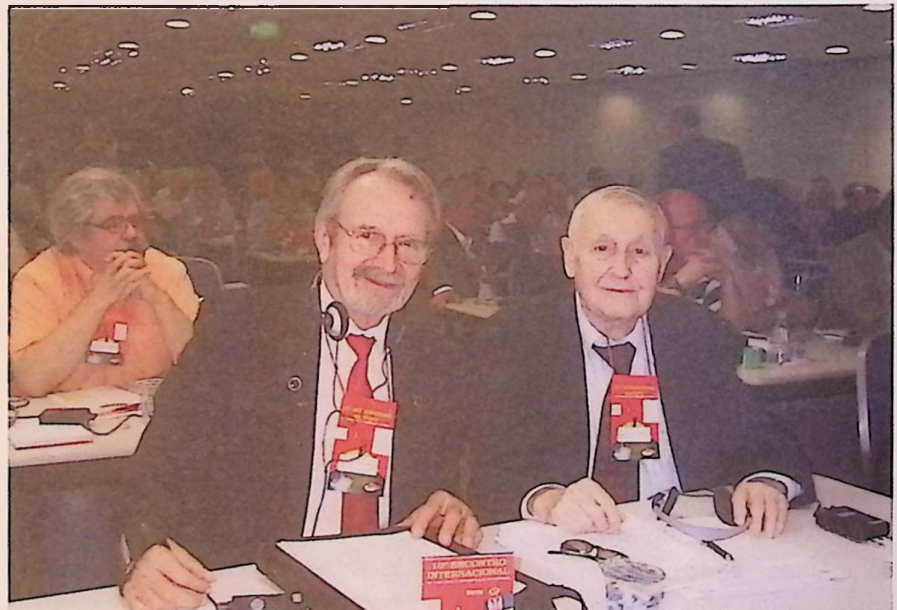
Stalin pointed out clearly in "The Foundations of Leninism" -

"Formerly, the analysis of the conditions for a proletarian revolution was usually approached from the point of view of the economic state of individual countries. Now, this old approach is no longer adequate. Now the matter must be approached from the point of view of the state of the world economy; for individual countries and individual national economies have ceased to be self-sufficient units, have become links of a single chain called world economy: for the old "cultured"

capitalism has evolved into Imperialism, and Imperialism is a world system of financial enslavement and colonial oppression of the vast majority of the population of the world – by a handful of "advanced countries."

The overall severe crisis of imperialism today is a great opportunity for revolutionary advances all over the world. But we need UNITY, ideological clarity in a UNITED FRONT and the very urgent necessity to create a "New Communist International."

**Workers of the World Unite!
Long lives Proletarian
Internationalism!
Destroy Capitalism – Save the
Planet!**



TOP: Delegates from the New Communist Party of Yugoslavia – Bronco Kitanovich, Secretary General on the right of photo. On the left is Frank Trampus – member of the party.

BELOW: The auditorium of the Conference was filled to capacity.



FRIENDSHIP NEWS

SOVIET SOCIETY FOR FRIENDSHIP REPORT

By VLADIMIR CHECHENTSEV
Editor of Russian Edition NSC



Dear comrades:

We held our Executive Committee of the Soviet Society for Friendship with people in Foreign Countries at which conference we discussed further expansion of our work for friendship.

Our No. 5th NSC is being printed and will be sent out to you, but we have no further money to print No. 6th issue of Russian NSC.

We printed extra 150 copies of NSC and spread them out amongst the Slavic journalists – costing us about \$220 in total.

We had an important meeting of the Moscow section of the RCWP-RPC to which Bourenkov and I belong. Here we were able to have the resolution passed for adopting the Call of the International Council for the rebirth of the Communist International.

The Resolution read that the Moscow organization of the RCWP-RPC is requesting that the Central Committee of the RCWP-RPC together with the International Council and brother Communist Parties in order to take all steps necessary to realize this urgent need. Of the 59 delegates the resolution passed by a great majority.

I wish all of you comrades much health and a very Happy New Year!

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL CONFERENCE WAS PUBLICIZED IN POLAND, GERMANY AND IN CZECH REPUBLIC

By Professor ZBIGNIEW WIKTOR

Many greetings from Poland and many thanks for inviting me to the Conference it was very important, informative and a step towards the unity of the international workers movement.

In our Bulletin "Brzask"- the organ of the Communist Party of Poland there was published a report on the International Conference and the Crisis of the economy in the capitalist world and its origin in America.

I have sent also information about the International Conference to the main Polish newspapers "Tribuna", "Gazeta Wyborca" "Nie" and "Facts and Myths". I also sent the Resolution that was adopted in defense of Polish General W. Yaruzhelski and his comrades. The reports that I have sent have caused an awareness of the work that is being done by Northstar Compass.

Lately there was held an important Conference in Prague, Czech Republic where there were 15 Communist parties represented from Europe and also delegates from former USSR. There were also 150 activists from the Communist Party of the Czech / Morava Republic. The theme of the Conference was how to unite the international communist movements. There were diplomats from China attending as well as from North Korea, Vietnam and Cuba. Attending as a delegate from Germany was comrade Michael Opperskalski who gave a very excellent contribution on the question of the need for Communist Unity.

I discussed with the Czech comrades about locating the Executive Committee of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People into Prague, besides giving greetings to all of the delegates on behalf of the International Council and Northstar

Compass. The comrades will discuss this question, but the political situation is very bad here, since the Communist Union of Youth was banned in the Czech Republic.

While talking with other delegates, the consensus was that all of them greatly value the work that you are doing in Canada and that the work of the International Council and of Northstar Compass is irreplaceable by other people or location, since this is right in the middle of American continent and ideologically correct and moving it elsewhere will not be the correct thing to do at this time. In other words, you Michael are doing such an excellent job that no one at this time is capable to replace you. The future might and will hold other perspectives.

I also was invited to Germany - Poznan, Berlin, Frankfurt and Odder by the Foundation for Rosa Luxemburg where I gave a lecture on the situation in Poland. There were never ending questions as I reported on the International Council Conference in Canada. I am sending you my report in German – maybe you can publish some aspects of it in NSC.

Greetings to all of the comrades of the Council and of the NSC.

Your book "From Carpathian Mountains to Canada" is being sent to all the universities and libraries here in Poland.

Happy New Year!

P.S. I have sent a letter with the Resolution we adopted and a copy of Northstar Compass to President of Poland.

U.S. FRIENDS OF SOVIET PEOPLE MEET IN NEW YORK

On December 14, the US Friends of Soviet People met in New York. Although the meeting was small, it included several newcomers, including people who had been to the International Council Conference in Toronto in October, some of them also for the first time.

The main item of discussion was how to make the US Friends relevant to new people, ones who do not know much about socialism and

even less about the history of the Soviet Union. We discussed putting out some bulletins, written in a popular style, which related socialism and the Soviet Union to the problems of working people today. As almost everyone is affected by the current crisis, and angered by the U.S. government's bailout to the big capitalist financiers, we are writing the first one on the crisis and how the Soviet Union under socialism eliminated unemployment in the 1930s while the whole capitalist world was suffering under the Great Depression.

A second item was a report back from the International Council Conference. We reported on the contributions of the new Soviet immigrants to Canada on the work of the Internal Council, and on the fact that the Chilean comrades are translating, printing and distributing 2,000 copies of the Spanish edition of NSC as part of the work of their members.

Finally, we took a straw poll on the question of where the Third World Congress should be held. Everyone was very grateful for the Chilean comrades' offer to hold the Congress in Santiago. However, the majority vote was that it would be preferable to hold the Congress in Germany for several reasons. First, it would be much closer to the former Soviet Union, and therefore easier for Soviet delegates to get there. Second, if it could be held in East Berlin, it would also have the additional morale effect of being in a formerly socialist country. If this were not possible, the next of course Santiago would be a great alternative.

At the meeting, various literature was distributed, including several copies of Editor Michael Lucas' excellent book on the Society of Carpatho-Russian Canadians.

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Capitalist Crises vs. Socialist Progress

The U.S. economy is going deeper into crisis. Millions of people have already lost their homes due to foreclosures. In New York City alone, tens of thousands in the financial sector have lost their jobs, and as the crisis spreads to the productive sector around the country, millions more will be laid off.

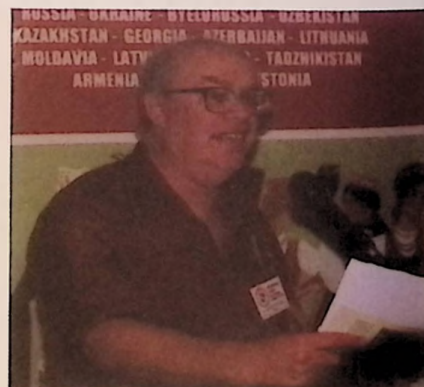
Meanwhile, the managements of the big investment corporations that got us into the crisis were doing fine. In 2006 the five largest Wall St. firms at that time gave their top management personnel **\$40 billion** in bonuses, twice as much as the wage increases of all **93 million workers** in the U.S. for the six years from 2000 to 2006.

In response to the crisis, the government granted a bailout of some \$700 billion to the big banks and investment companies, the same ones directly responsible for the crisis. This giveaway of our tax dollars was pushed through Congress by both the Democrats and the Republicans, with the support of both Barack Obama and

John McCain. But the banks will not use this money in any way that benefits those facing foreclosures or evictions, or workers facing layoffs.

For example, in December the Republic Windows and Doors factory in Chicago planned to close after Bank of America, which had received **\$25 billion** in the bailout, canceled its line of credit to Republic. This would have left Republic's 300 workers without even the required 60 day notice of a plant closing or the severance pay due them. Only after the workers occupied the factory for 6 days did Bank of America and JP Morgan Chase grant the **\$1.75 million** needed to meet the workers' minimal demands.

George Gruenthal, NSC Webmaster, member of International Council and Editorial Board of NSC.



CEOs of the failed investment firms, such as Kerry Killigan of Washington Mutual, Daniel Mudd of Fannie Mae and Richard Syron of Freddie Mac, still received tens of millions of dollars in "golden parachutes" when they left.

And the U.S. government is still spending over \$12 billion every month to continue its wars of occupation of Iraq and Afghanistan, which is only in the interest of the U.S. oil companies and other big capitalist corporations.

Now the government has come up with a \$17 billion bailout for the auto industry. But this plan is based on pushing through further cuts in wages and benefits of all auto workers. These workers are already suffering from two-tier contracts under which newly hired workers earn only \$14 an hour. This is in an industry which for a long time paid relatively good wages.

Capitalism Is the Problem

But this crisis is much deeper than one of corrupt CEOs making millions while the economy goes into decline. It is a crisis of capitalism, a system in which the rich get richer and the poor get poorer. At its root is a crisis of over-production, in which companies produce more goods than the masses of working people, with their limited incomes, can afford to buy. The present crisis began with the sub-prime mortgages, in which

variable-rate mortgages were granted at low, teaser rates to people who could otherwise not afford them. When the rates began to rise, the people soon could not afford to pay. As they lost their homes to foreclosure, the mortgage companies failed. This affected the investment firms and major banks, which had put a lot of their assets into the mortgage companies. In general terms, it is a result of the contradiction between social production (where millions of workers produce the housing, food, cars, etc. that people need) and the private appropriation (by the monopoly corporations and big banks that finance them) of the wealth produced.

All working people must continue to oppose the bailouts and other giveaways to the banks and big corporations. We should demand instead that the money be used to stop foreclosures and evictions, to protect workers' pension funds invested in 401(k)s, to pay for free, single-payer health insurance for all, to provide free quality education through university for all who want it.

Socialism Is the Long-Term Solution

In the long run, the answer to the crises is socialism. The big U.S. corporations, their media and government, want us to believe that capitalism is the best of all possible worlds, that it can provide a decent

life for all. But for years already, working people have been seeing the "American Dream" fade into a nightmare. The idea that, with hard work we can do better than our parents, is vanishing as real wages continue to fall. And during times of crisis like today, finding any kind of job has become an impossibility for many.

But capitalism is not an eternal system. In November of 1917, the Russian workers carried out a socialist revolution. They took over the big factories, confiscated the land of the landlords and gave it to the peasants, and pulled the country out of the Imperialist First World War. In the 1930s, while the whole capitalist world was suffering from the Great Depression, the socialist Soviet Union eliminated unemployment. Production was organized to meet the increasing material and cultural needs of the working people, instead of for the maximum profit of the capitalists. New factories were built all over the country, particularly in the less industrially developed interior of the country. Many workers from all over the capitalist world went to the Soviet Union for jobs. In 1931, the Soviet Union advertised for skilled workers from the U.S., and 100,000 Americans applied, many more than were needed. In all, about 15,000 U.S. workers took jobs in the Soviet Union.

People in the U.S. are suffering from constantly rising rents and



Dniepropetrovsk Dam in Soviet Ukraine, completed in 1932, supported the largest hydroelectric plant in all of Europe.

Moscow Foreign Workers Club in 1934.



mortgage payments, while millions around the country have no homes at all; in the socialist Soviet Union, rents were pegged at about 5% of family income. Over 47 million people in the U.S. today have no health insurance and most of the rest of the population has to pay high premiums and co-pays for their insurance; the Soviet Union provided free, quality health care for all from the cradle to the grave. The public school system in the U.S. is always facing budget crises and is unable to provide a decent education for children of working people, and the few cities and states that have public colleges are constantly raising tuition; the Soviet Union provided free, quality education from pre-K to the university level.

Racism and police brutality continues to exist in the U.S., despite the election of the first Black president. In the socialist Soviet Union, the discrimination against the non-Russian people of the former tsarist empire was rapidly eliminated. The well-known African-American writer Langston Hughes spent several months living in Soviet Central Asia in the 1930s and described the equal treatment of the non-white peoples in this area in his book *I Wonder As I Wander*. And of course, Paul Robeson, the great fighter for civil and human rights, described the absence of racism that he always found in the Soviet Union.

With the immense productive capacity of this country, a socialist U.S. would have a much easier time providing a productive, fulfilling life for all working people. But in order to do this, workers would have to get rid of the present capitalist government and expropriate (take over) the property of the big corporations. Of course, the capitalists would fight with all the power of their state against this. For, as the *Communist Manifesto* stated: "the executive of the modern State is but a committee for managing the common affairs of the whole bourgeoisie." Only a

working class, conscious of its class interests and organized by a genuine communist party, could bring this about.

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APPEAL BY E-MAIL FROM AN ISRAELI READER

I was afraid to get in touch with you, but at present massacre of innocent Palestinian people – I took the courage to send you these questions that somehow are not answered.

My Jewish parents took me to Israel from USSR 20 years ago, and to me that was the tragedy.

Israel is an occupying and expansionist country.

*** Where was China and even Cuba to threaten to break off diplomatic or trade relations with Israel unless it stops this genocide?**

*** It is a fact that there is no independent policy by the United Nations Organizations – it took them 8 days to convene a meeting of the Security Council ?**

*** Where is the unity of the Arab countries?**

Hope NSC will answer some of these questions.

Reuben Blazhinski

APPEAL TO ALL READERS OF NSC!

Dear comrades and friends:

By now you have read the last issue of NSC which reported on the success of the International Council Conference which was held on October 10-11-12, 2008 in Toronto, Canada and the resolutions that were adopted for our future work for friendship and solidarity with Soviet people.

There were reports given by Editors of the English, French, Russian and Spanish editions of Northstar Compass.

There was discussion of holding the Third World Congress of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People in 2010. Seeing that the situation in Moscow is not conducive to hold the Third World Congress due to the political situation and the finances needed to host such a large event, it was agreed that we shall accept with gratitude the invitation to host the Third World Congress in April of 2010 in Santiago, Chile, sponsored by the Chilean Communist Party (Proletarian Action) – and the Spanish Edition of Northstar Compass, as offered by Eduardo Artes Brichetti, First Secretary of the PC-AP.

The International Conference expenses were mostly covered by the generosity of the Society of Carpatho-Russian Canadians.

Dear friends:

We desperately need to fulfill the \$40,000 NSC Financial Drive in early 2009 in order to prepare for the Third World Congress and to support the 4 Editions of NSC to keep them being published!

Executive Committee International
Council – Editorial Board of NSC

This Resolution has included in it the amendments that were made at the Conference. The former version should be ignored.

The Editor

The Workers and Oppressed Peoples of the World Need a New Communist International!

We representatives of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People gathered together at the International Council Conference in Toronto, Canada from October 10-12, 2008 hereby declare the following:

1. Our international council is an organized expression of friendship and solidarity with "Soviet people", i.e. the people struggling to restore the multinational Soviet Union as a Socialist State. This Council, along with our organ, *Northstar Compass*, is carrying on the traditions of the "Hands Off Russia Committee"(s) which were internationally established in 1918 to help protect the young Soviet Republic from foreign intervention.
2. We function as an *united front organization* to help unify, consolidate and coordinate the anti-imperialist forces of the world with the ongoing world movement to restore the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. Our aim is international cooperation in building socialism and solidarity with all anti-imperialist forces struggling against imperialism, headed by U.S. imperialism, the main enemy of mankind.
3. The current situation

includes the continued U.S. led military occupation of Iraq and Afghanistan. It includes the rapidly unfolding economic collapse of Wall Street and the U.S. Empire. And it includes the political brinkmanship of the Bush-Cheney-McCain and Obama forces in support of the U.S. puppet dictator Saakashvili in Georgia. Bush, McCain, Obama et al. are promoting "fast track" inclusion of Georgia as a member of NATO which amounts to a declaration of war against Russia. It is clear that with regard to war and peace, justice and injustice, freedom and tyranny, the upcoming U.S. Presidential Election offers no alternative for the workers and oppressed of the USA and the world. Finally the current grave and ever deepening world capitalist economic crisis, featuring the collapsing hegemony and unprecedented debt of United States imperialism, is driving the major imperialist powers toward a new world war, toward a new redivision of the world on the basis of the new relation of forces.

4. The history of the international communist and workers movement in the first half of the twentieth century demonstrated: *With Leninism and the Communist International*, despite an unfavorable objective situation, *victories*—culminating in the Soviet led defeat of world fascism and the victorious Chinese national democratic revolution. *Without Leninism and without a Communist International*, despite the objectively favorable post World War II situation, *defeats*—culminating in the

dissolution of the Socialist Camp. Given the above-mentioned facts, we call upon all proletarian vanguard parties and organizations to get back to their Leninist roots and principles.

Stalin, the great leader of Socialist construction of the USSR and of the defeat of world fascism in World War II, pointed out in *Foundations of Leninism*:

"Formerly, the analysis of the conditions for the proletarian revolution was usually approached from the point of view of the economic state of individual countries. Now, this approach is no longer adequate. Now the matter must be approached from the point of view of the state of the world economy; for individual countries and individual national economies have ceased to be self-sufficient units, have become links in a single chain called world economy; for the old 'cultured' capitalism has evolved into imperialism, and imperialism is a world system of financial enslavement and [neo-]colonial oppression of the vast majority of the population of the earth by a handful of 'advanced' countries....

"Formerly, it was the accepted thing to speak of the proletarian revolution in one or another developed country as of something separate and self-sufficient, facing a separate national front of capital as its opposite. Now we must speak of the world proletarian revolution; for the separate national fronts of capital have become links in a single chain called the

world front of imperialism, which must be opposed by a common front of the revolutionary movement in all countries..."

5. In order for the international working class and the oppressed peoples to avoid being split up, divided and conquered by the imperialist powers and U.S. imperialism, in particular; to instead divide, isolate and smash the enemies of peace, justice, freedom and socialism, we call on the proletarian vanguard parties and organizations to unite the international working class and the oppressed peoples against imperialism, headed by U.S. imperialism, on the basis of proletarian internationalism. In the process, we urge genuine communist and workers parties not to shy away from but to embrace the challenge of building a new Communist International, in the tradition of the outstanding Third International, established under Lenin's leadership and on the shoulders of the Russian Revolution and the Soviet working class.

We representatives of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People believe, in the words of "The Internationale",

"The international working class shall be the human race!"

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WHAT WALT WHITMAN SAID!
(1819-1892)

"The greatest country, the richest country, is not that which has the most capitalists, most monopolists, immense grabbings, vast fortunes, with its sad, sad soil of extreme, degrading and damning poverty - but a land in which there are most homesteads, where wealth does not show such contrasts as high and low, where all people have enough, modest living and no man is made possessor of land and wealth beyond the sane and beautiful necessities."

WHAT DID HAROLD LASKI SAY?
(1930)

"A State that is divided into a small number of very rich and a large number of very poor will always develop a government that is manipulated by the rich in order to protect the amenities represented by their property."

WHAT HAPPENED IN 1910?

In 1910, seven men held a very secret meeting on Jekyll Island off the coast of Georgia, USA. These seven tycoons represented over one-sixth of all the world's wealth. Six of these men were Americans and representing the empires of J.P. Morgan and John. D. Rockefeller plus the United States Government.

This is how the financial crisis was built into the capitalist system!

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FREEDOMFEST

By FRANK RAY DAVIS

SO, WHAT'S THE ARGUMENT?

Ecology-friendly U.S. Al Gore is confident a world agreement on world warming can be reached in 2009, because of "the reasons to be optimistic are more important than the reasons to doubt and despair" i.e. when the choice is clearly between clean environment for all and dirty dollars for a few.

HARD MAN TO CONVINCING:

Iraq's Prime Minister declared: "Iraq is moving ahead in every field." Not so. In the field of journalist accuracy, for instance. An Arab reporter threw his shoes at Dubya Bush and missed both times.

"So what if one guy threw his shoes at me?" said dapper Dubya nonchalantly.

So the biggest question arising from Dubya's surprise, self-justifying trip to Iraq is. How many contempt missiles would it take to convince Bush that he is the most unpopular U.S. president since Herbert Hoover?

LOOK UP, LIFT UP:

Maybe you hadn't noticed it, peering through the veil of fear and worries, but you're living in a new world. It's the world wished on us by the Bush wrecking crew of liars, crooks, pseudo-religionists, and mad-dog warriors. It's a worse world than the one we had before, yes, but does it have to stay that way? No!

Who's the key person in making our world a better one? A man named Obama? **No, it's You!** How? By working with other concerned and patriotic Americans, and with peace-loving people all over the world.

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PROBLEMS AND CONTRADICTIONS IN THE POLISH POLITICAL SYSTEM

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1. Problems and Contradictions in the Economy

After the victory of the counter-revolution in Poland in 1989, the old and new bourgeoisie came to power. The bourgeoisie has two wings: the external wing consists of large foreign capital, the international bourgeois forces, their international centers and institutions, as well as the imperialist states. The internal counter-revolution chiefly consists of sections of the former nomenklatura and the Polish petty bourgeoisie. Western capital plays the leading position and the dominant role, especially German, US, Italian and French capital. Politically, both sides of the counter-revolution work together, but there are many differences between them. Common interests and spheres of influence were primarily worked out during the so-called "Round Table" meeting from February to April of 1989. There a political agreement was signed between "Solidarity" and the

victorious counter-revolutionary forces in the leadership of the Polish United Workers Party and its allies. From April until June of 1989 there was a historical verdict against People's Poland, against socialist construction, as well as against the international socialist community. The discussions at the Round Table took place with the blessings of the Catholic Church, particularly the church hierarchy and Pope John Paul II (Karol Wojtyła) personally. Two influential bishops were not only the moderators but also the mentors of the Round Table, and the Catholic Church actively supported the changes in the direction of "democracy" and with a great deal of religious activity.

The counter-revolution in Poland also received covert support from similar counter-revolutionary forces that existed in the Soviet Union, in the CPSU as well as in other revisionist and opportunist parties in the European countries of "actually existing socialism."

Very shortly after these events there arose dramatic negative economic consequences of the counter-revolutionary reaction in Poland. First of all was the massive privatization of the economy. The proletariat, the workers and other working people, who in People's Poland were the subjects of sovereignty, were once again expropriated and proletarianized. All the people's enterprises were considered abandoned property and stolen goods. Thousands of formerly socialist enterprises as well as whole branches of industry were sold to foreign capitalist companies or to the Polish nomenklatura for the symbolic price of one zloty. The whole fortune was "sold" for about 10% of its real value. Many enterprises were shut down or completely destroyed, particularly because of foreign

competition. Now after 20 years, the "transformation" is called a process of de-industrialization. Examples of this are the construction industry, particularly the technical, machine, electronics, auto and furniture industries, the radical limitation of the mining industry, particularly the coal and metallurgical industry. Also, the shipyards in Gdansk, Szczecin and Gdynia quickly disappeared. Recently the workers of these enterprises have been fighting to keep their remaining positions.

In the countryside there have also been great changes in property relations. The first victims were the state agricultural property, whose land was bought by speculators and rich farmers. Many of the large machine stations and offices were let go as scrap metal, and others were looted. The offices now look like big ruins, as after a war. Also the Polish co-operatives, although they did not play a great role in agricultural production, were practically all restricted and even liquidated; only a small share have conformed to the new economic, juridical structural conditions.

As a result of these economic and property changes, the national income has fallen greatly, it has changed its internal structure; the Polish economy has become a rear area, first of the European Economic Community (EEC) and now of the European Union (EU). In 2007 almost 68% of the national income was produced by the private sector and about 21% by the public sector. The other 11% belongs to other sources of income.

Internationally, Poland became greatly dependent on the EEC, later the EU, and on NATO. On May 1, 2004, the Polish Republic became a member of the EU, although the EU's companies were already active in Poland since 1989 and Poland had to fulfill their structural and institutional conditions and demands. This affected not only the economic

sphere but also the social and political spheres. Since 1989, Poland has been a member of NATO, which also had great consequences in the change of its military doctrine, military strategy and tactics. At once the Polish government supported the 1999 attack of the USA on Yugoslavia, then in 2001 the attack on Afghanistan and in 2003 the attack on Iraq. Thus Polish military contingents were sent to these two countries. The military dependency was also expressed in the striving of both the Polish and US governments for the installation of so-called anti-missile shields of the USA on Polish territory. On August 20, 2008 a treaty was signed in Warsaw between the two governments. This is a very dangerous policy for Poland, especially for the Polish people.

As a result of this process Poland has actually lost its economic as well as its political and military sovereignty. More than 60% of Polish industry is the property of foreign capital, more than 80% of Polish banks and financial concerns are under the control of Western financial institutions. More than 50% of trade turnover is carried out by international trading corporations. At present there is a sharp struggle around the land and real estate, as to whether until 2012 there will still be transitional structural restrictions imposed by the EU under the Copenhagen Agreement for the integration of Poland into the EU.

An example of Poland's great economic and financial dependency is its dramatic indebtedness. At the end of 1988, the last year of People's Poland, its debt was about \$20 billion. At the end of 2007, its external debt grew to \$160 billion. In addition there are 150 billion zlotys of internal debt. After 20 years of counter-revolution the Polish Republic stands at the edge of total destruction. This is a national catastrophe.

2. Social Problems :

These great economic and international changes have also had dramatic social consequences. Shortly after the taking of power there was great and chronic unemployment. In People's Poland there was no unemployment. On the contrary, there was a shortage of labor power. Unemployment has become a pathological social phenomenon, which did not fall from the sky; it is a consequence of capitalist social-economic relations. In People's Poland the people had already forgotten about the former capitalist unemployment. They were used to constant full employment. It was also "normal" that the working people had the right to a job, to relaxation; the youth had a right to education and the sick to highly skilled free medical help. Today all these achievements of socialism are history. After the privatization of the economy there is now a struggle around the privatization of social and health services. Step by step the workers and other working people have to pay for everything; sometimes they must choose between bread and medicine.

Unemployment has negative and sometimes dramatic effects on the unemployed and their families. This varies depending on the time and the economic conjuncture of the phenomenon. Sometimes it increases when the economic crisis deepens, then it falls, but nevertheless its extent in Poland is very great. According to official statistics, the greatest wave of unemployment was at the beginning of the 21st century (2000-2001), when the Solidarity parties ruled. It grew systematically and in this period there were about 3 million unemployed, about 20% of the workforce, but to this one must add about 1.5 million people in concealed unemployment, particularly in the countryside, as a consequence of the liquidation of jobs in so-called small industry in the small towns as well as among small-farm workers.

These social processes have led to deep social consequences for the families of millions of workers and small farmers. There is hardship and misery, old and new diseases are spreading, about 300,000 homeless people have nowhere to live. Many families are learning about hunger. Every third child goes to school hungry. Half of the students spend their summer holidays at home; the subsidizing of massive summer colonies and youth camps belong to history. Polish sports, particularly mass sports, has collapsed. One could give many other examples. The natural population growth is in a catastrophic situation. The birth rate has fallen dramatically. For example, in the last years of People's Poland there were about 700,000 children born each year; now, according to above-mentioned sources, there are about 360,000 to 380,000, or about 50% fewer, and thus the increase in population is about zero. In the last year of People's Poland there were about 1.5 million young families without their own homes and that was one of the sharpest criticisms of the people's government by Solidarity. Now, however, this number has grown threefold to 4.5 million young families, even though there are empty apartments under the "free market", but for rich people. In the 1970s almost 300,000 new apartments were built each year; now there are about 100,000. Apartments have been transformed from social property to market property. Now one square meter of an apartment in the city costs a minimum of 5 to 10 or even 20 thousand zlotys (1.5 to 3 to 6 thousand Euros) and the apartments are only affordable for well-situated and rich people. This situation has become even worse during the latest acute financial crisis. Now foreign capital (foreign finance) is rapidly flowing out of Poland and the credit rates grew from 10 to 20% in one month.

Unemployment in Poland is

chronic and massive, but there is also almost no material support from the state or from local authorities. Only 10% of the unemployed receive a small amount of unemployment compensation for one year. 80% of the unemployed are young people who, after graduation from vocational schools, but also from academic schools, or even from universities, cannot find work. For this reason, social and economic emigration is increasing, particularly to England, Ireland, Germany, France, Canada, the USA, etc. According to official information, in the last five years between 2 and 2.5 million people, predominantly young people, left the Polish Republic. There are skilled and highly skilled people, such as engineers, doctors, nurses, scientists, and so forth. This so-called flight of the best minds is dangerous for Poland, and strengthens the rich countries. This is the main reason for the reduction of unemployment in Poland in the last year. The official rate has declined, but not through the development of the economy or the creation of new jobs, but through large emigration. In this way the population structure has worsened, as the proportion of retired people increases and the proportion of those in the workforce decreases. As a result the consciousness of the workers and the unemployed is changing. The resistance against "Solidarity" and its parties and against capitalism is growing. Disappointment with and opposition to the "Solidarity" camp is increasing.

3. The Changes in the Political System in Poland

The bourgeoisie in the struggle against socialism in Poland used the force of international capital as well as of the internal anti-socialist forces. The external and internal counter-revolution united in the struggle against People's Poland. They used the rules and institutions of present-day democracy in the capitalist

states as well as the institutions of the pre-World War II Polish state. The main work of the theoretical-institutional foundations of the new state took place a long time ago, but the foundations of the new liberal-bourgeois republic were worked out in 1989 at the so-called "Round Table." The present political system of Poland was a negation of People's Poland and it was built up with strong anti-socialism, anti-Sovietism and anti-communism. These phenomena are particularly expressed in the introduction to the Constitution and in Article 13 of the Constitution.

The last 20 years can be broken up into several periods: 1) the years 1989-1992, 2) the years 1992-1997, 3) the years 1998-2005, and 4) the years 2006-2008 and later. The first years were marked by qualitative changes in structure. New political-state institutions and political parties were formed, and consequently the earlier socialist institutions and relations were liquidated. In 1992 the so-called small Constitution was approved, which formed the constitutional framework for the new capitalist system. The second period ended in 1997 with the new Constitution of the Polish Republic. It established new state organs as well as liberal values and principles; anti-communism was formulated in Article 13, in which communism is placed on the same level as fascism and Nazism. The third period is marked by the strengthening of the rule of capital and the defeat of Social-Democracy (SLD). The fourth period is bound up with the strengthening of the neo-liberal and conservative-Christian parties and it is continuing through today. All these changes are deeply bound up with the co-operation of European as well as world capitalism and the striving of the bourgeois parties to join NATO (1999) as well as the European Union (2004).

From the beginning of the new system until 2005, the political game

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was between two political camps: 1) "Solidarity" and its parties and 2) the so-called "post-communists", that is, traitors from the ranks of the former Polish United Workers Party — the social-democrats — SLD. All these forces carried out a sharp struggle for power, but the strategic goal of both camps was the same: anti-communism, privatization, the striving to join NATO and the EEC or EU. The Catholic Church held a particularly strong position as a super-party; it also created an

alternative, not only as a religious organization, in Polish society. They obtained thousands of new churches, chapels and many other buildings, not only religious ones. They carried out massive educational activities in public teaching institutions. They had direct and indirect contact and great influence with the state system, even though the Catholic Church is officially separated from the state. They have special connections with the government, parliament, army, popular education and property as well as land. For the last 20 years not only has the political influence of the church grown greatly, but so has its economic wealth as well as public consciousness. There are church radio and television stations as well as many newspapers. Religious organizations have grown, as well as superstition, black hundreds; idealism and anti-rationalism in public life. In many spheres unfortunately Poland is going back to the Middle Ages.

Since 2005 the social-democratic parties, in particular the Democratic Left Alliance – the SLD – have been losing heavily. They lost many supporters and votes and now they are a small party with about 5% of the vote. This weakening has increased during the last split up of many leaders in the ranks of the Social-Democrats, that is the Left, Center, Right, New Left, European Left, Polish Socialists, Ecologists, etc. The communists were quite marginalized – the newly formed Communist Party of Poland was formed 7 years earlier after the liquidation of the Alliance of Polish Communists “Proletariat” by the decree of the Supreme Court of Justice.

Since 2005, there has been a two-party system in the Polish parliament – Civic Platform (a neoliberal party) and Law and Justice (a Christian conservative party). For two years power

belonged to the latter under the leadership of Jaroslaw Kaczynski and his twin brother Lech A. Kaczynski as state president. In the years 2005-2007 they moved Poland further in the direction of anti-communism and intolerance as the so-called Fourth Polish Republic. After an earlier Parliamentary election in September of 2007, they lost power to the neoliberals, but they strengthened their position in Parliament with a stronger Parliamentary faction.

The Christian conservative party of the Kaczynski brothers uses strong social phraseology and in its ranks there are many supporters of the crypto-fascist authoritarian movement, which officially bases its ideology and political positions on Marshal Joseph Pilsudski of pre-war Poland. This party was broadly supported by the Catholic Church in the Parliamentary election in 2005, but in the next election in 2007 the Catholic Church was split into a neo-liberal wing and a Kaczynski wing. This was the main reason for the Parliamentary victory of the neoliberals in 2007.

The liberals now want to further limit the social rights of the working people. Therefore the resistance of the workers and other working people has increased, which has been expressed in a broad wave of large strikes. Not only have the miners gone on strike, but also metallurgists, shipyard workers in Gdansk, Gdynia and Szczecin, as well as teachers, who have been in conflict with the government for years. Also customs officials and even the police have gone on strike. In the last week there has been a new union of the largest labor federations. This means that the class struggle in Poland is heading into a new phase.

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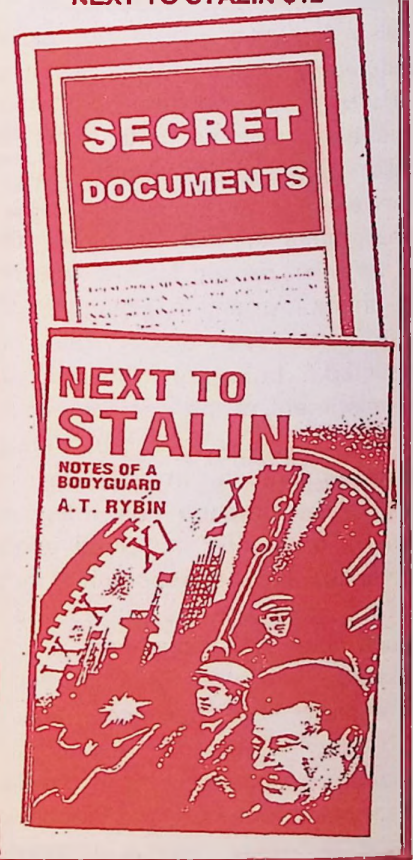
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RECESSION IS PART AND PARCEL OF THE CAPITALIST SYSTEM

As one newspaper writer in Canada wrote (and he is a reactionary par-excellence -but some times he tells the truth)... The shoes that the Iraqi journalist threw at George Bush had more courage and truth in them than all of the America's fawning media. With that one act of throwing the shoes at "The Dog", he reminded the world that Bush and Cheney and their helpers in crime in the White House, have blood of hundreds of thousands, if not millions of people on their hands.

In New York, the US fabled investment Guru Bernie Madoff swindled over \$50 billions out of the people, while well-fed US watchdogs slept! Because of this, millions of

people have lost their life savings and retirement funds and the world financial capitalist system is on the rocks. All of these Wall Street financial swindlers so far have not been prosecuted!

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THANKSGIVING DAY IN AMERICA IS A NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING FOR INDIANS

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Why do hundreds of people stand out in the cold rather than sit at home eating turkey and watching football? Do we have something against the harvest festival?

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According to this American mythology the Pilgrims from Britain arrived, the Native Indian people fed them, and then these Native Americans promptly faded into the background, and everyone lived happily ever after.

These Pilgrims are glorified and mythologized because the circumstances of the first English-speaking colony in Jamestown were frankly too ugly (*for example, these Pilgrims turned to cannibalism in order to survive*) to hold up as an effective national myth.

The Pilgrims did not find an empty land anymore than Columbus “discovered” anything. Every inch of this land is Indian land. The Pilgrims (*who did not even called themselves pilgrims*) did not come here seeking religious freedom; they already had that in Holland.

They came here as part of a commercial venture. They introduced sexism, racism, jails and the class system to these American shores. One of the first things that they did when they arrived on Cape Cod –

before they even made it to Plymouth – was to rob the Native Indian Wampanoag graves at Corn Hill and steal as much of the Indians’ winter provisions of corn and beans as they were able to carry.

They were no better than any other group of Europeans when it came to their treatment of the Indigenous peoples here. And, no, they did not even land at that sacred shrine called Plymouth Rock, which is a monument to racism and oppression, which we are proud to say that we buried in 1995.

The first official “Day of Thanksgiving” was proclaimed only in year 1837 by Governor Winthrop. He did so to celebrate the safe return of men from the Massachusetts Bay Colony who had gone to Mystic, Connecticut, to participate in the massacre of over 700 native Pequot Indian women, children and men.

In return for our help we got genocide, theft of our lands and never-ending repression. We are either treated as quaint relics from the past or are, to most people, virtually invisible.

When we dare to stand up for our rights, we are always considered unreasonable. When we speak the truth about the history of the European invasion, we are often told to “*go back where we came from*”. But our roots, our country is right here under our feet! They do not extend across any ocean!

The National Day of Mourning began in the US in 1970, when our Native American Indians of the Wampanoag Tribe, Wamsutta Frank James, was asked to speak at a State Dinner celebrating the 350th Anniversary of the Pilgrim landing in America. He refused to speak false words in praise of the white man for bringing so-called “civilization” to us poor heathens. Native people from

**OPPORTUNISM IN THE
COMMUNIST PARTIES
IS A VERY VALUABLE
SERVANT TO U.S.
IMPERIALISM!**

throughout the Americas came to Plymouth where they mourned their forebears who had been sold to slavery, burned alive, massacred, cheated and mistreated since the arrival of the Pilgrims in 1620.

But this commemoration of National Day of Mourning goes far beyond the circumstances of 1970.

How can we give thanks as we remember the Native political prisoner Leonard Peltier, who was framed up by the FBI and has been falsely imprisoned since 1976? Despite mountains of evidence exonerating Peltier and the proven misconduct of US federal prosecutors and the FBI, Peltier has been denied a new trial. Besides, a majority of Native Indians continues to live in the most abysmal poverty.

Our life expectancy is very much lower with each passing year, our infant mortality and suicide rates are very much higher than those of the white Americans. Racist stereotype of Native people, such as those perpetuated by the Cleveland Indians, the Atlanta Braves and countless other local and national sports teams persist.

Every single one of the more than 350 Treaties signed by Native peoples, has been broken by the US government. The US bipartisan budget cuts have severely reduced educational opportunities for Native youth and the development of new housing on reservations, and have caused deadly cutbacks to healthcare and other necessary services.

Are we to give thanks for being treated as unwelcome guests in our own country?

When the descendants of the Aztec, Maya and Inca flee to the US because of terrible conditions for them in their country the descendants of the wash-ashore pilgrims term them as “*illegal aliens*” and hunt them down.

We object to the “Pilgrim Progress” parade and to what goes on in Plymouth, because they are making Millions of tourist dollars every year from this false pilgrim mythology. That money is being made off the backs of our slaughtered indigenous ancestors.

More and more people are seeking alternatives to such holidays as Columbus Day and Thanksgiving Day. They are coming to the

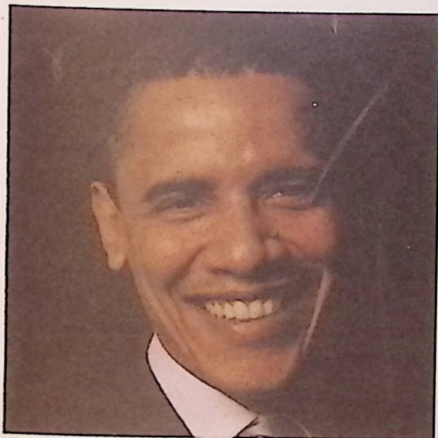
conclusion that if we are ever going to achieve some sense of community, we must first face the truth about the history of our country and the toll that this history has taken on the lives of millions of indigenous, Black, Latino, Asian and poor and working-class white people.

The myth of Thanksgiving, served up with dollops of European superiority and manifest destiny for them, just does not work for many people in America today. As the hero Malcolm X once said about the African-American experiences in America: **"We did not land on Plymouth Rock. Plymouth Rock landed on us!"**

EXACTLY!

Obama, president of the US monopolies

In the US elections of November 4, Barack Hussein Obama was elected as the 44th president of the USA and will overtake the presidency on January 20, 2009 from his predecessor Bush.



The fact, that he is the first black president of a country, which was founded on the systematic oppression of the black and indigenous peoples, caused a lot of discussions in the whole world. However, even if it is doubtlessly an important symbol having a black president, this says nothing about the political nature of this new president and his government. In order to understand whose president he will be it is not enough to look at his colour, as the example of C. Rice has already shown. After 8 years of

Bush government, many people not only in the USA but in the whole world link many hopes for changes, for more democracy and peace with Obama, but actually there are no concrete reasons for such hopes.

The fact that the aggressive policy in the Middle East, the Balkans and other parts of the world of the US imperialism caused a lot of protests together with the financial crisis breaking out shortly before the elections increased the chances of Obama a lot. It is true, that the election of Obama is on one hand the expression of the American people wanting a change, being tired of war, neo-liberal attacks, racism and poverty. But on the other hand it is the answer of the monopolies to the economic crisis and the stagnation in the war policy at international scale, because they need a new image in order to continue with the order of exploitation and war, that is the reason why they need somebody like Obama, who fed the hopes of the people. Thus, Obama is the hope of the big monopolies to refresh the American economy again and relieve the monopolies. Of course it is not only about a new image, under the condition of the economic crisis, which has the potential to change all the balances of the capitalist world, they also feel the need for some new economical and political orientations. These kinds of changes, which can come to the agenda during the government of Obama, will not result from him but from the needs of the US bourgeoisie.

Obama spoke a lot of changes during the election campaign and managed to get many votes for this promise of a change. However, what will he change?

He already announced that he does not plan to withdraw the American soldiers earlier than 2011 from Iraq; he demands a strong NATO and more support of Europe for the occupation of Afghanistan. With all that he announced that he wants to strengthen the so called anti-terror war and continue with the policy of imperialist war and the application of neoliberal programs.

When we look at the people on Obamas side we can easily see, that there is no sign of change but repeating the old policy. Among the candidates for his cabinet is Joe Biden, who was one of the most important people during the attack on Iraq. Next to him, we find the Chief of staff Rahm Emanuel, who has

criticized Bush for being "too soft" on the Palestinians. One candidate for the secretary of defence is Richard Holbrooke, one of the architects of the war against Yugoslavia. Paul Volcker might become responsible for the economy; in the early 80s, he had been one of the chief designers of neo-liberalism. Or Robert Rubin, who had that job under Clinton and was responsible for the deregulation of the banking sector. There are many more people on the side of Obama, who were already in the cabinets of Bush and Clinton, so there is nothing really new about this new government of the US bourgeoisie. Z. Brzezinski, one of the theoreticians of the aggressive US foreign policy, also supports Obama. He was his adviser for foreign policy during the electoral campaign and another candidate for the new government is M. Albright, Minister of foreign affairs under Clinton.

We can see many examples in the US history that those, who came to power with the claim of change, took the most vital decisions: It was Wilson, who made the USA entering World War I, it was Kennedy who started the war on Vietnam and it was Clinton who decided to attack Somalia and Yugoslavia.

The US imperialism faces a very hard situation; it is on decline in all fields and tries to find ways to strengthen its world hegemony again. The USA aims at saving its shaken image and to overcome the stoppage of being the world police and to overcome the defeats with Obama. Obama will continue the aggressive, occupations and expansionist policies of the US imperialism. He concluded his speech made after his electoral victory with the words "God save you and America" and thus has shown that he will follow the footsteps of all white presidents before him. Those, who link their hopes to Obama, will see soon that they were wrong because he, as the president of a strong imperialist country, will continue the state police of the US imperialism and he will continue to attack the workers and labourers and their struggle for freedom and socialism.

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PAGES FROM THE PAST

PATRICE LUMUMBA

Africa's Lost Leader and a Victim of Imperialism

Patrice Lumumba (1925-1961) is perhaps the most famous leader of the African independence movement. After his murder in 1961 he became an icon of the anti-imperialist struggles. His picture was carried in the 1960s across the world along with Che Guevara, Ho Chi Minh. His life and independence that he sought for the Congo made him a pivotal figure of the 20th century. Lumumba became a figure of resistance to Imperialism and its division of the world after revisionism took power in the Soviet Union.

Congo was a colony of Imperialist Belgium under the tyranny of Leopold II of Belgium and ruled and exploited this country for its riches and absolute slave labour. Land was given to white Belgian settlers and they were required to farm rubber. These businesses operated with impunity and slave labour. There were massive imperialist companies established

When William Dunlop's invention in 1890 of bicycle tires made of rubber, this changed the Congo economy. Soon rubber was utilized in many industrial products. To meet these demands, Belgian imperialism together with US imperialism started forests to the cultivation of rubber – but in the Congo rubber trees grew in the wild. So Belgium forced the local population to work as slave labour.

But the despot King Leopold by 1890 had gone into killing elephant herds by the hundreds for their valuable ivory tusks for export. By 1911 King Leopold made all of the Congolese people to work and produce rubber and ivory elephant tusks. He forced whole villagers to send their men folk to work as slave labour. When the villagers were uncooperative Leopold's Catholic mercenary army destroyed village homes, raped and killed at random. To prove to the white authorities that this was done, the hands of the male victims were chopped off for payment as a bounty. (Of course after the rape, the killing and

chopping off hands, these white mercenaries and settlers went to church each Sunday, said their prayers, were forgiven, and on Monday started all over again. Editor)

Congolese people started to rebel, to fight back, to try and liberate their people. The struggle was ongoing and up to this day it is still going on, with imperialist powers trying to outwit each other for this immensely rich country and its resources.

Like all white colonial powers, Belgium said that they are trying to "civilize the pagan Congolese people". But this was just an excuse for the absolute massive profits that were made by Belgium. International corporations got into the act and kept on exploiting the people, all in the name of God and immense profits.



The above cartoon was published in 1902 in an English magazine Punch - and depicts the horror upon the Congolese people under the tyranny of King Leopold II of Belgium.



Native Congolese hold the severed hands of those punished by mutilation for failing to gather enough rubber, the White Belgian looks on.

This Appeal is from the working class...

TO OUR SOVIET FRIENDS:

**ARISE YOU
MIGHTY LAND!**



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM SANTIAGO
CHILE

Dear comrades:

We thank you for the materials regarding the International Council Conference and the monthly publication of Northstar Compass. We sent you one CD of Chilean music that we hope you will like. We are also sending you articles regarding the call for Communist International and the Economic situation in Chile.

We also want to help the Turkey/North Kurdistan comrades here on Chile. Please let these comrades send us more information.

For a New World!
For the Coming Victory!

Carlos Opalka Tapia

OUR SHORT PROPOSAL TO COMMUNISTS AROUND THE WORLD AND THE COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL

We must strongly analyze the historical past and the present situation; the economic crisis and that there is no cure for this capitalist world. We must return to the origins of the Communist International, when it was born and back to the teachings of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin.

In the past the Anarchists and Communists worked in unity, but this unity did not last because there were different approaches of how to defeat the capitalist world. Human beings and thoughts are complicated and many other influences came into play at that time, as they do now.

The capitalist class is a master in manipulation and propaganda that conjures in people fantastic but unrealistic dreams that we Communists must bring the people back to reality. The truth finally was realized by majority of the people that dreams are only dreams, reality is the reality of daily life.

Capitalism-imperialism uses the church and religion that are enemies to aspirations of the people. Workers must realize this and fight this

scourge of humanity.

WE PROPOSE ONE PROGRAM FOR THE COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL:

- (1) Five hour work day – twenty hours per week
- (2) Ending part-time work.
- (3) Ending slave labour from sub-continent.
- (4) General impost to capital in progressive form.
- (5) 10% impost to the variable capital.
- (6) 18% impost to frequent capital.
- (7) Universal right of food to all children and young people.
- (8) Education is the responsibility of the state not religion.
- (9) 20% of National State Budget only for education.
- (10) Universal free health care for everyone.
- (11) Pregnant leave of absence for all women with no cut in pay.
- (12) Universal right for everyone to have a home or apartment.
- (13) Universal right to transportation.
- (14) Universal right for clean energy source and clean water.
- (15) Impose laws on the drinking and tobacco industries.

The road towards victory is not an easy one. We are asking that the Soviet comrades fight for this unity and that only one Communist party in Russia and in ex-USSR is capable of resurrecting the Soviet Union, which in turn will give impetus to all of the revolutionary movements around the world to struggle even harder. **Unity is important above all!**

The first actions of this new Communist International must be to work in Latin America, Far East, Africa and other Third World countries.

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FROM PRAGUE
CZECH REPUBLIC

Dear comrades:

Thank you once again for your hospitality during the International Conference last October 2008 at the Friendship House in the city of Toronto, Canada. Our monthly newspaper "Slovanska Vzajemnost" did publish in our December issue an article about our participation in the International Council Conference. In another publication "Dialog" a special article was published on the Conference of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People.

We gave a detailed report to the Presidium of the Slav Committee of the Czech Republic.

With all good wishes for the New Year.

Jan Minar, Chairman
Mirko Svoboda, vice chairman

FROM ELIZABETH CITY
USA

Dear Editor:

Over a period of time I do distribute extra copies of NSC that you send me. But it demands some caution. Here in the Southern United States there is an anti-communist, religious fanatic behind every tree. And they are dangerous and very irrational.

Let me cite just one example;

On one occasion I had a copy of NSC in my pocket to give to a fellow I knew who worked in a grocery store. At this time my acquaintance was not in the store. So I decided simply to leave a copy of NSC in my grocery-shopping cart when I pushed it out into the parking lot. Having done so, I went back to my car to examine some papers. I looked up and saw a man pick up the NSC copy from the cart. He scanned through it, mumbled words not fit to print and threw it unto the ground and began stamping on it with his feet. It was

plain to see that NSC caused him some significant emotional disturbance.

Occasionally I get a chance to leave a copy of NSC in the local library reading room. It might get into good hands. But I would be disinclined to give a subscription to the library, as I doubt it would reach the "reading room at all."

Enclosed is a \$50 donation. Good luck along the way...

Bill Grigg

**FROM VLADIKAVKAZ
RUSSIA**

Dear NSC comrades:

We did not receive NSC for a while and we just hope that you did not give up your noble struggle. Time is approaching faster than we think in the demise of capitalism in the world. Northstar Compass is one of the journals that are helping in this noble cause.

We are sending you our newspaper "Red Youth" which outlines our activities. We wish all of you comrade's health and a Happy New Year!

V. Gabanov
Editor of Red Youth

**FROM BENDERY
MOLDOVA**

Dear comrades:

Having received NSC and read about the International Council Conference last year and the Call for the formation of the Communist International and I do support this call – time has long gone. We need it, like we need to breath air.

Your readers know my problems here in capitalist Moldova (*Moldavia*) since they were published in NSC before. Here is the latest news:

*At the beginning of October 2008, there ran away a government official Yuri Sukhov, Secretary of the Security Service, deputy president of Moldova and leader of the Republic Party – having embezzled millions for his nest egg abroad.

* In 2006 the Minister of Justice, Viktor Balala ran away with million of dollars to Russia. Even earlier the head of the Moldova Bank also ran

away with billions overseas.

* In October of 2008, President of Moldova, Igor Smirnov signed a law to build in the Bendera Castle a monument to Mazeppa the Ukrainian traitor who sold out his people to the Swedish King Karl 12th, who invaded Russia headed by Peter The Great...

I've sent you by e-mail an appeal about the provocation against me and Svetlana Borisova by Moldova authorities, who already for a couple of years will not take up her case in courts and hear the lawyer on her behalf.

I myself am being hounded by authorities and also provoke, even when I go to buy some bread for my very ill mother.

Please protest this treatment and issue a press release on this serious matter.

Your friend in Moldova –
Nikolay Garmash

NSC and International Council have translated your report and sent it out to the media here and in former Soviet Union. Unfortunately we cannot do anymore.

**FROM SUNDERLAND
ENGLAND**

Dear comrades:

I thank you for sending me a copy of the Resolution adopted by the Conference on the need for a New Communist International.

We cannot go wrong in following the words and ideas of Stalin. What the bourgeoisie detests most in all the entire world are the words of Stalin. It is those words that will end forever their world of exploitation and privilege.

The contradictions of the capitalist system are biting very hard now. Perhaps their party is over.

Yours fraternally
W. Hunt-Vincent

**FROM WILLAYU
AUSTRALIA**

To the Editor of NSC:

Dear comrade,
I read the October-November issue of NSC with great interest. I am a member of the Communist Party of

Australia. I was in the old CPU, then in the Socialist Party when the old Communist Party became revisionist. Then when the old CPA party disintegrated, we took that name out of the gutter and formed the Communist Party of Australia.

I agree fully of a need of a new Communist International. I have been reading works and statements by different parties in the world and have yet to see a real Marxist-Leninist-Stalinist evaluation of the current economic crisis that would be able to organize and lead to the formation of the Communist International.

Last issue contained the articles by Michael Moore and According to Mishka – but they presented no concrete answers or projection of how to get out of this financial crisis.

I gave a lecture here as a Communist and dwelt in detail as to how this crisis can be overcome. Dimitrov said that reactionary financial capital leads to fascism. It could lead to the enactment of Jack London's "Iron Heel".

I also spoke at the celebration of the Great October Socialist Revolution on the reason for the demise of the Soviet Union. It was a Socialist Betrayal and showed the political and underhanded fighting inside the CPSU by these revisionists.

The Australian Communist Party dropped the slogan of the Dictatorship of the Proletariat from its program long ago. Many parties do not respect this Marxist slogan that is the heart and soul of building Socialism.

Chavez and Cuba talk about Socialism, but where is it going? How many more communist parties will appear in former USSR and in other countries?

Yours fraternally
Vic Williams

Revisionism, besides imperialism is the enemy of of Marxism-Leninism-Stalinism! They are political twins all united against Marxism-Leninism!
Editor of NSC

P.S. The author sent in two analytical articles: "Inevitable Financial Crisis" and "Why the Soviets Collapsed". In future issues we shall publish excerpts from them.

FROM SOCHI -
RUSSIA

Comrade Michael, thank you very much for sending us a translated copy of the report from the Conference of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with the Soviet People. Your Russian is very good. Sadly, none of our comrades know English, we are glad that the decision to continue the issue of NSC in English, Russian and other languages was passed at the Conference. Thanks to you, NSC is read in many countries around the world and people know that the Soviet People have loyal friends who support them.

You have been through so many hardships: the arson fire, Putin's refusal of a visa, betrayals of Zyuganov and Dzhohadze, the challenges of organizing the world conference and the constant insults of enemies. Regardless of these hardships, you have remained loyal to your beliefs and the USSR, just like your ancestors before you, who have helped us so much in building and defending the first Socialist state in the world - the Soviet Union.

Under the rule of Putin and Medvedev the situation here in Sochi has been getting much worse. Prices are rising and local agriculture and factories are destroyed. However, we say - do not call USSR "former USSR". The generation of Soviet People is still alive, and as long as they are alive, the struggle for the USSR will continue.

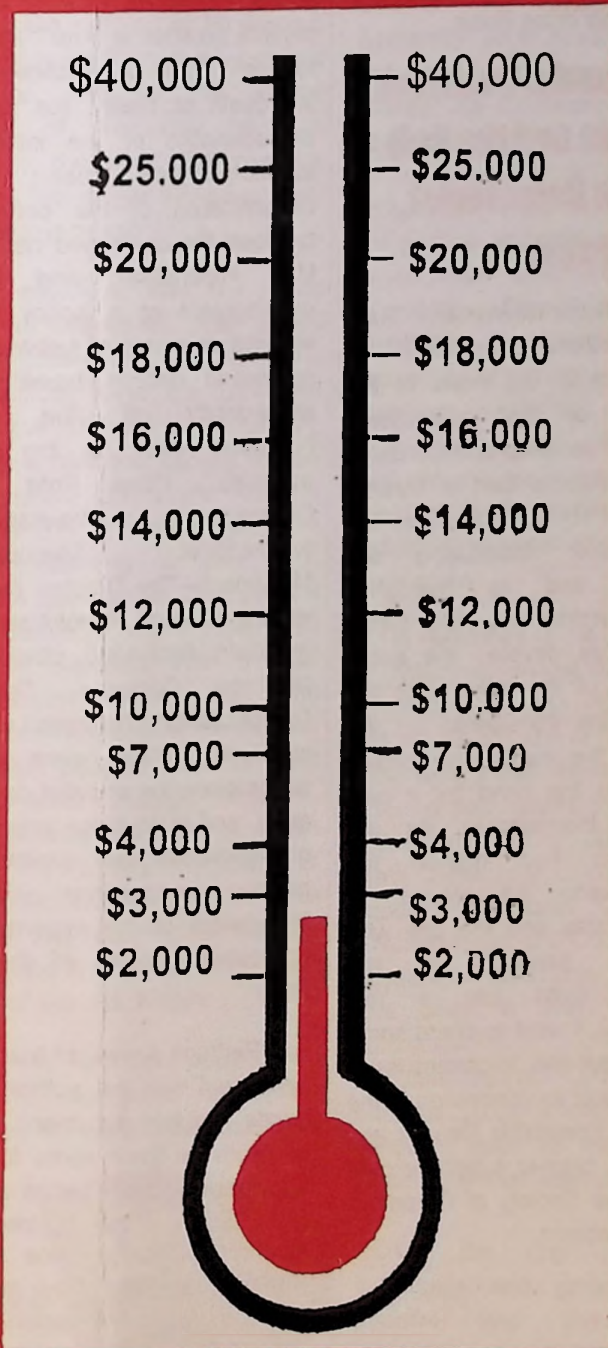
We attended a demonstration on December 30th (the day of the formation of USSR in 1922) on Lenin Street in Sochi.

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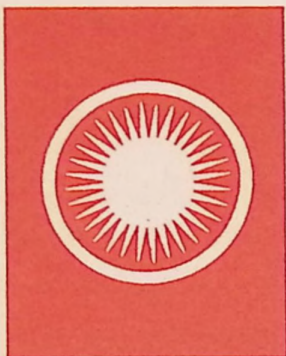
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From the Belly of the Beast

The Carpatho-Russians in Canada and the Call for a New Communist International

The October-November 2008 issue of *Northstar Compass* (NSC) carried much of the news of the Conference of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People held in Toronto from October 10-12, 2008. In his first page editorial introducing the Conference and its highlights, Council Chairman and NSC Editor Michael Lucas devoted the entire second half of the editorial to the final resolution considered by the Conference, the unanimously passed resolution on the need for a new Communist International. As the person who had drafted the resolution upon the request of Chairman Lucas and the one who guided its passage at the Conference (with just a few amendments), I want to share some thoughts about this important issue as well as about its connection to the International Friendship Council and the Council's biggest supporter over the years, the Society of Carpatho-Russian Canadians.

First of all, today the prevailing world outlook throughout the international communist

movement is bourgeois nationalism at the expense of and in opposition to proletarian internationalism. In his 2008 International Council Report to the Conference, Chairman Michael Lucas shared a quote, which he said was "issued in the U.S. about forty years ago by the 'Youth for Stalin' movement which [according to Lucas] expresses exactly what the present situation is now." The Youth for Stalin quote is as follows: "Since the death of Stalin, the two main characteristics of the international situation have been (1) the intensification of the contradiction between the oppressed nations and U.S. imperialism; and (2) the development of a policy in most socialist countries of betrayal of the oppressed nations based on the ascendancy of the national bourgeois class in the socialist countries." ("The Role of the Dictatorship of the Proletariat in the International Marxist-Leninist Movement---The October Revolution vs. the 'Cultural Revolution'", Youth for Stalin, April 1968, cited on p.13, *Northstar Compass*, September-October 2008) Chairman Lucas then observed: "These were prophetic words since the socialist camp is no more, and in its place was the birth of exploitative raw capitalism and growing cooperation with U.S. imperialism at the expense of the oppressed peoples of the world". (ibid)*

[*Perhaps it was, at least in part, because I was the author of those words and that document on behalf of Youth for Stalin some forty years ago that Chairman Lucas asked me to draft the International Council/NSC Conference resolution this past fall, raising the need for a new Communist International.]

In 1925, Stalin had warned that, "... the danger of nationalism must

be regarded as springing from the growth of bourgeois influence on the Party in the sphere of foreign policy, in the sphere of the struggle that the capitalist states are waging against the state of the proletarian dictatorship. There can scarcely be any doubt that the pressure of the capitalist states on our state is enormous, that the people who are handling our foreign policy do not always succeed in resisting this pressure, that the danger of complications often gives rise to the temptation to take the path of least resistance, the path of nationalism....and that the path of least resistance and of nationalism in foreign policy is the path of isolation and decay of the first country to be victorious." (Stalin, Selected Works, Volume 7, p. 170-171)

In 1968, almost every communist party or organization in the world was affiliated with and/or heavily influenced by either the Soviet revisionists in state power or the Chinese "Cultural Revolution" leadership in state power or both. The revolutionary internationalist cry of Che Guevara, calling for "two, three, many Vietnams" went unheeded. Instead, within the next few years, the Chinese revisionists, following the Soviet revisionist example, used the heroic struggle of the Vietnamese people against U.S. imperialism as a lever with which to develop its own rapprochement with U.S. imperialism. Bourgeois nationalism was now rampant in the international communist movement. Of course, bourgeois bureaucracy, in place of proletarian revolutionary initiative, flourished in such a situation, especially within the parties in state power. Bourgeois bureaucratism and revisionist renegacy and renunciation of the revolutionary struggle for proletarian power were fully "appropriate" for rapprochement with U.S. imperialism, the main bulwark of world capitalism; and they were convenient for opportunist-dominated

parties and organizations in oppressor, dependent and oppressed countries and nations that wanted to continue to have good relations with these parties in power.

This bourgeois nationalist and bureaucratic legacy of the last forty years lives on in the communist movement today in the widespread "conventional wisdom", "worldly sophistication" and outright hostility toward the accomplishments of the communist movement worldwide during the period of the Communist International. This opportunist legacy lives on *despite* the decay, disintegration and disappearance of the Socialist Camp in the post Comintern period!

The lengthy quote from Comrade Stalin cited in our Conference Resolution on the need for a new Communist International is taken from *Foundations of Leninism*, written in 1924, over eighty-four years ago. Stalin observed: "Formerly, the analysis of the conditions for the proletarian revolution was usually approached from the point of view of the economic state of individual countries. Now, this approach is no longer adequate. Now the matter must be approached from the point of view of the state of the world economy; for individual countries and individual national economies have ceased to be self-sufficient units, have become links in a single chain called world economy; for the old 'cultured' capitalism has evolved into imperialism, and imperialism is a world system of financial enslavement and *[neo-] colonial oppression of the vast majority of the population of the earth by a handful of 'advanced' countries.... [The Conference's one-word amendment "updating" the Stalin quote is in brackets.]

The validity of Stalin's observation has been born out more dramatically this year than ever before. For the world capitalist crisis

that began as a sub-prime mortgage crisis in the USA just a few short months ago, spread within weeks, days even, throughout every corner of the globe. Despite this fact, there are hardly any current communist parties or organizations in the world of any size and significance, which proceed as comrade Stalin has indicated. Instead, on the eve of 2009, most communist parties and organizations in the world, no matter how serious, positive and even courageous their day to day work may be, are crippled by an analysis that proceeds from the economic state (as well as the political situation) of *their own* individual countries, described by comrade Stalin as "no longer adequate" over eighty-four years ago!

(For example, had the world communist movement been armed with a proletarian internationalist world outlook over the past two years, "the Obama phenomenon", providing a new and exciting façade for bourgeois democratic illusions about the U.S. imperialist state, and thus representing a new U.S. imperialist ideological and political counter-offensive, would have been thoroughly exposed. With a clear internationalist view that the liberation movements of the Afghani and Iraqi peoples are on the frontlines of our struggle, President-elect Obama's decision to retain George W. Bush's Secretary of Defense, Robert Gates, would have been the "last straw" rather than the first hint about Obama's key role in defense of the U.S. Empire.)

The "left" and right opportunism with which bourgeois nationalism permeates the world wide communist

"The International working class shall be the human race"



movement today is manifested in widespread resistance to a proletarian Leninist policy of *consistent internationalism*. This, no doubt, will continue to include resistance to its organizational manifestation, resistance to taking any serious step, even the most preliminary, needed to begin building a new Communist International.

Secondly, the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People is not a vanguard organization at all. Indeed, the Conference Resolution specifically states that "we function as an united front organization." (Emphasis in Resolution) In my view, the political strength of the modest organization and work of the International Council and *Northstar Compass* lies precisely in its recognition of both its *limitations* as a mass pro-socialist and non-vanguard organization and its *limitless* aspirations for resurrection of socialism in the former USSR and proletarian socialist revolution on a world scale.

In resistance to the positive work of NSC/International Council and, specifically, in opposition to NSC/IC's promotion of the need for a new Communist International, two incorrect propositions are put forward with regard to its non-communist and mass character, coming from opposite directions. One is that NSC/International Council is or should be a communist organization. The other is that, as a non-communist organization, NSC/International Council has no business taking a stand on such a vanguard issue as the need for a Communist International.

On the one hand, some individuals and groups with pro socialist and pro communist sympathies advocate turning NSC/International Council, a Friendship society, into a vanguard

organization. Among their ranks are some who have made a positive contribution to NSC/IC work but have illusions about their own capacity and that of NSC/International Council to function as revolutionary communists in the current situation. They seriously underestimate the immense tasks involved in the revolutionary struggle for proletarian power against the brutal imperialist enemy. *They confuse mass, class and vanguard levels of organization and discipline.* They are unwilling and/or unable to help build communist vanguard organization and to submit to the *collective life and discipline required to mobilize millions of toilers through their own experience to make the revolution;* they believe that merely espousing a belief in something is sufficient to make it happen.

On the other hand, some self-proclaimed communist individuals, parties and organizations protest that this united front organization has no business sticking its nose into communist business. To these petty bourgeois opportunists, the vanguard organization is *not* dialectically interconnected to the working class and the toiling masses, but is separate from and over and above the class and the masses. This is precisely the opposite of Lenin's teachings! He and the other great teachers of scientific socialism---Marx, Engels, Stalin and Mao, among them (and to one extent or another, the revolutionary parties and organizations they led) ---have practiced the *mass line, from the masses to the masses.* As Mao so simply and profoundly expressed it to the Chinese Communists in the crucible of the Chinese national democratic revolution, "we must be their [the masses'] pupil, before we can be their teacher." (It is worth noting, in this connection, the current work of progressive U.S. professor Grover Furr based on now accessible Soviet archives. Professor Furr has exposed the great struggle led by Stalin around

the 1936 Soviet Constitution in which Stalin, through changes in the election law, etc., tried to open up the Communist Party of the Soviet Union to *criticisms by the non-Party masses, to make the Party answerable to the class and the masses.*)

International Council/*Northstar Compass*, while having tiny numbers relative to the immense tasks the international proletariat and the oppressed peoples face, is at one with the millions of revolutionary-minded *masses* of toilers throughout the world who are consciously or unconsciously striving for a world of peace and plenty, striving for a world of socialism, to be born out of the current world of increasing starvation, want, violence and injustice. In this way, the International Council/*Northstar Compass'* demand on the international communist movement to undertake once again the construction of a new Communist International, capable of providing general guidance and some organizational strength for the world proletarian revolution in our time, is a *mass demand.*

We must work diligently to make this mass demand, this call for a new communist international, grow in intensity and strength. For it will meet with great resistance not only from the imperialist powers, led by U.S. imperialism, but from the dominant opportunist forces in the current so-called World Marxist Movement.

Given this political climate, how has NSC/International Council been able to emerge and survive and now call on vanguard organizations to build a new Communist International?

Thirdly, International Council/ NSC came by its proletarian internationalism: honestly. The Toronto-based *Northstar Compass* and the Canadian branch of the

International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People, led by Michael and Helen Lucas, have been and remain the backbone of this modest internationalist enterprise. They draw on the strength of two historical *mass* movements that developed in Canada (as well as in many other countries) under the leadership of the Soviet Bolsheviks and the Communist International *on a proletarian internationalist basis.*

"Hands Off Russia!" Committees were formed in Canada as well as in the USA and elsewhere in 1918 to defend the new workers' government born out of the victorious Russian Proletarian Revolution of 1917. The blatant intervention in Russia of a dozen imperialist armies in alliance with the former Tsarist armed forces in the attempt to overthrow the Bolshevik regime led by Lenin prompted workers all over the world to come to the defense of the new workers power. Later on, Michael Lucas spent decades as a key Canadian Communist Party leader assigned to work in the area of Canadian-Soviet Friendship, the later incarnation of the Hands Off Russia Committees. Lucas' position in the Canadian CP and specifically in the Soviet Friendship work helped him to see clearly the catastrophic conditions that developed rapidly in the former USSR after the Gorbachev-Yeltsin forces led the return to open capitalism.

In 1992, Lucas began the *Northstar Compass* journal exposing the new capitalist regime in Russia. He rallied to NSC's banner the members of the Canadian Friends of Soviet People who (in the face of the now revisionist Canadian CP's hostility) had remained loyal to its pro socialist aims. While the International Council was launched in 2001, the Canadian Friends has remained the cornerstone of the organization and the journal. Particularly exemplary has been the upholding of the historical accomplishments of

Socialism, especially in the USSR. A massive, well-tuned, imperialist ideological offensive, following the dissolution of the Socialist Camp, has claimed that socialism was a failure and is finished once and for all. It has been ably exposed by NSC which has documented the need for the Soviet peoples to go "Back to the Future", i.e., the socialist future.

Probably even more important to the survival and modest but significant success of NSC/IC has been its organic connection to the Society of Carpatho-Russian Canadians (SCRC). Michael Lucas is himself a son of the Carpathian Mountains. He came to Canada (along with his mother) to join his father, William Lukac, already functioning there as a communist miner and union organizer. Father, mother and son all were long time Canadian communists. And all became active in the SCRC ("the Carps") as did Michael's wife, Helen Lucas.

Like most immigrant nationality groups in the capitalist world, the Carpatho-Russians organized themselves to defend their rights in Canada and the rights of their people back home. Beginning in Winnipeg in 1929, the organization spread quickly to a number of cities throughout Canada. The "Carps" were very active in protest demonstrations and labor picket lines. The political activism and the mass character of the SCRC are both reflected in the fact that at one point, out of 247 members of the Toronto branch of the SCRC, 94 were members of the Party Club of the Communist Party.

During World War II, a large number joined the Canadian military to fight against fascism and for Canadian democracy and Soviet socialism. Many then returned to the Carpathian Mountains to help build socialism in their native land. Meanwhile, post World War II immigrants to Canada from the

region included a much larger percentage of pro-imperialists, fascists, and other reactionaries. In the resulting struggles among the nationality groupings in Canada, and with the beginnings of the Cold War and the real possibility of the organization being banned, the SCRC decided that it needed to buy its own building in Toronto. It purchased what is now the Friendship House in 1946 using its membership fees from around the country for this purpose. This valuable property was paid off in 1960 and was celebrated with a burning of the mortgage.

As Chairman Lucas pointed out in his recently published book, "From the Carpathian Mountains to Canada", "The SCRC always cooperated with the Hands Off Russia Committee, Friends of Soviet People, Aid to Russia Fund, helping ... the Canada-USSR Association... From 1972, the Canada-USSR Association-Canadian Friends of Soviet People were welcomed to use the offices and the Carpathian Ballroom for all their meetings and receptions, without any rental costs at all."(p.97) Lucas explained the consistent internationalism of this nationality-based immigrant organization as follows: "Our Carpatho-Russian Society was NEVER nationalistically orientated and always believed and believes in Internationalism and Socialism ... Nationalism is just as dangerous in the long run as its collective partner and supporter—capitalism, imperialism and fascism ... But when you are subjected by enemies... to unwarranted criticism, we are then guided by J.V. Stalin's work on the Nationality Question...and we must stand up and defend ourselves."(91)

The language of the official non-profit status, finally conferred on the SCRC in 1982 by the Canadian government of Ontario Province, makes clear the consistent internationalism of this immigrant nationality organization: "no member

or director of this Corporation can sell any part of this corporation's assets, or to invest or to profit from any principal assets of this Corporation." Noteworthy, also, is the provision that prohibited memberships from being passed on to the members' children.

Thus, the Society of Carpatho-Russian Canadians envisioned to contribute to the cause of democracy and socialism after its own progeny had become assimilated into Canadian society. Today, in his early 80's, Michael Lucas continues to keep the faith. As he expresses it, "Our Society of Carpatho-Russian Canadians was from the very beginning and is now and will be as long as it will exist, dedicated to Socialism, to the USSR and to its future resurrection, to Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin, to internationalism, and we shall always be against Imperialism under whatever label or flag it is hiding. We shall always be together with all of the progressive movements of the world." (90)

Born and raised in the crucible of the struggle to defend proletarian socialism in the USSR and under the guidance of the Communist International, both the Society of Carpatho-Russian Canadians as well as the Hands Off Russia Committee and its Canada-Soviet Friendship Society offspring have demonstrated the strength of non-party mass organizations when they are trained in the spirit of proletarian internationalism. It is largely on this basis that the International Council for Friendship with Soviet People has earned the right to call on proletarian vanguard organizations around the world to *take an active part in the construction of a new communist international, in the course of their efforts to unite the oppressed masses and the international working class against imperialism, headed by U.S. imperialism.* For Michael Lucas and many of the Canadian Friends of Soviet People have the experience that this task can be accomplished only by a Communist International.



*How many ears must one person have
before he can hear people cry?
And how many deaths will it take till he knows
that too many people have died?
And how many years can some people exist
before they are allowed to be free?
And how many times can a man turn his head
and pretend that he just doesn't see?
The answer, my friend, is blowing in the wind
The answer is blowing in the wind.*