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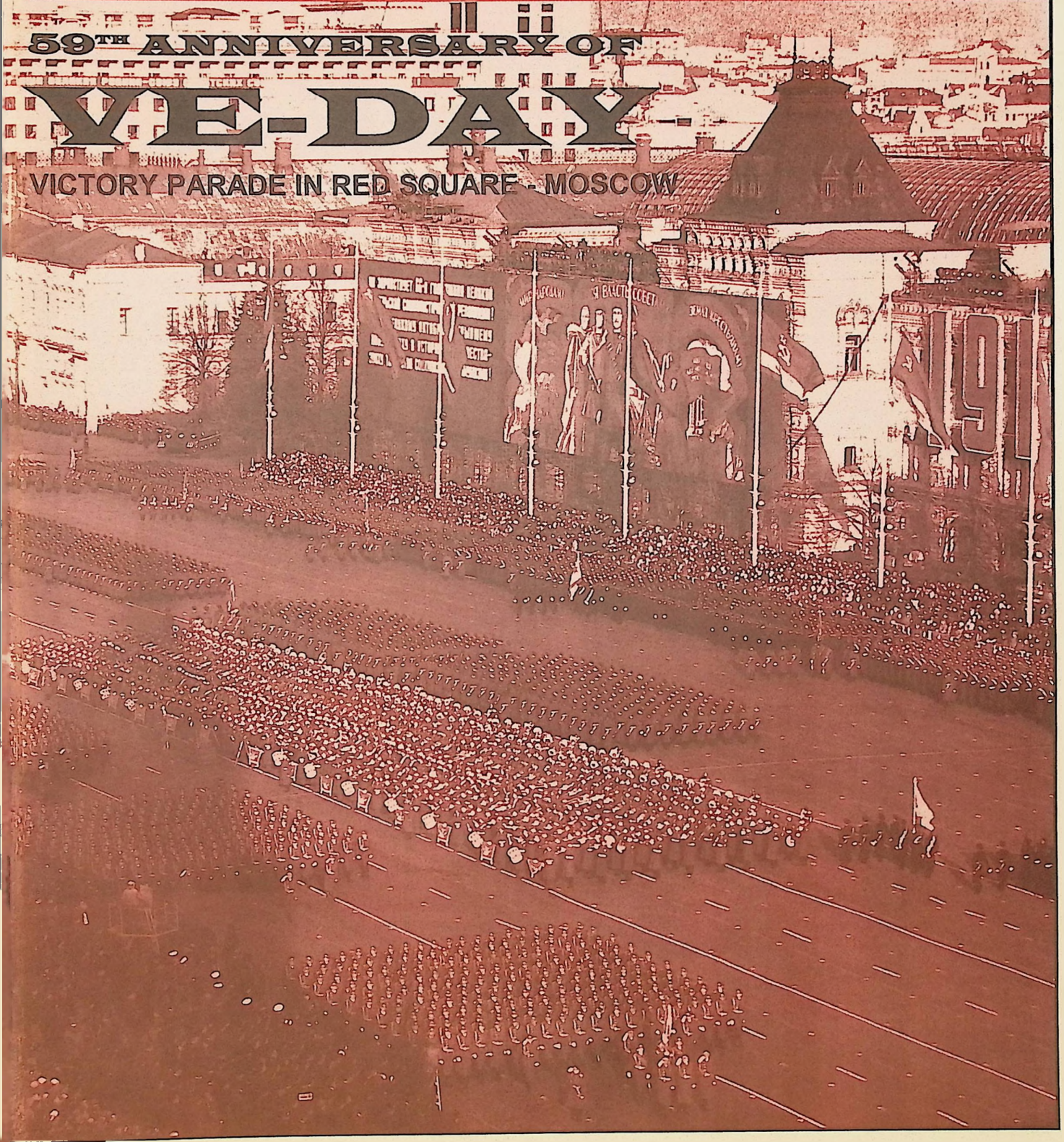
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VE-DAY

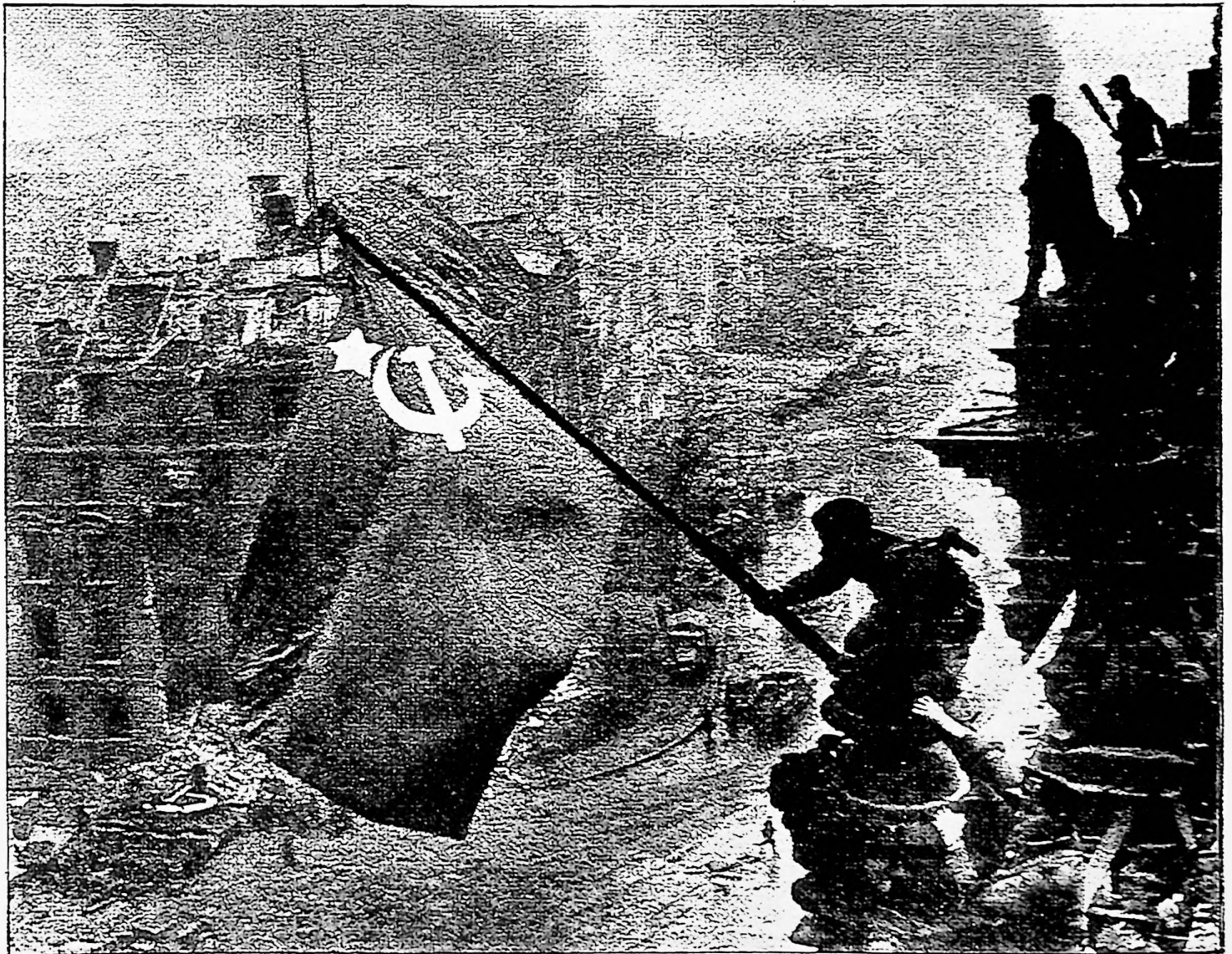
On May 8, 1945 in Karlshorst, a Berlin suburb, Marshal Keitel, the former Chief of Staff of the High Command of Hitler's armed forces, and one of the chief war criminals, signed the final act on Germany's unconditional surrender in the presence of representatives of the USSR, USA, Britain and France. It spelled the end of a war that had taken a toll of 50 million lives, untold

destruction and the complete demolition of the Nazi Third Reich. Since then, May 8 has been recognized as VE-DAY, Victory in Europe.

A week before the signing of the unconditional surrender, on May 1, 1945, two Soviet soldiers had climbed the bombed-out shell of the Reichstag building in Berlin and proudly raised the Soviet flag as the symbol of victory. Anyone alive in those days will never forget the pictures of that event, pictures that were flashed around the world and that not only marked the ultimate defeat of the Reich, but also confirmed the Union of Soviet

Socialist Republics as the victors and one of the most powerful nations on earth.

It had been almost four years since the German army crossed the Soviet borders, on June 22, 1941, when Hitler launched his Operation Barbarossa. Four years during which more than 20 million Soviets died, in which most of the European part of the nation was conquered, over 70,000 towns and villages destroyed and millions upon millions of agricultural land ruined. But under the heroic leadership of Joseph Stalin and the indomitable spirit and will of the Soviet people to defend their homeland against the nazi



thugs, they held the line at heroic cities like Stalingrad, Moscow and Leningrad. The nation rose as one, as every citizen young and old, male or female contributed to the war effort.

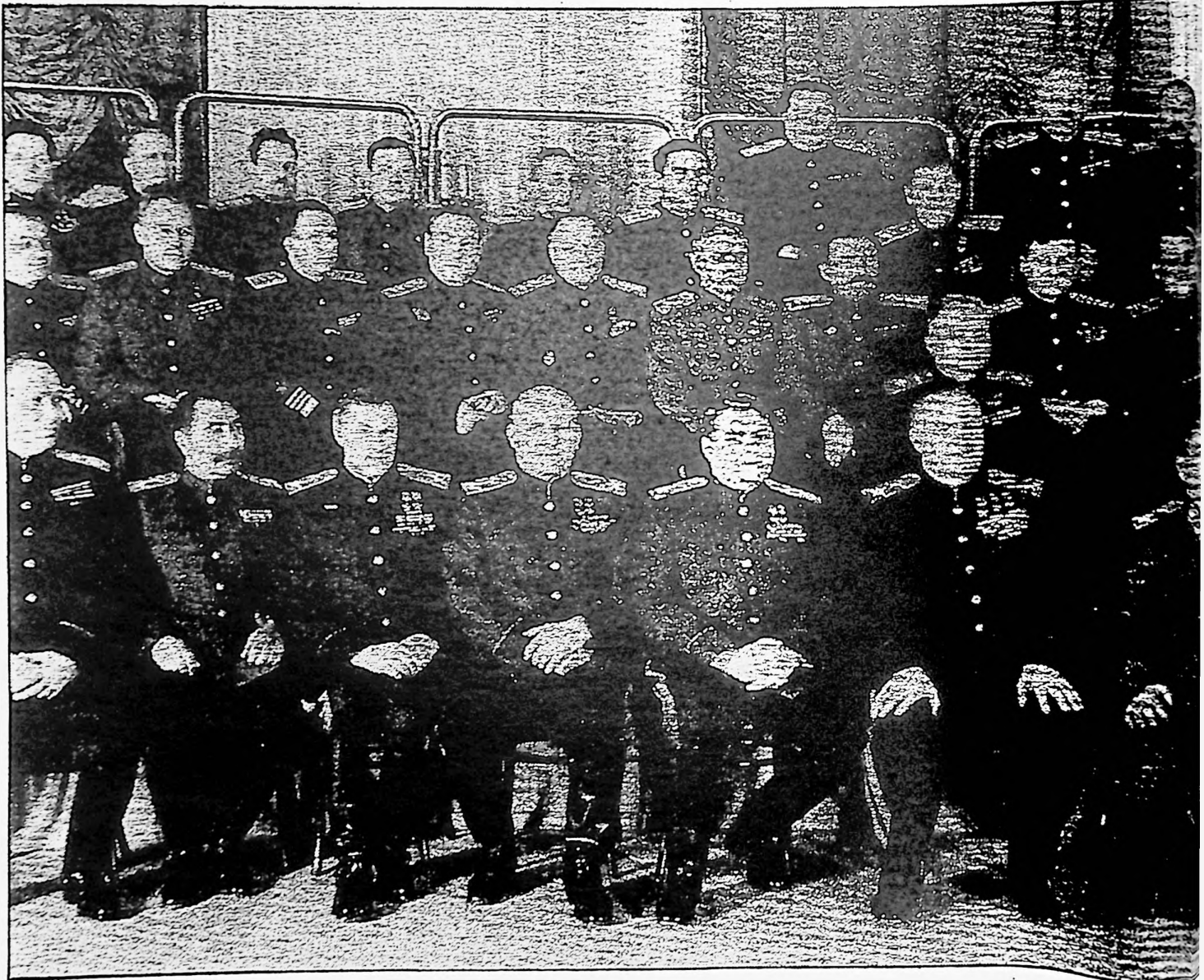
These were hard, very hard times, when virtually every family suffered the loss of one or more of their loved ones. In the end however, there can be no doubt however as to who won the war in Europe. Without minimizing the contribution of the Western allies, the decisive blow to Hitler's armies was delivered by the Soviet people, their army, navy and air force and the partisans, who constantly undermined the German war effort behind the enemy lines.

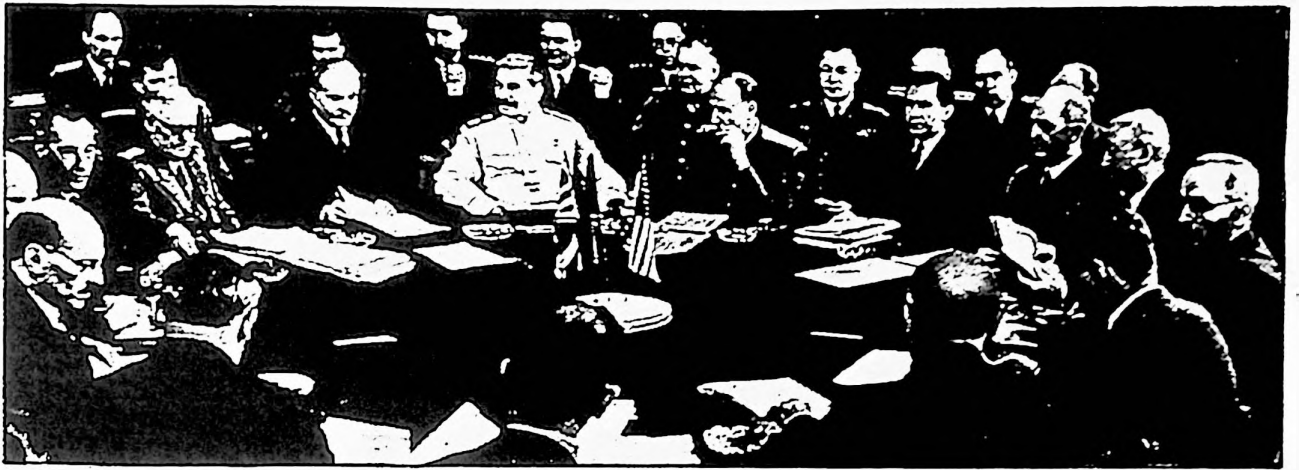
This month of May will be 59 years since the end of the war. Much has changed in the intervening years, not

the least of which is the disappearance of the Soviet Socialist State, the heroic defenders and victors over fascism. New world imperialism has now arisen, which has already placed its jackboots on the territories of the former Soviet republics and encircled the Russian Federation with military bases. Under the threat of this military might and the global corporate empire led by the United States of America, it seems doubly appropriate on this 59th Anniversary to remember the sacrifices the Soviet people made to wipe fascism from the face of the earth. The apparent rebirth of Fascist Imperial ambitions should not only be a warning for all peace loving people on earth, but also it should serve as a call to action!



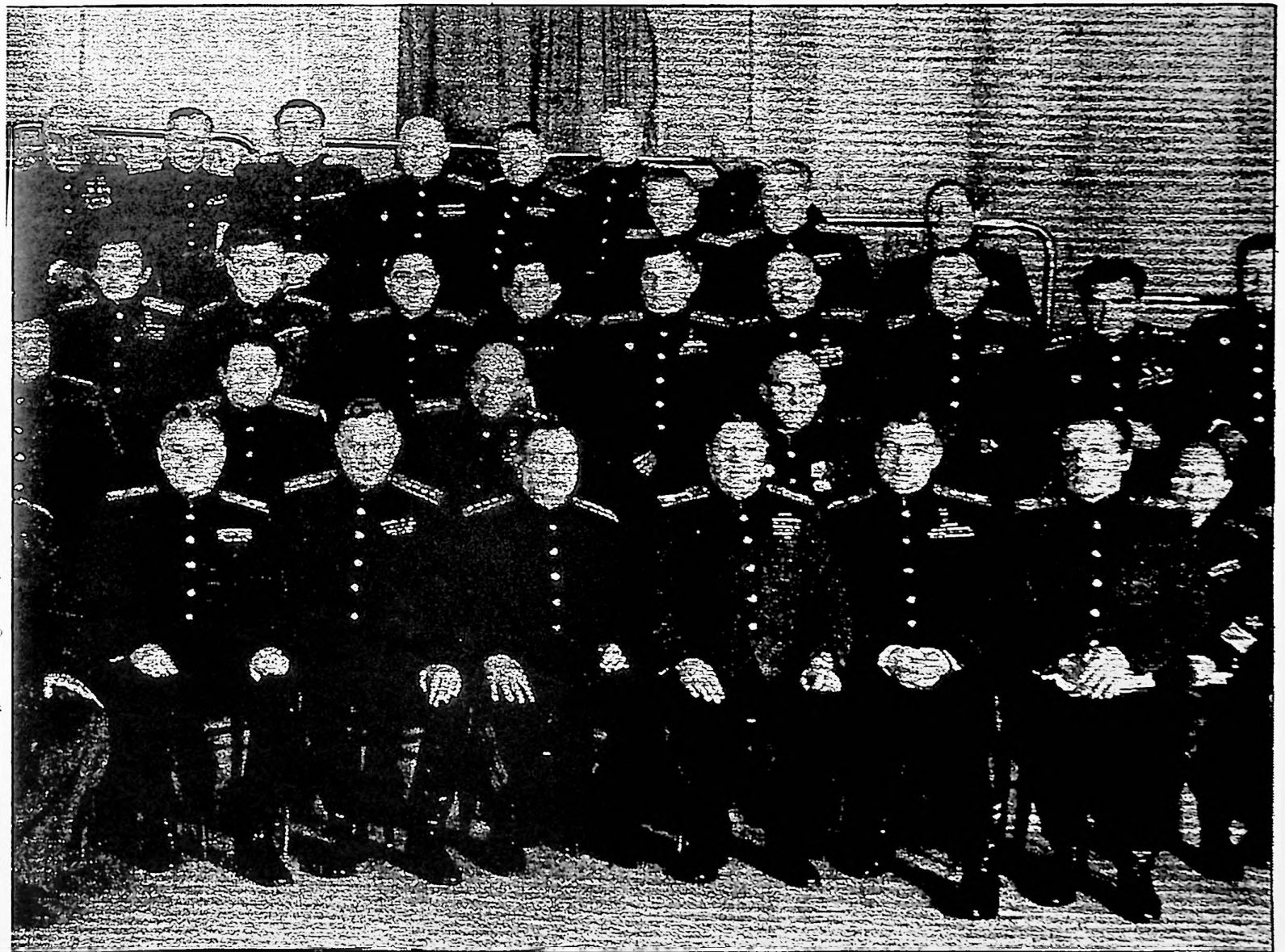
SOVIET STATE AND MILITARY LEADERS - MEMBERS OF GENERAL STAFF DURING THE





At the Potsdam Conference where Stalin and heads of state of the USA, Britain and France met to discuss the future of post-war world. Right at that time President Truman and Atlee of Britain were planning the Cold War and whether or not to attack the Soviet Union. Through the diplomacy of Stalin and the Soviet delegation which included Vishinsky, Gromyko and other CC CPSU officials, they were able to stop in the tracks the prepared invasion of the USSR by these former Western Allies. Even Churchill had to admit that Stalin's brilliant diplomacy and tactics, stopped the Western imperialists!

GREAT PATRIOTIC WAR



The fallacy of the "anybody but Bush" movement

By FRED GOLDSTEIN

All those in the USA and even those of the left gripped by "anybody but Bush" fever should pause to reflect on the actual situation, stripped of all the fraudulent hype and false hopes.

To be sure, the US Bush administration is one of the most reactionary regimes in recent years. Under the falseness of the "war against terrorism", Bush has invaded Afghanistan and Iraq; expanded US military bases in Central Asia, sent troops to the Philippines, Yemen, Africa and now Haiti, had given the Sharon government of Israel the go-ahead to step up its aggression against the Palestinian national movement. Bush has also pushed through the passage of the Patriotic Act and engaged in wide-ranging repression against peoples of the Middle East and South Asia. Bush also threatened Syria, North Korea and Cuba. This is only a partial list.

But, wait a minute. Who is the leading candidate to take Bush's place? John Kerry. What is Kerry's actual record? He is trying to outdo Bush in his promotion of the so-called "war on terrorism" – the ideological premise for all of the international aggression and repression of the Bush administration – and it has been adopted whole by Kerry.

Kerry voted for the war against Afghanistan and fully supports the occupation of that country. Kerry voted and fully supported the war in Iraq. His homepage on the Internet declares: "Whatever we thought of the Bush administration's decisions and mistakes – especially in Iraq – we now have a solemn obligation to complete the mission, in that country and in Afghanistan. Iraq is now a major magnet and center for terror – we must stay in until the job is finished." Thus he is for the occupation of both countries – the crimes begun by George W. Bush



are fully supported by Kerry.

Kerry voted for the Patriotic Act and the "homeland security". He has not denounced the arbitrary search, seizure and prosecution of Muslim organizations on the trumped-up charges across the country.

Kerry is a staunch supporter of Israel – and for the same reason that is a supporter of the "mission" in Iraq. That "mission" is to seize the second-largest oil reserves in the world, set up strategic bases in the center of the Arab worlds, guard the oil-rich Persian Gulf for the US oil companies, US capitalist industry and the Pentagon. On this question there is not a ray of daylight between Kerry and Bush, style and rhetoric aside.

Bush, of course is the darling of Wall Street, the oil industry and all of the corporate benefactors who have thrown money at him for his election campaign - \$150 million and still rising daily, even though elections are later this year.

However, it should always be remembered that the US Senate has long been known as the "millionaires club" and Kerry is one of the richest members of that club. Kerry and his wife Teresa Heinz Kerry have a combined fortune, according to the Center for Public Integrity, of anywhere between \$200 million and \$840 million, depending upon the valuation of their portfolio. And it is not all Heinz money. Kerry comes from a very wealthy background.

Kerry is a trusted agent of the US ruling class, having been in the US Senate for 19 years. He serves on the prestigious Senate Foreign Relations Committee, the

Intelligence Committee and the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.

Besides all of the above:

*Kerry is involved with 50,000 corporate lobbyists and has been groomed as the guardian of US ruling-class.

*Kerry is the largest recipient of corporate donations in the senate.

*Kerry made a statement to the Wall Street Journal, saying: "I'm all pro business!"

*Just because Bush is a reactionary, that does not make Kerry a progressive. Kerry, if he should win the presidency, will be a solid representative of US imperialism whose work will be to expand and strengthen the domination on the world arena.

*Kerry criticized the new leadership of Spain and warned Spain not to pull their troops out of Iraq.

*Kerry criticizes Bush that he's making US imperialism weaker. He will strengthen US imperialism in the world.

*Kerry by the latest count has over \$70 millions in election fund - \$40 millions of this from the labor trade union movement, of all people.

Only an independent, mass working-class struggle against the evils of the system and against the system itself, can push back the capitalist reaction and war. ■

GOOD NEWS!

This is to inform NSC readers that our Palestinian comrade Farouk, who had written many letters and solicited others for Northstar-Compass, is out of jail and in good spirits.

Federal Authorities in Atlanta, Georgia released Palestinian activist Farouk Abdul-Muhti on April 13th, after he had spent nearly two years in immigration detention and is on his way to New York.

We want to thank everyone who helped in the two year campaign for Farouk's release. Further information will be forthcoming.

George Gruenthal
Secretary International Council ■

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FRIENDSHIP NEWS

FROM
LENINGRAD
RUSSIA

Dear likeminded comrades:

We received your Open Letter and invitation to the 2nd World Congress. We are discussing now the real possibility of sending a delegation to the Congress.

Lydia A. Malcev
Council of Workers of Leningrad ■

FROM THE
**AUSTRALIAN-SOVIET
FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY**

Dear friends:

This is in reply to the Open Letter that was published in NSC:

After careful consideration of the Open Letter and a serious discussion with the majority of the readers and supporters of Northstar Compass, it was unanimously decided that –

1: Unless the debt incurred from the First World Congress. Given by our wonderful host in Canada has been settled in full, and

2: That unless sufficient funds to cover the Second World Congress without incurring another large debt were forthcoming, the Second World Congress should be postponed from 2004 to 2005.

It is probably unlikely that a suitable candidate will be available from Australia, however, a target of \$1,000 to assist the work of NSC has been set for years 2004-2005.

Yours fraternally
On behalf of the Australian-Soviet
Friendship Society

Pablo Gonzalez ■

FROM
PAKISTAN

Dear comrades:

Solidarity greetings from the Working Women Organization of Pakistan. We acknowledge receiving NSC and we really appreciate you publishing our Report. We agree that information sharing plays a very important part in exposing the injustices, prejudices and this helps

everyone to understand the situations that are existing.

I will keep sending you our reports in the future.

Aima Mahmood
Program Coordinator ■

Central Committee
Party of Communists (b) Ukraine

In Ukraine we are proceeding towards the goal of uniting all the Bolsheviks around Oleg Shenin and the Union of Communist Parties-CPSU. Even though the CPSU in the post 1953 has compromised itself badly, there is no other chance to resurrect that name.

The Party of Communists (*Bolsheviks*) of Ukraine – has joined this collective effort together with tens of other Bolshevik parties, and therefore, scrutinizing the situation in your Open Letter to us, we feel the following:

(1) This Second World Congress should be postponed from this year, until our working class becomes more conscious of its role, until the present Communist Parties throw off their useless ballast, and until Zionism is stopped in its track.

(2) We must give rebirth to Marxism-Leninism as the philosophy of the working class and to undertake the class struggle, aiming at its workers dictatorship – unfortunately there is no such party here yet. To just mouth off bare appeal for a revolution is disinformation and foolishness as practiced by Trotskyists, and as part of the many tenants of Zionism.

With deepest regards –

Edward Oyaperv
First Secretary ■

HOLD THE CONGRESS IN MOLDAVIA!

Dear comrades:

After reading your Open Letter regarding the holding of the 2nd World Congress, and after consulting with our comrades and Soviet

patriots, we are of the same opinion that the 2nd World Congress must be held at all costs.

Our suggestion is that this World Congress should be held in Bendera, Moldavia! Strategically this would cause a sensation, but we must make certain that we have the support of all progressive mankind in order to have this Congress achieve the desired results.

Here in Moldavia we had struggled to convince people not to take part in the last elections. In these demonstrations I was arrested by the militia and charged with disturbing the peace. I am very active and working amongst the youth as the head of the organization "In Defense of Children" plus other organizations that are devoted to the resurrection of Socialism and of the Soviet Union.

Enclosed is an article in 18 pages that I wish you could publish. I wrote about the appeal in the defense for S. Borisova, who is charged with working for the resurrection of the USSR and also fighting in court her dismissal from work for her activities.

Comradely yours
N.N. Garmash ■

All Ukrainian Movement for the Soviet Union

Dear friends:

Having received your Open Letter regarding the holding of the Second World Congress, we think that it is necessary to continue to search for the place to hold the Congress in Europe. It is better to delay the Congress in order to get the necessary delegates from the USSR and other European countries.

Yours as ever

S.G. Saveliev ■

FROM
BRUSSELS
BELGIUM

Dear comrades:

Regarding the letter received, we like to inform you that we shall support the Second World Congress, either in Russia or in Canada, as the circumstances will dictate. Russia would be ideal, but we understand that our Russian partners have little means and possibilities.

We are holding in Brussels on May 2-4 the International Communist Seminar, with the main theme being "Strategy of tactics of the struggle against the global war from the USA".

Please send a message about the planned World Congress by the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People- we will distribute it to all the participants. You could also send us materials and we will set up a stand for the International Council, as it is our experience that there is great interest by the delegates coming for it.

Wishing all of you the best,

JEFF BOSSUYT
Workers Party of Belgium

NORTHERN OSSETIA-ALANIA RUSSIA

Dear friends:

We studied very closely your "Open Letter" to the people of ex-USSR regarding the methods of the resurrection of the Soviet Union. There are many opinions as to how this can be accomplished.

For instance, some comrades think that it is not necessary to rehabilitate the former Soviet Union, because it's existing even now.

Communist Party of the Russian Federation (CPRF) thinks that the election campaign method is the main method of resurrection of the USSR.

The All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks (AUCPB) and the All Union Communist Party (b) think that a revolution is the main method of the resurrection of the USSR.

Our All Union Lenin-Stalin Marxist Party (AULSMP) thinks that there are many conditions for the resurrection of the Soviet Union. Here are some of these conditions:

*Methodological or the dialectical materialistic method.

*Theoretical - there are answers to general problems of modern times.

*Propagating conditions for the Marxist-Leninist ideas.

*Party organizational conditions - creation of a revolutionary party that is similar to the AUCPB 1903-1953.

*Political conditions - revolutionary conditions, victorious socialist revolution, establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat.

*Military conditions - creation of a revolutionary army.

*Economical conditions - socialist nationalization of large-scale and middle-class industries and mines, railways etc.

Today, there is existing not one of these conditions!

Therefore, in order to achieve the resurrection of the USSR, we suggest the following conditions must be created. We propose that you offer all of the left-wing parties, movements in the USSR these questions and invite them to answer the questions and these answers should be published in Northstar Compass. Here are the questions we propose that the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People to be asked of the Soviet comrades:

- (1) Your attitude to the history of USSR from 1917-1953.
- (2) Your attitude to the history of USSR from 1953-1985.
- (3) Your attitude to the history of the USSR from 1985-1991.
- (4) Your attitude to the history of ex-USSR from 1991 to ???
- (5) What was the class structure of USSR from 1917-1953?
- (6) What was the class structure of the USSR from 1953-1985-1991?
- (7) What was the class structure of Russia, Ukraine, Byelorussia, Baltic, Central Asiatic and Trans-Caucasian republics from 1993-2003?
- (8) What class has the power in ex-USSR today?
- (9) What is the inevitability of the national-liberation revolution?
- (10) What is meant by the "Soviet Bourgeois"?
- (11) What is the compradorian bourgeoisie?
- (12) What is the minimum and the maximum program of communist parties now?
- (13) What was the essence of "Perestroika"?
- (14) What were the actual causes of the destruction of the USSR -1953-1991?
- (15) What conditions are necessary for the resurrection of the USSR?
- (16) What are the revolutionary conditions that will restore the USSR?
- (17) What is a Socialist revolution?
- (18) Can the working class seize power by peaceful methods?
- (19) What kind power must be

installed after a successful revolution?

(20) What should be the relations between the Communist party and the bourgeoisie before and after a socialist revolution?

(21) What should be the attitude of the Communist party to private ownership?

(22) What should be the attitude of the Communist party to the existence of multitude of parties during the dictatorship of the proletariat?

(23) What is the attitude of the Communist party to repressions in general and the repressions during 1917-1953

(24) What is Communism?

(25) What is the importance of the Party Rules during its creation?

(26) What is the attitude of the present Communist parties to Democratic Centralism?

(27) What is the attitude of the present parties to revisionism and opportunism?

Sincerely yours
MARAT KOTCHIEV
Vladikavkaz

FROM
LONDON
ENGLAND

Dear comrades!

There is an old Irish saying: -
"Only he who wears the boot knows where it pinches".

Matters relating to the Soviet Union - must be decided by comrades in the Soviet Union.

Regarding your Open Letter, we feel that comrades in the Soviet Union need to convene their own Conference in order to decide the way forward. In particular they need to decide where is the weakest link in the chain of reaction binding the nations of the USSR.

The role of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People is to help the Soviet comrades implement the decisions that they have made in their own conference.

When these decisions have been made by the Soviet comrades - the Second World Congress of the International Council may be held in Toronto, Dublin or anywhere else which is convenient.

IVOR KENNA
Scientific Socialism (Finsbury)

CANADIAN SLAV COMMITTEE

On Sunday, March 28th at the Friendship House, 280 Queen St. W. in Toronto, Canada, there was held a Membership Meeting and a Social which reorganized the CSC into a viable committee to be able to continue the traditions of the Slavic Committees in the Slavic countries in their struggles for unity and the fight against imperialism, plus the danger of genocide that are the plans of world reaction, in the first place against the Russian people and also against other Slavs that have raised their voices against the world domination of USA – a perfect example was Yugoslavia, which did not give up the struggle.

The event was opened up by Michael Lucas and followed by words from Milenko Popovich, the chairman and then followed by Ivan Petrovich and Mike Celik (*their remarks are being published below*) then by an excellent musical performer Bozidar and his wonderful guitar playing.

The meeting was opened by a minute of silence for those killed by US bombardment and the singing of the Slavic hymn "O, Slavs."

Greetings were read from the International Slav Committee in Prague, from Jan Minar, Chairman and from the Czech Slav Committee, signed by Professor Mirko Svoboda.

BY IVAN PETROVICH:

Slavs basically are a peaceful people. They spread throughout the world, not by the power of their sword, but by the sweat of their brow. Throughout their history they had to defend themselves against Scythians, Sarmatians, Khazars, Polovtians, Mongols, Turks, Italians, Hungarians, French, English, Scandinavians, Germans and only God knows against whom else. Somehow they managed to preserve their lands and cultures, because, when they were united, no one could defeat them.

Russia, because of its size, was considered the Big Brother of the Slavs, although in history past it acted sometimes as a bully. However, we must realize that

Russia was not always ruled or controlled by the Slavs.

USSR – (Russia) possesses vast quantity of natural resources that the world needs. US Government official, Dulles once remarked: *"There are two ways to conquer a nation, one is by the force of arms, the other is by the control of their industries and natural resources."*

It is evident today, that the Slavic States are actually controlled by the West and the money is flowing out of these countries, while NATO is making certain that this dependency continues. Belarus is the only former member of the USSR, a Slavic country, that does not owe any money to the IMF or the WB. Russia itself is the only Slavic country that has any hope of paying off its external debt; currently 27% of its GDP is used to pay off this debt.

Many Russians today hope that after many years under former Boris Yeltsin, the wholesale theft of the natural resources would stop under the present regime of Putin. Before the last presidential election, Putin promised to put more money into education and social infrastructure. We shall see whether these promises will be kept. In today's society, human resources are just as valuable as natural resources. As one example, Saudi Arabia, after selling oil for over 50 years, still has an external debt of \$26 billion dollars and a national unemployment rate of over 25 per cent!

IT'S ABOUT TIME...

Polish and Ukrainian soldiers in Iraq will not take part in offensive military operations, according to the Ukrainian Defense Minister Evgeni Marchuk and Polish Defense Minister Ezhai Shmaidzinski.

The next step should be to withdraw their troops as Spain is doing!

Honduras last month let it be known that they are withdrawing their troops from Iraq, according to Honduran President Ricardo Maduro.

With over 700 US soldiers killed (that the Pentagon will admit to) the **Alliance of the Willing** is now an **Alliance of the Unwilling!**

Currently there is a move to unite Russia, Ukraine and Belarus and Kazakhstan into an economic partnership. In Ukraine however, there is a struggle between the forces who wish to sell out to NATO and those who wish to re-establish the economic ties as it was before, with Russia.

A century ago, the Russian poet Nikolay Nikrasov prophesized, that a day will come when people from all nations will come to Russia, not for goods, but for wisdom. Unfortunately there is little wisdom in Russia today in its rulers. Come to think of it, wisdom is also in short supply in today's world. While we have been producing smart bombs and smart bums, there are more people living in poverty than anytime in history.

Our earth is polluted with man-made chemicals, causing untold damage to animals and people. The cancer rate is increasing alarmingly; the rate of mental retardation in our children is increasing while fertility rates are decreasing. The world's economic leaders are changing the people into mindless consumers, driving us into a material world of worthless existence.

Slavic history is full of dark periods of existence, whether under Mongols or Turks, or under the current period of theft and of economic occupation; however, the Slavs are a patient people and I am confident that they will overcome the present hardships and regain their rightful place in society at the table of nations, but not as servants.

As Slavic Canadians, we wish the International Slavic Committee success in their endeavor to foster this very necessary Slavic unity and Slavic cultures – for as the saying goes – united we stand, divided we fall!

BY MIKE CELIK

Dear friends:

With your permission I would like to take somewhat a global approach in my presentation. Indeed, I will even step outside this planet for a moment.

* Names of craters, fields and other phenomena on the surface of the moon have mostly Slavic names.

* The first man in space was a Slav.

*The first woman in space was a

Slav.

* The first vehicle on the moon was the Lunokhod – a Slavic name.

* The first space station was sent up and manned by Slavs.

But, let us come down to earth again. What we, the Slavs have accomplished is so great, that it is practically out of this world.

* You will remember that Alaska was a populated Russian territory until the Czarist regime sold it for practically peanuts to the United States.

*Do you know that when the British, i.e. American forces reached California on the US continental west coast, they found the remains of scores of Russian Orthodox wooden Churches. Some of these historical Russian churches are preserved to this day and some still exist to perform services.

*Let us take the islands of Hawaii – Russians were trading with the Hawaii Kings long before the Americans even arrived there.

* We the Slavic people have given much to the world of culture, science, music and literature. We have turned Alchemy into Chemistry with Mendeleev's periodic table and Sciolorovsky was the originator of space rocketry, long before anyone else thought it possible.

But now, we Slavs live in a very dangerous and volatile world. We cannot talk about our glorious past, without talking about our endangered presence on this world. We are now faced with the most dangerous circumstances ever, not only as individual Slavic countries, but as a race and civilization.

The process of dividing the Slavs into the "good" and the "bad" Slavs, into NATO members and non NATO members, into the EU members and those that are not – all these plans by Imperialism is to divide the Slavs and instigate them to fight and kill each other. This process has already started in the Balkans. Czechoslovakia was split into two separate states without any referendum, and the Czech Republic and Poland are already in NATO. American Imperialism through NATO is already surrounding the borders of Russia, Ukraine, Byelorussia, and is agitating and threatening them to become NATO members and eventually to break up Russia into 7-

9 small states and thus dived and rule them.

In our history we have had good and bad times. If we do not co-ordinate our national interests and policies, we shall see a fratricidal Slavic war of self-destruction and then a foreign master will come to rule over us all.

The Slavs still possess the greatest landmass on this globe of ours, and the Slavs are the most endowed with natural resources, but now we stand to lose it all, if we do not dedicate ourselves to the goal of Slavic survival!

The Slavs are currently plagued by very low birth rates, aids, epidemics and the present bourgeois Russia has 4,000,000 drug addicts.

Islamic fanaticism is raging in the Slavic lands, and even more so in the periphery. NATO has surrounded the Slavic nations with bases, troops, while the multinational corporations are now ruling and ruining these countries, from the West and the South. American troops are stationed in former Soviet republics.

Even one part of Russia now is completely cut off from mainland Russia! Kalinigrad now is far away from the Russian border on the Baltic Coast, bordering Poland and Lithuania. The Russian people living in this part of Russia, have to have a visa to travel to Russia! Divide and rule is one thing that US imperialism had learned very well from the British Empire. Just in 2003, over \$50 billions were siphoned out of Russia alone to the West!

You may ask as to what are we to do? We can start by thinking as Slavs, as one family in the struggles with all other people of the world against the mortal danger that US imperialism is presenting to all of humanity.

The German states when they started to unite, started with a customs union and achieved their economic union in 1834. The political union was achieved in 1871. Germany became a united power and a dominant power in Europe.

The Arabs have their Arab League and co-ordinate policies to the extent that they are able under their capitalist system. The Slavs have this possibility within their reach, as they have before.

There were and are many other examples of unified cooperation

among ethnic-related peoples.

Slavs are a peaceful people and seek nothing that is not theirs. We need peace to win this unity. America needs wars in order to win.

Let us help to protect the sacred Slavic lands. Let us not let our forefathers down. Let their graves remain within the Slavic borders.

In conclusion, I would recommend that we start here today, by committing ourselves to that goal by joining and enlarging the work of the Canadian Slav Committee! ■

THE SENILITY CREED

God grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do like, and the eyesight to tell the difference.

Funny, I don't remember being absent minded.

It's not hard to meet expenses. They're everywhere.

The only difference between being in a rut and being in the grave, is the depth.

Thanks to "The Convoy" magazine. ■

THE LIE OF THE

"LENIN
TESTAMENT"



This excellent and timely book, debunking the lies is available now for only...
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NEWS FROM FORMER USSR

RUSSIA TO PROVIDE BELARUS WITH MISSILES FOR JOINT AIR DEFENSE

Russian Agency – Novosti

The Belarus air-defenses commander Oleg Paferov announced last April 5 that Russia will deliver four S-300 surface-to-air missile systems. There is also being signed a joint agreement on the establishment of joint regional air defenses with Russia. This is due to the threats by US in the Baltic area region.

Meanwhile Belarus Foreign Ministry spokesman Andrey Sasvinyk said that US sanctions against a Belarus state-run foreign trade companies are reminiscent of the Cold War era. This was in reaction to the US State Department's decision to slap a two-year ban for all US agencies and organizations on procuring goods, services or technologies from 12 foreign countries, including Belarus, China, North Korea, Russia, Taiwan and the United Arab Emirates. The US state department accused these enterprises in those countries of supplying Iran with materials and technologies that can be used for the making of weapons of mass destruction.

In other words – US plans are in motion to attack Iran soon. ■

US-NATO MOVES INTO ARMENIA- IS GEORGIA-STYLE COUP BREWING?

It is difficult to characterize the American-Armenian relations in a few words. On the one hand, the level of American aid to Armenia, when calculated on a per-capita basis, makes Armenia the second-largest recipient of US assistance after Israel. In the years since its independence in 1991, Armenia has received grants, credits from all sources with over \$3 Billion US. Half of that was a grant from the United

States. But somehow US seemed to have ignored Armenia up until now.

Now the US has established close ties with Armenia, giving it more money per capita only second to Israel. There is close cooperation in military, economic, defense, fighting terrorism and the establishment of military bases in Armenia and making certain that Armenia will follow the coup that was staged next door in Georgia.

The US has established an FBI, CIA and other agencies offices in Armenia and now it is to be the kingpin in its location as far as that region of Caucasus is concerned. With US military delegations an ongoing affair now, US imperialism looks at Armenia as its local and focal point in this very important region.

US imperialism wants to tear this region away from Russia as quickly as possible and the USA plans to dominate even more the whole of former USSR, thus having Russia surrounded on all sides – easy pickings in order to get at the tremendous riches therein.

With the Pentagon's Richard Miles playing a key role in Armenia and Kazakhstan - he is a notorious fomenter of revolutions, whose previous Pentagon assignments were in Serbia and Georgia – Bush feels secure that Armenia will collapse right into the arms of US Imperialism.

We're just wondering what Mr. Putin is doing to safeguard Russia? It seems that he is enjoying his riches and wealthy life-style too much to give a damn about the people. ■

US TO INTERVENE IN SIBERIA

FROM PRAVDA – MOSCOW

The USA is getting ready to interfere in Russian domestic policy, under the excuse of protecting human rights. The real cause of this interference will be the oil-bearing territory of Siberia, populated by small native peoples.

The US "Wall Street Journal" suddenly became interested in the native peoples living in Siberia. Wall Street Journal told its readers about the people in Siberia who are dying out, and the efforts of the brave US sponsored linguists on restoring the disappearing language of the Khant people. American business is unlikely to be altruistic, this is nothing else, but the controlling the oil-bearing Siberia regions. The easiest way of getting hold of the Siberian oil is by using the native Siberian peoples as a tool.

All of a sudden the "Wall Street Journal" wrote about a 71-year old Elizaveta Sigiletova, one of the "last" bearers of the Khant language, which is slowly disappearing, supposedly attacked by the state language, which is Russian. The WSJ said that the lady was forced to speak Russian and thus forgot most of her language. She was only able to say a few words in Khant.

In the 18th century the Slavic people came to Siberia and introduced Christianity. The 1917 revolution brought many changes by having all the minorities become Soviet citizens. They sent all the children to school, brought culture, education - since most of the people could not read or write, but "made them" speak Russian. In 1960 oil was discovered in Siberia and thousands of Soviet people went to Siberia to settle and thus started the industrial boom in Siberia, based around oil and forest industry.

It does not matter to the "Wall Street Journal" that the tiny Siberian tribes were never engaged in the oil industry and that they forgot their dialect. However, US figures that if there are no existing tribes, they should be invented.

US now hired many specialists. Native peoples are made up of fragments of tiny tribes and US is attempting to restore their "genuine" language.

US hired Tomsk University linguists, who are working to restore the Khant language and these are depicted as "enthusiasts" and not as paid workers with US dollars.

The USA is good in creating countries from nothing. In the beginning of the 20th century the USA was in need of controlling the beginning of the Panama Canal. The

US made everything possible to separate a part of Colombia republic and establish a new state that US occupiers called Panama. Then it made an agreement with Panama in leasing a part of its territory for constructing the Panama Canal. Later on it was detected that it was a US citizen who signed this agreement on behalf of Panama. Thus this fake country was established, its fake people received "freedom and independence". Of course the USA benefited by using the Panama Canal.

Today, the oil-bearing Siberia can become another Panama, which was a part torn away from Colombia by US imperialism. This article in the "Wall Street Journal" is just the first attempt. By starting the fight for the "rights of the Khant people", supposedly oppressed by the Russians, thus the control over the Siberia oil, US thinks can be obtained. And this, one should expect no mercy from the US.

Americans through the Pentagon controlled media, are working themselves into excitement over the tribes living in nomad tents, and are irritated about the Russians who brought these people schooling, culture, industry and upgraded their living standards to be equal with other nationalities of ex-USSR - without setting up reservations for these people as was done by the USA with its native peoples. It looks like the ruling classes in America are preparing a new Panama in Siberia.

Yaroslav Rodin

GEORGIAN GOVERNMENT ON A WARPATH!

The USA is launching a new military program, which will include Georgia and its aim is to train the armed forces, and it's going to be under the command of the US European Command. US now also is supplying the latest war equipment.

This is in preparation of invading and as Saakashvili warned: "Adjara will be destroyed by our force of arms!"

The Georgian Defense Minister was on a five-day visit to US where these plans were discussed.



BEHIND THE ENEMY LINES AGENT- BAIKAL 60- FULFILLED HIS MISSION!

By GALINA SAVCHENKO

The Soviet secret agent behind German lines during World War II - Alexander Ivanovich Kozlov (from the Soviet counter intelligence agency "Smersh") was written about by many authors after Soviet leader Andropov proposed that this Soviet Hero should be written about and known about by the Soviet people and especially by the young generation. Only after stories were written in 1965, the life of A. Kozlov turned around, with many books, interviews, medals, honors, movie films - he became a "Honoured Citizen of Borisov" and a museum opened there about his unbelievable exploits. There was erected a bronze bust of Kozlov. But all of these books, films, stories and honors that were bestowed on this hero do not do justice to the life of this Soviet hero and patriot and his love of the Soviet Union.

On February 23, 2004 I came to the city of Goryachi Kluch, Krasnodar region, in order to meet this hero and to greet him on the Day of Soviet Army and Navy, and to bow in gratitude before this man, who was and will always be an unforgettable Soviet Secret Agent.

We talked with Alexander Ivanovich in his modest home, where you can sense everything is in order, as in the army. I looked at him, at his every move, listened to every word and looked through documentary slides of his exploits and I wondered how is it that he did not waver from his Sovietism and his love for the Soviet Motherland and also - after living through many wrongs and

hardships in his life, plus - being in many concentration camps and in jail after 1953.

My generation was brought up on books and films about these Soviet heroes and intelligence agents and we hated with a vengeance those other agents that sold out their Motherland, while serving in the secret intelligence service. But we praised to high heavens the agents like Nikolai Kuznetsov, Rikhard Zorge, Rudolf Abel and others, trying emulate their work in the defense of the USSR, trying to live two lives in one, our personal one and the other devoted to the Motherland...these were talented and brave people.



"Intelligence - is very hard and extremely dangerous work, this requires constant improvisation of the mind, this is your constant nerves on edge, to which you have to get used to...to be as natural as your breathing. The most dangerous weapon is your mind. First of all your own brain, but you have to know the brain functions of your comrades and of your enemies" - these words were spoken by another intelligence agent, Rudolf Azbel, who all through the war was in the German ABVER intelligence apparatus.

This is how our legendary intelligence agent A.E. Kozlov-worked. He was lucky, he fulfilled the task set by the Motherland and he also managed to survive.

On July 26, 2004 Alexander Kozlov will be 84 years old. But talking about events close to 65

years ago seems to him as if it was just yesterday.

Kozlov was 22 years old when he started the death struggle against German fascism. In 1941, Kozlov, in his Partisan Brigade - which was called "Dedushka" - where at the beginning of action, he was its commander. In June of 1942, during heavy fighting against the Germans, Kozlov, together with his wife Galina Ivanova Vilkov, also an intelligence agent, fell into the hands of German fascists.

Finding himself in a concentration camp, and planning to help the Motherland, he agreed to help the Germans and start working for the German "Abvergroup-108" under a pseudonym "Menshikov". Learning the ropes for ten months, Kozlov planned to get in touch with the Soviet command or the NKVD at the earliest moment. This happened in June of 1943 when the Germans sent Kozlov behind the Red Army lines into the territory of the USSR in order to get in contact with other German agents operating behind the lines.

Soon his name was known to Stalin and in the headquarters of Soviet counter-intelligence "Smersh"-Kozlov was accepted and as an agent who "fulfilled the German assigned intelligence task" and then Kozlov was shipped back behind the line to Germany and his code name was "Baikal-60".

Working diligently in the German ABVER, Kozlov was made a Captain of the RIA and was awarded 5 medals by Germany. During his time in the ABVER he gathered information on 27 Soviet officials who cooperated with Germany and exposed 57 German intelligence agents. During his work, he also managed to convert 7 German agents to serve the Soviet Union. His task was to eliminate the most successful German agents and sent them across the Red Army lines.

After the end of World War II, Alexander Kozlov was instrumental in exposing the hidden agents in the USSR that went underground.

After 60 years Kozlov told me about the last period of his life after the end of the war and after Stalin died. I could not hold back my tears after listening to his story.

"Why did the Motherland not believe me? Why was I expelled

from the Red Army? Who were the hidden enemies of the USSR that helped to push this through? These enemies pointed out that I was taken by the American forces and that I was an agent in the service of the Americans"

Alexander Kozlov found himself without a job, forced to do any work



A.I. Kozlov with his loving granddaughter Alloj. November 2003

he could find, while trying to survive. His knowledge in intelligence work could have become useful during the Cold War years and the push by American Imperialism to dismember socialism.

After 20 years the Motherland admitted its horrible mistake and on the 20th Anniversary of Victory over Fascism, the Soviet Union awarded Alexander Kozlov the highest Red Army medal.

He said that it was: "normal for the Soviet intelligence agents to do their job as patriots of the Soviet Motherland."

Alexander Ivanovich is dismayed and takes it extremely hard as to what transpired when the Soviet Union was dismembered and now in ruins, after millions of Soviet people fought and died for the Soviet Motherland.

It is also tragic that the heroes of that life and death struggle against fascism are slowly departing from us. All of his comrades in arms have now departed. The Honored Artist of USSR, Evgeny Matveev, with whom faith had bound Alexander Kozlov, and who wanted to star in the film about Alexander Kozlov, and who always ended his many letters to Kozlov with these words: "Dear Alexander Ivanovich, live on for a long, long time! I am proud to have known you!"

GLORY TO THE SOVIET INTELLIGENCE AGENTS! ■

TERRORISM IN UZBEKISTAN- WHO'S TO BLAME?

By SIMON JONES -with thanks to Eric Walberg

Last March 28-30 a series of attacks on militia posts and other explosions rocked Tashkent and a village near Bukhara. At least twenty people were killed and many injured. These attacks were carried out by two women bombers, one of whom detonated herself near the beautiful Kurkaldash mosque in the old part of Tashkent. A very sad day for the Uzbek nation.

President Karimov denounced these attacks, explaining that they "were carried out by those forces that hate our country, the peaceful life and our achievements. They are trying to disrupt our faith and our good thoughts and creative work." (He sounds like president Bush. doesn't he? Editor)

Privately, the recent murders of the militia are seen by many Uzbeks as just deserts for a force of omnipresent, eager to supplement their meager capitalist wages with bribes, notorious for using torture against the people, and always "solving any crime" by finding an appropriate criminal, whether or not he or she is guilty. In the Fergana Valley where the anti-regime hatred is at a boiling point, the head of a militiaman was stuck on the city hall fence.

IMF dictates the economic policy and consequently the local currency. At the insistence of the IMF, WB - the prices have jumped sky high and into an unbearable level for the working people. Inflation is eating away, at the real wages of the people, while unemployment is rising alarmingly. Imported goods have doubled, being dumped by Western monopolies and in most cases they are phony, only packaged by petty swindlers, the would-be New Uzbeks.

In one word, the atmosphere of "freedom and democracy" based on the IMF wisdom has created a tinderbox. The devastation wrought by the policies of the IMF and the WB, allowed the newly created Mafia to deposit their ill-gotten gains

abroad.

The rise in transportation costs is astounding, and it will absorb half of a persons' daily wage, going and coming from work. The people, especially the elderly often shout at the bus drivers...can they be the terrorists, these Babushkas?

But the daily press in Uzbekistan talks about the "great future, the happy contended citizens, the praise by the IMF of the president, the lack of inflation, the construction, etc." It seems as if these stories are about another country, but not about Uzbekistan.

The president charges that these terrorist acts are emulating what the Palestinians are doing. If so, he puts himself in the shoes of the Israeli and US occupation forces in their respective missions, hardly desirable bedfellows for a Muslim leader.

He calls upon the Uzbek people, the Mahallas and their members to be extra careful to preserve order in Uzbekistan.

That's what is happening in the USA after 9/11, encouraging the people to spy on each other, but don't dare ask questions of the present regime. There are thousands of these do-called "fanatics" that are languishing in Uzbek jails now without any trial. The fact that the life for most Uzbeks is unbearable is never ever mentioned.

But be beware, Mr. Karimov, the USA can be a very fickle ally. The shiny new FBI office that you allowed to be constructed in Tashkent(!?) plus the huge military base you so magnanimously handed over to US, packed full of hardnosed soldiers and covert operations experts - they are not there to protect YOU! And you certainly can't full all of the people all of the time. ■

LENIN MAUSOLEUM IS IN DANGER

EDITORIAL OF NEWSPAER
"DIALOGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

The counter-revolution that took place in the Soviet Union has seen the demolition of Soviet monuments and monuments dedicated to the victory in the Great Patriotic War. In most of the former socialist countries, the dismemberment of mausoleums, the demolition of monuments to Communists in their struggle against the fascism has become epidemic.

Since 1992, the present bourgeois government of Russia has ceased to support with finances the upkeep of the Lenin Mausoleum on the Red Square. This monumental complex, was taken under the protection of UNESCO as a historical sight for humanity. In the Kremlin Wall there are buried the heroes of the USSR, the heroes who defended the Soviet Union and the world against the scourge if fascism. It also contains the heroes who fought for the working class.

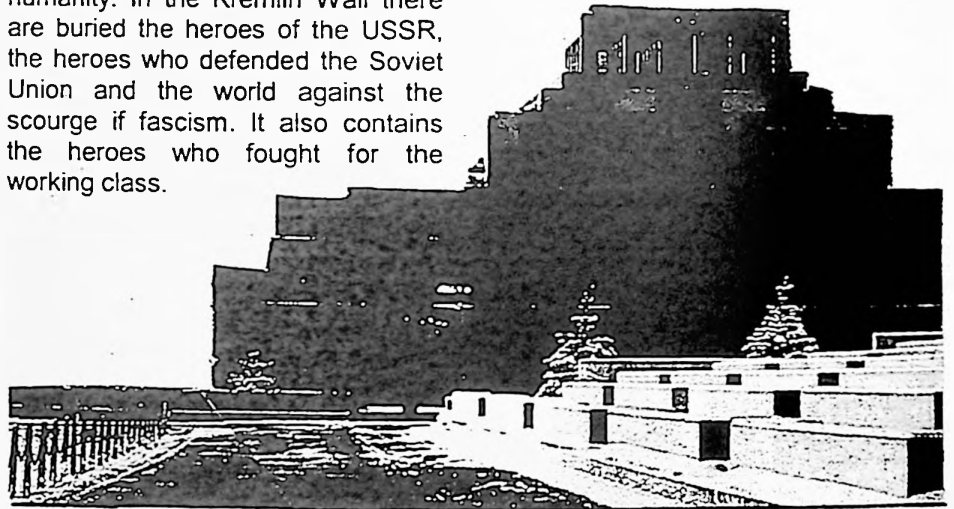
The move is afoot now by the present reactionary Russian leadership, headed by Putin, to demolish this historical, UESCO protected complex.

We are asking all people to write to the President of Russia and to the Russian Duma, protesting this move by the authorities to demolish this word-wide historical complex.

Please write also letters of support to the peoples organizations defending and gathering finances to upkeep the "Lenin Mausoleum" in Prague and in Moscow at:

*Ivana Bazantiva
Penci Savov, Praha

*Society to defend the Lenin
Mausoleum
129090 ul. Scepkina 8
Moscow, Russia



We are asking all of NSC readers to send a letter of protest to the regime of Russia who are planning this act of infamy against Lenin Mausoleum. Send letters of protest to"
President Putin - Kremlin, Moscow, USSR

US INTELLIGENCE STEPS US RECRUITMENT WORK IN RUSSIA

Russian Information Agency (Novosti)

According to the Russian intelligence officers, many foreign intelligence agents entering the country as diplomats, embassy secretaries and as businessmen - upon entering, they set up fictitious business firms where intelligence agents are already working. The US Government uses this method of

spying in Latin America, Europe and South East Asia.

In an interview with a high-ranking security source, who said that Russian security sources have noticed a marked increase in US and British intelligence work in Russia. US agents are carrying out their spying activities within Russia itself,

but also from positions in former Soviet republics and directly from Britain.

According to the Russian intelligence spokesman - in the early 1990's - after the collapse of the Soviet Union and during this crisis in Russia, the most important issue was for - "CIA controlling the political

events in Russia so that they would take a course that would be advantageous for Washington" this, according to the Russian source.

In this connection, it was pointed out that US intelligence was always interested in the (Soviet) Russian Academy of Sciences – USA and Canada Institute above all, its activity and staff members. It is no secret that this Institute has always been involved in making forecasts about the future of Russia-USA relations and gave recommendations to the Russian government about how to develop relations between the two countries.

The Russian intelligence source commented on the recent trial of a staff member of this institute, Igor Sutyagin, the accused admitted that he was cooperating with the foreign intelligence agents under the front organization based in London – called "Alternative Futures."

Knowing that Igor Sutyagin was going to be promoted into a very senior position at the Russian Academy of Sciences, the CIA was desperate to recruit him for their future services. The CIA was pleased the way the political situation developed in Russia and is developing, according to their plans, but, they followed closely where the money was going in Russia's defense budget and they needed

RUSSIAN DEFENSE MINISTER ADMITS!

Russian Defense Minister Ivanov said at a US news conference in Washington last month, after an official visit, when asked by a press reporter about US military forces present in ex-USSR and how did that happened, he said:

"After the 9/11 attacks on the US, President Putin, after speaking to President George Bush, recommended to all of the leaders of the ex-Soviet republics to agree on US military presence on their territory during the anti-terrorist US campaign. We understand that their presence will be for a long time."

Is there any need to comment on this traitorous decision?

someone on the inside to confirm this. Since late 1990's Russia was planning to defend its interests much more than before, thus the CIA increased its spying activities and the recruitment of agent.

Igor Sutyagin received cash payments in US dollars even before he passed on any information to the CIA. He was directed not to phone from Russia or from other former republics, but use his mobile phone outside its borders. He passed on information about the new Russian Akula submarine, the project's number, relations between the Russian General Staff and project managers, the workings of the Russian governments digital communications system, the actuality of Russia's missile systems and the technical details of the S-300 anti-aircraft system.

On April 7, 2004 the Moscow district court sentenced Sutyagin to 15 years in prison for state treason in the form of espionage.

COMMENT:

When will the Russian Court sentence the following for the highest form of treason against the country - Yeltsin, Gorbachev, Putin and many others?



STATEMENT BY THE CONGRESS OF CITIZENS OF USSR

NSC has received fully documented two Statements regarding the "Passports of USSR" campaign that this organization is struggling to uphold, as citizens of the USSR. The other statement is in regards the "Worldwide Electronic Concentration Camp". These are excellent documents and it is just unfortunate that space does not allow us to fully

publish the whole text. We are just publishing excerpts from these documents.

HISTORY OF PASSPORTS CONTINUOUS

During the 13th Anniversary meeting of Soviet citizens in Moscow on the All Union Referendum that was held on March 17, 1991 on saving the USSR – the results of which showed that the overwhelming majority of the Soviet people wanted the USSR to remain as it was before. Tamara Khabarova spoke at length about the question of citizenship, one of the most important aspects of a nationality and of state structure. She outlined the history of the attempts and successes of the present bourgeois regime that replaced the Soviet passports, thus eliminating Soviet Citizenship and replacing it by the Russian passport.

Now we are supposed to be citizens of a collaborationist regime, which exists only by the support of its Western masters and with the help of the UN - which has long ceased to be a body, that represents the interests of the world, but only the interests of US imperialism.

Under pressure of Imperialism and with the help of the UN, decisions were made by the Group of 8 (including Russia) - to combine all countries into one sphere of influence and through electronic control establish a world where Imperialism will dictate as to who is who, what nationalities must exist and what progress can be made to solidify the control of the IMF, WB, Multinational Corporations and other agencies, over the peoples of the world.

The present regime, without consulting the Soviet people, undertook this final attempt to put out of peoples minds that they are Soviet citizens, that their passports are Soviet and thus they thought to eliminate forever that there ever existed the Soviet Union and that there lived Soviet people.

We have to convince people that they should not give up their Soviet passports and not to accept the new passports. This refusal, if carried on systematically will give us at least an intellectual victory in this struggle, until there comes the resurrection of the USSR and we can then again consider ourselves as Soviet citizens

and have a Soviet passport.

For more than a year we appealed to Gennady Zyuganov, leader of the CPRF to lead this struggle against the elimination of the Soviet passport and the attempt by the present regime to codify each person into a data bank, to be used by powers that be for their mind indoctrination through the electronic media and control. We asked Zyuganov to take this up in the Russian Duma. But we knew all along that Zyuganov will never do this. This proves that the only organization is ours – the **Congress of Citizens of USSR** – that must keep on struggling to save the Soviet passport and thus help the people who consider themselves Soviet and eventually help resurrect the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and our Soviet passports. ■

US, British and Israel imperialism has gained the upper hand, now that the mighty Soviet Union is no longer around.

The wording on the placard that was carried by Galina Savchenko, our correspondent in Kiev reads:
BUTCHERS! Bush Sharon, Blair – To sweep them out is to rescue our planet!

BUSH WILL GET MANY VIETNAMS IN IRAQ.... ■



WHY ARE THEY THERE?

Five Ukrainian soldiers were killed in Iraq while many others were wounded. There are 1,600 Ukrainian soldiers helping US imperialism in trying to subjugate the Iraqi people. Why? Obviously not all of them want to fight, judging that the whole group abandoned their position last month, against the direct orders of the NATO commander. The Communist deputies in the Ukrainian parliament should not plead with President Kuchma about bringing the soldiers back home, but should organize a General Strike to back this demand! ■



LIKE FATHER-LIKE SON!

This might come as a surprise to many readers, but this information was taken from the Polish weekly "Angora" and republished by the "Sovietinformbureau" #41, 2004.

The biography of V.V. Putin, says that he was born into the family of a worker in the NKVD. But the Polish weekly published a photograph from 1944, which shows Putin's father, in the uniform of a lieutenant in the Kazak Division of the traitor Vlasov's Army which served Hitler during World War II.

His father, Vladimir Spiridonovich Putin is shown in this 1944 photo talking together with German SS officers on plans to liquidate the partisan movement in Byelorussia. His father switched sides from a trusted worker of the NKVD and joined the German sponsored and supported General Vlasov Army. General Vlasov was tried as a traitor and shot.

President Putin served in the KGB and now he serves Imperialism. Will history repeat itself? ■

RUSSIAN OIL TYCOON IS UK'S RICHEST MAN

From *THE RUSSIAN JOURNAL* and *MAIL OF BRITAIN*

The British newspaper MAIL last month published its "RICH REPORT 2004", which includes the 300 richest UK-based men and women, according to the Kommersant newspaper published in Moscow. Roman Abramovich, the Russian billionaire who has acquired the British Chelsea Football Club, tops the list. His personal fortune is estimated at \$13,42 billion dollars.

This is not the first time that this Zionist, Mr. Abramovich has topped the UK listings. At the end of 2003, he was named "London's Personality of the year 2003" by the voters on the website of the Evening Standard newspaper.

The Duke of Westminster, the UK's largest landowner with an estimated fortune of \$4.63 billion, was ranked only third. The Queen of England came in at 26th with \$1.05 billion pounds. Besides this, Abramovich was appointed by Putin as the Governor of Chukotka region in Siberia.

Mr. Abramovich is not only a Russian citizen, he is a British citizen and is also a citizen of the State of Israel.

The Forbes magazine ranked Abramovich in 25th position in the world, with a fortune of more than \$10.6 billions, up from 49th position in 2003.

Dear reader:

We have a list of the 100 richest men in Russia, what fortune they have and what industries and natural resources they control. If you want this list, let us know and we shall mail it to you. ■

In June NSC we're going to report on why the Byelorussian government agreed to allow Germany to rebury and build monuments to the Nazi butchers on its blood-stained soil!

YOU ARE NOT GOING TO STOP US!

By G. ATOMOV

Chairman of the Youth Bureau of the Central Committee-
All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks



The bourgeois-terrorist regime of the Russian Federation "hid" the young Bolshevik Anton Kassa (sentenced on March 17 to 6 months in jail). According to Putin's autarchy they took temporarily from our ranks a dedicated activist. The police tried to sow discord, to discredit other Bolsheviks from our ranks in the Saratov organization of the AUCPB. But their intestines are too thin.

The informed working class showed the bourgeoisie and its president a tremendous kick in the pants during the presidential election. About half of the Russian people, especially the youth, de facto

took a stand against this false election and against the provincial helpers of Putin, who kiss his ass and bow before their boss.

Overlooking the present regime's repression against our party, the AUCPB, we did not lose our influence over the masses, and were able to launch an effective campaign geared towards boycotting the election. The plans of the Governor Yatskov of Saratov Region to guarantee a large per cent of voters taking part, as he promised Putin, was undermined and the people's boycott was a success.

No matter how the reactionary

forces would be agonizing, no matter how they will try to terrorize the representatives of the working class, their deserved end is coming soon. And as this counterrevolutionary regime gets more panicky and brutal, the counterforce against them is growing and will be victorious.

We held fast and became even much stringer. We received an unforgettable lesson in the struggle against a repressive regime.

The future is ours, the future is revolution!

Long live the Revolution! Death to capitalism!



CIA KREMLIN BUG SAVED GORBACHEV

From THE OBSERVER
Oct. 13, 2002

The CIA dug a tunnel under the Kremlin and installed a hi-tech bugging system to eavesdrop on the Soviet Union's most senior government figures, according to the US intelligence officer who executed this plan.

The devise was put in by a US agent who had to wear a protective suit and who was guided by US satellite and sonar images of Moscow's underground. The bugging formed part of audacious operations to rescue a key defector, a KGB officer, and to alert former President Boris Yeltsin to the attempted coup (led by Soviet patriots headed by Gennady Yanayev -Editor) against Gorbachev.

"The stories about a five-level city beneath Moscow are true", said Tony Mendes, a former Moscow-based CIA technical officer, now retired. "These are tunnels from ancient times of Ivan the Terrible. But some of the tunnels were recently made."

A Russian agent, who worked for the CIA, entered the tunnel system one night, equipped with computer guided systems, air filters and already supplied maps of the Moscow underground. He negotiated the sewer and metro system to reach tunnels running under the Kremlin. One of these tunnels passed directly beneath the nerve center of the 16th Directorate, the KGB's electronic ears, which also dealt with high-level state communications.

That night, as pre-planned, Mendes was in the Kremlin theatre attending a performance of the Ballet Koppelia. The audience also included a US mole in the Soviet KGB 16th Directorate, "Major Peter Leonov" and his wife. Two of the ushers at this Kremlin theatre were CIA agents in disguise.

When Leonov and his wife went to the toilet, during the intermission, they were joined by the two CIA agents - who already had disguises on them, to make them look like Leonov and his wife, and these agents returned to Leonov's seats. The Leonovs, in the meantime, now

dressed as the ushers went to the service elevators.

They went to the tunnel entrance to meet the CIA subterranean agent. Leonov then showed the CIA agent exactly where to plant the listening device in the KGB's Communications System.

The Leonovs were then spirited from the Soviet Union later that day on a ferry from one of the Baltic states.

CIA agent Mendes stated that the eavesdropping device was very instrumental in thwarting the Coup in August of 1991, when Gorbachev was detained in the Crimea Dacha by the military and CC CPSU, led by Gennady Yanayev, Vice President. President George Bush Senior and Prime Minister John Major of Britain called Yeltsin to urge him to stand up to the army.

"How do you think they knew all about this?" asked Mendes.

"For years, we were mining high-grade gold in USSR," Mendes said, "But things started going awry and our 25 CIA agents and moles started being caught in the USSR and executed." ■

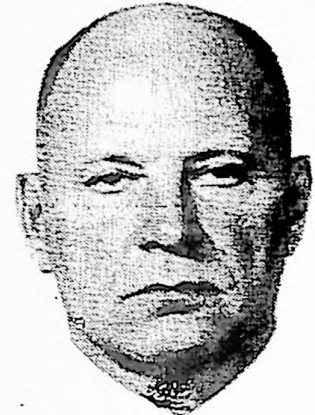
FROM NEWSPAPER
WORD OF A COMMUNIST

CPSU IS REBORN!
LONG LIVE
THE CPSU!

FROM THE STATEMENT OF THE
XXXIII CONGRESS OF UCP-CPSU

Last February 29, 2004 there took place a Congress in Moscow that give birth to the reborn Communist Party of the Soviet Union. The main report at the Congress was given by Oleg Shenin. There were 149 delegates attending this Union of Communist Parties-CPSU, that represented the 14 communist and workers parties that belonged to the

UCP-CPSU. Each party had the opportunity to send 15 delegates to this Congress, irrespective of the of the party. Some parties were unable to spend this kind of money, from all former republics of the USSR.



Of the 14 parties that were in the UCP-CPSU, 12 communist parties unanimously voted to give rebirth to one CPSU, but two parties decided not to join, they were RCWP and UCP. Discussions took place as to what transpired in 1993 and the reasons were analyzed. Since the UCP-CPSU existed for 11 years, it was time to get all the parties into one mighty CPSU.

When the delegates voted unanimously to give rebirth to one CPSU, the delegates stood up and sang the International with such fervor that the roof shook.

Commissions were elected to work on the new Constitution, new rules and other elements needed to reorganize in all former republics of the USSR the one mighty Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

Oleg S. Shenin was elected as its chairman.

Northstar Compass congratulates this long-overdue attempt to unify all the anti-capitalist parties into one mighty CPSU. NSC receives newspapers, statements and letters from all the parties and, it seems that comrade Oleg Shenin still has a few bridges to cross before ALL the anti-regime parties come into one mighty CPSU. The bridge is built, now it is time to cross to the other side - the results await! Good luck comrades!

Michael Lucas, Editor ■

**WE SHALL INFORM YOU AS THIS
EXCITING NEWS DEVELOPES!**

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!

EDITORIAL FROM PASADENA WEEKLY—CA. USA

After watching the smug, sanctimonious, downright insulting, tired old, same old same old speech that came out of President Bush's mouth last month, how could any American not feel any number of emotions — all naggingly negative — about electing a guy who turned out to be not only the biggest, but the most dangerous mistake ever made by the American political history?

But president he is, God save us all, and led we will continue to be, at least as this one-note megalomaniac and his handlers have anything to say about it. Once again the Americans were assaulted by more "pledges" of lots of more violence in Iraq; lots more resolve to kill faceless, nameless and innocent people, lots more vows to seek "justice" from people who we never known and who had nothing to do with the attack on America ion 9/11.

But when you think, who is going to do all of the killing of these virtual strangers, these Iraqi people who we are also pledged to "protect" and to "free" from tyranny? What about all of these private USA's industry mercenaries, the ex-military who are the so-called "contractors"?

Oh, they'll be there. Bank on it! They are!

But no, it won't be entirely them, a group comprised of ex-Seal, Green Berets and Special Forces who are all being paid six-figure salaries to protect the top Haliburton executives and American diplomatic corps and help guide Iraqis to their new found "freedom".

No, these jobs will fall-one again- to our babies, the 18-19 and 20 year olds who chose a US military career over further education, primarily because they never got any education when it was time, for one reason or another. That's who!

Now there are over 600 of these

US young men and women, working on orders from Bush and in Iraq and they died in this administration's attempt to not just "free" Iraq, but to suppress free speech here at home and strip Iraq of all its pride, dignity, wealth and above all, oil.

"A free Iraq will be a major blow to terrorism", President Bush gushed mechanically under some half-hearted questioning by the media reporters. You know, these same reporters who went along with this insanity, are still going on with it, and actually are promoting it even towards further bloodshed, to a shell-shocked and increasingly politically absent American people.

But, thankfully, this sell is not so easy for Bush anymore. People are entirely fed up with these lies and these deceptions and Bush's little known smirks when he talks about Iraq oil revenues being more robust that even his own administration had expected.

Oops! Of course, no one asked Bush about this offhanded slip. But then, why should any of these reporters ask? Bush was talking about the same people that pay their salaries. Does anyone think that any of these people, these "journalists" are going to ask anything remotely resembling a hard question, a question that may mean the end of their own and extremely profitable careers?

"No, we're not an imperial power", Bush said, "but we will do anything that it takes to make sure that Iraq is "free".



Free from what? The monster that Bush's father and his predecessor helped to create and very actively supported?

Free from terror? As the recent 9/11 hearings clearly illustrate, Bush would not have a clue as to what to do even if he was given three months notice, not just one, and the detailed plans of where the next attack was to happen.

It's time for the American people — Democrats, Republicans and everyone in between — to wake up! If we don't, judging by last month's performance by Bush, God only knows what road Bush and his cronies will lead the Americans down next, in search of "freedom", a commodity that we are losing more and more each day, with the reactionary Patriot Act

ALLIES LEAVING IRAQ!

Norway is the next coalition country to leave Iraq before June 30. Since Spain announced its withdrawal — Honduras and

Dominican Republic are withdrawing troops and Thailand is threatening to withdraw soon.

US Secretary of State Powell is making frantic phone calls to hold the rest of some 20-coalition partners intact.

AFTER 61 YEARS WE FIND OUT...

The Canadian Government in 1942 let it be known that on the west coast of Canada, off the British Columbia, a Japanese submarine shelled a Vancouver Island Light House. *It was a lie*, but Prime Minister King, eager to please US and join the war, declared a conscription. Now it is known that a US warship shelled the lighthouse in an orchestrated effort with the Canadian government.

TERROR IN COLOMBIA

Last month's murder of a former peace broker and his bodyguard was only the latest incident in the bloody killings in Cucuta, eastern Colombia. The city was taken over by the army-backed rightist thugs, said the local human rights group.

This was reported by Maria Engqvist of the ANNCOL. The killer thugs waited for Carlos Bernal outside his house in the Prado Norte neighborhood of Cucuta. As the 45-year old lawyer came home at 7.30 pm on April 1, he was riddled with bullets. The attack was well-executed and left no chance for Bernal's bodyguard Camilo Limenez to react in any way. He also fell - deadly wounded, and died shortly afterwards. Both men were members of the Colombian Communist Party.

It is very doubtful whether the killers will ever be prosecuted or convicted for this crime. Colombian lawyers have documented 3,500 killings of members of the Colombian Communist Party and the allied leftist UP party, since 1980's.

According to the Permanent Committee for the Defense of Human Rights (CPDH), the men who killed Bernal and Jiminez, belong to a paramilitary death squad operating with the acquiescence of the

Colombian Army, which in turn is supported by USA.

The CPDH, one of Colombia's most important human rights NGOs, has blamed the Colombian government of President Alvaro Uribe for these killings. According to this group, Cucuta has become a paramilitary center in eastern Colombia.

In recent months, the rightist gunmen also kidnapped and murdered university students Edwin Lopez and Gerson Gallardo here, and these assassins struck down the ex-mayor of Tibu, Tirso Vajez, and three other well-known opposition leaders of the region.

In a letter to President Uribe, the General Secretary of the Communist Party, Jaime Caycedo, wrote that the murder of Bernal was yet another proof that "**Colombian state terrorism has intensified under your administration.**" ■

THINGS ARE COMING AROUND, SLOWLY BUT SURELY!

Recently, a retired Canadian General Lewis MacKenzie declared that "*we bombed the wrong side*" in the 1999 Kosovo War. MacKenzie's disclosure followed as a logical conclusion to another recent remark by the current NATO Commander for Southern Europe, Admiral Gregory Johnson, who accuses the Albanian

Muslims of committing "*ethnic cleansing*" against the Serbs.

Columnist George Jonas, in his March 22, 2004 National Post (*Canada*) article, even managed to connect the dots from Osama bin Laden's "*financial and logistic*" stronghold in Albania and in Kosovo...to the US/NATO bombing and occupation of behalf of the KLA - a narco-terrorist/Islamic-extremist organization sponsored by Osama bin Laden's al-Qaeda - and, from there, to the kamikaze raids against the New York Twin Towers.

Unfortunately none of the people who are ready to face the facts about the ongoing catastrophe in the Balkans are on the 9/11 hearing commission appointed by President Bush. Obviously these hearings are a sham and could not be anything else but a sham. These hearings are being conducted in 2004 for one reason and for one reason only: because this is a US presidential election year, and a Republican president is up for re-election. The Democrats of course will try to deflect the blame from themselves - even though they are in bed with the Republicans to such an extent that you cannot tell them apart. ■

DID YOU DONATE TO SUSTAINING FUND?

CHINA'S CORRUPTION CRISIS LEADS TO 1,200 SUICIDES

BY ADAM LUCK - THE OTTAWA CITIZEN, JANUARY 2004

Chinese corruption charges has been laid bare with the official disclosure that more than 1,200 Communist Party of China members committed suicide, while over 8,000 party members fled abroad in the first half of 2003.

Another 6,500 members of the CPC - mainly government officials or senior cadres - were listed as missing. Most of these suicides and the missing personnel were not reported previously in the state media.

These figures underline the crisis that the Chinese 65 million party members face as the country goes into a market-capitalist economy.

In one of many publicized cases in

the Chinese party press reported that a former vice-mayor of Harbin, serving a 17-year sentence for "*corruption*" jumped out of a window in 2003 as a protest against the present policy of the CPC.

So-called princelings, the sons and daughters of top CPC members have repeatedly been named with large money scandals arranged with the help of their high-ranking CPC family members.

The newspaper WEN WEI PO in Hong Kong quoted government sources that some of these princelings have fled China with about \$6.4 billions in Government Funds.

In another item in the Ottawa Citizen newspaper, the China's quest

for oil sees it undermining certain economies and exploiting these resources with the multinational corporations supplied money in order to produce by cheap labour, goods for capitalism and is buying oil in the Middle East and imports over 30% of all oil from there, besides investing and buying out oil fields even in Kazakhstan and heavily exploiting the oil fields in West Africa.

In Gabon, Africa, the Chinese are in cooperation with its dictator Mr. Bongo, who rides around in a gold-plated Cadillac auto, but at the same time has racked up over a 5 billions in international debts. ■

VENEZUELA CEASES ALL TRAINING AT THE SCHOOL OF THE AMERICAS

By: SOA Watch/US Newswire

The Venezuelan government has now announced that it is going to cease training of the Venezuelan soldiers at the School of the Americas, the controversial military combat training school for Latin American soldiers, based in Fort Benning, Georgia.

The official announcement was made by Venezuelan Vice President Jose Vicente Rangel - in an address to the National Assembly last month. He charged that the school is a training school for dictators, torturers and terrorists, and a country such as the USA, which considers itself a democracy, should not have such a school on its soil. During a visit of US religious leaders from the United States in Venezuela last January, President Hugo Chavez also spoke out against the SOA as he stated: *"This school deformed the minds of many Latin American soldiers, who from there went on to become dictators."*

The SOA graduates from Venezuela like Afrain Vasquez Velasco (*the Army Commander in Chief*) and General Ramirez Poveda were key players in the coup against democratically elected President Hugo Chavez in April of 2002. Another SOA graduate, Lieutenant German Rudolfo Varela, who is currently in INS detention in Miami, FL, is wanted in Venezuela for his involvement in embassy bombings in Caracas in February of 2003.

Over its 58 years, the SOA has trained over 60,000 Latin American soldiers in all of counter-insurgency techniques, sniper skills, commando and psychological warfare, military intelligence and interrogation tactics. Graduates have consistently used their skills to wage war against their own people. Among those targeted by SOA graduates are educators, trade unionists, religious workers, student leaders, and others who work for the rights of the poor. Thousands of Latin Americans have been tortured, raped, assassinated, *"disappeared"*, massacred and forced into refuge by those trained at the SOA.

HEADS UP!

By MICHAEL MOORE

I have never seen a head so far up a Presidential a—than the one I saw at a *"news conference"* last month, given by President Bush. He was still talking about *"weapons of mass destruction"*. Clearly the White House believes that there are enough idiots in the US 17 swing states who will buy this. I think that they are in for a rude awakening.

First of all, can we stop this Orwellian language and start using proper names for things in Iraq? Those are not *"contractors"* in Iraq. They are not there to fix a roof or to pour concrete in a driveway. They are **Mercenaries and Soldiers of Fortune**. They are there for the money, and the money is very good if you live long enough to spend it.

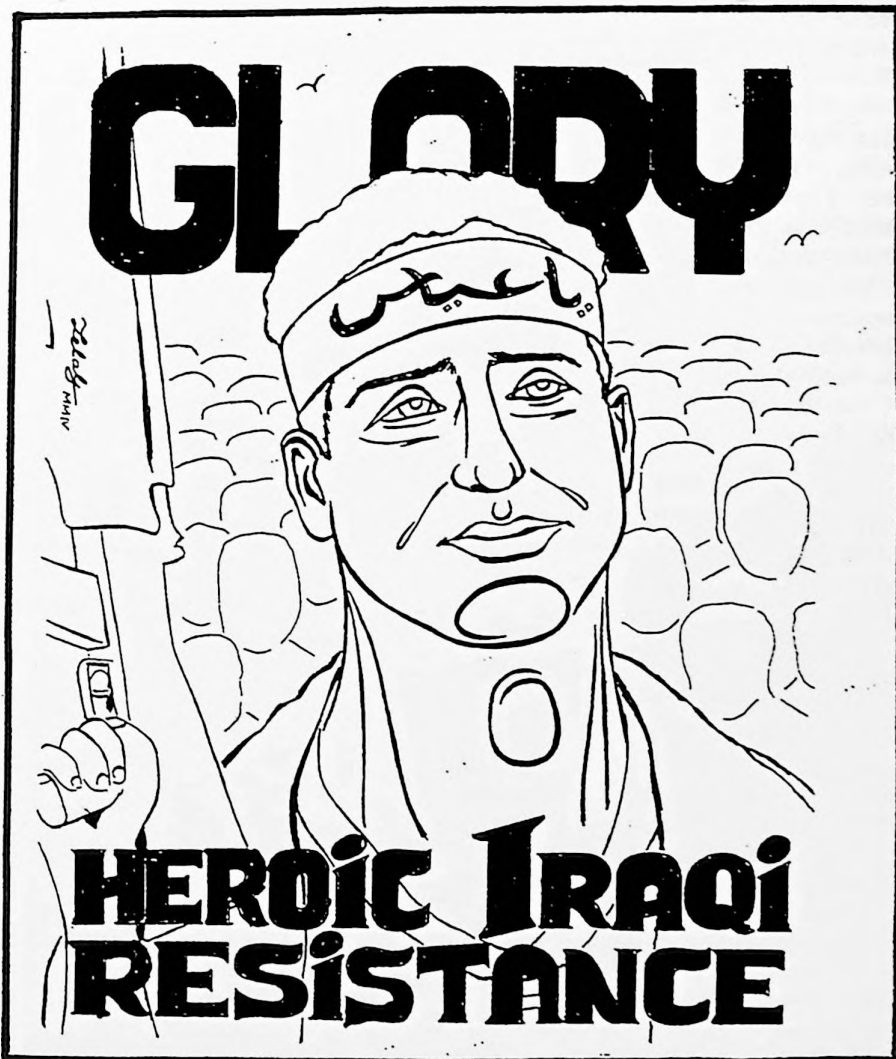
Halliburton is not a US *"company"* doing business in Iraq. It is a **war profiteer**, bilking millions from the

pockets of average Americans. In past wars they would have been arrested — or worse.

The Iraqis who have risen up against this US occupation are not *"insurgents"* or *"terrorists"* or *"the enemy"*. They are the revolutionary forces and they will win. **Get it Mr. Bush?**

One year ago we wiped the face off Saddam statue with our American flag, but now it is now too dangerous for a single media person to go walking in the squares and streets of Baghdad or other cities or towns. The Western media personnel never actually see what is happening there, most of the pictures we see on our TV screens, are taken by the Arab media, or some Europeans. When you are watching a *"Report from Iraq"*, what you are really seeing and getting is the press release handed out by the US occupation force and repeated to you as *"news"*.

There is a lot of talk amongst Bush's opponents that we should turn this war over to the United



Nations. Why should the other nations who tried to talk us out of this folly, now have to clean up our mess? I oppose the UN or anyone else risking their lives to extract us from our debacle. I'm sorry, but the majority of US citizens supported this war when we began, and sadly, this majority must now sacrifice their children until enough blood is spilled that maybe, just maybe – God and the Iraqi people will forgive us in the ends.

WFDY

SOLIDARITY MESSAGE IN SUPPORT TO BOLIVARIAN REVOLUTION OF VENEZUELA

World Federation of Democratic Youth is an international NGO. It has consultative status with United Nations (ECOSOC) and (UNESCO). It was presented with a Peace Messenger Award by UN Secretary General in 1987.

We demand the respect and sovereignty for the Venezuelan people, its self-determination and free exercise of its rights and obligations that was shaped by the Bolivarian Constitution.

We reject the aggressive and hegemonic attitude of the government of the United States in the internal problems in Venezuela.

We appeal to all of our members and friendly organizations to send messages of solidarity and support to the Bolivarian Revolution of Venezuela, as well as to organize demonstrations of support in each country.

We denounce the conspiracies initiated by Venezuelan opposition that by their many electoral crimes, like duplications of signatures of children and dead people and also of those foreign citizens during the elections, who try to deceive the public opinion, pretending to be patriots and thus undermining the legally elected government of President Chavez.

The World Federation of Democratic Youth declares its unconditional support to the people of Venezuela and its youth and its leader Hugo Chavez, who has

shown dignity, courage and resistance before the outside threats, that want to distort the democratic process of this authentic revolution.

We will march together with the people of the Red Berets and raise the flags of triumph and justice.

The Coordinating Council of the WFDY

US GENERAL SAID: WE HAVE ENOUGH TROOPS FOR MORE CONFLICTS

By Associate Press

Last month the second-ranking officer in the US said that although US forces are deployed in Iraq and Haiti, the military could still respond to more conflicts if needed.

With up to 2.6 million on active duty and reserve forces to call upon, the military maintains its 230,000 presence in the Persian Gulf and can deal with other conflicts, said General Peter Pace, the vice chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff.

"I got the phone call on Saturday night last month and that Sunday afternoon we had the US Marines on route to Haiti" he said. General Pace spoke in Bloomington and Indianapolis at the 58th Annual Indiana University Business Conference. "WHAT I DO IS NOT FUN, BUT IT IS REWARDING"

ISRAEL CONNECTION

COVERUP

From MID-EAST REALITIES
www.MiddleEast.Org -Washington

IS ISRAEL-GATE AHEAD?

Key people in Washington know very well that without Israel's extraordinary influence in the United States, and without the many strong and entangling interconnections, involving Israel at the highest level of the Bush Administration, the invasion and occupation of Iraq would probably never have happened.

Many other important policies and events relating to the Middle East would also likely never have

happened as they did in the past, or as they continue to happen today in the present. But, very few in Washington are willing to openly speak about this most important reality, especially in public, or especially with the media being present.

The great cover-up that is being perpetrated on the American people by the Bush Administration, which of course follows up the great deception that has necessitated this subsequent cover up.

The key person in charge of the 9/11 investigation now on Capital Hill is actually one of the closest group we call "Israeli-connected Neocons".

Until last year Philip Zelikow served on Donald Rumsfeld's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, which was chaired by none other than Richard Perle. And we learn that he himself personally acknowledged in public, that the much-hyped Iraqi threat was to Israel, not really to the United States.

But then it's not as if insights of this kind have not been available. It's just that the US corporate media, which itself is so interconnected in so many ways with the powers that be, the "defense industry", and in many cases with the many branches of the Israeli-Zionist lobby, the US media always tries extra hard to stay away from this particular topic.

Indeed, looking back at our Mid-East Realities publication of two years ago, where we highlighted that none other than Vice President Cheney – at that time seeking more Israeli and Israeli lobby support – also acknowledged publicly that the coming invasion and the coming occupation of Iraq was going to be done "for Israel's sake!"

Now, we just can't wait for the newly appointed Iraq War Commission – also very carefully selected to do more covering up than truth exposing - is pressed to call upon both Mr. Cheney and Mr. Zelikow to raise their hands, pledge to tell the whole truth, and discuss the Israeli connection.

Is it too soon to call this the Israel-Gate?

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Bush education secretary calls the teachers union a "terrorist organization."

By PATRICK MARTIN

The top education official in the Bush administration said that he regarded the largest US teachers union as a "terrorist organization" in a remark to a delegation of state governors visiting the White House.

Roderick Paige made this remark when discussing the Bush's pet project the "No Child Left Behind" which the Bush administration is using to undermine public education and promote private schools.

The US National Education Association, with its 2.7 million members initially supported this project, until they found out all of the details that were hidden from the public as to its purpose. The NEA and the smaller American Federation of Teachers turned against the bill when it was learned that the standards were rigged to designate thousands of public schools as failing, in order to force them to close and push their students out of the public schools and the education system and into private schools.

This is done in order to get Bush re-elected as the hype around this proclaiming tidbit, as a US "Educational President". This bill is widely opposed by all of the educators and has been a target of political attacks during this presidential campaign. Even some Republican state legislators are opposing this bill.

The teachers union said in a statement that: "It is morally repugnant to equate those teachers who teach America's children with terrorists. Yet, this is the kind of rhetoric we have come to expect from this administration whenever one challenges its worldview!" ■

FINLAND NOW IN BED WITH NATO!

According to the latest information coming from Brussels (headquarters of NATO) and from capital of Finland, Helsinki, NATO has given the role to Finland, which borders Russia directly, to be

assigned as the Special Rapid-Response Force of the European Union and NATO. This force would be well armed, highly trained units and capable to operate "inside enemy territory". Finland which has signed the NATO "Partnership for Peace" agreement that will last from 2004-2010 and its main role, besides working inside the "enemy territory"- will be to develop sophisticated mine-sweeping capabilities to keep Russia hemmed in and overlooking its borders.

Besides this, Finland is now to be the main submarine base haven for NATO submarines.

In actual fact, Russia is now surrounded on all sides by NATO-cooperating countries.

Where is this long-talked about Call by all the progressive parties in ex-USSR of calling a General Strike in order to get rid of the present regime? Editor of NSC ■

TERROR ATTACK ON COMMUNIST PARTY OF SLOVENIA AND OTHER POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS IN SLOVENIA

PRESS RELEASE

Against the Communist Party of Slovenia, and against all other opposition groups in society, such as the Slovenian Movement for Civil Rights, the Commission on Human Rights and other progressive movements, there is an ongoing campaign of vicious attacks and provocations by the paramilitary groups and organizations, supported by the Slovenian Ministry of Police in Ljubljana.

Complaints have been placed with the authorities in regional and local stations against many of these paramilitary groups - about this harassment and the blowing up of a factory near Zelezalna Jesenice, and also complaints against individuals who are in the political police and engaged in espionage, instead of administrating public safety.

According to the statement by Professor Dr. Rastko Mocnik- "Slovenia is a police state"!

Several criminal acts against the Constitution of SFRJ by the legalized robbery of all of Yugoslavia's state

factories - all 2,600 of them, denationalization of forests and territorial lands, the rising of prices for medical drugs by about 1,600%, physical attacks by paramilitary units on individual citizens, 18,000 missing people, all forms of organized crime in the country and ties to internal and international community.

The attacks by the political police within the UNZ Kraj and the police station Jesenice respectively, they represent political violence, violation of human rights, violation of the UN Charter and it proves that Slovenija, can neither be a member of the European Union nor of the war organization which is NATO.

Slovenia during the time when Yugoslavia was existing had one billion debt and one billion credit, now the open debt is 25 billion Euros, without any bank interests, not to mention any other transactions and debts that are pushing this amount even higher.

We express our concerns about the destruction of the Slovenian economy that was built up with the help of the other Yugoslav nations and the working class of Yugoslavia. The destruction of the industries and factories and the debts are now 50% higher than they were before 1989. Germany and Austria are now becoming owners of our economy, plus the influence of German imperialism that was automatically transferred to Slovenia.

In the interests of capitalism and foreign ownership, many factories in Slovenia were blown up in order not to compete with foreign factories and industries.

The pressures from Slovenian regions in Austria are becoming stronger and bolder - and the import of right extremists from the Danube basin to Karnten and Steiermark. This violates the 5th Article of Austrian Neutrality Act.

Because of the imperialist attacks and the reactionary pressure groups that are aimed at Slovenia, Croatia, and Serbia nations, the whole progressive peoples of the Balkans demand immediate cooperation and common coordination for the rebirth of Yugoslavia for future generations.

Central Committee of the Communist Party of Slovenia

TAMIL TIGERS CRIMINAL FASCIST ACTIVITIES

By S. Verrasingham

There was vote rigging and impersonation in recently held elections in North Eastern part of Sri Lanka. The culprit behind this fraud is the LTTE - a criminal fascist group.

"Nothing can express the horror and revulsion that I feel regarding the latest incidents. The attempted murder of an election candidate and an election official represents a direct attack on democracy itself. These cowardly attacks should be condemned in the strongest possible terms". This was said by John Cushnam, the chief of the European Union Election Observer, who went on a mission to observe the April 21, 2004 Sri Lanka's parliamentary election.

The dirty criminal acts of the so-called Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, Sri Lanka (LTTE) had continued as follows. The rebel group backed its proxy, the Tamil National Alliance (TNA) in the April election. LTTE was transporting hundreds of people in buses - which is against the law. Even the children, who are below the age of fourteen were voting on behalf of their fathers, grandfather, the displaced persons and dead ones as well.

The head of the European Commission, Mr. W. Wilson said that the private media acted very questionably at the just concluded general election. He pointed out that this was not only a violation of the Election Law, but also against the media ethics. The Australian member of parliament, Don Randoll, when speaking in parliament said that the LTTE has in a very undemocratic way assassinated, shot and wounded opposition candidates and election officials, in an effort to scare them from involvement in the election or simply to eliminate them before and during the election campaign.

Mr. Anandsangaree, the current president of the major political party TULF and former member of parliament, commented on the dirty



criminal acts of the LTTE in that election. *"We raised our voices, but our objections were ignored. I have been in politics since 1959, but I have never seen any election being conducted in this stupid manner! What we saw was a dictatorship in action. People were taking orders from, LTTE Tigers, from top to bottom."*

The following incident was an example of the cruelty of the mafia-type Tigers. They killed a leading candidate in the Eastern region of Sri Lanka, even though he was actually appointed by them. They suspected that he was supporting the break-away Tigers in the Eastern region. At present the Tigers are broken up into two factions. One is named as Eastern group and the other is the Vanni group. Still these two groups are fighting each other. After days of factional fighting there were scores of people killed.

Representatives from many other political parties were to be observers, but they were not allowed to fulfill their mandate by the LTTE.

Even the New York Times on April 4, 2004 was forced to admit that: *"We feel that the voting in Jaffna district was subjected to systematic impersonations, therefore warranting the annulment of the vote*

there."

The political advisor of the LTTE, who resides in London, England, ordered the Southern major political parties not to contest the election in the North and East. Those candidates who did not listen were gunned down.

All of the foreign missions in Sri Lanka protested and demanded that the people living in the areas controlled by LTTE be allowed to vote and to have their candidates run in the election.

The Sri Lanka Deputy Election Commissioner said that there should be another election held in those districts where fraud was perpetrated, but then this promise was overruled and finally an official statement was made that the complaints were *"only general but not specific."* But there were many parties that wanted the election vote annulled.

Of course US congratulated Sri Lanka for a peaceful parliamentary election. This is the same US government that is fighting against the people of Iraq.

The TULF president Ananda Sangaree said: *"We re sorry that the state machinery and the foreign monitors failed to notice and stop this massive fraud. The sad reality is that while the Tamil Tigers calls itself the liberator of the Tamil people, it is the Tamil people who need liberation from the LTTE!"*

The TULF leader said that: *"There in no political freedom under the LTTE and other political parties cannot function. The people have been kept as frogs in the well for twenty years and denied the right to know their candidates and options available to them. White people come here and talk about our rights and then go away!"*

EXPLANATION OF TERMS:

TULF: is a breakaway group, an old major party that represents the Tamil ruling class.

TAMIL CONGRESS: The worst reactionary member of the Tamil ruling class.

TELO: In 1985 its members were massacred by the LTTE and burnt alive. The LTTE intimidated its leadership which as it turned out, have no backbone.

EPRLF: The same faith befell this

group as did TELO. There is another breakaway group that is still fighting the LTTE.

It is important for our readers to know that the LTTE was founded by a criminal who was educated in the Child Rehabilitation Center in Makkona, Sri Lanka and he's name is Chetty Thanabala Singham. He has a record, starting with petty theft, killing a taxi driver. He named his movement as the "Dynamite Movement". Its chemical component is known as TNT.

After that, it was renamed as Tamils New Tigers - by an Indian parliamentarian and a member of TULF in south India. After that it was renamed again as the Liberation Tigers. The present leader is very close to Chetty.

It is also noteworthy to know that in mid 1980's LTTE cadres and the Sri Lanka Army, both were trained in Israel by the Israelites at the same location. The Israel commander, as these two forces were passing each other in Israel, commented that these people just came down from the trees. (Monkeys).

Modern Day Slavery in PAKISTAN

Pakistan, the country that US imperialism thinks is "democratic", fighting against "terrorism" and an ally of US and NATO, allows this modern day slavery to flourish, because it will not take a stand to curtail and outlaw the selling, exporting, killing and exploitation of its poor citizens.

Just recently, another group of 640 Pakistani prisoners were released, smuggled to Muscat by cruel human smugglers for slave labor. They were released through the dedicated efforts of Ansar Burney Welfare Trust International.

These slave laborers were released from Omar jails where they found themselves each night, locked up after working as slaves for industrialists and some Multinational Corporation industries in the East.

Groups of fake Pakistani agents took these innocents to foreign countries, promising them riches - in order to get away from the terrible hardships that exists in Pakistan,

promising them jobs and a better future - and after taking their money, they left them in these foreign countries to fend for themselves. More often than not, after taking the money, they took these slaves to the dessert and shot them.

Already more than 30,000 Pakistanis were able to come home from sold slavery thanks to Ansar Burney's efforts. These modern day slaves were sold to the Middle East countries and also to the Arab countries to work as slaves.

Mrs. Shaheen Burney, Vice President of the Ansar Burney Welfare Trust International, has demanded that the Pakistani Government arrest immediately those human smugglers and bring them to justice, since not only are they ruining and killing Pakistanis, this human slave market is giving a bad name to Pakistan nation itself.

So, far, there is no comment from the Pakistani Government. ■

COALITION OF THE MERCENARIES

By ROBERT FISK & SEVERIN CARRELL - *The Independent-UK*

An army of thousands of foreign mercenaries has appeared in Iraq's major cities, many of them British and American soldiers hired by the Anglo-American authorities and dozens of private companies who fear for their private businesses there.

Many of the Brits are former SAS soldiers and heavily armed South Africans are also working for the US occupation. "My people know how to use weapons and they're all SAS", said the British leader of one of the security teams, operating in southern Baghdad. "But we have people running around with guns, who are just cowboys. We always conceal our weapons, but some of these mercenaries think that they are in a Hollywood movie."

There are even Chileans hired as mercenaries, many of them trained during the Pinochet's vicious dictatorship. The South Africans are in many numbers in Iraq illegally. The unsavory booming business of mercenaries from South Africa as a private for hire army is a very alarming situation.

Casualties in this US conducted war, among the mercenaries are not counted in the regular body count by the occupiers. There is a very real suspicion that the US is underestimating its figures of the dead and wounded. UK 's biggest export now to Iraq is private policing by mercenaries who are paid in hard cash. Some security mercenaries say that they can earn at least 80,000 pounds per year, but high-risk mercenaries can earn over 100,000 pounds per year. **Most earn over \$1,000 per day!**

It is a fact that private security companies paid for by the US-UK taxpayers and Iraq's US-supported government, make up the third largest armed force in Iraq. ■

At last the Pentagon has allowed pictures of hundreds of US soldiers coffins to be photographed and published. Bush has refused to attend any funeral ceremonies for the soldiers



US INTENTIONS TOWARDS CUBA

By Cuba Support Group -Ireland

The US House of Representatives and its Republican Majority Leader Tom Delay (R-Texas) has delivered a lunatic speech denouncing Fidel Castro and promising war against Cuba. This wild stuff cannot be dismissed as a ranting of a wild man. It is the ranting of a madman but a madman with power. He ranted the following:

"The war on terror is a war against evil, and it is therefore a war against Fidel Castro. Freedom and terrorism cannot coexist, and evil will not stand. And it will not stand in Baghdad, Kabul, Tehran or Ramallah, then it will not stand in Havana."

If the war on terror is going to be won, it must be won in this hemisphere first, and if it is going to be won in this hemisphere, then Castro must go. As long as George W. Bush is in the White House and I am the Majority Leader in the House, the USA will never lift the embargo while Castro remains in power.

For this same evil produced Hitler, Stalin, Mao and also Saddam and bin Laden and Arafat and Castro.

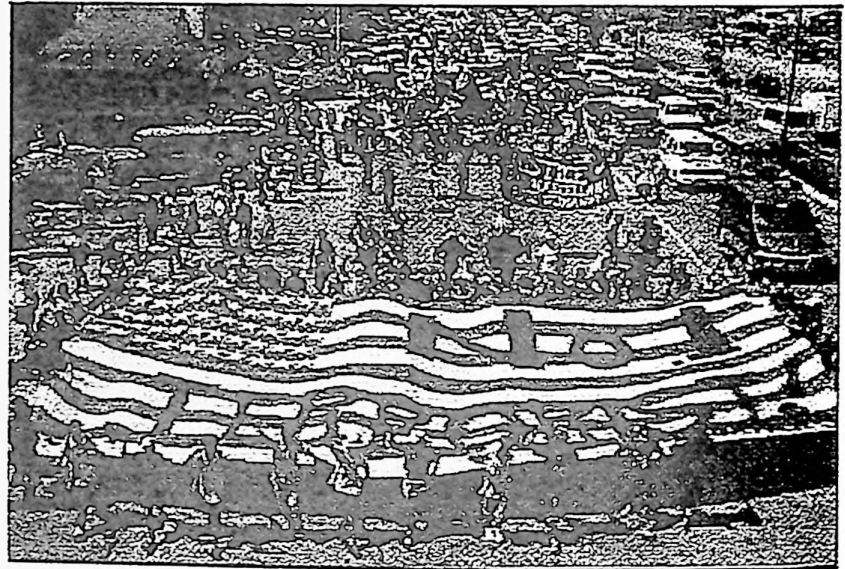
Fidel Castro is not misguided, he is a Monster. His regime is the oppressor. Nations, businesses and men who wish to interact with Castro and his regime must know that they are befriending evil. The war is against evil and therefore against Castro. Ninety miles off shore is an island prison, a hub of international terror and a founding member of the Axis of Evil. The path of God is the path of freedom."

Of course after this tirade, this madman, with a bible under his arm went to Church!?

Ecuador

Hundreds of thousands of people marched on the streets of Ecuador's main cities on Monday the 16th of February. The protests were called by CONAIE (the largest indigenous federation in Ecuador) to condemn and denounce the recent

assassination attempt on Leonidas Iza, the main leader of CONAIE. Two hired assassins opened fire on Iza's family outside CONAIE's main offices in Quito on Sunday February 1st. Iza's son was shot several times and was severely injured.



This assassination attempt is one of a series of attempts on the lives of opposition leaders who denounce the neo-liberal economic policies of the Ecuadorian president Lucio Gutierrez.

Harassments, intimidations and random arrests have become the norm in Ecuador. The government of Lucio Gutierrez prepares the country to become an open free market with economic policies dictated by the IMF, World Bank and the State Department. With the total militarization of the country by the U.S., the added face of globalization, economic U.S. domination is being implemented with the total consent of Lucio Gutierrez. The U.S. conducts further militarization of the Andean region to plunder and looting of the resources in all of Latin America.

Silently and without firing a single shot, the Pentagon is consolidating the military occupation of Ecuador. The accelerated installation of U.S. military bases and an espionage center, as well as the training of elite counterinsurgency units, signal timely preparations for an eventual launching of Plan Colombia's second phase for the first months of this year, 2004 – a multinational armed intervention against the People's Army, FARC and the Army of National Liberation, ELN.

The Manta naval and air base, located on the Pacific shore of Ecuador and a one-hour flight from the Colombian border, is under the exclusive jurisdiction of the U.S. Armed Forces' South-Corn (*Southern Command*). Manta is an Air Force

and Navy Command center directing key mercenary operations under contract to DynCorp, a Pentagon private subcontractor, conducting the installation of 3 substitute logistics centers in the provinces of Guayas, Azuay and Sucumbios, as well as the militarization of the Ecuadorian police, receiving 'anti-terrorist' training by the FBI.

The role of Ecuador as a U.S. aircraft carrier in the heart of Latin America, with sights on the second phase of Plan Colombia, was strengthened after the 9/11 events in New York. Since then, the number of security agencies, the budget, soldiers and "contractors" assigned to Ecuador by the U.S. has dramatically increased. In 2001, Washington assigned 2 million dollars to its embassy in Quito. Last year, the figure climbed to 25 million and 37 million dollars in 2003. The police was the main beneficiary of an aid package described as "non-military" assistance.

Ecuador is now militarily 'ready'. Its function will be key in the white House's objective to regionalize the Colombian conflict.

All democratic forces are on alert, denouncing, exposing and ready to take the struggle onto the streets as they have done in the past
*Translated from Spanish by
Cristina Fernandez*



This photograph of Bush is composed of pictures of over 400 US soldiers killed in the invasion and occupation of Iraq. This was done in 2003 and by now there are close to 700 US soldiers killed! This photo is a picture of a war criminal who will face a trial!

JEWISH AND ISRAELI GROUPS DEMAND IMMEDIATE RESIGNATION OF ISRAEL OFFICIALS

By Mitchell Plitnick
Jewish Voice for Peace

A coalition of Jewish and Israeli groups had issued a statement last March 2, 2004 demanding the resignation of Israel's Deputy Defense Minister Ze'ev Boi, and Likud Knesset member Yehiel Hazan in response to the racist remarks made last month.

Speaking at a memorial for the victims of a Palestinian attack that took place 26 years ago, Mr. Boim said: *"What is it about Islam as a whole and the Palestinians in particular? Is it some sort of cultural deprivation? Is it some genetic defect? There is something that defies explanation in this continued murderousness."*

M.K. Hazan subsequently stated: *"He's right. It's been a known fact for many years that the Arabs slaughter and murder Jews, without any connection to land. It's imprinted in their blood. It's something genetic. I haven't done much research, but there's no possibility of explaining it differently. You can't believe an Arab, even one who's 40 years in his grave."*

We would like to remind Mr. Boyim and Mr. Hazan and any others who support such statements as these, that all violence against civilians is abhorrent, and that Palestinians and Israelis both face such atrocities; that acting out of fear, rage and hatred are the real enemies common to Jews and Arabs alike; that the language of hate is the fuel for the fires of violence. We declare that the best way to move forward and ending the suffering of all peoples of the Middle East is to end the 36 year old Israeli occupation and to join with a free Palestinian people in controlling all of those who would endanger the lives of innocents, whether Jewish or Arab, in militant groups or in government positions.

Most of all, as Jews, we recognize this kind of thinking as that which had been used against our peoples in the past. As Jews, we cannot stand by and allow such

views to be part of Jewish leadership on any level, in any part of the world.

We call upon Jews in Israel and around the world to raise a collective cry which demands that those who express such views not be tolerated in leadership positions in any part of the global Jewish community. ■

SIX MOSSAD AGENTS KILLED IN IRAQ

By MAFKARAT ALL-ISLAM

Iraqi Resistance fighters attacked secret offices of the Zionist Mossad in Kirkuk last month, with long range automatic weapons. The offices were used by Israeli Mossad as a front for Ar-Rafidayn Export Company.

This dummy front for Mossad was guarded by US Special Force with a high security ring around their offices, preventing anyone from approaching these Israeli agents.

MORE AND MORE U.S. SOLDIERS ARE TURNING AGAINST THE WAR IN IRAQ

FROM KOMINFORM

While the Bush administration is debating the war and covering up this genocide of his "willing allies", the US soldiers themselves are entering the debate in earnest and calling for an end to this war.

A US soldier who by nationality is a Nicaraguan immigrant, Staff Sgt. Camilo Meja, refused to return back to Iraq after his leave expired and charged that: *"This is an oil-driven war, and I don't think that any soldier signed up for oil. I did not sign up for the military to go halfway around the globe to be a US instrument of oppression. We were lied to when we were told that we were looking for weapons of mass destruction or that we were going there to fight terrorism!"*

There are hundreds of US soldiers who are turning against this war. Another example of this movement was the resignation of Lt. John Oliveira, the Public Affairs Officer of the US navy, after 16 years in service. Now he takes part in the anti-war marches.

Therefore, the Iraqi Resistance fighters had to use long-range automatic weapons to attack this secret office complex.

US forces closed all entrances to and from the city, in order to capture these fighters who killed the Israeli Mossad agents. The assailants, it was reported spoke Kurdish and they got away.

Israel government always maintained that Mossad's policy was outside the sphere of their work in Iraq. This now proves that it is a lie and that the Israeli government and their Mossad Secret Service organization are involved all over, helping US imperialism. ■

**OUR AUGUST ISSUE WILL BE THE
START OF OUR 13TH YEAR OF
PUBLISHING NSC. SEND
GREETINGS!**

In 2003 alone there were over 600 US soldiers who went AWOL (*Chicago Tribune, March 15*) while others are exploring other means of getting out. Many US soldiers, when they see the wanton brutality and bombing and the strafing by US helicopters of civilians are turned off and seek a way out.

Probably this will come as a shock to the readers, but families of US soldiers who want their loved ones to be protected from gun-fire, have to pay as much as \$1,400 for the body armor for them, because the Pentagon is not supplying them to its soldiers. (*Boston Globe, March 20, 2004*).

While US GI's and other "allies of the willing" are getting sick, eating rotten food, the real beneficiaries are the multinational corporations who are making tremendous profits and they pay their sub-contractors anywhere from \$350 to \$1,500 per day.

The peace and the anti-imperialist movements, plus the progressive parties should be working amongst these dissatisfied soldiers in order for them to head up this growing anti-war movement, and as quickly as possible!

Editor of NSC

NEW SERB LAW AIDS DEFENSE OF MILOSEVIC

BY JOHN CATALINOTT-
KOMINORM

Under mass popular pressure, the present Serbian capitalist government has now defied the US and the Western European imperialists. The Serbian parliament voted to provide concrete support to Serbian citizens on trial before the International Court in The Hague, Netherlands. This included financial support for President Slobodan Milosevic and for Radical Party leader Vojislav Seselj, who both face war crime charges. The Radical Party led the vote last December 28, 2003 with 36 per cent.

The Serbs are up in arms against the domination of their country by Imperialism. It was also a thumbing of the nose at Washington, which is threatening to withhold an already meager \$50 million loan to Serbia.

The NATO-created tribunal has spent two whole years and tens of millions of dollars developing a prosecution case against Milosevic. Milosevic plans to wage a thorough political defense on every point and in every charge raised against him, and to turn this case as an indictment against NATO.

The popular support comes after three years of this Serbian government, which was the one that kidnapped Milosevic and gave him to NATO's kangaroo court. The Serbian people are arising in anger more than ever before.

Since the kidnapping of Milosevic and since capitalism came there, the Serbian economy has been taken over, mainly by US corporations and German transnational corporations and by the local collaborators. Unemployment is now over 30% and no significant aid arrived from the West as was promised.

Instead of bringing peace to Kosovo, since 1999 NATO has allowed the gangs and rightist groups know as the KLA to use murder, arson to drive over 240,000 Serbs, Jews, Roma and other nationalities and also progressive Albanians out of the province. ■

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

FARMERS MOBILIZE AGAINST TRADE AGREEMENTS

From ANNCOL

Farmers in Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia last month demonstrated against Free Trade of the Americas - the FTAA and other trade agreements. A Colombian Senator called for "civil resistance" against the treaties that are promoted by the US White House. Thousands of farmers took to the streets demanding that the governments of Peru, Ecuador, Colombia and Bolivia not sign the free trade agreements sponsored by Washington.

Many farmers' organizations and associations in these countries sponsored and participated in these demonstrations.

In the message to the editor of ANNCOL, Colombian senator Jorge Enrique Robledo gave his support to the demonstrators. He said that the subject of the multilateral FTAA and other, bilateral and free trade agreements are becoming more pressing day by day.

"It is a crucial subject, because here we are playing with the future of over 300 million people who live South of the Rio Grande and who are headed for a new colonization, worse than that of colonial Spain before" declared Senator Robledo, who called for civil resistance to stop these treaties. ■

ISRAEL TRAINING US ASSASSINATION SQUADS IN IRAQ

FROM THE GUARDIAN - UK

Israeli advisors are training US Special Forces in aggressive counter-insurgency operations in Iraq, including the use of US assassination squads against guerilla leaders, the US intelligence and military sources said. The Israeli Defense Force (IDF) has sent their specialists to Fort Bragg in North Carolina, USA, the home of US Special Forces, and according to two

sources, Israeli military "consultants" have visited Iraq.

US forces in Iraq's Sunni triangle have already begun to use tactics that echo Israeli operations in the occupied Palestinian territories, sealing off centers of resistance with razor sharp wire and razing buildings from where the US army thinks attacks have been launched.

US Special Forces Teams are already operating behind the lines in Syria, attempting to kill foreign Jihadists. But the secret war in Iraq is about to get much tougher, in the hope of suppressing the anti-US struggle ahead of next November's presidential elections.

"This is an outright assassination program! This is basically a hunter-killer team. I fear that these new tactics and enhanced cooperation with Israel will only inflame a volatile situation in the Middle East. It is bonkers! It's insane! Here we are - we're already being compared to Sharon of Israel by the Arab world, and we've just confirmed it by bringing in the Israelis and setting up assassination teams," said a well informed intelligence source in Washington.

The Pentagon officially will not confirm or deny this, but the US military planner Brigadier General Michael Vane said that: *"We recently traveled to Israel to glean lessons learned from their counter-terrorist operations against Palestinians in the urban areas"*. This was published in a letter to the Army magazine last July, 2003.

US Colonel Ralph Peters, a former army intelligence officer and sometimes a critic of Pentagon policy in Iraq, said: *"This is a new realism. Within the bounds of human rights, if we do make an example of certain villages, it gets the attention of the others, and attacks have gone down in the area."*

One of the main planners and pushers for these assassination teams is the highly controversial figure, whose role inflamed Muslim opinion - Lieutenant General William "Jerry" Boykin. Last October (2003) there was a call for his resignation after he told a US church congregation in Oregon, that the US was at war with Satan, who *"wants to destroy us as a Christian Army."* ■

MY HELL IN CAMP X-RAY

From THE MIRROR - UK

A British captive freed from the Guantanamo Bay told the world of its full horror - and also how US prostitutes were taken into this camp to degrade Muslim inmates.

Jamal al-Harith, 37, who arrived home now after two years of confinement, is the first detainee to lift the lid on the US regime in Cuba's Camp X-Ray and Camp Delta. This

father of three from Manchester, England, told of how he was assaulted with fists, feet and batons after refusing a mystery injection.

He said that the detainees were shackled for up to 15 hours at a time in hand and leg cuffs with metal links which cut into the skin. Their "cells" were just wired cages with concrete floors and open to the elements - giving no privacy or protection from rats, snakes and scorpions loose around this American base in Cuba.

He claimed that the punishment beatings were handed out by the guards, known as the, "Extreme Reaction Force". They waded into

the inmates in full riot gear, raining blows on them. The prisoners also faced psychological torture and mind-games in attempts to make them confess to acts that they never committed. Even petty breaches of rules brought on severe punishment.

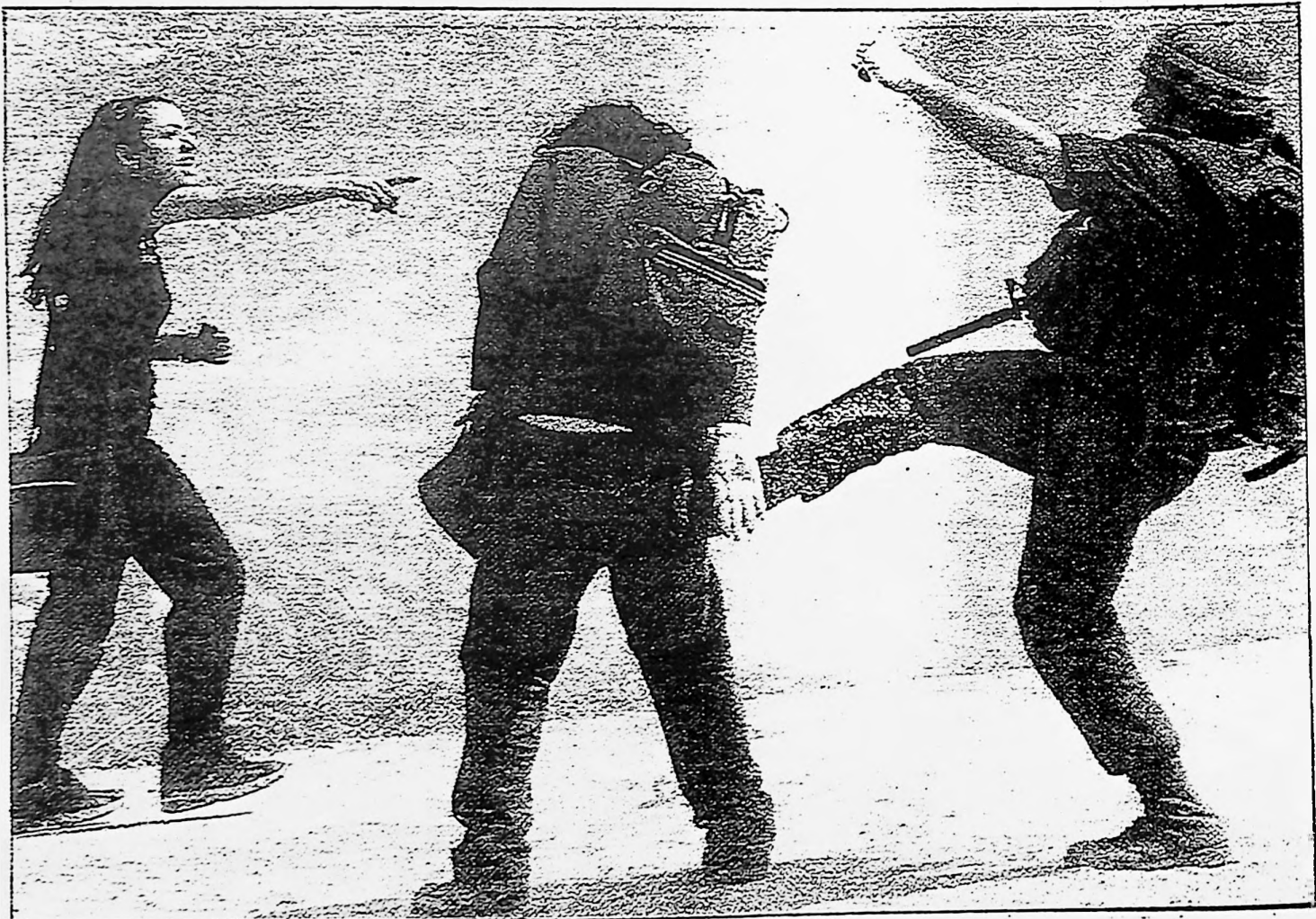
Medical treatment was sparse and brutal and amputations of limbs were more drastic than required.

Jamal also said: "The whole point of Guantanamo was to get to you psychologically. The beatings were not as nearly as bad as the psychological torture - bruises eventually heal - but the other stuff stays with you."

ISRAEL'S ZIONIST DEMOCRACY IS SHOWN IN THIS PHOTO

This photograph was published by the Toronto right-wing newspaper "The Sun" on Wednesday, March 31, in Toronto, Canada. Its caption we reproduce with only one comment : Why was this picture printed on page 34 only? If it was a Palestinian police doing this, this would be headline news on the FRONT PAGE!

The Sun newspaper caption reads: " An ISRAELI SOLDIER kicks an Israeli male peace activist in the groin, during a Land Day march by Israeli activists in the West Bank. Thousands of Israelis marched peacefully to mark that day. Meanwhile thousands of Palestinians clashed with Israeli soldiers during the protests in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip."



OPEN FORUM

AN OPEN LETTER TO US SECRETARY OF STATE, COLIN POWELL

From THE BEACON - Australia

Dear Colin:

I was sorry to hear that you had recently undergone an operation for prostate cancer. I hope that it was successful and that time will heal the wound, and your recovery will be complete.

Early in your career as a soldier, you did two tours in Viet Nam. You will no doubt have various memories of that time, the many brutalities you witnessed during your service, carried out by the US forces...when I read of your operation, it occurred to me that as a Viet Nam veteran, you would be entitled to compensation for the prostate cancer.

During your services in Viet Nam, a large number of US servicemen and women, amongst others, became very ill. Research into these illnesses carried out by experienced international scientists led to the illnesses being related to the use of chemicals by US forces. These chemicals were sprayed over a period of 11 years over area of Southern Vietnam.

On your way to the top in the US military, you would have learnt that Agent Orange was the main chemical used in spraying, and that it was contaminated by Dioxin, the world's most powerful poison.

Colin, it was the American National Academy of Sciences, who from their research listed a number of illnesses related to the exposure to the herbicide Agent Orange. Colin, one of these is prostate cancer!

It was this research, in addition to the campaigning by US veterans and their families, that played a major part in former President Clinton's statement in the White House on May 28, 1996. President Clinton said, and I quote extracts:

"This is an important day for the United States to take further steps to

ease the suffering our nation unintentionally caused its own sons and daughters by exposing them to Agent Orange in Viet Nam. For over two decades, Viet Nam veterans made a case that exposure to Agent Orange was injuring and killing them long before they left the field of battle, even damaging their newborn children. I'm announcing that Viet Nam veterans with prostate cancer and peripheral neuropathy, are entitled to disability payments based upon their exposure to Agent Orange."

So, there you are Colin, straight from the former president's mouth - get your compensation claim in right away, but before you do, will you think at all about the thousands of Vietnamese who also have prostate cancer caused by the US Agent Orange, who have not received Clinton's compensation?

It was sad to note that throughout Clinton's speech he did not mention the damage caused to the daughters and sons of Viet Nam. After all, Agent Orange was sprayed by the US on Viet Nam not vice versa.

Today in Viet Nam there are over 1 million people, young and old, suffering from the effects of Agent Orange.

In my travels to Viet Nam I have seen some of these tragic victims. I hope that as a victim of prostate cancer, you can now relate to the suffering of the Vietnamese victims of Agent Orange, but I ask you to go one step further.

Will you Colin, now join the many US-Viet Nam veterans and others who have and are campaigning for the Vietnamese victims of Agent Orange? Will you help us to gain them their compensation such as you will now receive?

On behalf of the Vietnamese victims, will you help us to get the US government to face up to the consequences of their actions, by the use of Agent Orange in Viet Nam?

Les Aldis,
Secretary,
British-Viet Nam Friendship Society

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'War President' Waged a War of Lies

The lies and the embarrassing accusations are demolishing George W. Bush's slickly packaged, made to TV persona as a "war president" and the scourge of Islamic terrorists. Even former US president Jimmy Carter accused Bush and Tony Blair of waging war of "lies" against Iraq. Polish president said outright that he was "deceived" by Bush into sending troops to Iraq. Spain's prime minister denounced Bush's Iraq adventure as a "fiasco" and also as "a war based on lies."

Even a group of US leading business executives ran a full page ad in The New York Times entitled: "Have you noticed what happens to US Executives who lie?" with a picture of an executive being led away in handcuffs. This ad described the Iraq invasion as a "state sponsored deception that already dwarfs the damage done by the worst corporate scandals."

The real damaging bombshell, was made by Richard Clarke, the respected former US counter-terrorist chief under president Clinton and George Bush Sr.

His testimony before the commission investigating the 9/11 attack, charged that Bush was obsessed with invading Iraq and did not heed the reports and warnings about the forthcoming terrorist attacks. Clarke described Dick Cheney as a "right-wing ideologue" and Condoleezza Rice, the National Security Advisor as a "dithering,

confused amateur and only a character assassin who leads the White House attack

No senior US official has accepted responsibility for the death of some 3,000 people on 9/11. No one has resigned. Britain Foreign Secretary Robin Cook resigned to



protest against the invasion of Iraq, because it was based on lies and disinformation. He had the courage to do so, while the fabricators in the White House keep on fabricating lies.

Bush is hoping that the American public will re-elect him again as a "war president" ala Franklin D. Roosevelt or Harry Truman before him. But, Bush's claim that he is a war president is like the man who murders his family, then begs for mercy because he is an orphan.

Bush's war on Iraq is about oil and nothing else.

To add another bombshell to this fiasco, there were news stories in all the newspapers and on TV about an FBI worker who challenged the 9/11 lies. FBI worker-translator Sibel Edmonds who saw all the secret and confidential documents regarding the 9/11 attacks, that US intelligence said that there were definite plans of attacks by commercial aircraft against US cities and she spoke out about these warnings, but then she was put under a barrage of attacks, all of them trying to discredit her testimony. Edmonds filed a law-suit against the FBI because she was fired after she raised these security concerns inside the FBI.

The chickens are coming home to roost for George W. Bush.

DID YOU KNOW?

NSC Reporter

FOOLISH VIEW: Professor Steven Cohen, of New York University, told mostly a student audience in a lecture recently at Moscow's State University for Trade and Economics that "The American elite does not believe Russia has a useful past and that its role, therefore, is to do what Washington says." The White House wants Russia to help "when needed" and "not to interfere, when that is not wanted." Cohen also said: "Of course, for a country like Russia with a centuries old culture, that is out of the question. The American leadership's view is dangerous and foolish."

PRESS FREEDOM: Many in the USA hold that their country is a world leader in press freedom. But that is a total misconception. In October of 2004, "Reporters Without Borders" published its "Second World Press Freedom Ranking" compiled from questionnaire with "53 criteria for assessing the state of press freedom in each country" The United States ranked 32nd, behind Hungary, Jamaica, Benin and East Timor. To make matters worse, American occupied Iraq, only recently "liberated" from the grip of a tyrant, ranked 135th. There is one consolation: US occupied Iraq is ahead of Saudi Arabia, America's closest ally in the Islamic world.

NAZIS AND PATRIOTS: "George Bernard Shaw used three concepts to describe the positions of individuals in Nazi Germany: intelligence, decency and Nazism. He argued that if a person was

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WFTU - Prague, Czech Republic

intelligent and a Nazi, he was not decent. If he was decent and also a Nazi, he was not intelligent. And if he was decent and intelligent, he was not a Nazi".

After studying the appalling information in William Blum's book "Killing Hope", you can know that you can replace the word "Naz" in the above statement with the term "American Patriot" (or "Zionist Israeli") and it will be every bit as true.

Permit me therefore to record an updated version of Shaw's three concepts:

If a person is decent and an American patriot - he or she is not intelligent.

If a person is intelligent and an American patriot - he or she is not decent.

And if a person is decent and intelligent, he or she is not an American patriot.

ONE MAN'S OPINION: According to Dr. Mark Allen Ludwig, author of "True Christian Government" - "God gave governments responsibility only for infrastructure and defense," according to the article by Rev. Bob Enyart, pastor of Denver Bible Church. "If government limited itself to its to functions, thereby getting out of education, health care, farming, etc. it could better defend America...Christians who carefully study the Bible are best qualified to teach the world how it should be governed."

AMERICA THE INDESPENSABLE: "If we have to use force, it is because we are America. We are the indispensable nation. We stand tall. We see further into the future." American Secretary of State, Madeleine Albright, defending the use of cruise missiles against Iraq, February 1988.

TEXAS BOARS: A report in the Washington Times advices that the State of Texas has gone hog-wild. About two million boars are roaming the State, destroying farmland and wildlife habitat, sully public parks, attack pets and domestic animals, and spread diseases such as tuberculosis and even anthrax to farm animals. The dark-fury tusked creatures, with briskly hair along their backbones, giving an appearance of

razor-like teeth, have been declared a public nuisance by authorities in 19 other US states. The Washington Times forgot to mention that some of these Texan wild boars have shown up inside the White House!

WMD WILL BE FOUND: Once again the Tehran Times has reported that the US is secretly smuggling weapons of mass destruction of 1980 vintage to Iraq. The containers are fairly marked as being from the Maersk Shipping Line while some wear labels from Red Cross and USAID. Iraqi officials, including forces loyal to the Iraqi Governing Council stationed in southern Iraq have been forbidden from inspecting or supervising the transportation of these consignments. Apparently the occupation forces have ordered Iraqi officials to forward any questions on the issue to the coalition forces. Wait for the moment when the US forces suddenly discover Saddam's secret WMD arsenal, likely just prior to the UYS presidential election.

GIVING ADVICE: *"I think that all foreigners should stop interfering in the internal affairs of Iraq."*

Paul Wolfowitz, July 21, 2003.

PRESTIGE: *"War will exist until that distant day when the conscientious objector enjoys the same reputation and prestige that the warrior does today."* **President John F. Kennedy.**

THOSE THAT ARE RESPONSIBLE: *"Throughout the whole of world history it has been the inaction of those who could have acted, the indifference of those who should have known better, the silence of the voice of justice when it mattered most, that has made it possible for evil to triumph."*

Haile Selassie, Emperor of Ethiopia

CONTROLLING AMERICA: *"Every time we do something, you (Shimon Peres) tell me that America will do this and will do that... I want to tell you something very clear: Don't worry about American pressure on Israel. We, the Jewish people, control America, and the Americans know it."*

-Ariel Sharon, Israeli Prime Minister, Knesset, Tel Aviv, October 3, 2001.

JERRY MORSE



AS I SEE IT!

WARSAW, POLAND: Coalition of the Willing, is becoming less willing. Recognizing that attacking Iraq was based on just falsehoods, political ambition and profit motives- this is motivating Poland to reconsider their decision to help US out. Spanish voters ousted Aznar's government because a majority of Spanish people neither supported the attack on Iraq nor the decree to become Iraq's jail guards.

Polish President Kuasnievski last March 18th said: *"We have been misled by US-UK about Weapons of Mass Destruction in Iraq."* South Korea agrees with peace keeping, but is not sending its troops to become mobile flak jacket-eers for the US army. Meanwhile. Australians compare US and UK diplomatic interpretation of foreign policy intelligence to frustrated kangaroos with nothing in their pouches, hopping across the grasslands, searching for greener grass.

Others in the US camp pat themselves on the back for capturing Hussein, while thousands have died in this US sponsored and supported Hussein's regime. We are wondering whether the US logic fits the question of the country Congo, because of Imperialism, where in the past 5 years over 3 million people died...can this be considered as the *"Coalition of the willing?"*

WASHINGTON, DC. Expect a renovation of Bush's White House. Doors will be widened so that government officials wanting to distance themselves from this Bush Administration, don't get jammed

while going through this doorway. While having a meeting with his war-hawk staff, President Bush did not like what he was hearing about Clarke's new book *"Against All Enemies"* - which questions the credibility of Bush's cronies oil-stained hands on the valves of the oil pipelines in Iraq - turning these valves into tremendous profits.

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM: Competition to get the cushy EU jobs is heating up, soft chairs, good meals, expense accounts and nice vacations is worrying all of the 15 nations representatives. Entrance of 10 new members into the European Union this month, will see diplomats, able to speak many languages - all wanting to get their fingers into the pie - of course the taxpayers in these countries are footing the bill for these opportunists. With these new former Eastern European country's representatives coming in also, the struggle for these jobs is fierce. The opening up of Martial Arts classes for Black Belts is doing a booming business.

PALESTINE: What has Israel gained by killing the Hamas leader Yassin? The Muslims in New Delhi, India stated: *"The assassination is not only a crime against the people of Palestine, but against all forces of freedom."* They accuse Israel of being a terrorist state and India is calling on all the nations to convene the National Association of Muslims to consider the volatile situation in Palestine. The killing of this leader, who as a cripple, was in a wheel chair, has increased the anti-Israeli feelings.

In Italy, a very Catholic country, religious hostilities have increased. The present Italian government is trying to dismember the anti-imperialist feelings and the many demonstrations that can bring into the streets over one million people.

The Arab people know these things and also know that the UN in most cases is just a tool of the US White House.

All of us better work hard to change the hatred that is being generated purposely to divide the unity now being forged all over the world. These hatreds serve only Imperialist countries and thus they can divide and rule.

We need the resurrection of Socialism and of the Soviet Union!

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WASHINGTON - Bush's Republican policies for the Homeland Security, mirrors the foreign policy at Iraq and Afghanistan, increases dangers for all the Americans. From 27 industrial nations, USA now demands to fingerprint and photograph each tourist or official visitor visiting the USA. The tourism industry predicts huge revenue losses. In 2002 foreign tourists spent nearly \$23 billions. More than half of this amount came from tourists from these 27 countries, who now will be relegated to the US psychiatric security Print and Photo rooms.

The following countries will thus be fingerprinted and photographed – besides, maybe bar-codes will be stamped on each foreign visitor or tourist - Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brunei, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Liechtenstein, Luxemburg, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, San Marino, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom. Irish visitors will not be stamped, if they can prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that their behinds were printed green on St. Patrick's Day, while in possession of an American visa.

WASHINGTON – Occasionally well heeled, well chosen and compliable Democrats work in the Republican top jobs. One of these is John H. Marburger III, science advisor to Bush. Last February this John III disputed the Union of US Concerned Scientists who accused the Bush Administration of misrepresenting science and the technology documentation in respect to the global warming, air quality, forest management, oil drilling impact on the Arctic areas. In defence of his boss, John III pointed out that Bush in the Rose Garden speech on June 11, 2001 said that gasses increased substantially since the Industrial Revolution and he implied that the circular motion of the earth, as suggested by Sir Isaac Newton is to blame for this pollution. Not the Bush administration.

Members of the US Environmental Agency are considered a thorn in the side of the US military-industrial complex. ■

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SMALL THANKS FOR SMALLER FAVORS:

Dubya Bush went to Iraq with a hundred billion of our hard-earned bucks, but he gave us nothing but a cheap "Patriot" Act, full of anti-freedoms and un-democracy that Saddam Hussein no longer needed to keep his dictatorship shipshape.

With souvenirs like that, who needs to remember?

UN-ELECTED PART-TIMER:

Critics are bad-mouthing Dubya for having spent 40% of his working time on vacation. So count your blessings, you fools! Shudder at the harm he might have done if he'd spent all the hours on the job that he's getting paid for.

Maybe his playboy schedule explains why our part-time president, who worries intensely about other folk's work ethic, just has no concept of overtime pay for overtime work.

FOLING THE UNIMAGINABLE:

Dubya says that an American defeat in Iraq would have "unimaginable consequences". How come he knows so much about the unimaginable? Has that special god of his been filtering secrets?

Considering the mess that god has got him into, he really should sever his spiritual connections and rejoin the real world – especially the one surging with seas of picket signs saying "Out of Iraq!"

OLD STUFF RETREADED:

Secretary of (so-called) Defence Rumsfeld, says that the rebel offensive in Iraq is the dirty work of small bands of "delinquents, assassins and terrorists". Yeah, like the labor strikes in the USA are the dirty work of a small band of outside agitators.

REMEDY ON ITS WAY DOWN: You lost a loved one or a relative or friend in Bush War III in Iraq? Be ye not dismayed or grieved. Dubya's going to make it all right! He has promised to pray for dead US soldiers and your "security".

AMERICA FIRST: Dubya says: "A free Iraq will change the world." With him in charge of changes, I will be

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hanged if I want any part of any of 'em. Besides, freedom, like charity, starts at home, Junior! So, clean up your own back yard before you whine about other dirty ones!

PEFECT ROAD TO PEACE: US

Captain Todd Grissom, commenting on the US soldiers who wanted out of Iraq because they believed it "repugnant to murder people." The captain said "If all soldiers did the same, we'd have nobody to defend us."

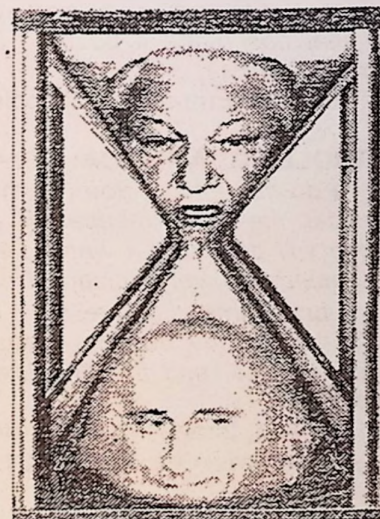
Amen, Brother Todd. May your wise words come to pass, for we'll have wars as long as suckers can be conned into fighting them.

QUOTES OF NOTE: "Practicing neo-liberal policies in our country is no longer sustainable." – Roberto Madazo, head of Mexico's leading party.

"Peace is when there's nothing around to be afraid of except snakes." Ugandan Tribal Leader. ■

WHAT VELTSIN STARTED, PUTIN WILL FINISH IT.

The Hour Glass is accurate!



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM
TASHKENT
UZBEKISTAN

Dear friends:

Thanks for sending me NSC regularly. My friends and I especially enjoy Michael Lucas's colourful graphics. My one quibble Michael is that you depict Putin as a puppet of Bush. That is not altogether true. He spoke out very strongly against the Iraq invasion, and has pursued an anti-star-wars technology to discredit that insane policy. But, I am very critical of his attitude towards Chechnya, but I see that in the context of Russian politics and what he inherited from Boris Yeltsin. You can't expect a leopard to change his spots. You also must admit that he was very brave to stand up to the Zionist Mafia. He prevented the Zionist Khodorovsky from selling Russian oil to the US. That alone, makes him worth critical support. My anti-Zionist and my pro-Chechnya friends hold the same opinions.

On another note, a progressive journalist Frederick Toben made the following report: " *In Moscow there are now International Tribunals that are focusing on the criminal activities perpetrated by NATO, for example – ex-Yugoslavia. On the Milosevich political trial – and it's supported by imminent world figures such as ex-General Wolfgang Richter and US Ramsay Clarke. It is a slow process, by the nationalist forces now are opposing the internationalists that are currently in control of the US military agenda in Iraq, Palestine, et al. The current focus of such Tribunals in Russia, Italy, et al, will focus on liberating the Arab countries from their US imposed internationalism.*" There is a Conference in Berlin planned for June 17-18. So stay tuned. The impulses from Russia are strong – and good.

This is very encouraging. Not all Soviet days have been lost. There

LATEST UZBEK JOKE

"If you want to be in paradise, watch Uzbek TV. If you want to experience hell, live in Uzbekistan."

are lots of communists and sensible progressive people and ideas still present in ex-USSR. The Russian media is much more open than poor Uzbekistan and other sad remnants of the Soviet Union.

All the best
ERIC WALLBERG

FROM
DURHAM, NC
USA

Dear Editorial Board of NSC:

I was glad to see in the February 2004 NSC issue about the 1978 April Revolution in Afghanistan, an important event that seems to be overlooked today, despite its importance now that Afghanistan is an American colony and with the dissolution of the USSR.

There needs to be more Marxist-Leninist analyses of Afghanistan under the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (*later renamed Watan or Homeland*) between 1978 and 1992, in order to understand why it failed and the nature of USSR's role in Afghanistan.

Events in Afghanistan were more complicated than portrayed. For example, there was apparently a power struggle between Hafizuyllah Amin and Nur Mohammed Taraki, and when the USSR came in-according to the signed treaty between the two countries, Amin was killed and there was some resistance by the Afghan military. The Soviets aided the PDPA against the Mujahideen, but they also encouraged changes that eventually resulted in the PDPA disavowing Marxism and the government was overly dependent of Soviet aid, leading to its defeat in April of 1992. I think that this is an important period to understand objectively in order to avoid future mistakes.

Sincerely,
Michael Pollock

Somehow you fail to mention the role of US in Afghanistan during that period.

FROM
BUCHAREST
ROMANIA

Dear comrades and friends:

The first Congress of the Socialist Alliance Party was held in Bucharest last April 3, 2004 where it was decided that this should be called the 6th Congress of the Labour Socialist Party, in order to carry on the glorious traditions. The Congress approved the Status and Program and also the Electoral Program for 2004. Comrade Constantin Rotaru was elected again as its president.

Our party is a socialist party and is for the socialist development of Romania, and that Romania will not accept any foreign military bases on its soil, and the presence of the Romanian Army is only to be on the territory of Romania and we shall struggle to be equal and a sovereign state of Europe.

We hope that we will be in a position shortly to send you our party Program translated into English.

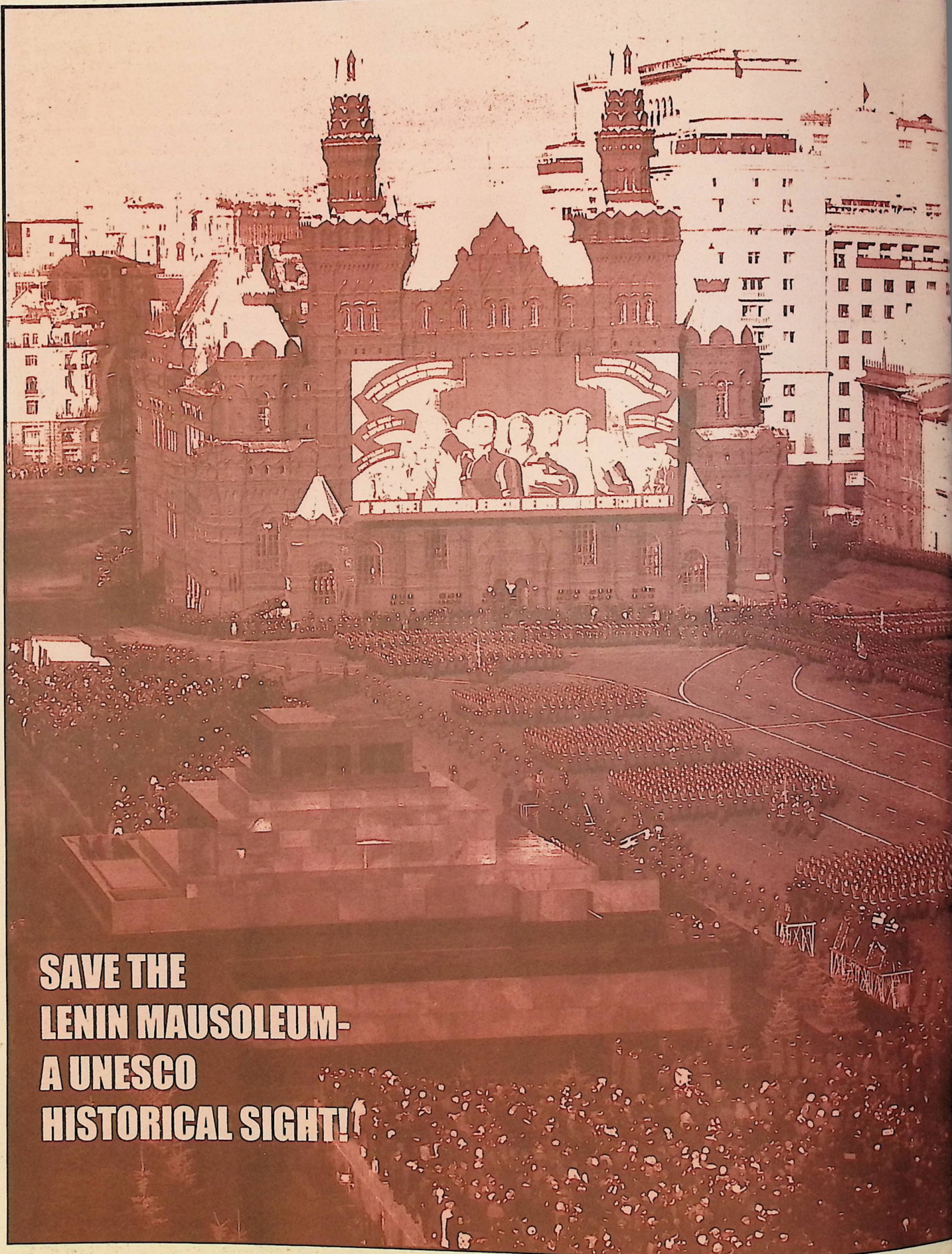
We want to thank you very much for sending us Northstar Compass regularly and for your moral and written greetings to the Congress, which was read at the Congress. We want to continue our cooperation at the international level.

Constin Cretu
Vice President
Hreads of the International Relations
Department

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