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EDITORIAL

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DID THE RUSSIAN LEADERSHIP WAKE UP ONLY NOW?

Below we are printing just two excerpts from statements that were made by the Deputy Prime Minister Sergei Ivanov last June 6, 2007 and the statement by the Russian Permanent Envoy to the United Nations Security Council, Vitaly Churkin on June 14, 2007.

"We see the new US bases appearing in Eastern Europe. It's not a matter of only radars, but the appearance of an element of US strategic nuclear forces in Europe."

WHAT A STATEMENT!

How can the present leadership of Russia not know, not understand, or not realize as to what US Imperialism and NATO were planning all along? How can the present head of Russia, a former Security KGB officer, well studied in Marxism-Leninism and knowing full well the brutal history of Imperialism and its terrible world history – how can this government that has practically liquidated the former Soviet Armed forces, its defensive armaments, its liquidation of the Mir Space Station, bending backwards so much that even Uncle Sam could not understand this behaviour of servitude? The world knows that US plans to liquidate Russia and divide it into small fiefdoms, eliminate any

semblance of socialism, and then divide and rule!

All the friends of the Soviet people across the world knew that this was the plan and that this scenario was in the works!

We are not military experts, we are not tacticians or scientists, but even a child knows that when you see a bully in a school yard, you take steps to protect yourself as much as possible – you just don't lie down and cry: "OK Uncle Sam, I'll do whatever you want me to do!"

The present Russian military leadership and the government should know as to the REAL plans of US imperialism. It's no secret! It's the complete destruction of Russia as a state, as an entity, and even now as a symbol of a bulwark against this present imperialism-fascism that is a menace to the whole world. Even reactionary, anti-socialist, anti-Soviet big business publications writers see this and are trying to tell the public about this danger, not only to Russia, but to other countries of the world.

If the present leadership of Russia does not know this, and just making statements that are nothing but a slap on the wrist of the new emerging US imperialistic fascism, it is certainly time for the Soviet people to change this leadership, this sell-out policy, this political game of making themselves look "patriotic" in the eyes of the Russian people on their controlled daily media.

But this mirage will disappear, as will these present leaders who are probably just waking up to the actual danger of their capitalist-imperialist friends!

"We do not mean a specific date to be set for US troops to be withdrawn from Iraq or to be announced in public by the United States, yet it is important to know the prospects for a withdrawal of foreign military from Iraq."

Can you just imagine what the wives, mothers and fathers, children and widows of the thousands that died because of the US invasion must be thinking about this kind of statement on behalf of the Russian government?

Maybe this Russian Permanent Envoy to the UN Security Council should get off his butt and his cushy-well-paying job and go to Iraq and ask the Iraqis as to what they think of his statement?

The whole world is demanding, demonstrating against US imperialism – but unfortunately the present Russian government cannot bring itself to say to the US government and demand – **US GET OUT OF IRAQ!**

As friends of the Soviet People since 1918 as the "Hands Off Russia Committee" – yes, we have the right to express our opinions!

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

PALESTINIANS VOTED FOR HAMAS, WEST CHOSE FATAH AS THEIR STOOGES

The internal strife in Palestine has all the trappings of Imperialism's policy of divide and rule and to instigate internal strife, control the media in order to give a false picture to the world, and then, behind the scenes, together with Israel, to again set back the UN recognition of Palestinian rights to their homeland and force Israel to leave the land Palestinian lands they seized.

In 2006 the Palestinians elected by an absolute overwhelming majority a Government led by Hamas, but now the Western-backed Fatah President started coup and has outright dismissed this coalition government. The Fatah movement had received only 2% of the votes, while Hamas was swept into power.

The Palestinians have finally come to realize that the so-called peace process that was championed all these years by the West and Fatah, has led to the permanent institutionalization of Israel's occupation, rather than its termination. It is already 40 years since Israel has occupied the Palestinian lands. There are now twice as many Israel settlers on the

occupied Palestinian lands, then when Rabin of Israel and Arafat of Palestine first shook hands in the White House in Washington.

Israel had divided, occupied and also has divided the West Bank into besieged cantons, and working over time to get as many Jewish settlers into East Jerusalem – while at the same time, Israel has stripped Palestinian Jerusalemites of their residency right in their city – and had turned Gaza into a virtual prison camp.

Yes - the Palestinians voted overwhelmingly for Hamas because they were tired and disgusted by the Fatah complacency and corruption, and its continuing pandering to Israel. Hamas presented a real alternative to this Israel and West imposed tragedy on the Palestinian people.

The West, which trumpets to the world that they believe in "democracy", and the UN also promotes itself as "guardian of democracy" – the question arises as to why they not only condemned Israel and US involvement, apply sanctions against them in order to make them comply??? And why do they not recognize now a duly democratically elected Hamas Government?

Let us be very honest, the majority elected Hamas Palestinian Government did not run into Western and Israel's opposition because of its Islamic ideology, **but because of its opposition and resistance to the Israeli 40-year occupation!**

The only answer to this tragedy has to be based on a two-state solution, which requires an end to the Israeli occupation and a creation of truly independent Palestinian State.

That was not the solution that Fatah was working on, because its leaders were satisfied only with their power, their cushy paying jobs and support, directly and indirectly by both US and Israel.

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NEWS FROM FORMER USSR

YOUTH CAMP OF FRIENDSHIP 2007

A gathering of over 1,000 young people from Russia, Byelorussia and Ukraine was held at the Friendship Monument, located at the junction of the borders of these three former Soviet Republics during the third week of June 2007. This Festival is a tradition that was started during the time of the Soviet Union and now it is being continued.

One day was dedicated to each participating country with the delegates representing it to the best of their abilities in culture, sports, political seminars and joint discussions on the present situation and the road forward to unity.

The camp closed with a gala concert and music ensembles from Russia, Byelorussia and Ukraine performing. This then was followed by a Festival of Slavonic Brotherhood near the Friendship Monument.

PUTIN'S TERM MIGHT BE EXTENDED

In a news despatch from Moscow – June 4, 2007, Russian President Putin said in an interview that the presidential term "can be extended" – the Itar-Tass newspaper reported.

"I believe that another 5-6-7 year presidential term is acceptable" - said the 54 year old President Putin.

Despite Putin's nationalist rhetoric about Russia standing up to US imperialism, US imperialism will be very happy to have Putin again in the Kremlin. If this is not enough to unify the anti preset regime forces in Russia – what then will unify them?

KAZAKHSTAN'S KING

Even as Kazakhstan is drawing closer to Europe, Kazakh's president Nursultan Nazerbayev has launched a major consolidation of his internal power. Last May, Nazerbayev took the unprecedented step of signing a series of Constitutional amendments,

making it possible for him to remain President for life. These measures which have already been ratified by the country's parliament, are being told to the Kazakh people that they are "progress towards democracy".

This new law absolutely guarantees that he can be president for life.

OPPOSITION IN KYRGYZSTAN WANTS TO JOIN RUSSIA-BELARUS UNION

AGENCY NOVOSTI

BISHKEK: The opposition movement in Kyrgyzstan, which is embroiled in a political battle with the president has now initiated a referendum to join the Union of Russia and Byelorussia. This was initiated by the United Front - led by the ex-Premier, Felix Kulov and other opposition parties. This movement is now registered with the Kyrgyz Ministry of Justice and the movement must collect 300,000 signatures and then a vote must be taken on this question.

The now impoverished former Soviet republic in Central Asia has been in a deep crisis and in turmoil due to the economic hardships. This United Front is accusing President Bakiyev of failing to improve the living standards, curb the corruption and bring more freedom for the people. They also demand his resignation and early elections.

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VICTORY DAY IN LVIV

and more on travel to Ukraine

by Larisa Schirba

My visit to the most pro-Western city of Ukraine revealed significant changes since my previous trip four years ago. These changes manifest themselves in constantly deepening degeneration, particularly of youth, deeper penetration of the capitalist financial structure into every aspect of daily life and overall degradation of human consciousness tirelessly promoted by the enemy-owned media and consumer advertising. Nationalist hype has been diluted with a mix of apathy, greed, ignorance and political opportunism.

Even though narcotics have become an inseparable part of youth events, the main degenerative tool is alcohol. It is advertised everywhere and sold at low prices in most public cafes any time of the day. Often a bottle of beer is cheaper than a bottle of water. In both Kiev and Lviv parks and streets are full of young men and women with one or two bottles of alcohol in their hands, consuming them in broad daylight. In a café near the university during lunch time one can see tables full of youngsters with a beer each and a bottle of stronger substance to share. The annual celebration of the Day of Lviv had only two sponsors: a vodka company Khortytsia and a winery. Nationalist flags no longer flew over the crowd, they have been replaced by the numerous flags of the Khortytsia brand. The concert MC was obviously paid well for building the loyalty of the young audience to the purveyor of this poisonous concoction. His efforts to downgrade Russian culture by cracking lame jokes about the national poet Alexander Pushkin resembled attempts of a pub comedian appealing to the mob's lowest instincts and the reaction of the crowd was not nationalist hate, but rather apathetic ignorance, kept warm by Khortytsia. Most of these



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people do not know what "NATO" stands for, but they may be asked to participate in a referendum soon. Ironically enough, the concert took place on the footsteps of the Memorial of Glory – a monument to the heroes killed in the Great Patriotic War.

The advertising on the streets has become more aggressive. When several years ago we had noticed mostly billboard invitations to buy, and to buy more, today the ad companies are working day and night on undermining the psychology of people by appeals that are closer to the Western ones, such as: "For me, I and myself" or "Because I am worth it". There are a lot more banks and financial institutions of all sorts and their reaching out with offers of financing, mortgages and other gimmicks and debt traps seems to be here to stay.

Conversations with several former teachers of mine, as well as a visit to an elementary and high school confirmed that corruption within the education systems has only deepened. Teachers, professors and education administrators who take bribes remain the same as twenty years ago, however, the mentality of students and parents that everything is for sale has brewed on the basis of the new post-Soviet "money is God" ideology. Replacing Lenin's picture in hallways with the Virgin Mary will not help the education process much when there is zero substance behind

such pseudo-religion and girls purposelessly wonder around semi-naked and covered in makeup. 10-15 year old girls read Russian versions of US magazines, such as "Girl", from which they learn all about the brand name clothing they "must have" and "where to kiss him". Parents don't mind. They are too busy making money, so they can pay for those "must have" clothes.

There is a visually noticeable decline in population in the city. Thousands have left for work in Europe and their remaining families live at the expense of these guestworkers. How else would you explain constant construction of the 3-story houses and "who has a better SUV" competitions in the town where every single factory has been shut down or sold for parts and where not a single product is being produced? Work abroad and inner-government corruption are the main sources of income. With exception of more mature and, therefore, wiser citizens, other than complaining about low wages, difficulties with finding a job and utility prices on the rise, people in general, especially youth, think they live in paradise and will do even better once they become part of Europe. Adults shun the Soviet days, youth do not remember them.

There was a joyful day in the midst of this gloomy picture. I participated in such a glorious celebration of Victory Day in the Great Patriotic War, which I did not expect in the city of permanent

denial of everything Soviet. On May 9th hundreds of war veterans and people gathered in the part of Lychakivske cemetery where the Soviet soldiers are buried and marched along Lychakivska Street to The Hill of Glory (Kholm Slavy) where there are more graves of war heroes. They held a rally at the Eternal Fire, coordinated by the Party of Regions, Communist Party of Ukraine and Progressive Socialist Party of Ukraine. Vladimir Radzievskyi, a representative of the local branch of Party of Regions (leader Yanukovich) said some valuable words about the meaning of the Victory. In the midst of the electoral battle between the blocs of Yushchenko and Yanukovich, Radzievsky did not miss the opportunity to use this platform to promote his party and address the impoverished with promises of raising pensions and teachers' salaries. Speakers highlighted the role of Stalin in the Victory and drew parallels between fascist occupation and today's "quiet" occupation of Ukraine. Deputies spoke against the actions of the Estonian government in removing the war memorial in Tallinn. A telegram from Petro Simonenko (CPU leader) was read, saying that today's situation is "the consequence of the struggle of the mighty capital for the occupation of our country."

To add colour to the speeches by prominent deputies, veterans and members of the parties I would like to illustrate the wisdom of the generation who has seen a lot and is not falling for the enemy's treachery. An old, barely educated peasant woman with a distinct Western- Ukrainian accent standing next to me expressed her position: "I do not believe in dollars. It's all American occupation. Communists are the only ones doing something in this country, but they have lots of obstacles put in front of them. I did not trust Yanukovich from the beginning. I don't give a damn what his people promise here". She said more about the rulers...

A representative of the Union of Young Socialists showed the organization's reformist nature by emphasizing in her obligatory speech that today "we live in a free country" where "we enjoy freedom of speech". During the rally people shouted the



Victory Day - Communist Party of Ukraine among other parties

military call "I serve the Soviet Union!" and responded with traditional "Hurrah!"

Right after the main gathering, Progressive Socialist Party of Ukraine held a rally near the grave of Alexander Marchenko who put the red flag on liberated Lviv's City Council building in 1944. The party's regional representative Alexander Pokrovski condemned those trying to rewrite history and said that children of veterans with the help of real historians learn true history, not the fake blue-yellow version. He talked about Pax Americana, neo-conservative policies, Iraq, Afghanistan, Poland demolishing Soviet monuments and other aspects of the new occupation. The speakers put to shame Ukraine's government for not holding a Victory parade in Kiev like Russia did in Red Square. Leningrad blockade survivor and Professor of Economics of Forestry Irina Borisova reflected upon the results of today's occupation as they can be seen in her industry and the absence of planned economy as one of the key reasons for today's destruction of Carpathian forests. She thanked the PSPU for the recent blockade of the NATO training maneuvers in Yavoriv near Lviv. She also posed a challenging question: what would Bandera' do if the Soviet army did not come?

Member of the CPU, Head of the All-Ukraine Union of Workers



Taras Sapuga – Head of the All-Ukrainian Union of Workers-member of the Communist Party of Ukraine

Taras Sapuga continued the subject of difficulties of conducting a workers' movement in an area where after demolishing of textile, transportation, electronics, defense and any other industry there are hardly any workers left. "All this city is going to do now is serve as an industrial and military garbage disposal for the West." He commented on the fall in the perception and status of a military person by citizens: "Today no one respects people with epaulettes. The army does not have the respect it used to." The Lviv branch of the CPU distributes the party newspaper "Free Ukraine" and political leaflets, organizes regional and participates in national meetings, however, it has

a limited, to put it mildly, view of the international situation, imperialist occupation, particularly, in the Middle East and the role of NATO in Ukraine. One must recognize the dedication of CPU members trying to put together some work in the most unwelcoming city. Ironically, the party's office in Lviv is located at the corner of Konovalets and Bandera² Streets.

During discussions many people expressed their dissatisfaction with the PSPU and the CPU not being able to cooperate, to which the local leaders of these parties insisted on their differences and did not provide satisfactory answers about the prospects for common action. The CPU holds closer to the traditional Soviet line while the PSPU is more activist in mobilizing citizens for specific actions.

The government generously provided a police escort for the march and rally mainly to protect the demonstrators from attack by nationalists, which in the event was not necessary. Only a couple of punks with nationalist symbols showed up and withdrew promptly seeing themselves largely outnumbered. The radical nationalists of the 1990's have degenerated to the level of political horse traders, witness the case of one time anti-American nationalist turned Supreme Rada jobgrabber UNA-UNSO leader Andriy Shkil.

I was surprised at the great number of young families with children, couples, and groups of young people, not only Russian-speaking ones, coming to lay flowers to the monuments and graves of Soviet soldiers in the city where victory in World War II is believed by many and endorsed by media and educators as occupation. The grave of Alexander Kouznetsov², Soviet intelligence officer who infiltrated the German army in Western Ukraine and was killed near Lviŭ, was buried in flowers and two hours after the rally people continued arriving.

During the celebration of the Victory Day, promptly following in the footsteps of the Estonians and their removal of the Soviet monument, Lviv City Council passed a legislative project for the review of all monuments in the city and reevaluating their historic



Victory Day celebration speakers from the Progressive Socialist Party of Ukraine – laying flowers to Soviet War Heroes.

significance. This project particularly addressed the question of dismantling the Memorial of Glory. Now Khortytsia concerts will have an even larger stage for their ideological and physical killing.

If any rivalry arises in the near future, splitting Ukraine, it will not come from ethnic or political tensions, but will be choreographed and imposed from above or, should I say, from abroad, for there is obviously not nearly enough evidence of nationalist political activity in this western region.

¹Yevhen Konovalets – founder, and Stepan Bandera – consequent leader, of the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists acting against the USSR in the 1930s to 1950s

²Alexander Kouznetsov-- for more information please see NSC May 2005.



Top: Grandfather and Grandson-traditions is carried on.

Bottom: Youth honouring Soviet hero – Nikolai Kouznetsov

RUSSIA RESTRICTED BY U.S.

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"At present the Americans have incarcerated Russia between NATO and the North Pole icebergs, and they have downgraded the former super power, Soviet Union into a country that they have even entered into its sanctuary." - stated Akhbar Velayati, International Affairs Advisor of the Leader of the Islamic Revolution of Iran.

In June Akhbar Velayati was addressing the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps and went on to state that the struggle against US expansionism is a serious challenge for the region and the Republic in the era following the decomposition of the former Soviet Union.

The former Iranian Foreign Minister stressed that simple negotiations with US will not resolve the problems and wide differences. Unfortunately there are some gullible leaders and individuals here and other countries, including Russia that think that these problems will be resolved by giving in to US imperialism. These leaders and individuals do not understand the essence of Imperialism or have not read the history of this world menace for all of humanity.

There's no need to comment!

"ORGANIZATION OF MARKISTS" IS BORN IN UKRAINE

In a very informative letter and clippings from their publications, our reader in Donetsk, Ukraine, **Tatiana Yakubovskaya** explained the work that our dedicated comrades in Ukraine are doing in struggling against the present regime of Ukraine and also in their struggle for the resurrection of the USSR and Socialism.

First of all she reported on their work in the Committee for the Defence of Political Prisoners in Ukraine and Russia, plus helping the Cuban Five. This Committee has active branches in all the districts of Ukraine and Russia. Their work is to



Below is a photograph taken in 2006 in Kiev at one of the many conferences that helped to set up the "Organization of Marxists" which will in the near future turn into a real Communist Party of Ukraine.

help these young Komsomols with food, letters, newspapers and have their letters published in the outside world. This Committee protests regularly against the government, collects money for their defence and spreads the truth about their illegal jailing and their treatment to the UN and to other human rights organizations.

This Committee is in constant touch internationally and solicits protests to be sent to the authorities for their release or a new trial and to present objective arguments by lawyers in their defence.

The International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People had sent protests to the governments of Russia and Ukraine and in support of these Soviet Komsomol heroes.

In a very new and extremely important development in Ukraine, comrade Yakubovskaya informed NSC of a new **Organization of Marxists** that was formed in Ukraine after an Ukraine-wide organizational campaign for one year amongst different movements, in order to form this organization of Marxists that not only talk but work and act for the resurrection of Socialism and of the Soviet Union.

On March 24-25 there were gathered over 100 delegates from all parts of Ukraine in Kiev plus other former republics guests. After year of discussions and looking at many currents inside the progressive movements, a consensus was

arrived at and the Organization of Marxists was formed and an Executive of 21 comrades was elected, headed by comrade Vasili Tereshchuk.

The aim is to form a real Marxist-Leninist Communist Party that will not be opportunistic and trying to cooperate with the present regime against the interests of the working class.

For this Organization of Marxists Internationalism is not just a word – it is the slogan and the future road towards Socialism.

The present progressive-socialist-communist parties in Ukraine can be described by the words of Lenin, when he said:

" You, Messrs revisionists, you do not accept revolutionary Marxism, because even under this system you are living well!"

Below is a photograph taken in 2006 in Kiev at one of the many conferences that helped to set up the "Organization of Marxists" which will in the near future turn into a real Communist Party of Ukraine.

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RUSSIAN BOURGEOIS PRESS WRITES ABOUT THE "NEW COLD WAR"

Reading Russian newspapers, press releases and e-mails from the Russian state-run media – here are just some comments.

* Of course the Russians worry about the NATO moves and its territorial encroachments – they're trying to accomplish what Napoleon and Hitler tried to do.

* It is obvious that a New Cold War is already in the works, whether Russian government admits it or not.

* The Cold War atmosphere was very evident at the last G-8 Summit in May of this year.

* The Russian press and Mr. Putin tried to play this atmosphere down as well as the press of the West, but, Russia was cast as an enemy – and this is meant to distract attention from US President Bush's contempt for all Europeans and his geopolitical blunders.

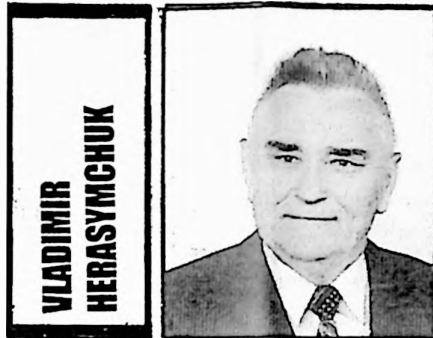
* This G-8 Summit was meant to give the European leaders a chance to "show solidarity" with these newly admitted Eastern European members. But this facade was meant only to cover the reality and the real purpose of the G-8 countries – which is to practice discriminatory economic and labour policies that will keep these former Soviet republics firmly under control of the West for decades to come.

* Despite Russia being admitted into the exclusive Club of G-8 countries, US and European behaviour has consistently treated Russia more as an enemy than an ally – even though President Putin tries to present an opposite picture.

* By the West admitting Russia into the G-8 Club, it is scant consolation to the trade sanctions and other moves by NATO, which are still in place since the Cold War era.

It is really ironic that even the present bourgeois press is forced to admit the truth!

If the right-wing media writes this observation, why are some left-wing parties still sleeping – not only in present Russia –but internationally?



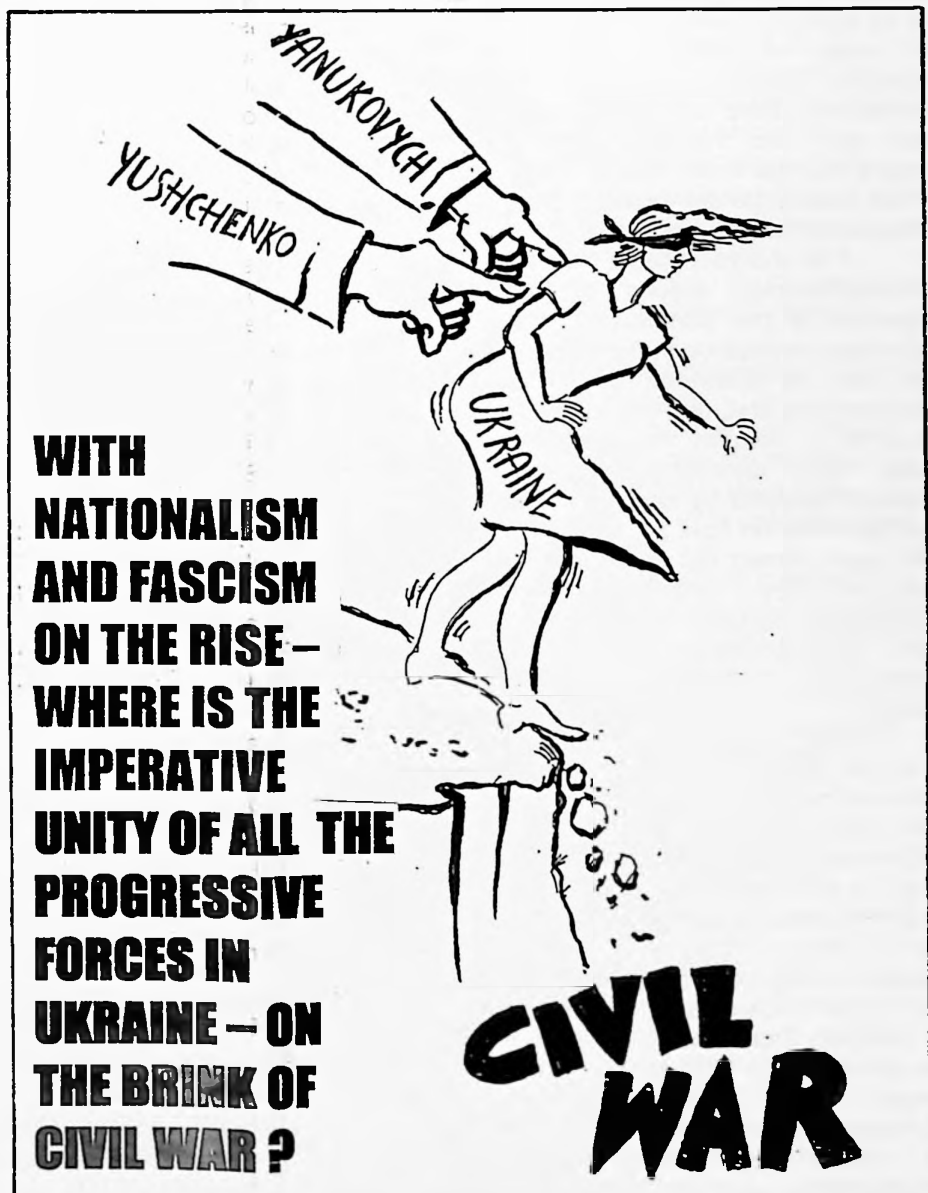
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Amidst Chaos and Unrest

Worn out by nightmarish, optical illusions chasing him, Homo Sapiens, continued to wonder in confusion amidst chaotic whirlwinds of darkness. Night ghosts pulled more intensely barely awakening

Earth into the World of non-existence. And the Man recalled – in the beginning there was word. However, it turned out to be a lie, and the creatures who spoke it were hypocritical Judas'... Darkness born by night covered like a thick blanket morning, which was being born in pain. The Earth by this time was invisible and empty. And there was darkness over the abyss. The Demon of night tirelessly flew over the waters and continents, chasing into its net cheated Human flock, which was lost in the maze of fate.

Only a few recognized that this was not good. This is how we can roughly paraphrase Biblical myth about creation of the world, while at the same time evaluating modern day political and social-economic situation in Ukraine...



Let us escape the captivity of night ghosts and have a look at the real life. What exactly is today's state of Ukraine? Does it exist? Similarly to the Biblical newly created world today's society of Ukraine can be also described as chaotic. One can speak of the existence of any kind of active state apparatus in the republic only in a humorous, if not tragic, tone. Common folk simply continue their daily existence. The ones in power are guided by laws created by themselves. The so-called "guarantor of the Constitution" (the President) is the first one to break the republic's main law. His very path towards his "throne" is questionable in itself. Particularly, as a result of the presidential elections in 2004 the "wrong guy" came to power, a third round of voting was announced which is not foreseen by the Constitution. And the "right guy" got elected. However, the acts of the deputies of Verhovna Rada (the Supreme Council) are filled with "the wrong guys" too. So, the "guarantor" is trying to dismiss them now, although no one doubts the democratic nature of the parliamentary elections.

It is understandable that the anti-constitutional actions of the "guarantor of the Constitution" met with strong resistance in the society. This can be illustrated by Victor Yushchenko's first, on April 2, giving an order to dismiss the Verhovna Rada, later canceling his own decision, followed by issuing a new identical order on April 26, which this time again turned out to be invalid. Only in May Yushchenko and Yanukovich agreed upon holding early parliamentary elections in September. Will they really take place?

The anti-constitutional character of the President's actions can also be seen in his dealing with the Judiciary organs. For instance, judges and prosecutors at the state level were removed from their positions and appointed depending on their opinion about constitutionality of the President's orders. In this way, Chief Prosecutor of Ukraine Svatoslav Piskoun was dismissed and appointed again several times. The newspaper Communist comments about this: "It is obvious that when Victor Yushchenko hears the word

"Constitution" he develops a political allergy. With every attempt to heal it, the President only sinks deeper and deeper into the quagmire of lawlessness and political tyranny" (Sergey Linetski, Vitaly Dziuba).

The term "orange revolution" also sounds questionable. During its organizing misled youth from various cities was brought to the city square in Kiev. The main purpose of these youth was to make money on this event. When we asked some of these "revolutionaries," members of the so-called legions of "People's Self-defence", who are they protecting themselves from we did not received a clear response. Has there ever been a revolution where people go to barricades in exchange for a paycheque? Doubtful. Secondly, when and where did the uprising people come to the squares and left them following the orders from above? This is, however, typical for "orange revolutions". We are talking here not about revolution, but about struggle of the oligarchs for material and natural resources of the

country. This also explains somewhat timid position of Yanukovich. Many times he made deals with the "leaders" of pro-American orientation, even though he was largely supported by the society.

There is one more, dangerous this time, peculiarity of the political state of the Ukrainian society. I mean its gradual transition from a ruled from overseas chaos to fascism. This "orange revolution" chaos reminds us very much of the German avalanche of the worked-up streets of the 1930s. When observing the events in the city squares and realizing the deadly danger to humanity coming from neo-fascism, one wants to shout at the top of his lungs, as did a great Czech patriot Julius Fucik: "Oh, people! I loved you! Be vigilant!" Robespierre called upon labourers: "People, remember, if justice does not mean love of equality and the motherland, then freedom is just an empty sound. As long as the clique of swindlers rules, the defenders of freedom will be nothing but outlaws!"

PROTESTS IN ALL CITIES AND TOWNS IN UKRAINE WERE HELD AGAINST PRESENT REGIMES!

Last June 12, Communists went to the monument to V.I. Lenin in the Mineralny Vody, Ukraine with portraits of J.V. Stalin and the following posters with slogans such as listed below. Sent in by V. Shkarupa

"June 12 - Day of the liquidation of Russia!" - "Our Home is the USSR!" - "Russia will be saved only by a Socialist Revolution!" - "Stalin-the great patriot of the USSR!" - "Putin - enemy of the USSR!" - "Stalin built! Putin sells everything!" - "No cooperation with enemies of the USSR!"



FEATURE ANALYSES

RUSSIA AND THE NEW COLD WAR – When Cowboys don't shoot straight

WILLIAM ENGDAHL

However, the details of the developments in the military policies of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and the United States since 1991 are anything but déjà vu. This time around we are already deep in a new cold war whose stakes are literally the future of life on this planet.

The debacle in Iraq or the prospect of a US tactical nuclear preemptive strike against Iran are ghastly enough. In comparison with what is at play in the US global military buildup against its most formidable remaining global rival, Russia, they loom relatively small. The US military policies since the end of the Soviet Union and emergence of the Russian Federation in 1991 are in need of close examination in this context. Only then do Putin's frank remarks on February 10 at the Munich Conference on Security make sense.

Missile defense and a US nuclear first strike

On January 29, US Army Brigadier-General Patrick J O'Reilly, deputy director of the Pentagon's Missile Defense Agency, announced US plans to deploy anti-ballistic-missile defense elements in Europe by 2011, which the Pentagon claims is aimed at protecting US and NATO installations from enemy threats coming from the Middle East, not Russia. After Putin's Munich remarks, the US State Department issued a formal comment noting that the administration was "puzzled by the repeated caustic comments about the envisaged system from Moscow".

Oops ... Better send that press release back to the Pentagon's Office of Deception Propaganda for a rewrite. The Iran missile threat to

NATO installations in Poland somehow isn't quite convincing.

Why not ask longtime NATO member Turkey if the US can place its missile shield there, far closer to Iran? Or maybe Kuwait? Or Israel?

US policy since 1999 has called for building some form of active missile defense despite the end of the Cold War threat from Soviet intercontinental ballistic missiles or other missile launch. The National Missile Defense Act of 1999 says: "It is the policy of the United States to deploy as soon as is technologically possible an effective national missile defense system capable of defending the territory of the United States against limited ballistic missile attack (whether accidental, unauthorized, or deliberate) with funding subject to the annual authorization of appropriations and the annual appropriation of funds for national missile defense." Missile defense was one of Donald Rumsfeld's obsessions as defense secretary.

Why now?

What is increasingly clear, at least in Moscow and Beijing, is that Washington has a far larger grand strategy behind its seemingly irrational and arbitrary unilateral military moves.

For the Pentagon and the US policy establishment, regardless of political party, the Cold War with Russia never ended. It merely continued in disguised form. This has been the case with presidents George H W Bush, Bill Clinton, and now George W Bush.

Missile defense sounds plausible if the United States is vulnerable to attack by a tiny band of dedicated Islamic terrorists able to commandeer a Boeing aircraft with box cutters. The only problem

is that missile defense is not aimed at rogue terrorists like al-Qaeda, or states like North Korea or Iran.

From them the threat of a devastating nuclear strike on the territory of the United States is non-existent. The US Navy and Air Force bomber fleet today stands in full preparation to bomb, even nuke, Iran back to the Stone Age only over suspicions it is trying to develop independent nuclear-weapon technology. States like Iran have no capability to render the US defenseless, without risking nuclear annihilation many times over.

Missile defense came out of the 1980s when president Ronald Reagan proposed developing a system of satellites in space and radar bases around the globe, listening stations and interceptor missiles, to monitor and shoot down nuclear missiles before they hit their intended target.

It was dubbed "Star Wars" by its critics, but the Pentagon officially has spent more than US \$130 billion on such a system since 1983. President Bush increased that significantly beginning 2002, to \$11 billion a year, double the level during the Clinton years. And another \$53 billion for the following five years has been budgeted.

Washington's obsession with nuclear primacy

What Washington did not say, but Putin has now alluded to in Munich, is that the US missile defense is not at all defensive. It is offensive, and how.

The possibility of providing a powerful state, one with the world's most awesome military machinery, a shield to protect it from limited attack is aimed directly at Russia, the only other nuclear power with anywhere near the capacity to launch a credible nuclear counterpunch.

Were the United States able to shield itself effectively from a potential Russian response to a US nuclear first strike, the US would be able simply to dictate to the entire world on its terms, not only to Russia. That would be what military people term "nuclear primacy". That is the real meaning of Putin's unusual speech. He isn't paranoid. He was being starkly realistic.

It's now clear that since the end

of the Cold War in 1991, the US government has never for a moment stopped its pursuit of nuclear primacy. For Washington and the US elites, the Cold War never ended. They just forgot to tell us all.

The quest for global control of oil and energy pipelines, the quest to establish its military bases across Eurasia, its attempt to modernize and upgrade its nuclear-submarine and B-52 fleets, all make sense only when seen through the perspective of the relentless pursuit of US nuclear primacy.

The Bush administration unilaterally abrogated the US-Russian Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty in December 2001. It's in a race to complete a global network of missile defense as the key to US nuclear primacy. With even a ~~on-site~~ missile-defense shield, the US could attack Russian missile sites and submarine fleets with no fear of effective retaliation, as the remaining Russian nuclear missiles would be unable to launch a response convincing enough to deter a US first strike.

The ability of both sides — the Warsaw Pact and NATO — during the Cold War mutually to annihilate one another led to a nuclear stalemate dubbed by military strategists "MAD" — mutual assured destruction. It was scary but, in a bizarre sense, was more stable than what we have today with a unilateral US pursuit of nuclear primacy. The prospect of mutual nuclear annihilation with no decisive advantage for either side led to a world in which nuclear war was "unthinkable".

Now, the US pursues the possibility of nuclear war as "thinkable". That's really mad.

The first nation with a nuclear missile shield would de facto have first-strike ability. Quite correctly, Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Bowman, director of the US Air Force (USAF) missile-defense program, recently called missile defense "the missing link to a first strike".

More alarming is the fact that no one outside a handful of Pentagon planners or senior intelligence officials in Washington discusses the implications of Washington's pursuit of missile defense in Poland and the Czech Republic or its drive for nuclear primacy.

It calls to mind "Rebuilding America's Defenses", the September 2000 report of the hawkish Project for the New American Century, of which Dick Cheney and Don Rumsfeld were members. There they declared, "The United States must develop and deploy global missile defenses to defend the American homeland and American allies and to provide a secure basis for US power projection around the world."

Before becoming Bush's defense secretary in January 2001, Rumsfeld headed a presidential commission advocating the development of a missile defense for the United States.

The Bush-Cheney administration was so eager to advance its missile-defense plans that the president and defense secretary ordered the waiving of the usual operational testing requirements essential to determining whether the highly complex system of systems was effective. The Rumsfeld missile-defense program was strongly opposed within the US military. On March 26, 2004, no fewer than 49 generals and admirals signed an Open Letter to the President appealing for missile-defense postponement.

They noted, "US technology, already deployed, can pinpoint the source of a ballistic missile launch. It is therefore highly unlikely that any state would dare to attack the US or allow a terrorist to do so from its territory with a missile armed with a weapon of mass destruction, thereby risking annihilation from a devastating US retaliatory strike."

The 49 generals and admirals, including Admiral William J Crowe, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, went on to argue to Bush, "As you have said, Mr President, our highest priority is to prevent terrorists from acquiring and employing weapons of mass destruction. We agree.

"We therefore recommend, as the militarily responsible course of action, that you postpone operational deployment of the expensive and untested GMD [ground-based missile defense] system and transfer the associated funding to accelerated programs to secure the multitude of facilities

containing nuclear weapons and materials, and to protect our ports and borders against terrorists who may attempt to smuggle weapons of mass destruction into the United States."

What the seasoned military veterans did not say was that Rumsfeld, Vice President Cheney, Bush and company had quite another agenda than rogue terror threats. They were after full-spectrum dominance, the new world order, and the elimination, once and for all, of Russia as a potential rival.

The rush to deploy a missile-defense shield is clearly not aimed at North Korea or terror attacks. It is aimed at Russia and, to a lesser extent, the far smaller nuclear capacities of China. As the generals and admirals noted in their letter to Bush in 2004, the US already has more than sufficient nuclear warheads to hit a thousand bunkers or caves of a potential rogue state.

Kier Lieber and Daryl Press, two US military analysts, writing in the influential Foreign Affairs magazine last March, noted, "If the United States' nuclear modernization were really aimed at rogue states or terrorists, the country's nuclear force would not need the additional thousand ground-burst warheads it will gain from the W-76 modernization program. The current and future US nuclear force, in other words, seems designed to carry out a preemptive disarming strike against Russia or China."

Referring to the aggressive new Pentagon deployment plans for missile defense, Lieber and Press wrote, "The sort of missile defenses that the United States might plausibly deploy would be valuable primarily in an offensive context, not a defensive one — as an adjunct to a US first-strike capability, not as a stand-alone shield. If the United States launched a nuclear attack against Russia (or China), the targeted country would be left with a tiny surviving arsenal — if any at all. At that point, even a relatively modest or inefficient missile-defense system might well be enough to protect against any retaliatory strikes."

This is the real agenda in Washington's Eurasian Great Game. Naturally, to state so openly would risk tipping Washington's

hand before the noose had been irreversibly tightened around Moscow's metaphorical neck. So the State Department and Defense Secretary Robert Gates try to make jokes about the recent Russian remarks, as though they were Putin's paranoid delusions. This entire US program of missile-defense and nuclear-first-strike modernization is hair-raising enough as an idea. Under the Bush administration, it has been made operational and airborne, harking back to the dangerous days of the Cold War with fleets of nuclear-armed B-52 bombers and Trident nuclear-missile submarines on ready alert around the clock.

Global Strike: Pentagon Conplan 8022

The march toward possible nuclear catastrophe by intent or by miscalculation, as a consequence of the bold new Washington policy, took on significant new gravity in June 2004, only weeks after the 49 generals and admirals took the highly unusual step of writing to their president.

That June, then-defense secretary Rumsfeld approved a top-secret order for the armed forces of the United States to implement something called Conplan 8022, "which provides the president a prompt, global strike capability".

The term Conplan is Pentagon shorthand for Contingency Plan. What "contingencies" are Pentagon planners preparing for? A preemptive conventional strike against tiny North Korea or even Iran? Or a full-force preemptive nuclear assault on the last formidable nuclear power not under the thumb of the United States' full-spectrum dominance — Russia?

The two words "global strike" are also notable. It's Pentagon-speak to describe a specific preemptive attack that, for the first time since the earliest Cold War days, includes a nuclear option, counter to the traditional US military notion of nuclear weapons being only used in defense to deter attack.

Conplan 8022, as has been noted by some, is unlike traditional Pentagon war plans that have in essence been defensive responses to invasion or attack.

In concert with the aggressive

preemptive 2002 Bush Doctrine, Bush's new Conplan 8022 is offensive. It could be triggered by the mere "perception" of an imminent threat, and carried out by presidential order, without Congress.

Given the details about false or faked "perceptions" in the Pentagon and the Office of the Vice President about Iraq's threat of weapons of mass destruction in 2003, the new Conplan 8022 suggests a US president might order the missiles against any and every perceived threat or even a potential, unproved threat.

In response to Rumsfeld's June 2004 order, General Richard Myers, then chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, signed the order to make Conplan 8022 operational. Selected nuclear-capable bombers, land- and sea-based missiles, and "information warfare" units have been deployed against unnamed high-value targets in "adversary" countries.

Was Iran an adversary country, even though it had never directly attacked the United States? Was North Korea, even though it had never in five decades launched a direct attack on South Korea, let alone on any one else? Is China an "adversary" because it's simply becoming economically too influential?

Is Russia now an adversary because it refuses to lie back and accept being made what Zbigniew Brzezinski termed a "vassal state of the American Empire"?

Because there has been zero open debate inside the United States about Conplan 8022, there has been virtually no discussion of any of these potentially nuclear-loaded questions.

What makes the June 2004 Rumsfeld order even more unsettling to a world that truly had hoped nuclear mushroom clouds had become a threat of the past is that Conplan 8022 contains a significant nuclear-attack component.

It's true that the overall number of nuclear weapons in the US military stockpile has been declining

since the end of the Cold War. But this is not, it seems, because the US is moving the world back from the brink of nuclear war by miscalculation.

The new missile-defense expansion to Poland and Czech Republic is better understood in the context of the remarkable expansion of NATO since 1991. As Putin noted, "NATO has put its frontline forces on our borders ... think it is obvious that NATO expansion does not have any relation with the modernization of the alliance itself or with ensuring security in Europe.

"On the contrary, it represents a serious provocation that reduces the level of mutual trust. And we have the right to ask: Against whom is this expansion intended? And what happened to the assurances our Western partners made after the dissolution of the Warsaw Pact?"

US bases encircle Russia

As Russian strategist and military expert Yevgeny Primakov, a close adviser to Putin, recently noted, NATO was "founded during the Cold War era as a regional organization to ensure the security of US allies in Europe". He added, "NATO today is acting on the basis of an entirely different philosophy and doctrine, moving outside the European continent and conducting military operations far beyond its bounds. NATO ... is rapidly expanding in contravention to earlier accords. The admission of new members to NATO is leading to the expansion of bases that host the US military, air-defense systems, as well as ABM components.

Today, NATO member states include not only the Cold War core in Western Europe, commanded by an American. NATO also includes the former Warsaw Pact or Soviet states of Poland, Latvia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Lithuania, Romania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Slovakia and Slovenia, formerly of Yugoslavia. Candidates to join include the Republic of Georgia, Croatia, Albania and Macedonia.

Ukrainian President Victor Yushchenko has tried aggressively to bring his country into NATO. This is a clear message to Moscow, not surprisingly one it doesn't seem to welcome with open arms.

New NATO structures have also

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been formed while old ones were abolished: the NATO Response Force was launched at the 2002 Prague Summit. In 2003, just after the fall of Baghdad, a major restructuring of the NATO military commands began.

The Headquarters of the Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic was abolished. A new command, Allied Command Transformation (ACT), was established in Norfolk, Virginia. ACT is responsible for driving the "transformation" of NATO.

By 2007 Washington had signed an agreement with Japan to cooperate on missile-defense development. It was deeply engaged in testing a missile-defense system with Israel. It has now extended its European missile defense to Poland, where the minister of defense is a close friend and ally of Pentagon neo-conservative war-hawks, and to the Czech Republic. NATO has agreed to put the question of Ukraine's and Georgia's bids for membership on a fast track. The Middle East, despite the debacle in Iraq, is being militarized with a permanent network of US bases from Qatar to Iraq and beyond.

On February 15, the US House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee approved a draft, the Orwellian-named NATO Freedom Consolidation Act of 2007, reaffirming US backing for the further enlargement of NATO, including support for Ukraine joining along with Georgia.

From the Russian point of view, NATO's eastward expansion since the end of the Cold War has been in clear breach of an agreement between then-Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and then-US president George H W Bush that allowed for a peaceful unification of Germany. NATO's expansion policy is seen as a continuation of a Cold War attempt to surround and isolate Russia.

New bases to guard 'democracy'?

An almost unnoticed consequence of Washington's policy since the bombing of Serbia in 1999 has been establishment of an extraordinary network of new US military bases, bases in parts of the world where they seem little justified

as a US defensive precaution, given the threat and huge taxpayer expense, let alone other global military commitments.

In June 1999, after the bombing of Serbia, US forces began construction of Camp Bondsteel, at the border between Kosovo and Macedonia. It was the linchpin in what was to be a new global network of US bases. Bondsteel put US air power within easy striking distance of the oil-rich Middle East and Caspian Sea, as well as Russia.

Camp Bondsteel was at the time the largest US military base built since the Vietnam War, garrisoned with nearly 7,000 troops. The base had been built by the largest US military construction company, Halliburton's KBR. Halliburton's chief executive officer at the time was Dick Cheney.

Before the start of the NATO bombing in 1999, the Washington Post matter-of-factly noted, "With the Middle East increasingly fragile, we will need bases and fly-over rights in the Balkans to protect Caspian Sea oil." Camp Bondsteel was but the first of a vast chain of US bases that have been built during this decade. The US military went on to build military bases in Hungary, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Albania and Macedonia.

One of the most important and least mentioned new US bases was in Bulgaria, a former Soviet satellite and now a new NATO member. In a conflict — and in Pentagon-speak there are only "conflicts", not wars, which involve issues of asking the US Congress to declare them officially, and provide just reason — the US military would use the Bezmer base to surge men and materiel toward the front lines. Where? In Russia?

The US has been building bases in Afghanistan, too. It built three major US bases in the wake of its occupation of Afghanistan in winter of 2001, at Bagram north of Kabul, the United States' main military logistics center; Kandahar Air Base, in southern Afghanistan; and Shindand Air Base in the western province of Herat.

Shindand, the largest US base in Afghanistan, was built some 100 kilometers from the border with Iran.

Afghanistan was historically the heart of the British-Russia Great Game, the struggle for control of Central Asia during the 19th and early 20th centuries. British strategy was to prevent Russia at all costs from controlling Afghanistan and thereby threatening Britain's imperial crown jewel, India, and advancing toward a warm-water port for its navy.

Afghanistan is also seen by Pentagon planners as highly strategic. It is a platform from which US military might could directly threaten Russia and China as well as Iran and other oil-rich Middle Eastern lands. Little has changed in that respect over more than a century of years.

Afghanistan is in a vital location, straddling South Asia, Central Asia and the Middle East. Afghanistan also lies along a proposed oil-pipeline route from the Caspian Sea oilfields to the Indian Ocean, where the US oil company Unocal had been in negotiations, together with Halliburton and the since-bankrupt Enron, for exclusive pipeline rights to bring natural gas from

This all is merely a small part of the vast web of US-controlled military bases Washington has been building globally since the "end" of the Cold War.

It's becoming clear to much of the rest of the world that Washington might even itself be instigating or provoking wars or conflicts with nations across the world, not merely to control oil, though strategic control of global oil flows had been at the heart of the American Century since the 1920s. That's the real significance of what Vladimir Putin said in Munich. He told the world what it did not want to hear: the American emperor's new clothes did not exist. The emperor was clothed in the naked pursuit of global military control.

Bush's United State, is a hollowed-out, debt-ridden economy engaged on using its last card, its vast military power, to prop up the dollar and its role as the world's sole superpower!

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WORLD PEACE COUNCIL APPEAL

The World Peace Council which met in Brussels on June 14-15, 2007 want to express its deep concern about the events taking place in Palestine, marked by the onset of fratricidal violence that provoked the death of many Palestinians, plus the fall of the Government of National Unity and the consequent dissolution of the Palestinian Parliament.

This difficult and very dangerous situation, contributes objectively to the aggravation of the immense sufferings inflicted repeatedly on the Palestinian people.

This serves especially the Israeli regime and its imperialist allies, who not only provoked and stimulated it strongly during the past few months, but they are using it – under the fake pretext of the instability and insecurity – to maintain and to reinforce the occupation, to keep on building the Separation Wall and to persist in the denial of the exercise of the inalienable rights of the heroic and martyr people of Palestine, which includes the establishment of its free, independent and sovereign state, with East Jerusalem as its Capital.

The WPC remembers that the divisions and the use of arms between Palestinian Organizations constitute a path always condemned and rejected by the Palestinian people, hardly serve to overcome the internal divisions and put in second place the crucial problem, which is the ongoing illegal occupation and continued Israeli aggression for the past 40 years.

Therefore the WPC appeals to the President of the Palestinian Authority, the Palestinian Prime Minister and to all Political Forces in Palestine, to undertake all necessary efforts to stop the aggravation of this situation and return to a calm environment, precondition for the dialogue and understanding between the forces in this conflict.

The WPC reaffirms its solidarity with the Palestinian people.

The Secretariat of the WPC



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Child Labour Is Exploitation

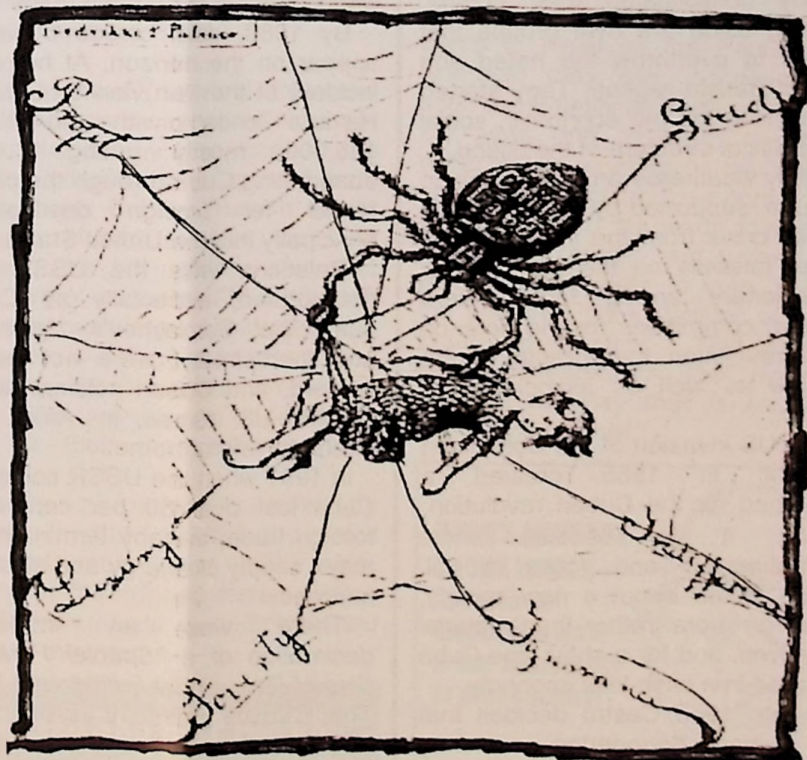
Today, more than 246 million children worldwide are engaged in some kind of labor, about 180 million of them in hazardous conditions. Children carry out the 1/4 of world's economic activity. There are as many as 8.4 million children who are involved in the worst forms of child labor. These are children who are employed as child soldiers or who are prostituted, subjected to the sex trade or trafficked, children who are in a bonded labor situation that is slavery. Capital does not like discriminate and exploits children who are only the instruments for the accumulation of profits for the capitalists. In third world countries more that 250 million of children of age 5-14 are working and half of them in hazardous conditions.

There can be no serious argument that abusive and exploitative child labour is an acceptable practice because of a country's economic circumstances. How realistic can the argument be that abusive and exploitative child labour is acceptable because of cultural tradition? And how can we accept the argument that abusive and exploitative child labour is a necessary evil on the road to economic development.

The WFTU position is that we should not continue to turn a blind eye to this issue. It is time that we strengthen our struggles in national and international level and ensure that all trade unions in their respective countries are fighting strongly on this issue. If we did our part to ensure that children were learning and not labouring, there would not be a need to have a day dedicated to end child labour.

The WFTU is launching an appeal to all trade unions of the world to intensify their action to eliminate child labour and make a better world for children. Only through unity and coordinated action can we truly achieve resolutions in favour of the children. Our action is the present and our children are the future. Let's give them the better tomorrow they deserve.

The Secretariat



THE CASTRO REVOLUTION AND CUBA

- JAMAICA OBSERVER

To the expected chagrin of his jaundiced opponents across the Straits of Florida, history will most likely absolve Fidel Castro and his revolution in Cuba. The benefits of this long revolution have significantly outweighed the costs, regardless of the criteria for evaluation. Cuba is a far better place today than it was in 1959. To the majority of the Cuban population of 12 million, the revolution has been much kinder than any other.

There has never been a revolution quite like the Cuban example of the 20th century. It has been unique in its leadership, style and achievement. The Cuban revolution has been the achievement not only of its leadership, but also of the people themselves.

No revolution has been more variable and unpredictable. Between 1959 and 1969, the revolution demonstrated high idealism and determination to be independent. The Castro brothers, aided by Ernesto Che Guevera, Camilo Cienfuegos, Celia Sanchez, Vilma Espin and Haydee Santamaria, quickly consolidated their control, pushing aside the rival groups that helped to overthrow the hated and corrupt Batista regime. They started dismantling the old economic, social and political structure of the Island.

They weathered an inapt invasion of Cuba, supported by the US and a missile crisis from the installation of Soviet missiles on the island. New revolutionary armed forces were created, committees for the defence of the revolution, the agrarian reform institute as well as association of women.

The US invasion of the Dominican Republic in 1965 created a watershed for the Cuban revolution, forcing it to become more internationalist and more radical. Castro talked about a new society, based on moral rather than material incentives, and for a short time Cuba operated in a cash-less economy.

In late 1968 Castro decided that the Cuban floundering economy



could be revitalized by a re-focus on sugar production and set a goal for 1970 of 10 million tonnes of sugar. The failure to meet this goal created a domestic mini-crisis. Then Castro decided to join in cooperation with the Soviet Union and the Council of Mutual Economic Assistance (COMECOM). This coincided with the spurt in world commodity prices following the 1973 Arab-Israel war and provided a short respite for the Cuban internal problems. Significant improvements were made in Cuban education, public health and scientific research.

Cuba showed her internationalism by helping countries in Africa with soldiers, doctors and teachers. On per capita basis Cuba became the world's largest foreign aid donor.

By 1980, dark clouds began to appear on the horizon. At home an incident at the Peruvian Embassy in Havana ended with more than 125,000, mostly young Cubans abandoning Cuba through the port of Mariel for foreign destinations, principally into the United States.

Relations with the USSR also deteriorated, especially as Castro found that Gorbachev's "glasnost" and "perestroika" were not leading forward, and Cuban soldiers, losing to the US forces in Africa and Grenada, left for home.

In 1991 when the USSR collapsed, Cuba lost over 80 per cent of its foreign trade, thereby terminating its major supply of energy and also food supplies.

There was an immediate declaration of a "Special Period in time of Peace" that lasted until 1994. The Cubans painfully re-orientated their economy to the realities of the

new international marketplace – and returning to tourism and capitalism as engines of the economic growth. This was a departure from the ideals of socialism.

The Cuban revolution played a very important part on the world stage between 1959-1991. It was the smallest country to have such a global importance.

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PALESTINIAN STRUGGLE CONTINUES AGAINST ISRAELI GENOCIDE

Forty years of Zionist occupation was remembered last June as the Six-Day war, the NAGSA, as it is known in Arabic – in circumstances that surrounded the event itself. This was 40 years ago - and now, Israel is the dominant military power in the Middle East. Over the last 40 years Jerusalem has witnessed many dramatic changes, the most important of these was Israel's efforts to eradicate the Islamic nature of this Palestinian city, replacing it with the characteristics of a Jewish city, that will serve as an "eternal and unified capital of Israel."

These measures have taken the form of forcing the original residents out of the city through massive house demolitions, high taxes, denial of the freedom of worship and placing restrictions on the development of any Arab residential areas.

Most recently the Israeli authorities have forced out the Arab residents of the city, by cutting them off completely from the Arab surroundings and sealing them inside the Israel built Wall.

A new development is taking place in that thousands of Jews are leaving Jerusalem each year and the city is slowly becoming more Palestinian than Jewish. Why is this?

Most of those Jews that are leaving are very alienated by an ascendancy of the Jewish Ultra-Orthodox minority that is dramatically asserting its socially conservative values and political power. Today -

Palestinians account for more than one-third of the total population of Jerusalem – 732,100 people.

Adding fuel to the fire of Israeli genocide was the statement made in June by a Dutch United Nations Official Observer who charged that it was Israel that provoked the Six Day War forty years ago.

Jan Muhren who was stationed at the Golan Heights and the West Bank from 1966-1967, said that Israel provoked this war in order to expand its territory and, that neither Jordan and Syria had any intention to start this war.

CIA RUNS SECRET JAILS IN POLAND AND ROMANIA

By Associate Press

CIA runs these secret jails in order to interrogate the suspected **“terror suspects”**, shackling them, keeping some naked for weeks on end, and barring contact with outside world, only through masked and silent guards – according to European Special Investigator.

Top government officials in Poland and Romania know of these secret jails and approved them for the CIA, said the report by Swiss Senator Dick Marty, a former prosecutor for the Council of Europe – a human watchdog that investigates CIA secret prisons. He also charged that the CIA has more jails like these in other European countries with the connivance of their governments.

Even though the leaders of these countries deny the existence of these secret jails, **President Bush himself acknowledged their existence in September of 2006.** The secret pact with NATO, signed by these countries, allowed the CIA to be able to move them around Europe unobstructed, without undergoing any control whatsoever!

COMMENT:

This is known as the best “democracy” that CIA money can buy from these present leaders of Poland, Romania and other countries where these torture detention jails are located.

THOUSANDS BACK SOUTH AFRICAN STRIKE

From Al Jazeera

There is growing a great political divide between the South African working class and the African National Congress government. Central Johannesburg came to a complete standstill on June 13, 2007 as thousands of union members and supporters denounced the government of Thabo Mbeki, the president. There were protests in all of the major cities.

Many belong to the powerful Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) and allied with the South African Communist Party.

The South African trade unions are pushing for a left-wing government when the new presidential elections will be held in 2009. They are dissatisfied with the present policy of outright market-private enterprise economy, which has not done much to help the black majority of South African people.

The unions have demonstrated that they can, if they want to, bring down the government and bring the country to a standstill, in order to improve the life of the South African majority.

TURKISH TROOPS ENTER IRAQ

From Associated Press

Last June 6th several thousand Turkish troops crossed into Northern Iraq, supposedly to chase the Kurdish guerillas who operate from bases there. But the Turkish senior officials refused to give us their names. The US military said that they **“were concerned”!!!** This can lead to a much larger confrontation.

Turkey is hell-bent to attack and liquidate the Kurdistan Workers’ Party who are waging a liberation war for their independence from Turkey.

During a major incursion by Turkey in the 1990’s, the front stretched more than 100 miles, mostly in the rugged terrain where the Turkish Kurds were entrenched in these mountains.

WE NEED \$\$\$ HELP FOR NSC!

ISRAEL READIES PUBLIC FOR AN “ALL OUT WAR” ON IRAN

By Yaakov Katz – The Jerusalem Post

With Iran racing towards nuclear power and the possibility of a conflict with Syria, the Israel High Command is launching a publicity campaign to prepare the Israeli public for an all out war. Within a few weeks the Israeli High Command will, inform the public what they need to do in the event of attack.

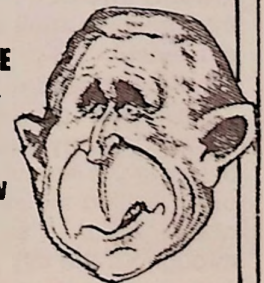
After 1948 Jewish settlements in the West Bank began almost immediately. By now, 40 years later, there are over 450,000 Jews in former East Jerusalem plus the West Bank and another 17,000 in Golan Heights...on all of these Palestinian lands.

All the land between the Jordan River and the Sea is effectively a single political territory, because the Israel armed forces control all of it.

There are now 10,000,000 people living in this space, but only a bare majority of them are Jews: 5.5 million, versus the 4.5 million Palestinians. By the year 2015 the Palestinians will become the absolute majority here.

That is why the Israeli government wants to expel all the Palestinians wherever they can, because very soon the Palestinians will outnumber the Jews and Israel must decide either to live together as two distinct states or practice **“democracy”** as they trumpet to the world that Israel is **“democratic”**, and give the Palestinians a right to vote. But as the present Prime Minister of Israel Ehud Olmert said: **“ The day we allow Palestinians the right to vote, is the day that Israel State loses everything!”**

**BUSH'S MESSAGE
TO THE WORLD –
“Be nice to
America or we'll
bring Democracy
to your country!”**





WHERE THERE IS NO RESISTANCE, THERE IS NO REPRESSION –

MAY DAY, THE TURKISH WAY

BY LARISA SCHIRBA

This year's May Day in Turkey is historic. On May 1st in 1977 the state opened fire into a crowd of 600,000 demonstrators in Istanbul and killed 36 people. Since then, for 30 years any rallies or demonstrations in Taksim Square where the Massacre took place have been prohibited. Turkish workers being as determined as they are, decided to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Massacre by celebrating May Day in Taksim, regardless permitted or not. On any given peaceful day Taksim Square is full of police busses, panzers and most of the time a couple of snipers stand on the wall above the Square ready to tackle any mass gathering. On the holiday of the labouring people the police forces multiplied a hundred times. The entire city turned into a war zone. This was a war of the state against communists, socialists and ordinary people of labour who want to celebrate the time long holiday. DISK (one of the two biggest workers' unions confederations), KESK (Confederation of Public Employees' Unions), TMMOB (Chamber of Architects and Engineers), TTB (Chamber of Doctors), democratic mass organisations, revolutionary and socialist organisations marched towards Taksim despite all the threats of the state and the Governor of Istanbul.

To prevent people from gathering in Taksim the government paralysed the city. They cancelled boat trips between the Anatolian and European parts, limited the street traffic to only one lane, set check-points throughout the city preventing public

transit or private busses from entering and patrolled private vehicles. Busses arriving from different cities were stopped at the gates of Istanbul and ordered to return home. A ferry carrying 2,000 workers and labourers from Izmir was prohibited entry and was ordered to stay on the sea together with the passengers aboard. The city government has created a situation close to a state of emergency. It felt like the police were in thousands. They were on the roads, on the roofs, fighting in the neighbourhoods, but most of all in Taksim. New and new units put on gas masks and rushed by hundreds to the streets adjacent to Taksim to impede groups of demonstrators from entering the Square. Helicopters patrolled multiple regions of this multimillion city and coordinated the police troops' actions according to the movement of the groups marching from all directions, easily spotted by their red flags. The goal was to prevent masses from leaving their districts and converging in Taksim. In Okmeydani, 1st May and other labourers' districts people fought against the police barricades with Molotov cocktails, stones and sticks. In many districts battles between the people and the police lasted for hours and in some police units occupied the districts until late night in anticipation of more clashes. Gas bombs, plastic bullets and batons were the special of the day. On their way to Taksim close to 2,000 people have been arrested, among the first, members of the May Day organizing committee. However, shortly after their arrest a

new committee formed and carried on the task. The handcuffs clicked indiscriminately: a teenage student, a mature member of the engineers' union or chamber of doctors, a famous actress – on this day all were equal in their right to remain silent and call a lawyer. The city government turned Taksim and the streets leading to it into a gas chamber. One elderly person died from exposure to extremely toxic gas, hundreds were severely beaten. The police also raided the main building of Chamber of Architects and Engineers TMMOB located in Taksim and threw gas bombs at 200 people who were inside. The state waged a war against its people.

However, the state underestimated the will power of the working people. Despite all repressions and threat of imprisonment, 10,000 people did brake through the police barricades and gas bomb attacks. Turkish people truly honour their martyrs, for they did what they promised them – on the 30th anniversary of the murder of 36 comrades the new generation held commemoration ceremony, shouted May Day slogans, sang and danced in Taksim. This was a very important victory for the Turkish working class. May Day celebrations also took place in Ankara, Antep, Dersim, Malatya, Mersin, Diyarbakir

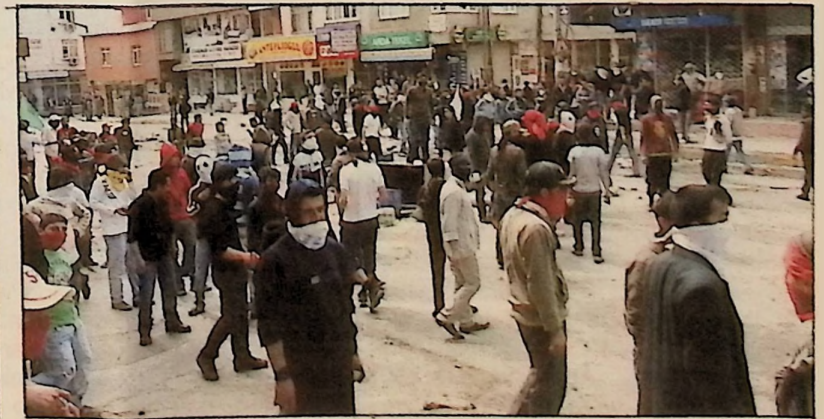
Look at these photos and marvel at the heroism, dedication and belief in a better world – a world of Socialism! These comrades will inspire all of us to struggle on!

Editor of NSC

(Amed) and other cities. The Ukrainian newspaper "Working Class", as well as many media around the world, copied the report of CNN Turk saying that after all the battles "a group of 500 was permitted

to hold a short rally in Taksim". To let any of the misinformed know, Turkish communists do not ask for permission from anyone, let alone the current government. They take what belongs to them by blood,

courage, years of imprisonment and with their lives. There was 10,000 plus thousands of those arrested and stopped at the barricades who concurred Taksim, but not asked for authorization to be there.



THE POWER OF DAYANISMA

BY LARISA SCHIRBA

On April 13, in Istanbul took place a trial of 17 socialists arrested during the police raids in September 2006. As part of the implementation of the Anti-Terror Law, which had been introduced in Turkey last summer, the state forces brutally dismissed a peaceful demonstration "Meeting for Justice and Freedom" in the square next to the 9th Heavy Penal Court. Textile workers' and shipbuilder's trade unions, confederation of trade unions DiSK, workers of the newspapers Atılım, Dayanışma and radio Özgür, as well as socialist organizations, such as Socialist Platform of the Oppressed (ESP), Labouring Women's Association (EKD), Socialist Youth Association (SGD) and others came to express their solidarity with the imprisoned comrades and demand their freedom. In response, the police force attacked the demonstrators with batons and gas bombs. Most of the international delegates who arrived from Russia, Canada, England, Colombia, Bulgaria, Greece, Germany, France, and Switzerland specifically to observe this trial were hindered by this attack from entering the court room. The day prior to the hearing the observers sold the newspaper Atılım on the street in solidarity with the arrested journalists, and after participated in press conferences expressing their aversion to such state brutality.

To express solidarity with the imprisoned socialists and communists from Russia arrived Sergey Skvortsov, General Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union (www.kpss.org) and Vladimir Lepikhov, First Secretary Assistant and Head of Press Centre of the CPSU. Even though seasoned fighters on the Moscow barricades, the Russian comrades commented on the amount of police force and weapons used as absolutely disproportional. Approximately 500 demonstrators were hit with severe beatings and an amount of gas

unseen in Moscow for such a relatively modest size rally. In search for friends scattered by the attack I walked along the beach close to the university near which the court was located. Every 20 to 50 metres I bumped into heavily equipped police and military, as well as promenading locals and tourists – no one seemed to feel uneasy. I suppose, one can confidently say he is living in a police state when no one is disturbed, surprised or frightened by such proximity and vigilance of people with guns.

The entire anti-terror pretext and atmosphere can be shattered by a mere glimpse into the court room where the majority of the arrested were petite women in their twenties surrounded tightly by two rows of heavily armed muscular men; one being a row of Gendarmeries -- a special unit for fighting terrorism, and as if they were not enough to hold those monstrous terrorists in skirts, regular policemen made a second row. The court yard was full of police busses with bars on the windows and well trained youngsters in uniform resembling bulldog's on a leash, almost drooling in anticipation of the command "Go get them!" During every court brake one could see more and more squadrons, panzers and busses heading in new directions for more arrests. It may seem ironic that right at the moment when some arrested are on trial, the state is busy arresting more. That night 114 people were arrested, 31 released and 81 taken to court the following day. However, what is more astounding than the unprecedented efficiency of the Turkish police machine, which like a conveyer releases some just to replace their cells with more arrested, is the determination of young and mature men and women who after the militant dismissal of the rally, knowing that the odds are they will be arrested, beaten, taken to Vatan torture centre and who knows what next, tirelessly go out and

challenge this machine and speak up for their friends in the court rooms and prisons. Perhaps, this is the answer to comrade Skvortsov's question: "Why so many police force for such little group?" This kind of determined resistance is hard to beat for any police machine.

In the court room I sit on a bench staring at a young policeman in front of me, wondering what path in life brought him here and listening to the defence of 40 lawyers (80 lawyers in total prepared the defence for 17 imprisoned, but only 40 spoke in court). I hold the hand of a woman whose two sons are among the tried: Cem Dinç, President of the shipbuilders' union Limter-İs and Halil Dinç, news coordinator of socialist radio Özgür. The woman and I both cry. Not because of despair, but because of the sanctity of the moment and sense of togetherness. Because of the language barrier we cannot speak, so we communicate by exchanging the warmth of our hands, gentle touches and rubs replace words. The woman's husband asks her about me: "Who is she?" Mrs. Dinç explains: "She came from Canada (to be with our sons and their friends)". And the man who has just met me for the first time joins our newly born camaraderie: "My home is your home. You can come and stay with us any time you want". I still cry every time I recall this moment. This experience is called "dayanışma" and is extremely important for all of us to put to practice in order to stay together in the struggle.

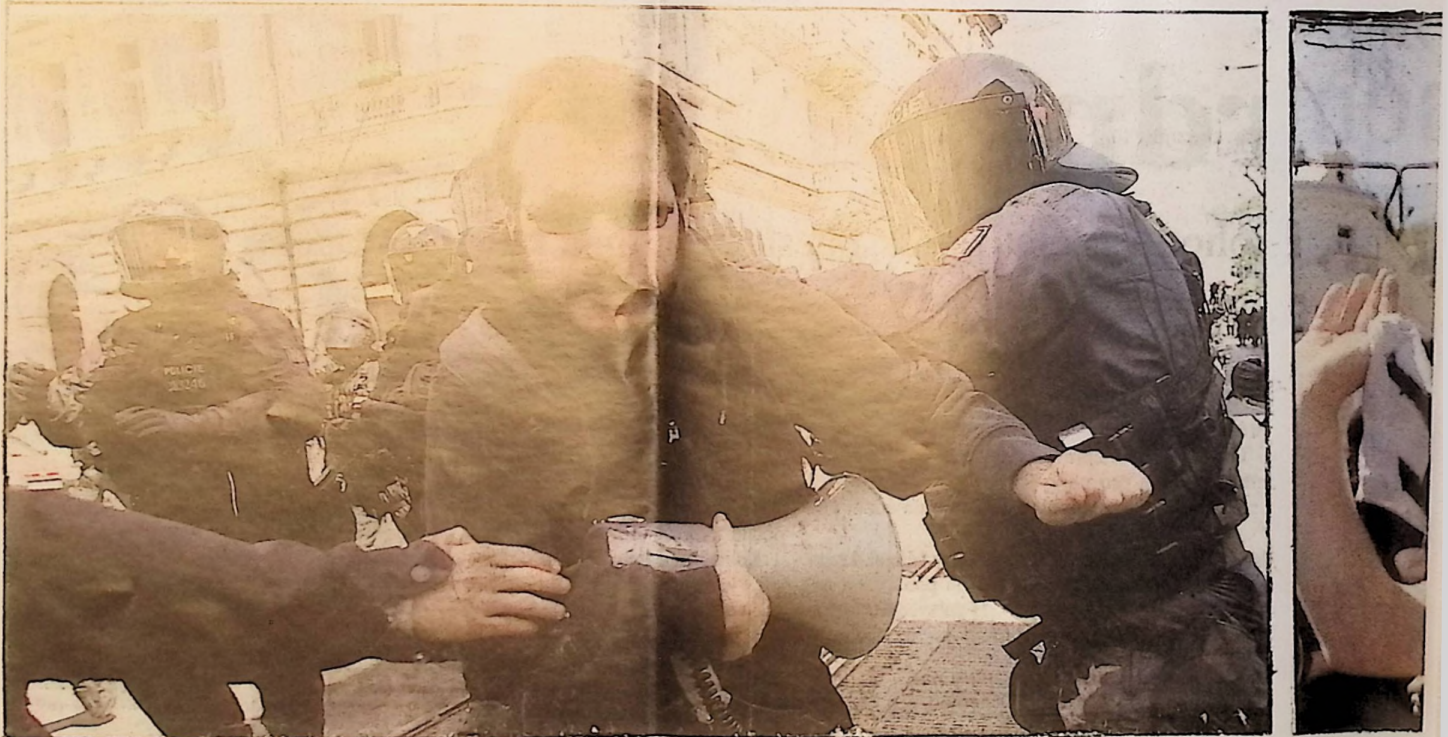
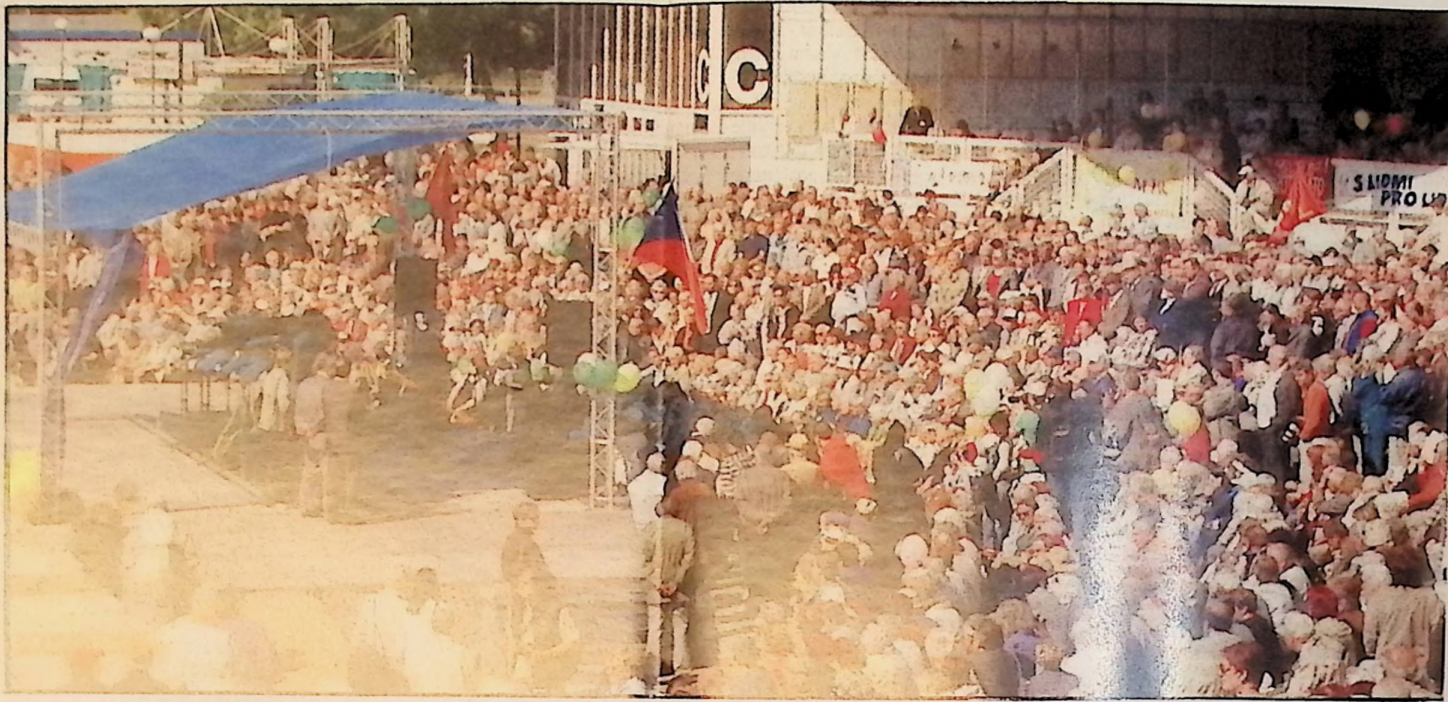
As a result of this court, to a great degree due to the enormous self sacrificial efforts of the comrades of the imprisoned and practical support of their international friends, 10 out of 17 arrested socialists were set free, among them Cem and Halil Dinç. The other 7, as well as many others arrested since September 2006, are expecting a new trial. Proposed sentence for many is 10-45 years and for some lifetime or several lifetimes in prison. There are more trials to come. The battle continues.

And if you are still curious about what "dayanışma" means, write to NSC and I will tell you more.

POWER TO THE PEOPLE



These colour photographs speak much louder than words could – here is the ugly face of Turkish fascism!



CZECHS PROTEST THE NATO BASES ON THEIR SOIL!

Dear readers:

After receiving replies from the Council and Editorial members of NSC as to how we can improve NSC going into its 16th year of publication, the most often suggestion was to

have much more and better quality photographs of activities, protests, meetings and demonstrations that are taking place all over the world.

At the same time, we should try cover different countries so that the

readers in 69 countries will see that the people of the world are awakening, demonstrating, willing to risk their lives and limbs for their own people and, at the same time, for all of humanity in their struggles against their own reactionary forces as well as against US imperialism.

On pages 18-19-20-21-22 you will read and see what has taken place in Turkey, written by Larisa Schirba who was an eye witness there this



year, as well as by Professor Mirko Svoboda of the Czech Slav Committee in Prague, Czech Republic, who witnessed the May Day celebrations and the very brutal attacks by the Czech security police against the unarmed protestors who demonstrated against the US-NATO bases on their republic.

We shall try to bring more such coverage and photographs in colour in the future issues of NSC. But, as

you well know, that is more costly to print.

I am again appealing to you dear comrades, please help us to fulfill the \$30,000 needed to publish the English, French, Russian and Spanish editions of Northstar Compass.

The NSC financial campaign ends on September 9th on the

16th Anniversary of NSC.

**PLEASE HELP NSC TO
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AND SOCIALISM!**

Michael Lucas
Editor

NEWEST ALLY OF BUSH – ALBANIA

After Bush's trip to Tirana, Albania nationalistic-reactionary and fascistic feelings were at an all time high.

Albanian nationalism as any other nationalistic movement, eventually leads to fascism – and of course it is supported by religious fanaticism.

Albania was a tool in the break-up of Yugoslavia, now it is used as a tool in the divide and rule policies in the Balkans. **But, traitors have a very short life span!**

The role of the UN and of Russia in this situation leaves much to be desired. The statements made now by Russia on the Kosovo situation, good as they are, are too late. It's no use closing the barn door after the horses are stolen!

FBI-CIA TERROR WATCH LIST IS OUT OF CONTROL

FROM ABC NEWS

This "terror list" has now swelled to over 500,000 names and the civil liberties advocates said that: "the list is growing uncontrollably, and it is useless in this so-called war of terror."

Besides this list, the FBI has also another list of US citizens who they deem to be "domestic terrorists." This means that more and more innocent Americans are arraigned and detained with absolutely no connection to any crime or terror.

It was found out that well-known American lawyers and their wives were detained and held because somehow their names were on this list!

COMMENT:

We wonder as to why the names of Bush and Blair are not on this list.

**SEPTEMBER NSC IS THE
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HUGO CHAVEZ CALLS FOR UNITY OF ACTION

At an important meeting of the Bolivarian Alternative for Americas (ALBA) held in Havana, Cuba on June 7, 2007, President Hugo Chavez of Venezuela called for the strengthening of unity – this was the meeting of the Council of Ministers of Cuba, Venezuela, Bolivia and Nicaragua.

Hugo had pointed out that the Latin American people are electing leaders who lead according to the hopes and needs of their people. He called for spread of information about the benefits brought by ALBA, in order to encourage other Latin American nations to join this integration process.

Hugo Chavez also spoke about the need for the creation of an ALBA National Defence mechanism – to set up joint defence strategies with the military, intelligence, and counterintelligence support and prepare the nations for their defence.

AMERICAN DEPLETED URANIUM WEAPONS

By Christopher Bollyn
American Free Press

Despite scientifically researched and proven of the untold misery they wreak on mankind, this subject is taboo in the US mainstream media.

While the American Free Press is actively investigating the DU weapons and how they contribute to the **Gulf War Syndrome**, the US corporate-controlled media ignores this illegal use of its DU and its long-lasting effects on the health of the veterans, of the public and on the environment.

Leuren Moret, a Berkley based geo-scientist with expertise in the atmospheric dust - he had proved that the nanometer size particles – less than one-tenth of a micron and smaller of Depleted Uranium, once inhaled or absorbed into the body will cause long-term damage to ones health.

This disease is now known as the Gulf War Syndrome. The numbers of war veterans, workers that work on making these bombs and weapons is

growing alarmingly. Gulf War Veterans are now suing Washington and this is mushrooming, even though the White House and the daily media ignore to report on it.

This is also called the "Silent Genocide". Scientists have conclusively proven factually that this DU dust does much more than wreak havoc on the immune system of those who breathe it or touch it; this DU also alters a persons genetic code.

These scientists charge that the US government knew about this danger 20 years ago and it was proven even when there was the Vietnam War.

These DU weapons produce clouds of poison gas on impact. These clouds of aerionized DU are laden with billions of toxic-sub-micron sized particles.

A test was made on mice that were exposed to DU at the University of Rochester, US, for 15 minutes - the mice died within 4 hours.

Large numbers of Gulf War veterans exposed to depleted uranium have been diagnosed with brain tumors, brain damage and impaired thought processes, cancer, chronic fatigue syndrome, Lou Gehrig's disease, Parkinson's disease and Hodgkin's disease.

US FASCIST TORTURE IN GUANTANAMO PRISON

This item was taken from the Independent newspaper in England, June 9, 2007 and condensed sharply.

This US-run prison in Guatanamo, Cuba, is a medieval torture hell hole prison that is inhuman, barbaric and beyond description.

Here is just a small description:

"Imagine that this is your world: a 6ft by 8ft cell where everything is steel – the walls, the floor, the ceiling, the toilet, the sink, the bed and the air conditioning blowing all the time, freezing, and doors banging, screeching and screams. Walk two steps in any direction and you hit a wall. There are no windows. The lights are on 24 hours per day. You are allowed out of your cell for 2 hours, sometimes at 6am sometimes at midnight. For these two hours you

are placed in a 6.5 ft by 16.5 ft outdoor cage. You can go for weeks without seeing any sun.

Imagine being beaten, stripped naked, humiliated, again and again.

And you as a prisoner are not even charged with any crime. You have no chance to get a trial, no visitors, no family visits and no contact with the outside world."

This is a description of a prisoner named Ahmed, who was there for 5 ½ years without being even charged with any crime. But because he's an Arab, that is enough for George Bush and his New World Order!

THE BIGGEST SCAM IN THE WORLD

By RALPH NADER

Lucy Komisar of the USA Tax Justice Network (taxjustice_usa.org) spoke at a Conference on Taming the Giant US Corporations in June, 2007 about "Closing Down the Tax-Haven Racket." Her words were so compelling that this is her column entirely.

"The US tax haven racket is the biggest scam in the world. It's run by the international banks with the cooperation of the world's financial powers for the benefit of corporations and the mega-rich. (Most Americans, including progressive activists, don't know what I'm going to tell you. And that's part of the problem.)

Tax havens, are also known as offshore financial centres, are places that operate secret bank accounts and shell companies that hide the names of the real owners from tax authorities and from the law enforcement. They use nominees, front men. Sometimes offshore incorporation companies set up shells. Sometimes the banks do it. Often someone will use a shell company in one jurisdiction that owns a shell company in another jurisdiction that owns a bank account in a third jurisdiction. That is called layering. No one can follow this paper trail.

Offshore is where most of the world's drug money is laundered – estimated at over \$500 billion per year – more than the total income of the world's poorest 20 per cent.

Perhaps another \$500 billion comes from fraud and corruption.

Those figures fit with the International Monetary Fund numbers that as much as \$1.5 Trillion of illicit money is laundered annually, equal to over 5 per cent of the global economic output.

Wall Street wants this money. The markets would hurt, even shrivel without that cash. That's why Robert Rubin as the US Treasury Secretary, will not do anything that would stop the free flow of money into the USA. He is not interested in stopping money laundering, because the laundered money ends up in Wall Street banks

The other major purpose of offshore banking is for tax evasion, estimated to reach another \$500 billion per year! That's how the US corporations and the rich opted out of the tax evasion, while the rest of the population has to pay higher income taxes.

These corporations have sophisticated mechanisms. There's transfer pricing. A company sets up a trading company offshore, sells its products for under market price, the trading company then sells it back for a market price, the profits go to offshore accounts, not where they were generated.

Two American professors, using custom data examined this impact – and comparing all claimed export and import prices and world prices,

they figured out that only in 2001, the US tax loss was over \$53.1 billion.

Here is just one example. Microsoft owns "logos" in Ireland, transferring software that was made in America, that benefited by work done by the Americans, to Ireland so that Microsoft can pay taxes there at 11%, instead in the USA at 35%. This is legal according to the present system in the US. Nearly two thirds of US corporations do not pay any income tax!

During 1950's the US corporations accounted for over 28% of US revenue. Now US corporations represent less than 11%, in spite of their growth into multinational status.

Those unpaid taxes can and do buy a lot of politicians and power. When former US President Nixon needed money to pay his Watergate burglars, he got it from these corporate offshore bank accounts.

This US system has given the big banks and corporations and the super rich, mountains of hidden cash that they use to control our political system.

So, why isn't the progressive movement doing something about this? Even some Democrats in Washington are raising this question and introducing legislation.

Let's tell Washington to tell these corporations that the taxes they are dodging is our money!"

CHILD LABOUR AND 15- HOUR PER DAY WORK IN CHINA

According to the "Playfair Alliance" organization that is looking into labour practices in many countries, has revealed that the Chinese industry that is producing goods for the Olympic Games in Beijing, has discovered that Chinese children as young as 12 years are producing Olympic merchandise.

Chinese adults in the Olympic exploitation scheme are getting paid as little as 28 cents per hour for seven days work week. It was found out that those private internal and foreign factory owners are falsifying the employment records and forcing workers to lie about their wages and conditions – according to Playfair Alliance. The Chinese officials in

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Beijing sad that "they are looking into these practices."

As NSC was going to press, a report by the Agence France Presse reports said: "Chinese police have rescued 217 people, including over 20 children that were working as slaves in the Chinese private brick kilns in the Hanan Province. The police have arrested 120 criminal suspects, including many foreign supervisory personnel and exposed shocking labour practices." The Agency also said: "The Chinese unemployed workers were enticed or sent there by inside and outside the country human traffickers to these privately run brick kilns. Upon arrival they were beaten, starved and forced to work long hours without payment."

As was told to the official Xinhua news agency, the workers were even charged that they were social criminals, as setting a legal example, making the slaves, themselves, a danger and obstacle to these private business owners of these companies.

ERLIN BEFORE THE STORM

By William River Pitt

There is something happening today in America. With the right kind of ears, you can hear it in the sound of millions of eyebrows slowly furrowing in anger and disgust. It feels like those tense moments just before the eruption of a summer thunderstorm, those moments when the air is electric, the ozone reek of spent lightning fills the world, and you know that something very loud is about to happen.

What is happening, what can be heard and smelled and sensed all across the United States, is the cresting wave of rage, betrayal and fury against the Bush administration. This fury is finally roaring across the shores of our collective American heart!

BUSHITES OUTSOURCE CONTRACTS TO PALS

BY JIM HIGHTOWER

Since President Bush came to power, Washington has drifted more and more to outsourcing of public functions and jobs to private US

contractors, here in America and in Iraq, and this outsourcing has now increased into a full-blown, jet-powered trillions of tax payers dollar rush to their close business friends.

This shadowy and highly lucrative world of US government contracting has boomed and has risen by 86 per cent since he's been in office. It is now over \$400,000,000,000 per year and growing.

There are now more outsourcing people doing federal US jobs under private contracts than there are people employed directly by the US government!

In other words, under the Bush Administration there are now more private contracted servants than their are civil servants!

And, these private contractors are the biggest financial donors to Bush's Republican Party election campaign.

SERBIAN RIGHT AND ISRAELI RIGHT FORCES TRYING TO TRICK EACH OTHER - BUT WHO'S FOOLING WHOM?

BY PRONKO

Lately we have seen the present Serbian right wing and the Israeli right wing forces trying to trick each other into believing that there is an analogy between the Israeli occupied territories and the Serbian lands of Kosovo, Krajina and Republic of Serbia. It's the same cynical, dead-end philosophy pushed by the Serbian right wing forces in the early 1990's that attempted to draw an analogy between Serbian lands and the British occupation of Northern Ireland, in the vain attempt to win Tory support for Serbia in Britain. (But gee whiz, whatever happened to that?) The only problem with it was that there was no analogy today between Serbian claims to Kosovo

and Israeli occupation in the West Bank and the Gaza either. It's a cynical trick for purely short term political gain; and it demeans and degrades the real significance of Serbian justified claims to Kosovo, and other Serbian lands.

Hence the political garbage coming from the newly-minted "Jewish friends of the Serbs" on the Israel right wing, publishing twisted apologies for continuing their occupation that can in no way be compared to Serbian rights to Kosovo. The simple fact is that, the Israel right is trying to pass off its sick, disgusting failures by an ever increasing its hysterical frenzy of paranoia, and sucking in the ever gullible Serbs as examples of another people: "betrayed by the Socialists and the Neocons" (yes, you didn't know that it's a huge conspiracy!?) Of course, the Serbs are to be kicked off the plane at 50,000 feet the second they are no longer needed by the Israeli Zionists.

Why this sudden friendship - what is its background? The Israeli government is so discredited by the last 40 years of occupation, and the ever growing sinkhole it is creating for the Arabs and Jews alike, that they hold on to power in spite of the fact that an overwhelming consensus is growing for a Palestinian State with its capital in East Jerusalem - not only around the world - but even in Israel itself. Even American Jews are waking up to the reality (read inevitability) of a two state solution. This is not even radical idea anymore - it's self evident observation that neither Jews nor Palestinians can survive much longer without such a solution. Only an ever shrinking and corrupt elements are clinging tenaciously to the proposition of status quo of the permanent occupation of the Palestinian lands.

As is known far-and-wide, the Shoah - the Holocaust against the Jews is known and recognized around the world. But the genocide against the Serbs at Jasenovac and WWII Yugoslavia is not. Where this analogy and reciprocity, and what kind of friendship is that? What did the Israeli right ever do for Serbs to stop the Nazism of the Croatians? Where were these Israeli Zionists in 1999? Who is fooling whom in this and who is benefiting?

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Let's be clear about this – the Jewish state of Israel will not be endangered at all by withdrawing from the occupied Palestinian lands and establishing a Palestinian State – on the contrary – it will be greatly strengthened. On the contrary, Serbia has no future at all without unification of the Serbian people and Serbian lands of Kosovo, Krajina and Republic Srpska in some federation. It cannot allow itself to be surrounded by a Greater Albania, a Croatian dominated unitary Bosnian state and by Croatia which is now festering with Ustashe fascists and the unapologetic nostalgia for Clerical Fascism as it was under Hitler. The ethnic cleansing of Serbs was never ever recognized by Israeli Zionist government while it was going on. What makes anyone think that Israel will lift a finger to stop it the next time around?

THE START OF THE CURRENT CENTURY:

Re-ascertaining Once Again the Basic Ideas of Marx, Lenin, Stalin, Dimitrov and others

By Dr. Ivan Ivanov – Bulgaria

It is so good that NSC has dedicated an issue to Lenin and his birthday and to have also started a page in NSC dedicated to the names and work of other prominent leaders of the working class in the world, socialist and communist movements. This gives the readers of NSC an opportunity not only to remember and pay homage to those remarkable personalities and their accomplishments, but also to give opinions and exchanges of thoughts on the current validity of their ideas and political experiences.

Just a fortnight after Lenin's birthday, April 22, 1970 is the birthday of Karl Marx, May 5, 1818. In May it is the Victory Day over Fascism, an event that by no means can be separated from the name of Stalin and the heroic people and army of the USSR. On June 19, as it was duly noted by NSC, is Georgi Dimitrov's 125th Anniversary.

Recovering once again through my mind all these dates and events, I couldn't help thinking over and over again what an extraordinary phenomenon in the life history of mankind that Karl Marx was. Obviously, Engels, his closest associate had all the good reasons to underline that "Marx was a Genius and all of us around him were in the best case just talents."

This is just not another attempt at an eulogy. What Marx and Engels have done for mankind is so great and indisputable, that neither it nor they need any special effort of this kind. Karl Marx is the only one in the History of Science to offer a successful thorough analysis of the fundamental and system-forming economic, social and political processes of Society as a whole.

There are, no doubt, a number of other, some very talented and brilliant scholars after him. Each of them however was taking up, studying and analyzing mostly one or separate features and characteristics of the life and development of Society. None were or taking it up as SYSTEMATIC ENTITY. That is why this makes Marx irreplaceable and vitally necessary to all who really aim at gaining true knowledge of human society and at doing everything to make it better.

For these reasons Marx and his teaching do not have to be either "revised" or "negated" as so many various kind of opportunists, renegades and revisionists are continually suggesting. They all have of course, their bad "good reasons" for doing so. On the other hand, such

efforts of theirs are usually backed also with a striking scarcity of knowledge and equally "impressive" inability to learn.

There are scholars now, like the book written and published by Keeran and Kenny "Socialism Betrayed" that analyze this tragedy and much more has to be done.

Anybody who had read Lenin "Imperialism", the inter-imperialist contradictions, the necessity of raising the slogan of International Labour Unity – all of the present problems in the world were predicted by these Marxists and scientifically analyzed.

Stalin learned from his teachers and was influenced by Marx and Lenin. At the same time Stalin and his associates had to do however something that none of the previous leaders had the chance to do.

The fundamentals of another, new in principle, human civilization was basically laid by the Soviet people, and later by the people of other socialist countries. Much can be learned from Stalin and his work "The Economic Problems of Socialism" – 1952.

Also, at least three basic ideas of Georgi Dimitrov will prove inevitably necessary to the current and future efforts to bring about a better world for the billions of people on this planet.

First – United People's Front of the democratic and progressive forces to limit the powers of the reactionary, monopolistic capital, militarism and the danger of advancing fascism.

In Bulgaria, as this cartoon shows clearly, the monthly pension income for the worker is only \$45 – while the monthly income for the newly rich corporate class is \$45,000.

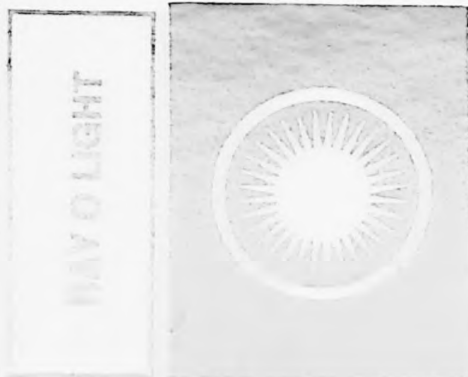


Second - Collective Farming which gives ownership to the whole people and thus produces an abundance for all of the people.

Third -The dictatorship of the proletariat and establishing peoples democracy.

All of the above were abolished after 1989 in the Soviet Union and we see the disaster that this has caused in former USSR and in other former socialist countries.

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Good News from the Middle East

The Forging of Arab Anti-imperialist Unity

The brutal unprovoked war of terror unleashed by U.S imperialism with George W. Bush at the helm against the people of the world from Iraq to Afghanistan, primarily represents a rapacious drive for further control of the world's oil and natural gas resources and transportation routes, in relation to the peoples of the Middle East and other oil rich lands and vis-à-vis their rival imperialist powers, most notably the E.U. countries. Iraq, currently the focal point of U.S imperialism insatiable drive for super profits, is only surpassed by Saudi Arabia for known oil reserves. With over 300,000 U.S. troops in occupied Iraq (including the military contractors), permanent new military bases in Bahrain and Qatar, Halliburton moving their world headquarters to Dubai and U.S. military leaders acknowledging their plans for continued deployment of U.S. occupation troops in Iraq for many years to come, U.S. imperialism strives to fully control the oil of the Middle East.

Standing against their "hopes" of world oil domination is the heroic resistance of the Iraqi people, inflicting daily blows on the occupation armies and dashing the "dreams" of the neo-cons of Washington D.C. on the "rocks of reality" of a people fighting for independence and sovereignty. Four years after George Bush declared victory and "mission accomplished" in Iraq, U.S. imperialism is in a Vietnam like quagmire in both Iraq and Afghanistan, bogged down and overextended, and more isolated in the world than they have been for many decades.

Very encouraging is the recent news that, in early April 2007, the third preparatory "Conference Towards a Resistant Arab People's Alliance" was held in Cairo, Egypt and attended by representatives of movements in Arab countries such as Jordan, Yemen, Lebanon, Egypt and Syria.

An excellent statement published following the conference, participants of the conference agreed to many principled points of unity including:

- "We assert that the national Iraqi resistance is the legitimate representative of the Iraqi people, and it is the continuity of the independent Iraqi state."
- "Arab resistance has grown in Iraq, Lebanon, and Palestine. In Iraq, the historical victory of the Iraqi people's resistance have foiled the plans of the occupation and its collaborator government, and ... [laid the basis] for the defeat of American-Zionist project."
- "We, as a Resistant Arab People's Alliance, refuse all submissive solutions for the Palestinian cause, starting from the Camp David agreement to the most recent Mecca agreement..."
- "The conference condemns any US preparations of aggression against Iran, and as the conference recognizes the Iranian right to develop a nuclear project, and values the Iranian support for Hezbollah and

the Palestinian resistance, the conference condemns the Iranian role in splitting the unity of Iraq, the Iraqi people and the unity of its resistance..." [Critical Support - Excellent!]

- "Under the slogan: One enemy, One resistance, the conferees stress the necessity to rally all resistance capabilities in all its different streams (Leftist, Nationalist, and Islamist) in one front to defeat the colonialist Zionist project in the region, establish a new Arab renaissance project, and to face the enemy's attempt to employ current differences between these resistance movements in order to split and defeat it."

Since 1970, U.S imperialism has applied a "two pillar" policy in the Middle East, namely playing off the Israeli settler state and the Arab reactionary regimes and their key agent, Yasser Arafat, helping both to stay in power and U.S. imperialism to remain solidly entrenched as the hegemonic imperialist power in the Middle East, with its vast treasure house of oil reserves.

"Toward a Resistant Arab People's Alliance" is an extremely encouraging development in spreading the growing resistance of the peoples of Iraq and Arabia and hastening the day when the working and oppressed peoples of Arabia will achieve national liberation and socialism and live free of the domination of U.S. imperialism, the settler Zionist state of Israel and the Arab Reactionary regimes serving the designs of U.S. and world imperialism. Such an advance in Arabia will serve to advance and propel the worldwide struggle for freedom and socialism.

We call both within the USA and internationally for support for the Iraqi Resistance and its role on the frontline of the global struggle against imperialism, headed by U.S. imperialism.

(A full copy of the Resistant Arab People's Alliance statement can be obtained by contacting Ray O. Light at: Boxholder DLD-354, 58 Batterymarch St., Boston, MA 02110, USA)

HOORAY FOR U.S. CONGRESS

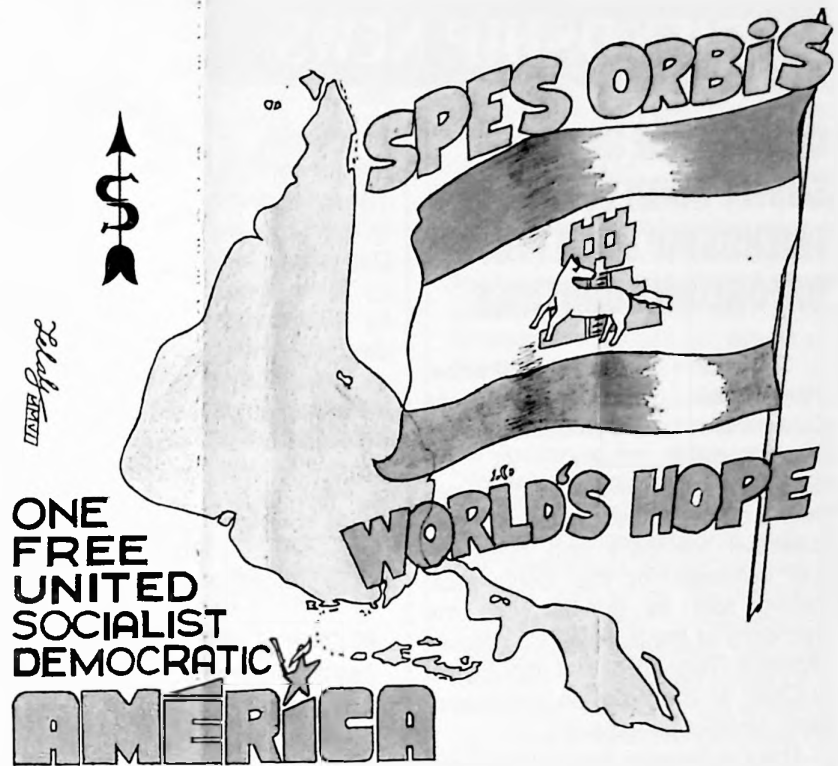
By ANA LUCIA GELABERT

On hearing about the US Congress resolve to cut all Iraq War funding and set a firm deadline to withdraw the US troops, I became concerned: not for all of these mercenaries who, expendable cannon-fodder riff-raff as they are, they represent the worst of the arrogant, cynical, over-fat, criminal society whence they come; but for Cuba and Venezuela which, Babylon no longer bogged down in Iraq, would need urgent sporing up of coastal and aerial defences for the sure-to-come imperialist attack.

Not to worry: inexplicably the US Congress did an about face, to endorse this and fully fund this US-Hitlerite adventure; not only slapping on the face their citizenry who elected them, hoping for the exact opposite: but warranting the inexorable fast decline and catastrophic collapse of this Apocalyptic Beast: more strepitous than the collapse of the USSR in 1980's. Opening the way for a world-wide democracy, which in this 21st Century implies economic democracy.

Rather than providing imperialism some "honourable way out of Iraq", we of the human race are threatened with extinction by capitalism's depredations, need to struggle to bring in its demise - by goading the beast into more and more quagmires - into Syria, Iran, Korea, China, Russia, in France, Spain and the Balkans. Then after that, into Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Cuba, Ecuador, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru, Puerto Rico, Uruguay and Venezuela: where these 540 million of us shall give them a run for their money. All at once, as the Nazis went down - or the "Hundred Vietnams" that Che spoke about.

Although still too Politically illiterate as to how "US imperialism" is their class enemy also - witness the US



Drawing was done in colour - so here's the explanation: FLAG: Bolivarian colours - red, yellow, blue. In the centre - Arabian colt in front of "castropyramid": Iberian castle on Mayan pyramid - represents fusion of two races and two cultures.

40% lacking health care, 20% living in poverty, 2.5 millions in jails, other 10,000,000 "free on parole." 30% functionally illiterate, trade unions getting busted and their pension funds ransacked, fewer than ever before can afford to go to college...and since year 2000 US presidents are not even elected legally.

The US citizenry are justifiably alarmed. Reason - science and technology that made the USA a rich and powerful nation, is replaced now by Biblical Mythology, obscurantism and hate mongering. "christofascist" nuts are eroding the civil liberties. That is why the people voted that way last November. Alas, US Congress could care less about what the US citizenry want.

To our American brethren and sisters north of the present border, we Americans of the South say:

"Time to wake up!" "Time to throw off your yoke, which is also our yoke!" "Come join our ranks!" So that at last all may enjoy one free, united, truly democratic America - like Bolivar, Marti, Juarez, Sandino, Albizu dreamt it. The American people empowered, applying modern science to warrant: "From each according to ability, to each according to need." Generous it is and to spread democracy and socialism to the rest of this Blue Planet.

The only obstacle to this American Dream is US Imperialism. The reason that we the People exclaim in joy: "Hooray for US Congress!" Whose betrayal of the voters unintentionally speeds up the end.

"Amen, let the fall of the Giant of golden head and feet of clay come soon." (Revelation 22-20)

DANGER FOR FREEDOM IN BANGLADESH

According to our member of the International Council in Bangladesh, there is very serious concern of democracy being curbed and an authoritarian regime, with military support being installed there.

There are no prospects for any parliamentary elections being held. Political parties are not being allowed to function normally, while trade union rights are being curbed.

The army is in charge of preparing the so-called elections, and voters must register at all of the respective Bangladesh Army unit posts.

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FRIENDSHIP NEWS

CONFERENCE OF THE SOVIET SOCIETY FOR FRIENDSHIP WITH PEOPLES OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES

On June 2, 2007 in Moscow, there took place a successful Conference in the Conference Hall of the Society "Sojuz". At the Conference there were 15 delegates from across the country, plus collective members and observers that gathered for this Conference.

Taking part as guests were the Secretary of the Russian Communist Party, Vladimir Lukin, and the Editor-in-Chief of the Russian newspaper "Pravda", Gennadiy Gerasimov.

The Conference Report was given by Vladimir Gerasimov, Chairman of the Coordinating Committee for the period of 2005-2007, and on behalf of the Control Commission by V.I. Gurevich.

After these reports were given, there took place a lively discussion by the delegates.

The Conference adopted these reports with thanks for the work well done in the discussion that took place, all the delegates agreed with the position that was taken by the international Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People, regarding the Third World Congress that was to be held in Moscow in 2007.

The election of a new Executive Committee was held and 12 comrades were elected into the Coordinating Committee of the Soviet Friendship Society. Comrade Chechentsev was elected as Chairman.

Greetings were read from the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People and on behalf of the Editorial Board of Northstar Compass over the signature of Michael Lucas, Chairman and Editor.

Greetings were sent by the Australian-Soviet Friendship Society, Ray Berbling – Editorial Board of magazine Dialog of Czech Republic, – Zdenek Novotny and Yaroslav Weber- Socialist Party of

Bangladesh, – Khalequzzaman – Marxist-Leninist Communist Party of Turkey/ Northern Kurdistan - Editorial Board of journal Revolutionary Democracy, India, Vijay Singh.

These greetings were accepted by a standing ovation by all the delegates and observers.

The delegates and observers were then entertained with a concert by performers from the Society Sojuz, poetess Liudmila Turovska and the author Anatoly Belyaev.

Report

on the work of the Central Coordinating Council (CC) of the Soviet Society for Friendship with the Peoples of Foreign Countries

By VLADIMIR CHECHENTSEV
Chairman

Our conference is conducted during the time significant for each Soviet person – the year of the 90th anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution. The greater the distance in time of this achievement, the stronger is highlighted the unfading act of the heroic proletariat of Russia, who in union with the poor peasants under the leadership of the revolutionary party of Bolsheviks headed by Lenin opened the new era of history – the era of new social-economic formation – communism. Regardless of the turn of the events since then, the international working class, the international communist movement, and all progressive forces of the Earth can be proud of the fact that socialism turned from dream into reality for millions of labourers, powerfully marched and continues marching across the planet.

Glory to the discoverers of the new world, to fighters for Soviet power!

Eternal glory to heroes who fell in the struggle for the establishment of socialism in our country -- the USSR and abroad!

Since among those present in this hall are people not familiar with our Society, I will briefly explain.

The Soviet Society for Friendship with the Peoples of Foreign Countries, created in March 2003, set as its goal the

"establishment of the friendly relations between the peoples of Russia and foreign countries through the exchange of delegations, information, organization of exhibitions, acquaintance with the traditions, culture and other aspects of life of the foreign countries in the course of the fight for the restoration of Soviet power on the territory of the former USSR, in defense of the class interests of the workers of all countries". The Soviet Society of Friendship is a partner and a component of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People. "The purpose of the friends of Soviet people who united in the International Council is international collaboration in the building of socialism and solidarity with all anti-imperialist forces fighting against US imperialism – the enemy of all

humanity". One of the special tasks of the international Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People is helping the struggle for restoration of the multinational Soviet Union as a socialist state.

The International Council conducted two World Congresses for friendship and solidarity with the Soviet people (in 2001 and 2005). For the last 16 years it has been publishing a monthly magazine "Northstar Compass". The chairman of the executive committee of the International Council and the editor in chief of the magazine "Northstar Compass" is a loyal friend of the Soviet people Michael Lukas. The headquarters of the executive committee of the International Council and the editorial staff of the magazine "Northstar Compass" are located in Toronto (Canada).

In today's complex international situation the International Council uses its influence to unite all progressive forces into the anti-imperialist front. A new Communist International must become its core and cementing foundation.

In the editorial article in the January issue of "Northstar Compass" Michael Lukas directly stated: "There is urgency for a united movement of communists- socialists of the world. It can become a reality under only one condition: it being based on the Communist International".

The Central Coordinating Council of the Society for Friendship of present composition was selected

at the report-and-election conference on May 10, 2005, consisting of 11 people: Babiyenko L. T., Bourenkov V. V., Gounko B. M., Dianova V. S., Kaliberda T. V., Kovaleva I. N., Lozhkina Y. A., Prigarin A. A., Tikhonov G. I., Chechentsev V. N. and Shcherbakova Y. T.

At the CCC meeting on 19.10.2005 the responsibilities among the CCC members were distributed as following:

Chechentsev V. N. -- chairman, manages contact with comrades in the USA, Canada and Belgium; Bourenkov -- deputy chairman, manages electronic mail and contacts with comrades in Great Britain and Belgium;

Dianova V. S. - intra-Russian contacts, media, contact with Greek comrades;

Prigarin A. A. - contacts with comrades from Europe, including communists and leftists of Italy and France;

Lozhkina Y. A. - contacts with comrades from Cuba and Latin America;

Babiyenko L. T. - newspaper "For the USSR";

Tikhonov G. I. - contacts with the near abroad;

Kovaleva I. N. - propaganda of the ideas of our Society in the registered society "Lenin i Otechestvo" ("Lenin and Fatherland");

Shcherbakov Y. T. - technical secretary;

Involving associations as new members contributes considerably to an increase in the mass character of the Society's actions, helps solve financial questions and propagation of the publications "For the USSR" and "Northstar Compass".

One must say frankly that the CCC members -- the representatives of parties and movements -- do not work hard enough on the involvement into the Society of new collective members -- public associations, members of which they are.

As it is known, the main portion of the Society's work had to do with preparation of the 3rd World Congress of the International Council. The offer to conduct the Congress in Moscow in November 2007 by the group of scientist-philosophers headed by D.V. Dzhokhadze was unanimously supported at the 2nd World Congress in September 2005. CCC members foresaw difficulties of fulfilling this

task from the very beginning and discussed them at the meeting on 27.12.2005.

Nevertheless, the extraordinary conference of the Society expressed its support for the initiative of comrade Dzhokhadze and the resolution of the 2nd World Congresses about holding the 3rd World Congress of the International Council and offered help in the realization of this proposal.

And this help to the organizing committee for the preparation for the Congress has been provided. Unfortunately, the difficulties, which arose with the preparation for the Congress, forced the executive committee of the International Council to revoke their decision and they postponed the Congress until 2008.

As a partner of the International Council, our Society considers the cancellation of the Congress a defeat of pro-Soviet forces on the territory of the former USSR. It is necessary to draw lessons from this experience. It has been demonstrated once more, that revisionism in the working class and the communist movement places barriers to unity based on the fundamental foundation of the restoration of the USSR and advance to socialism. It is difficult to believe, but none of the main six active communist parties on the territory of Russian Federation were willing to respond to a request of the organizing committee about their opinion on and relation to the upcoming Congress. Such is the reality, such are the conditions, in which we will have to work for a long time.

I think the efforts of the Society's members were not in vain. Propaganda of the 3rd Congresses in Moscow contributed to an increase in the interest of Soviet people in the activity of the International Council and made it possible to include into the ranks of movement for the revival of the Soviet Union new supporters.

Presently the possibility of conducting the 3rd Congress in Belarus is in the works.

About other sides of the Society's activity.

CCC of the Society regularly responded to the events of internal and international life with political statements. Among these statements are: resolution against the media campaign on the reburial of Lenin, liquidation of the necropolis in Red Square, statement regarding

the nuclear tests by PDRK -- People's Democratic Republic of Korea, salutatory letter to the embassy of the republic of Cuba in on occasion of Fidel Castro's 80 birthday.

Noticeable tracks in the activity of the society during the latest period became participation in the picket near American embassy against imprisonment of the 5 Cuban citizens-patriots in the USA (organizer movement "Venceremos").

Large efforts were applied in order to continue the publication of the Russian version of the magazine "Northstar Compass" which had started in December 2005. Today we have an active editorial staff. 3 new members of our CCC joined it. We are working on the issues of financing and registration. Unfortunately, difficulties with the realization of publication forced us to reduce print run from 1000 copies to 150. This position can no longer be tolerated. And I, as the editor in chief of this publication, want to say from this platform: Comrades, make a very small effort and help to spread the magazine, propagandize our goals and our ideals. Acquaint your friends and close ones with the magazine and do not forget to subscribe yourselves.

The remarkable newspaper "For the USSR", edited by Larissa Trofimovna Babiyenko, also needs our support.

And, of course, I cannot but mention the activity of the studio of patriotic arts "Soyuz", permanent leader of which until his death was B.M.Gounko. During this studio's concerts our conference hall is full. We can only rejoice seeing how this group overcomes numerous difficulties and to wish more success to all its members: singers, musicians and poets.

There were deficiencies in the Activity of the CCC. Some of them were insufficient initiative of some individuals waiting for a directive before starting an action.

I think that in their presentations the participants will critically examine the results of our work and will consider the revealed deficiencies during the elections CCC and CCAC.

Most importantly, they will leave this comfortable conference hall with the desire to make everything possible to approach the 90th anniversary of Great October with dignity!

FOUNDING HEROES OF SOCIALISM

GIUSEPPE VITTORIO

He was born in Italy in 1892 and was forced to leave the secondary school in order to work as a farm labourer. In his youth he became involved in politics and in 1910 was elected secretary of the local school youth federation. He became involved in trade union activities and in 1913 participated in the central committee of the Italian syndicalist union. He was in the Italian Army from 1915-1918, after that he resumed his trade union activities. In February of 1921 he was elected as deputy to the Italian parliament.

In 1924 he joined the Italian Communist Party and headed its women's section and in that year he was elected and headed the National Association of Peasants. In 1925 he was arrested in Rome, and when he turned bail, he fled to France and he was sentenced to 12 years in prison. The leadership of the ICP sent him to Moscow in 1928 as its international representative, a position he held until 1930. He worked for the Comintern and took part in the tenth plenum of the ECCI in 1929.

In 1930 he returned to France where he joined the CC of the ICP. After the outbreak of the Spanish Civil War in 1936 he became a Commissar of the First International Brigade, under the name of Mario Nicoletti and finally Commissar of the Italian Garibaldi Brigade. In 1937 he returned to France and directed the Italian newspaper La Voce degli Italiani.

When World War Two broke out he was forced to hide from the French authorities, but in 1941 he was arrested in Paris and imprisoned in various jails across France and Italy. He was freed in 1943 after the downfall of Mussolini and shortly after that became the head of the National Federation of Agriculture and joined the ICP leadership.

At the first postwar Congress of Italian Trade Unions in 1945, he was made secretary of the General Confederation of Labour and then was elected as the vice-president of the World Trade Union Federation.

In 1946 he was elected to the

Central Committee of the Italian Communist Party. He was also elected as President of the World Federation of Trade Unions in 1953 and 1957. He died in November of 1957.

OTTO BRAUN

He was born in Munich, Germany in 1901. He supported left-wing Socialism at the close of World War I and then joined the KPD. He became a member of its secret apparatus in 1923 and was linked to the Soviet intelligence service. In 1926 he was arrested by the German authorities and then accused of high treason and imprisoned. In April of 1928 he was freed from Berlin's Moabit Prison and then he left secretly for the Soviet Union, where he attended a military school.

At the beginning of 1930's he was sent to China as an emissary of the Comintern. In Shanghai in 1931-1932 he met Richard Sorge, a German working in intelligence. In 1933 Braun went to Juichin, capital of the liberated region of Kiangsi, then under control of Mao Tse-tung and Chu Teh. Using a pseudonym Li Teh, he acted as a military advisor to the Chinese Communist Party's central committee. He wrote for the Chinese Communist newspaper review "Revolution and War".

He helped to develop the historical Long March plans and in January 1935 he attended the Tsunyi Conference which approved Mao's elevation to the leadership of the Chinese Communist Party. In the new liberated region of Yen-an he became a professor at the Military Academy, whose director at that time was Lin Piao.

In 1930 he returned to Moscow and during the Great Patriotic War he served as officer in the Red Army. In 1949 he finally returned to GDR, where he worked in the Marxist-Leninist Institute, translating Soviet political and literary works into German.

In 1973 he published his memoirs from China. He died in August of 1974.

**CAN YOU
BELIEVE
THIS?**

BLAIR IS APPOINTED AS MIDEAST ENVOY!

Together with Bush that history will charge as war criminals - Tony Blair who was Prime Minister of Britain, has now been appointed as a senior peace envoy to the Mideast. And who were the ones to appoint this war hawk? None other than the United States, European Union, United Nations and Russia!

So it is self evident that it is US imperialism that calls the shot!

Shame on the present leadership of Russia!

SOUTH AFRICA IS NOW IN DIRE ECONOMIC SITUATION

Thirteen years after the end of apartheid and the feeling of a better future for the people as promised by Sir Nelson Mandela, whom the world held in high esteem - the poverty gap in South Africa remains amongst the largest in the world.

More than one third of the working-age population is now fully unemployed and the multinational corporations are calling the shots.

THE CIA AND CANADA

With the recent CIA documents made public of its activities not only in the US, but also in Canada (*which the Canadian government denies*) - but in 1960 as head of a delegation to the USSR, Michael Lucas, a Canadian citizen was arrested after coming from Moscow in New York, held overnight and deported to Canada. From 1960 until 1982 he was not allowed to cross the US border.

As head of the Canada-USSR Association, the CFSP and Editor of NSC, he was visited by Canadian Secret Intelligence Service (CSIS).



ACCORDING TO MISHKA

"Proletaren!"

President Chavez - besides doing the above - has spoken out against Bush, against American Imperialism, against the exploitation, against the US wars of occupation and not in "diplomatic subterfuge", but words that the people of Venezuela and of the world understand and support.

Following the history of Russia and the USSR since 1918, looking at the struggles and leadership of such giants as Lenin and Stalin, and agonizing over such traitors as Krushchev, Yeltsin, Gorbachev and that scum Yakovlev, plus all of their present lackeys and opportunists - sometimes it is extremely hard to think that all of those traitors grew up under socialism and then sold out for the American \$\$\$!

How will history remember you Mr. Putin? How will they classify your actions as a former KGB Agent, who absolved the #1 enemy of the USSR, Boris Yeltsin of his horrendous crime, which in any other country,

would have had him shot without question? Did you ask the Soviet people as to what they thought?

You now preach that you have brought "democracy" to the country, that people will decide everything - what happened to Russia since you took power?

Take a look at the cartoon below - there is a lesson here that you can learn from Mr. Putin. It is never too late to learn, even for a former KGB officer that swore an oath to defend his Motherland!

Reading all of your press statements, the words of your officials - they sound so nice that you nearly believe them - but if you analyse your own words or the statements of your administration - words that do not lead to deeds are just empty words - devoid of sincerity and content.

Dear Putin:

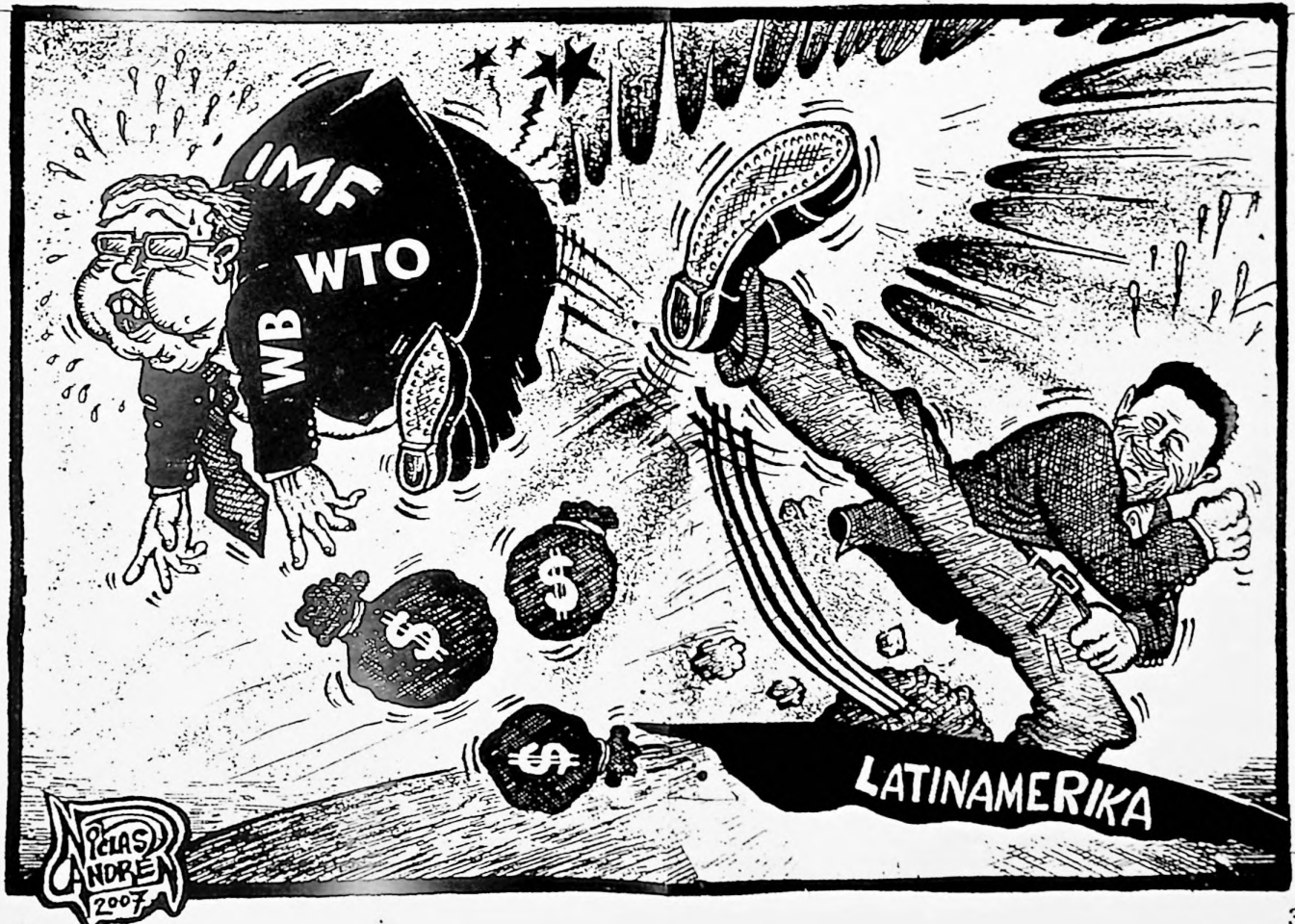
As a sincere and dedicated friend of the Russian-Soviet people since before you were born, as a person who visited practically all of the Soviet 15 Republics and speaking Russian - my sincerity and devotion to Socialism and the Soviet Union is beyond any doubt.

AN OPEN LETTER TO MR. PUTIN!

Dear Mr. Putin:

I hope that you will take a good look at the cartoon below, showing Hugo Chavez, President of Venezuela kicking out Imperialist organizations such as the International Monetary Fund, World Bank, World Trade Organization and many other front corporations doing the dirty work on behalf of US Imperialism!

This is a reworked cartoon from the very excellent Communist party newspaper from Sweden, called



If President Hugo Chavez of Venezuela, practically right next door to US imperialist monster is able to say things as they are – maybe it's not too late for you Mr. President – before your term as President is up – or are there plans in the works to give yourself another term?

Friend of the Soviet people and socialism forever!

MISHKA

EXPOSE

"For a shirt that is made in China and sold in Great Britain at \$60, the original selling price by the Chinese shirt makers, is only \$3.50. British buyers get the biggest chunk of profit on the Chinese cheap labour."

From Beijing Review Editorial, March 29 2007

WHY THE ETHNIC TENSIONS IN RUSSIA?

In a news despatch just before we went to press, from NEWSru.com, a terrible brawl took place in the Stavropol city which has claimed a life of a Chechen University student while there were scores injured. In this ethnic brawl, guns were used. This was an ethnic fight between ethnic Russians and ethnic Chechens and it involved over 400 young people.

The brawl was so intense that the riot police had to fire weapons into the air in order to halt it.

This is the result of the policy of the present capitalist regime in Russia and the build up of tensions, promoted and supported by certain elements from inside and outside the country.

The resurrection of the Soviet Union and Socialism is the only answer to this!

POLISH PEOPLE SPOKE OUT!

*80% of people want their soldiers out of Afghanistan. * 81% do not want their troops in Iraq. The Polish opposition is growing.

PAGES FROM THE PAST

60 YEARS GO FLIGHT HISTORY WAS MADE

This date may not mean much to the younger generations, but to older generation in USSR, Canada and the USA, June 20, 1937 will always be a day to remember.

Soviet flyers on the airplane ANT-25 flew from the USSR over North Pole to Vancouver, Washington and then great welcome by the people. This was the first flight ever made over the North Pole.

To commemorate this event a Monument to these heroes was unveiled on June 20, 1975 and to help organize the ceremony was the

USA-USSR Friendship Society, besides dignitaries, cultural program, speeches and celebration of this great event in the aviation history. The Soviet plane flew 5,288 nautical miles.

The monument is dedicated to these flyers and is named the Chkalov Monument in dedication to Valeri Chkalov, Georgi Baidukov and Alexander Belyakov.

Taking part in this event were representatives from the Canada-USSR Association, Vancouver Branch. On the left is Peter Dubasov and on the right is Mary Legebokoff, while in the middle is Ambassador of USSR Yuri Dubinin.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LETTER TO THE EDITOR OF
PEOPLES WEEKLY WORLD-
CPUSA

Dear Editor:

On June 15 2007 we heard a presentation by our gregarious comrade Scott Marshall on China, and briefly on Vietnam. It was about the visit of him and other leaders of the CPUSA, and it touched on the enrichment of the few – including the first multi-billionaire to emerge in China, and the dire poverty of most Chinese.

Needless to say that it was a laudatory presentation about the capitalist progress in China and the tremendous flood of foreign capitalist investments exploiting the cheap labour!

While this foreign capital made many fabulously rich, the rest of the population stagnated, but it is absolutely incumbent on all of us to firmly believe and advocate that a so-called “communist” government has the main task and duty to raise the economic level of the toilers and guarantee a minimum social network of protection in health, education, housing, child care etc. – all of which is sorely deficient in China to a very great degree.

Chairman Mao warned the Chinese people about the “capitalist roaders” that might succeed him and control China. He was absolutely right on the mark!

Now we hear about the millionaire members of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and the Chinese Peoples’ Assembly!!! We also hear about the great surge of foreign capitalist investments, looking for and exploiting cheap slave labour that is now enveloping China.

Our Scott Marshall says that the CPC holds that this is a necessary prelude to start building socialism by the year 2040!!! That this capitalist surge is supposedly well controlled by the CPC just as the Bolsheviks controlled NEP.

I would like to remind the comrade of the CPUSA leadership that China has already crossed the line from the so-called socialist-communist state into an outright capitalist one. Even

the newspaper, “Economist” in London, England, in a study wrote that more than 67% (*two thirds*) of the Chinese economy is now in private hands, and with all the money floating around and with hundreds more future Chinese multi-millionaires and billionaires emerging, how very easy it will be to buy these “communist” bureaucrats that now rule China!

Just look as how easy it is to buy the United States Congress!

Hazzim Yousif - USA
Reader of NSC

FROM CALGARY
CANADA

Dear friend:

I thank you for your commitment to the workers movement. Glory to the Soviet People – who saved the world from the scourge fascism. Long live the Unity of Workers of the World!

Enclosed is \$100 towards the NSC \$30,000 Financial Drive.

Best wishes to all of you!

Peter Negrave

FROM WHITE LAKE
USA

Dear Helen and Michael:

Thanks from the bottom of my heart for your kind words about my health. I am now undergoing physical therapy and getting stronger by the day. I am also doing a lot of reading – at the top of which is my favourite, the Northstar Compass.

I see where NSC Financial Campaign is a little short of the goal. I am therefore contributing an additional \$100 to push it forward.

In solidarity –

Hazzim Yousif

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FROM ROSTOV ON DON
RUSSIA

Dear comrades of NSC:

As a long-time reader of NSC since year 2000, I would like you to summarise the article about Mr. Putin that you printed on page 28-29 of NSC in May of 2001. These were quotes from an article written by Professor Dr, Kanashkin of the Russian Academy of Humanistic Sciences.

Igor M. Kirtsov

Here are some short excerpts only, for space reasons.

*Year 1990 saw Putin’s career veer off the Soviet professional training, At that time there were suspicions about his contacts with Western intelligence services and he was accused of selling off Soviet military equipment while in the GDR.

*He was recalled back by the Soviet government, not promoted and was dismissed from the USSR state services.

* Putin was also involved and responsible for setting up one of the most powerful German banks in Dresden.

*He was in 1995 then taken under the wing of Mayor Sobchak of Leningrad and soon after the name of the city was changed to St. Petersburg.

*In 1997 Putin was appointed as deputy chairman of Yeltsin’s election campaign. After services rendered Yeltsin appointed Putin as head of the new Federal Security Services.

*Putin was very friendly with the likes of Berezovsky and other manipulators of finances in Russia.

*Putin’s has an absolute predilection of everything that is Western is well known.

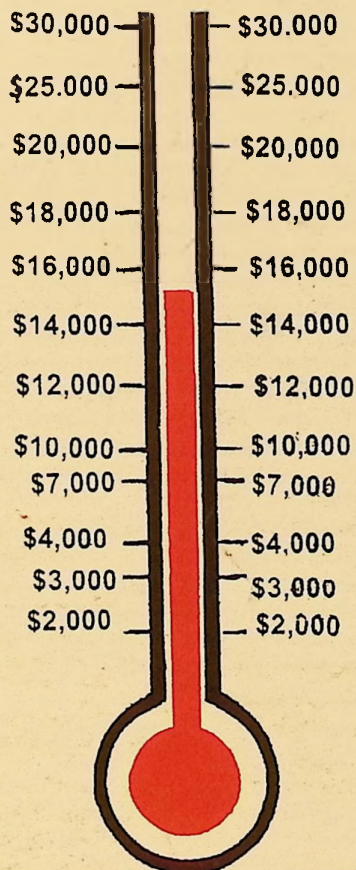
*Professor Kanashkin thinks that it was not coincidental that Putin – all smiles – stated from the helicopter window to correspondents during the Chechen War that: “We lately do cooperate closely with the CIA and Israel’s MOSSAD.”

*Newspaper “Sovietskaya Rossia” on March 22, 2000 during the presidential election asked of Putin: “Will you revoke your illegal directive to absolve Yeltsin of all his crimes?” Putin refused to answer.

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Dear Friends:

With this July-August combined NSC issue, we are approaching the 16TH ANNIVERSARY of NSC, which will be celebrated on August 26th with a meeting of some members of the International Council and Editorial Board in Toronto, Canada.

This will be the end of our financial drive to help publish the English, French, Russian and Spanish editions of NSC. **I am making this last appeal for contributions to all those that have not yet contributed.** At the same time I would like to thank on behalf of the Council and of the Editorial Board of NSC all those who have so generously contributed. Many comradesly thanks!

We shall go onward in bringing the truth of the struggles for a better world and for the resurrection of the USSR and Socialism!

*Michael Lucas, Chairman of the
International Council – Editor of NSC*