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A NEW FORCE WAS BORN!

Seventy-two delegates from 17 countries who attended the World Congress, held in Toronto, Canada on September 21-22-23, proclaimed their unity and dedication to help the Soviet people resurrect the Soviet Union and Socialism. In order to help in a practical and effective manner, after three days of discussions, debates and sometimes very heated exchange of opinions the Congress elected an Executive Committee to carry on the work of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People.

The Organizing Committee was swamped with requests to accept delegates to such an extent that the Committee had to reject sent-in registrations, since the premises (*the Friendship House*) could only contain legally about 103 people. Therefore many delegates were then told that they should not come.

With the September 11th tragedy in New York and Washington and the consequent war hysteria that hit the travel industry, plus the security measures brought in place, and the visits to the offices of the Organizing Committee by the officers of the Canadian RCMP Agency, questioning as to why are we having a Congress and naming names of registered delegates... the end result was that the Canadian Embassies in Byelorussia, Russia, Ukraine, Armenia, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Pakistan, India, Chad, Congo, Nigeria and North Korea were refused visas to attend the World Congress.

In spite of these problems the Congress proceeded to deal with the accepted agenda and the decisions made will affect the work of the countries that did manage to send delegations. This Editorial is not meant to give details that were discussed and adopted

during the three days. The Congress Report can be read in this issue, under the heading of "Minutes of the World Congress" by the elected recording secretaries.

The question of the publication that will serve the formed International Council was discussed and by unanimous vote it was decided that NORTHSTAR COMPASS should be the official organ of the International Council and be located in Toronto, Canada.

Question of utmost importance was decided upon as to where should the new Executive Committee of the International Council be situated. Unanimously delegates agreed that until the next World Congress is held in two years somewhere in Europe, the headquarters of the Executive Committee of International Council should remain in Toronto, Canada.

Every reader of Northstar Compass journal should have by now received in the mail, the "World Congress Statement - adopted Resolutions, plus the names of the Executive Committee of the International Council and the Editorial Board of Northstar Compass." We hope that you will write us your opinion on these important documents.

You have also received the Statement about the Congress and some disruptive undertakings that we have defeated at the Congress. Lately you have also received the Executive Committee's Statement regarding the attack against Afghanistan. We also hope that you will spread our stated position as widely as possible.

Dear friends:

We have received many requests for the

COMPLETE documentation of the World Congress. Naturally this cannot be published in Northstar Compass, since the document is 215 pages...it's a book of immense interest for everyone and, it shall be in the archives of the International Council of Friends of Soviet People.

The cost of printing is close To \$3000 dollars and, on top of that, the mailing across the world is very high. BUT...in order for you to know, understand and appreciate the scope of our world-wide contacts, you have to peruse these 215 pages to get the full picture and appreciation.

WE'RE ASKING FOR DONATIONS TO HELP US SEND THIS WORLD CONGRESS DOCUMENT TO ALL OUR CONTACTS IN THE WORLD.

WE NEED \$6,000 IN ORDER TO DO SO!

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PLEASE SEND ALL YOUR DONATIONS TO "NORTHSTAR COMPASS"

One of the decisions of the Congress which must be put into high gear at this time is for each country that was represented at the World Congress, is the setting up in their countries a Friendship Society with Soviet People as was done by our grandfathers and grandmothers in 1918 when they set up the "Hands Off Russia Committee" in many countries of the world. It will be these Friendship Societies that the work of helping the Soviet People will be done...a United Front that will show our Soviet friends that there are friends all over the world that are willing to help them, and in this way help ourselves against creeping fascism and the danger of war.

In turn, the Soviet delegates agreed that in order for this cooperation to bear fruit, it is up to each and every former Soviet Republic in coordination with the International Council, that on the territory of former USSR they should set up the "Union of Soviet Friendship Societies with Foreign Countries", which will be the body that will keep in contact with the Friendship Societies all over the world through the International Council.

Executive Committee of the
International Council

REPORT ON THE WORLD CONGRESS

OFFICIAL MINUTES –

BY ROSE AND RAY O LIGHT
World Congress elected Recording
Secretaries

FIRST DAY: SEPTEMBER 21

1. MORNING SESSION

(Chaired by Harpal Brar, member of the Organizing Committee for International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People, member of the Advisory Board of Northstar Compass (NSC) and Editor of "Lalkar" newspaper in England).

*Harpal Brar called the meeting to order at approximately 8.50am on behalf of the Organizing Committee. He pointed out that the basic preparatory work for this World Congress was done by comrades from Canada and USA, led by Michael Lucas and Helen Lucas and Ray Stevenson.

*Jef Bossuyt of the Workers Party of Belgium said that he had a resolution in defense of political prisoners in the Former Soviet Union. Ray O Light of the NSC Editorial Board and the Organizing Committee raised the importance of dealing with the changes in the international situation following the September 11th events. Mate Zalka of the Communist Party of Spain (reconstituted) said that he had an appeal on behalf of the imprisoned Spanish comrades and a resolution in support of the hunger strike of the Turkish prisoners. Victor Bourenkov, member in exile of the Russian Communist Workers Party and member of the New Communist Party of Britain-Wales Section, said that he has proposed a resolution on the role of youth and on the role of veterans of World War II in the former Soviet Union. All these issues were referred to the incoming Resolutions Committee.

*Congress Report by Michael Lucas, Chairman of the Organizing Committee. (A copy of the Report, including Russian, French and Spanish translation, was in the portfolios of the delegates).

Michael Lucas stated: "We are appealing to all of you who call yourself friends of Soviet people, Communists, friends and adherents of Socialism, who profess and cherish the memory of once glorious Soviet Union...we have a duty to render every assistance to our Soviet comrades. We have a sacred duty to promote the cause of our Soviet comrades...a cause which is our own!"...

"We have always stated in Northstar Compass, and in our statements that we are not and we do not pretend to be a political party, a Communist party. But we have also stated and will always state that we are proceeding along the glorious road that our Grandparents started in 1918 when they set up in many countries of the world the "Hands Off Russia" Committees in order to help the young Soviet state under attack by foreign interventionist forces..."

"We are here to arrive at a United Front through discussions and to make a commitment to carry out the decisions that shall be made."

"US imperialism has now undertaken in the world what Fascism was not able to

Group photo of delegates that attended World Congress from 17 countries. Some



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Michael Lucas, Chairman of the International Council addressing the World Congress

Achieve during the Second World War! It has managed to dismantle the Soviet Union and other Eastern European peoples democracies! It has managed to ensnare countries into NATO right to the borders of the Soviet Union. Through internal traitors in these countries, it has managed to control the media in most countries, their economy, culture and politics for the benefit of its New

World Order.

" This was possible because there is no longer the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to stand up to the schemes of US imperialism, which is pushing ahead against the wishes of humanity, to dominate the world and to impose control over destinies of the people. This was the plan of fascist Germany whom the USSR, practically

single-handedly destroyed with tremendous loss of life and devastation, in order not only to save the Soviet people, but also to save humanity.

" The world needs a rebirth of the USSR and Socialism now!

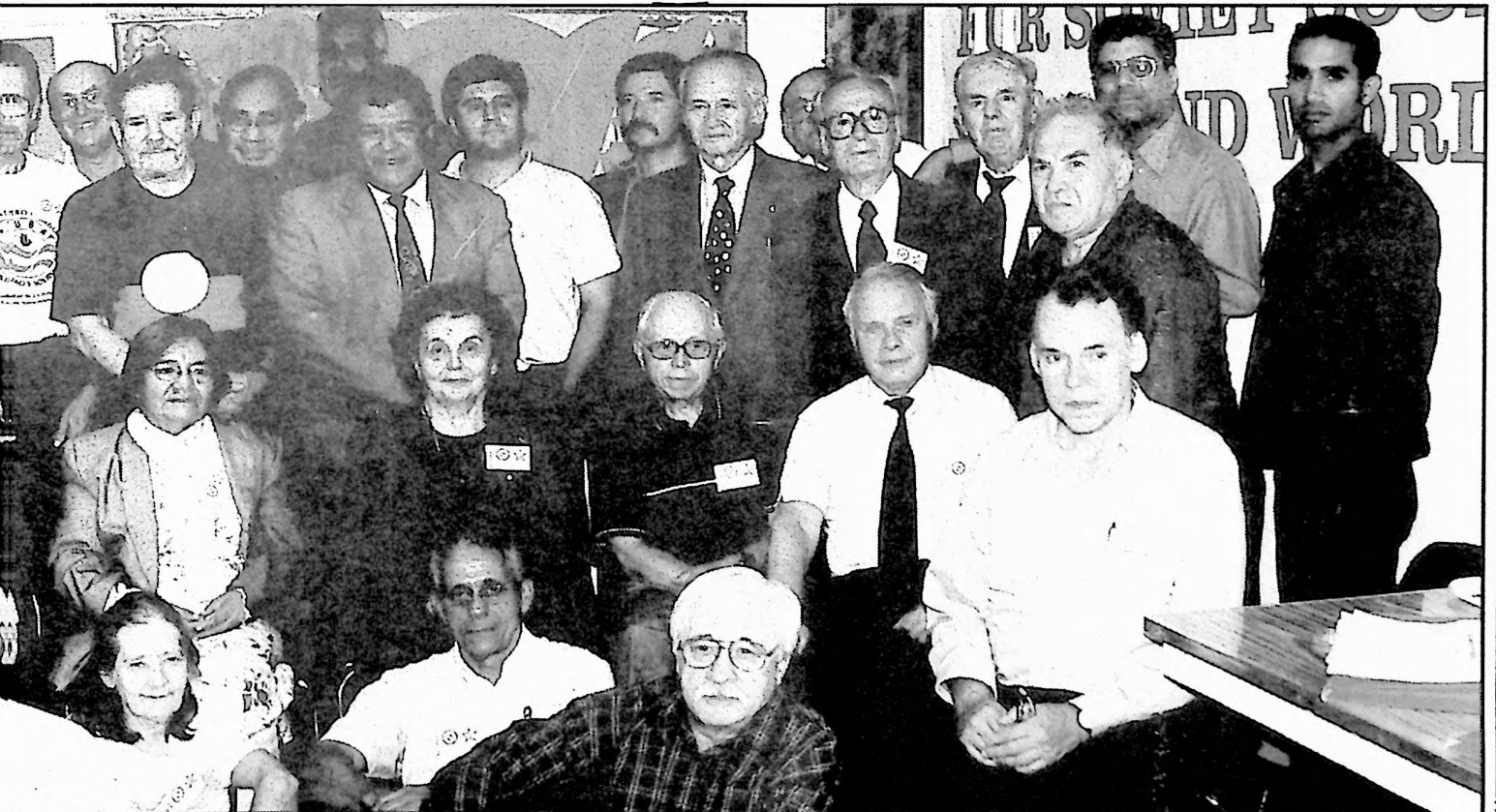
"We cannot allow a new wave of Fascism to arise and dominate people of the world...no matter under what label it might promote itself!"

"Our sacred duty as friends of Soviet people is to make certain that this Congress accomplishes the task of setting up this extremely important International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People.

DISCUSSION TO THE CONGRESS

Svetlana Benedikt of the Kari Marx Society of Hungary, said that she like the report but suggested removing the wording "before 1953" on page 4. Redmond Guerreo of the NSC Advisory Board and Migrante, commended Michael Lucas for an outstanding report and suggested a "friendly amendment" to change the phrase "number one task, facing humanity now" to "important task facing humanity now." Ray O Light of the NSC Advisory Board and Organizing Committee, supported the outstanding Congress Report, especially regarding the tasks before the Congress this weekend

Delegates are not in the photo due to reasons of security in their own country. Some delegates had to leave before the photo was taken.



and the distinction between the mass organization and the vanguard organization. He agreed with the phrase "important task" but disagreed that each country "has own tasks". He stated that we need a general line for the international movement, including a general line for friendship work. He also made a motion that the World Congress adopts this outstanding Congress Report.

The Turkish comrades, representing the Marxist-Leninist Communist Party of Turkey (we cannot use their names in the press for security reasons) brought greetings from Turkish revolutionaries, who are working under extreme difficult conditions of terror, and stated that his organization wants this Congress to be a success. He supported the adoption of the main Congress Report but suggested that the wording of solidarity with "Soviet People" is not correct since there is no longer a Soviet Union but different republics, and therefore it should be changed to "solidarity with world people". Chairman Harpal Brar ruled this suggestion out of order as the aim of the resurrection of the USSR had already been discussed for two years.

Michael Opperskalski, Chief Editor of "Offensiv" magazine, journal of the Communist Platform of PDJ- Germany, supported the Congress Report. Dr. Professor Zbigniew Wiktor, Communist Party of Poland "Proletariat" supported the report. Professor Vladimir Herasymchuk, Chairman of the Ukraine-Canada Society and member of NSC Editorial Board, stated that the concept of Soviet People is alive and well and is not opposed to the concept of the struggle against imperialism and declared: "I am a Soviet person!"

Frank Trampus of the Canadian Friends of Soviet People, he thought that the report was very good and the date of 1953 should be kept since after 1953 Socialism was being slowly dismantled in the USSR, because it reflects the truth.

Larisa Babienko, Editor of Russian newspaper "For USSR" and Alexei Prigarine of the RCP-CPSU, (only 2 delegates from Russia that got visas) both supported the concept of Soviet people. During the hot discussions that followed, Michael Lucas cautioned all to please remember: "This is a Unity Congress!"

*There was further discussion by many delegates and a presentation by Harpal Brar on the present state of Imperialist world domination in which he strongly upheld Stalin and stated that only socialism can deliver humanity from misery. He urged all delegates to return the generosity of the Soviet Union of the past by organizing themselves into the International Council. Delegates voted to accept the Congress Report as amended. ("Number one task" on page 3 amended to read "a key task")

*Motion was made by Ray Stevenson that "this Congress will continue to struggle on behalf of the Turkish people and all the peoples of the world against imperialism in the spirit of friendship and solidarity" Motion seconded and carried unanimously.

*Alexei Prigarine, leader of the RCP-CPSU suggested that Page 4 of the Congress Report be amended regarding Stalin. Michael Lucas explained that "anti-Stalinism is Anti-Socialism" and pointed out that imperialism as enemies of socialism dwell in anti-Stalinism because he represented and

represents the crux of Socialism, but accepted the amendment to cut out from his Congress report the phrase "before 1953 in the interest of Congress unity. Vote on the amendment was carried unanimously.

*Raffle of an oil painting, depicting the marsh lands of Canada, donated by Michael Lucas was won by Carmen Gomez Trujillo, delegate from the Communist Party of Mexico.

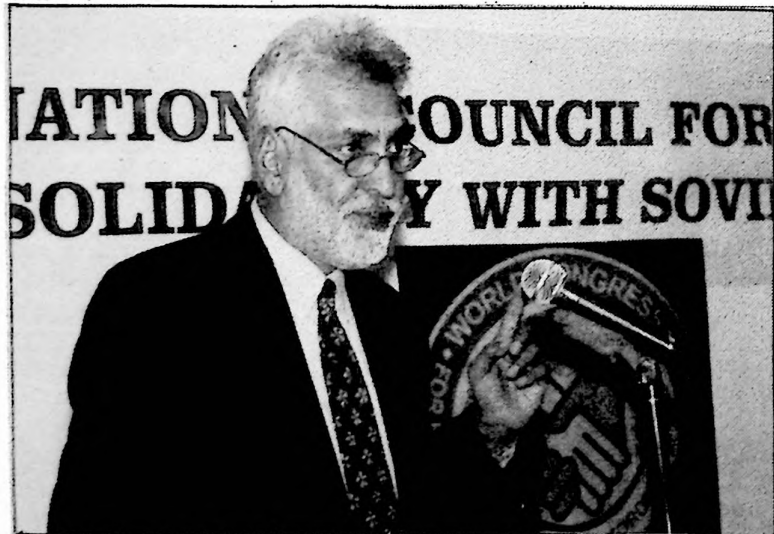
*Election of the Recording Secretary. Motion made and seconded to elect Rose of Ray O Light as Secretary. Ray O Light will act as Secretary when Rose will be chairperson Motion carried.

*Election of Chairpersons. Motion made and seconded to elect Harpal Brar of England, Will Lambert of Canada (was not able to be present), Ray O Light of USA, Ray Berbling from the Australian-Soviet Friendship Society, Magalios Christos, Secretary of International Relations for A/Synechia, Greece. Rose O Light was added after the question of women representation was raised. Motion carried.

*Report by Ludo Martens from the Belgian Workers Party, ("Another View of Stalin") was read by Jef Bossuyt. Written report and translations into Spanish, Russian and French were provided. Discussion the report followed.

*Motion made by Ray Stevenson that this World Congress establish an International Commission, including representatives from former Soviet Union, taking into account the harm done to the working class of all the world through anti-Stalinism and develop means to counter in the name of solidarity,

Harpal Brar, Editor of Lalkar Magazine, England, Chairing a session

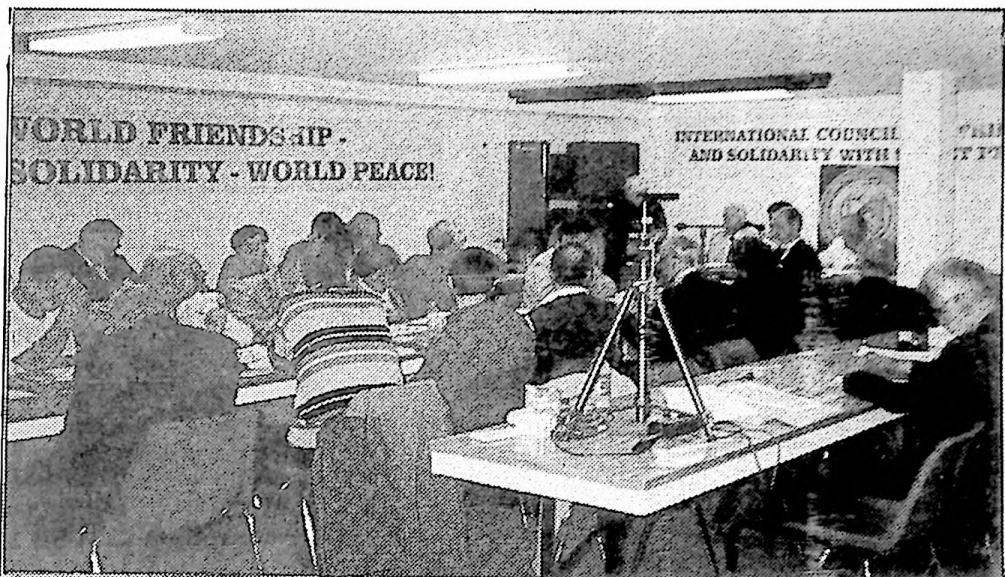


Ray Stevenson, Associate Editor of NSC from Canada





Zbigniew Wiktor, Union of Polish Communists "Proletariat"



World Congress in session at the Friendship House, Toronto, Canada

friendship and anti-imperialist struggles. Motion was discussed at length but it was not acted upon. It was clear from the discussion that those who have led this friendship work have been strong supporters of Stalin. But this is not appropriate for this friendship society to undertake.

II. AFTERNOON SESSION

(Chaired by Michael Opperskalski, Editor of "Offensiv" journal of the Communist Party Platform of PDJ-Germany)

+ **The Congress Registration Fees** were collected by Helen Lucas the Financial Secretary of the Organizing Committee, NSC and CFSP.

* Greetings were read from **Oleg Shenin**,

Chairman of the Union of Communist Parties-CPSU.

*Greetings were read from **Communist Party Bolsheviks Ukraine**

*Greetings were read by **Viktor Bourenkov** from the **New Communist Party of Britain**.

A **Universal Appeal** for International Friendship, Solidarity with the peoples of the Dismantled Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and against "Globalized" Corporate War, Exploitation and Corporate Created Disunity of all People" - presented by **Ray Stevenson**. (This written draft was in all of delegates' portfolios.) Document discussed and referred back to Ray Stevenson for minor changes.

***Election of the Resolutions Committee** - Michael Lucas proposed **Ricardo Gutierrez**

from Mexico, **Malasi Ngandu** from Congo, **Mate Zalka** from Spain, **Alexei Prigrarine** from Russia. **Jef Bossuyt** from Belgium, **Magalios Christos** from Greece. Vote to accept the proposals for Resolutions Committee. Jef Bossuyt was made Chairman.

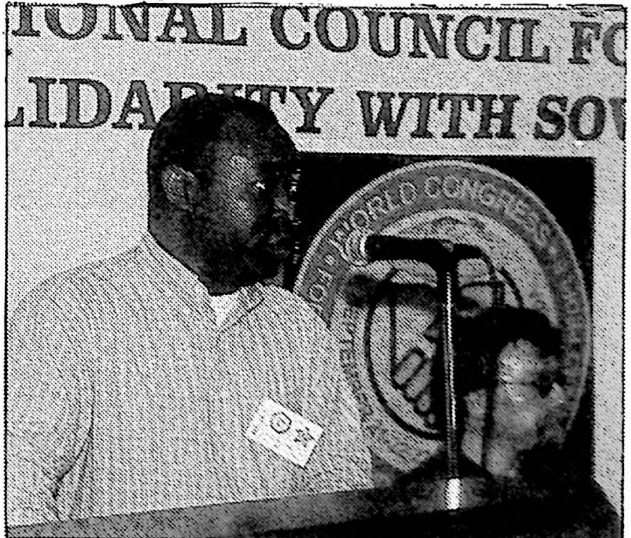
***Election of the Nominations Committee** Michael Lucas proposed **Harpal Brar** from England, **Lloyd Redstone** from Canada, **Ray O Light** from USA, **Bruce Mellado** from Germany, **Pedro Castro** from Brazil, **Professor Herasymchuk** from Ukraine, **Ray Berbling** from Australia. Vote to accept proposals for Nominations Committee. Ray O Light was made Chairman.

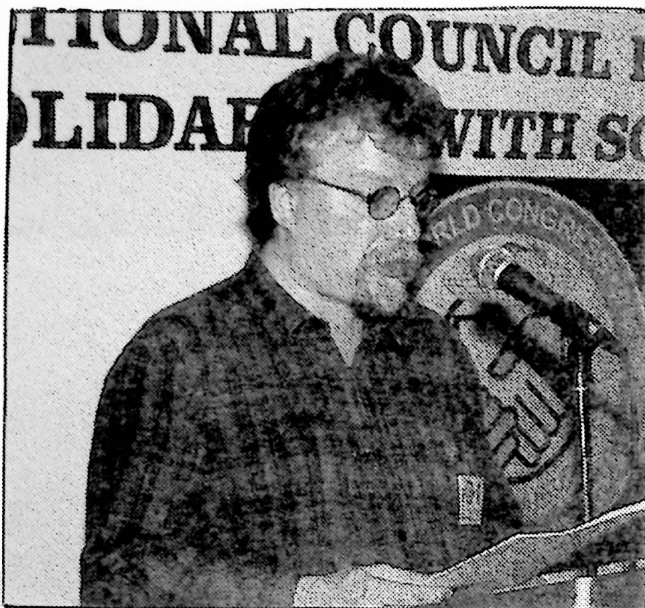
*Session ended with Toasts to the Congress by Jef Bossuyt, George Gruentzal, Rose O Light and Alexei Prigrarine.

Jef Bossuyt, Worker s' Party of Belgium, chairing a session



Denis Malasi Ngandu from Congo, Africa





Michael Opperskalski, *Offensiv Journal, Communist Platform PDJ, Germany*



V. Herasymchuk, *Ukraine-Canada Society - Ukraine*



SECOND DAY: SEPTEMBER 22

III. FIRST MORNING SESSION

(Chaired by Bruce Mellado, Editorial Board of "Zaschita" Trade Union of Russia - Germany)

***Delegations Reports continued:**

- Dr. Adelard Paquin, an active member of Organizing Committee, NSC and Quebec Society of CFSP.
- Ricardo C. Gutierrez, Secretary General of the Mexican Communist Party.
- Giovanni Viera - General Secretary of the Brazilian Institute of Socialist Culture

- Magalios Christos -The Secretary of International Relations A/Synechia - Greece
- Svetlana Benedikt - Kari Marx Society of Hungary.
- Savio Dominico - First Secretary of the Communist Party of Italy - Marxist-Leninist.
- Larisa Babiernko - Editor of Russian newspaper "For USSR", Moscow.

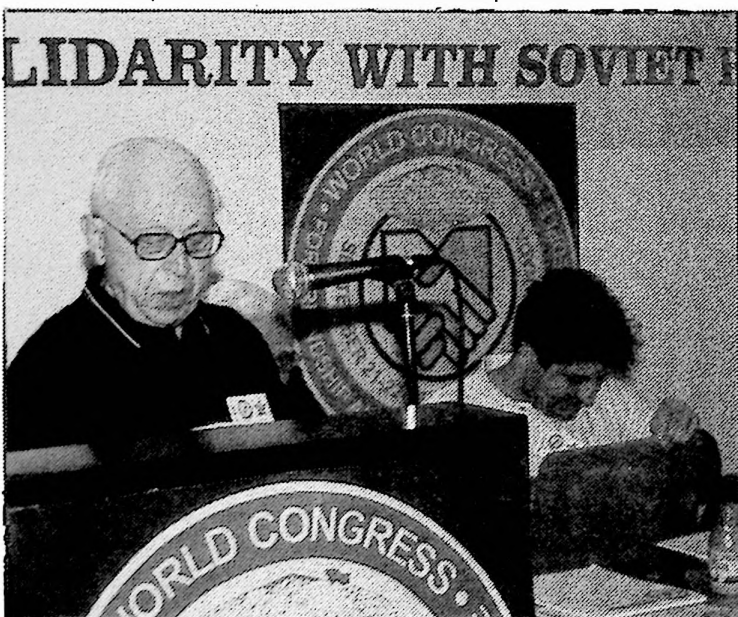
*Representatives of Marxist-Leninist Communist Party of Turkey complained that many speakers have not addressed the issues of the Congress. They questioned again the concept of using "Soviet People" and suggested again that this be replaced with "Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet

Union and Soviet People before the 20th Congress" After various speakers from the delegates, it was decided to give them extra time to state their point of view again.

*Ray O Light challenged the Soviet comrades to take up the project as reported and urged in the Congress Report of forming a United Front to support the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People. Chairman **Bruce Mellado** supported this challenge to the comrades from the Soviet Union (total of 3 delegates while 21 other Soviets delegates that registered did not get their Canadian visa)

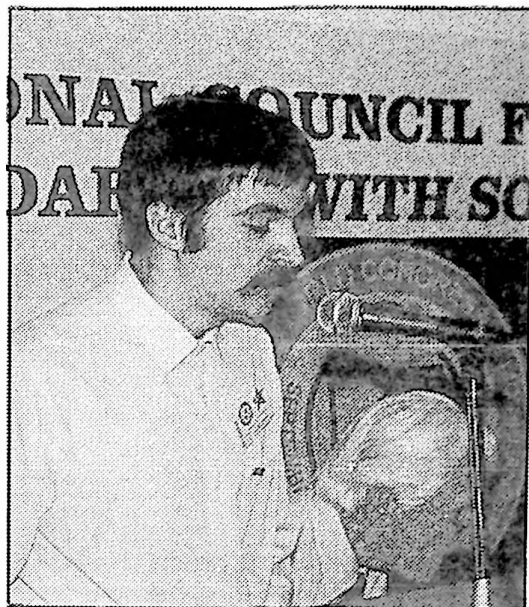
Dr. Adelard Paquin, Canadian Friends of Soviet People - Quebec

Dr. Mirko Sloboda, Vice-chairman of Czech Slav Committee

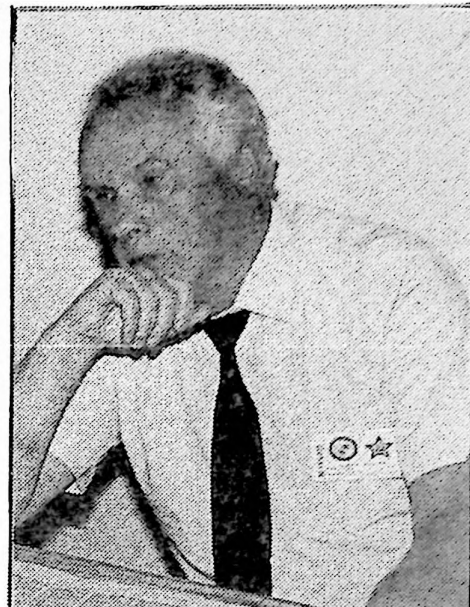




Svetlana Benedaki, Karl Mark Society – Hungary



Victor Bourenkov, Russian Communist Workers Party (currently in exile in Great Britain).



Alexei Prigarine, Chairman of RCP-CPSU

IV. SECOND MORNING SESSION

(Chaired by Ray O Light, Editorial Board of NSC, member of the Organizing Committee)

-**Michael Opperskalski** presented "Some Theses on the so-called "New World Order" (The written report was in the delegates' portfolios).

-**Felipe Delbarrio** read a Statement on behalf of the National Democratic Front of the Philippines. (Written statement was in delegates' portfolios)

-**Redmond Guerrero** – member of the CFSP and NSC and Migrate International, made a presentation "On Broadening Our Work". (Written report was in each delegates'

portfolio). After a brief discussion of the delegates present, in which both the young and elder delegates took part, the gist of the report was unanimously adopted.

-DELEGATE REPORTS continued:

-**Mate Zalka**, CPS (reconstituted) stated that the links between Spain and the former USSR go way beyond friendship and solidarity and pledged to work with other organizations in Spain to put up a Spanish version of Northstar Compass.

-**Audrey Bowman**, of the Workers Association of Britain gave a rousing speech which had delegates applauding.

Flo Giblett – member of the Organizing Committee and the Stalin Society of Great Britain gave a report on the work they are doing and an analysis of the struggles we are involved in.

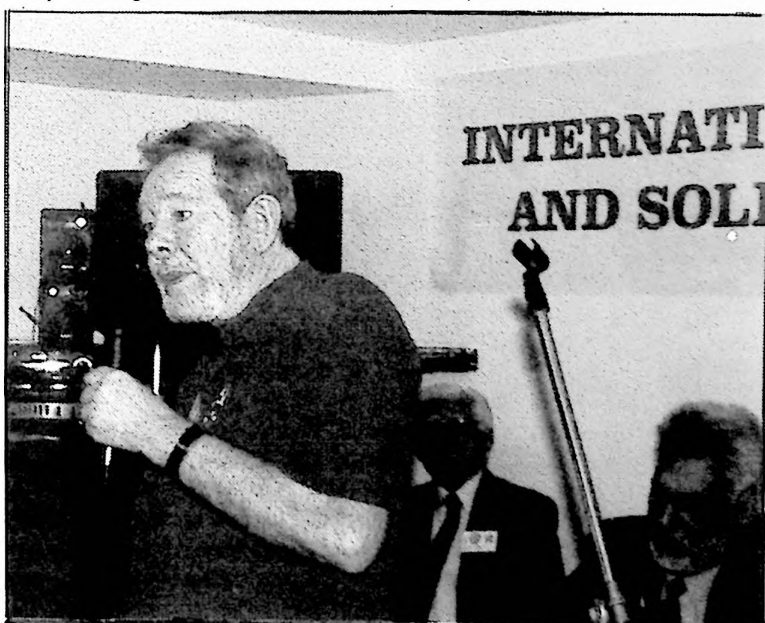
*Announcement that the work of the Congress Resolutions Committee and the Nominations Committee will begin in the upstairs offices at 7pm.

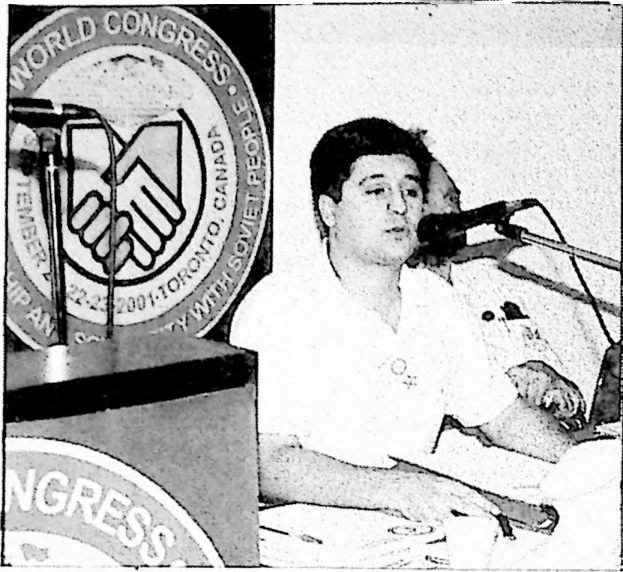
*Ending the session was a toast to the delegates by **Bruce Mellado** of Germany.

V. AFTERNOON SESSION (Chaired by Ray O Light)

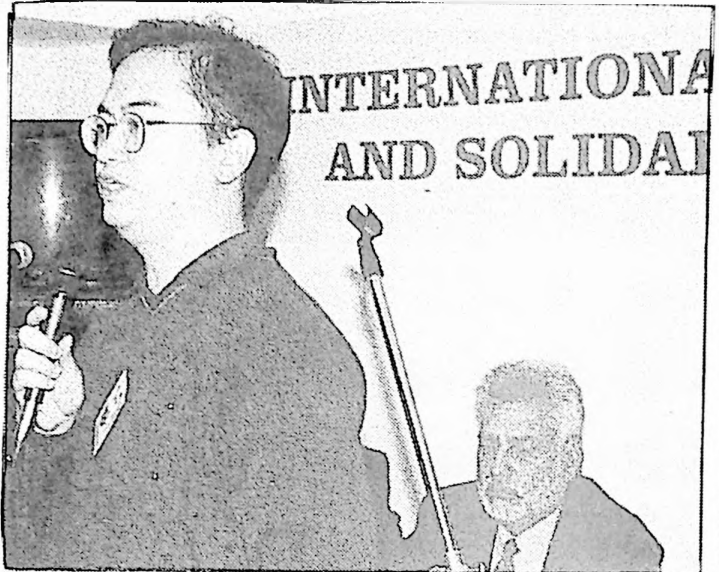
Giovanni G.Vieira, Instituto Brasilo De Cultura Socialista-Brasil

Ray Berbling, Australian Friends of Soviet People –Australia





Rafael Martiniz, Editorial Board of newspaper "Zaschita" - France



Ramon Grajo, member of the Editorial Board of NSC - Canada



Larisa Babitskaya, member of the Editorial Board of NSC - Canada

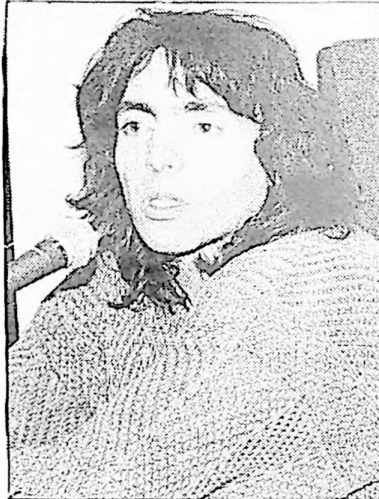
Professor Herasymchuk presenting bust of Lenin to Michael Lucas

Jesse Papapavriou

Rick Esquerre - Democratic Front



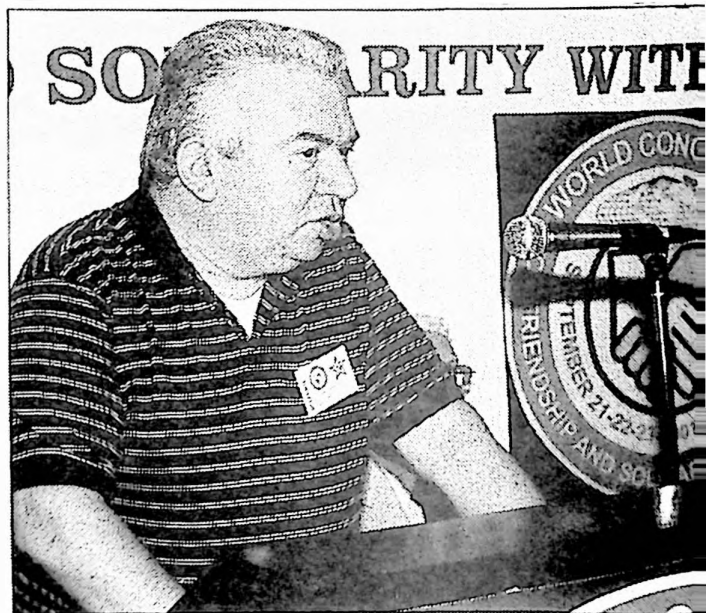
Savio Dominico, Partito Comunista Italiano, Marxista-Leninista-Italy



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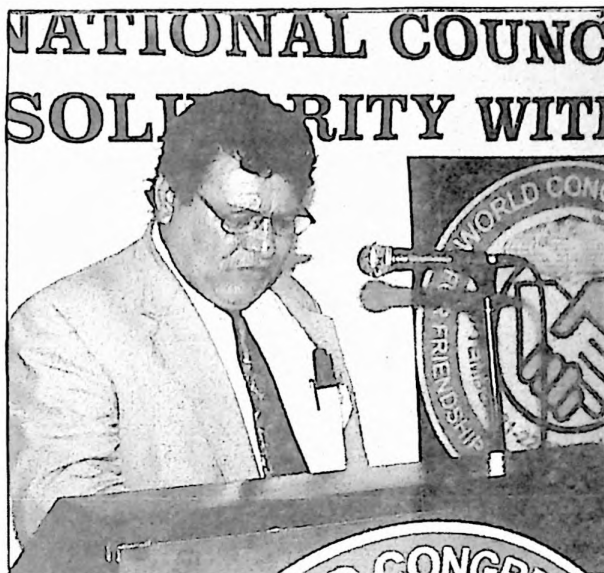


F.F. from A/Synecha Organization - Greece





Editor of newspaper 'For USSR' - Russia
John Greene



Ricardo Chavez Gutierrez, Partido Comunista Mexicano
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Flo Giblett, Stalin Society - England
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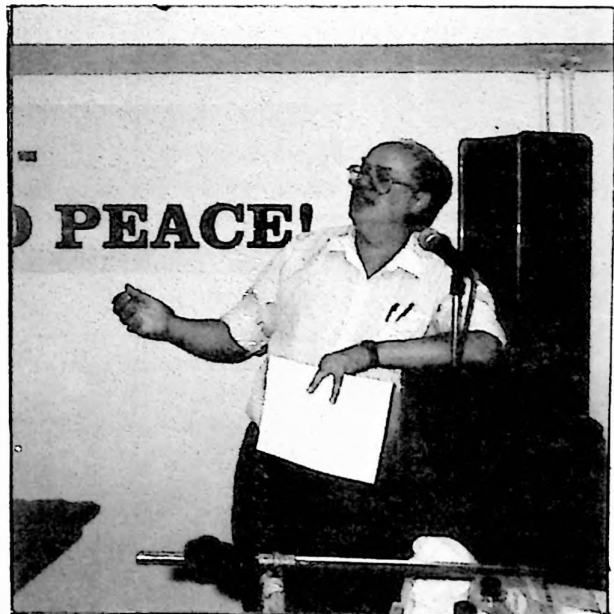
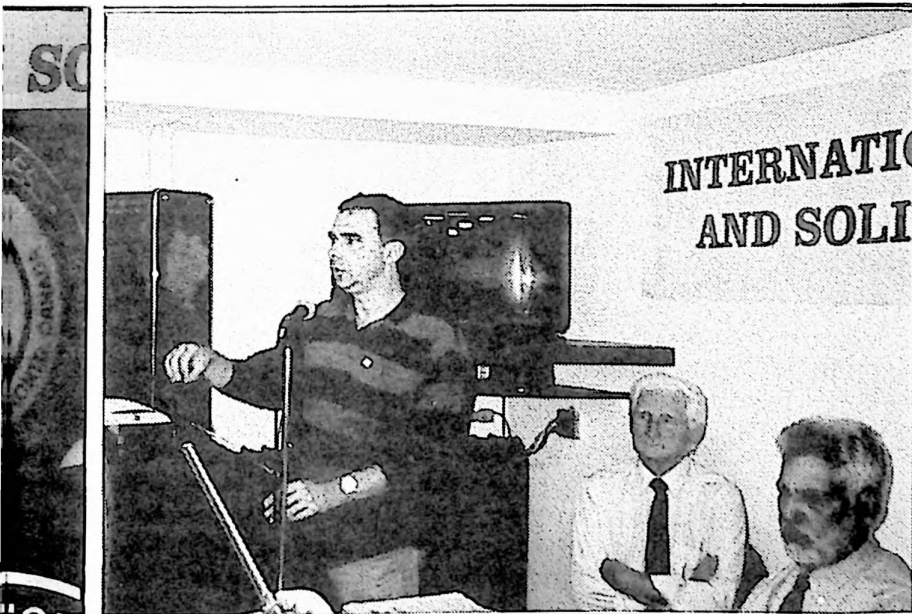
US Friends of Soviet People



Workers Association of Britain

Mate Zalka (pseudonym) Communist Party of Spain (r)

George Gruenthal, Secretary of International Council - USA





Paul Greene, Canadian Friends of Soviet People



World Congress in session with George Gruenthal translating from English to Spanish

***PROPOSED STATUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL**

(Presented by Professor Dr. Zbigniew Wiktor, of the Communist Party of Poland "Proletariat")

-Jef Bossuyt said that he had been waiting for three years for this and he fully supports the document as it is. He stressed that we all need to move from words to deeds.

-Alexei Prigarine of Russia proposed a number of changes which the chairman led the discussion point by point:

Prigarine wanted to delete "all Patriots and Fighters for the Resurrection of the USSR" from the end of the first paragraph of the proposed Statutes to "Soviet People". - Congress voted overwhelmingly to keep the wording as it is. His other proposals were also treated while some suggestions were accepted.

-Dr.Zbigniew Wiktor mentioned that it is at the moment not reasonable in Poland to form a Polish-Soviet Friendship Society, since the Polish government would reject this move.

-Turkish comrades asked again about what will the name of the organization be after we elect the International Council...because they will not participate as delegates if the name is not changed to "Soviet people as existed in USSR prior to 1953." The chairman pointed out that this decision on the names was already made yesterday and voted upon. The Turkish delegates then placed themselves as "observers" instead of delegates.

-Mate Zalka presented a list of nine proposals that were submitted before the Congress. They are all in the delegate' portfolios. Out of nine proposals, seven were accepted while two were rejected by the delegates.

-Michael Lucas stated again that all of the suggestions that were sent in before the Congress were taken into account when drafting the Statutes.

-Brazilian delegates pointed out that point 3 under Participation in the International Council" be eliminated. Suggestion was accepted.

-Frank Trampus CFSP, NSC moved a motion to adopt the Statutes. The motion was enthusiastically seconded by numerous delegates. Motion carried overwhelmingly.

WHERE SHOULD THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL BE SITUATED?

-Harpal Brar, member of the Organizing Committee opened up the discussion. After discussion, it was decided that the location of the Council be located in Toronto, Canada, at least for the next two years.

***WHAT SHOULD BE THE OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL?**

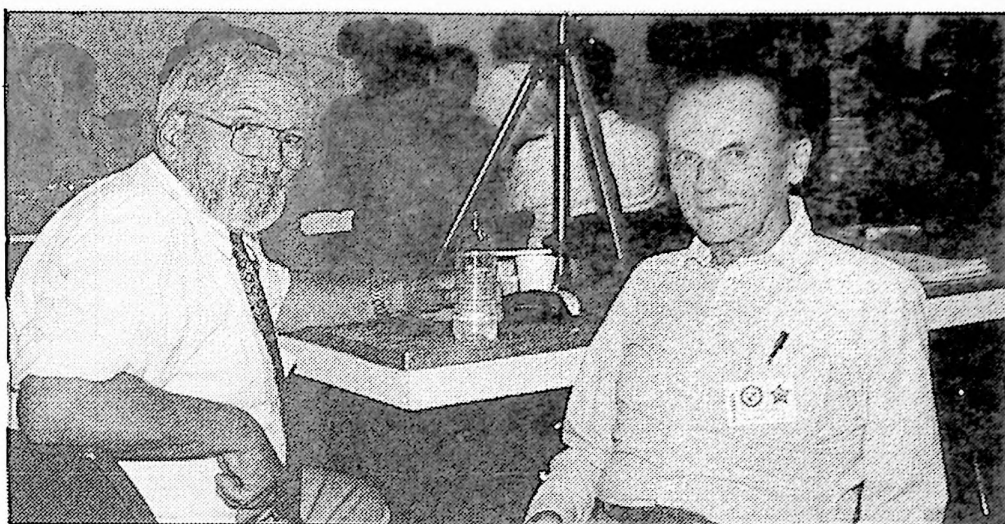
-Ray O Light, member of Organizing Committee presented this report, which was in the delegates' portfolios. Harpal Brar, the

Michael Lucas, Chairman of International Council. Helen Lucas, Financial Secretary





Frank Trampus. Canadian Friends of Soviet People



Ivan Petrik and Steve Sajban, official photographers and members of CFSP

chairman of the session commented about the presentation, which was emotional by Ray O Light and asked the Congress "What is your pleasure?"

-Motion was made that the official organ be **Northstar Compass**, that the headquarters of this publication be in Toronto, Canada and that **Michael Lucas** remain as its Chief Editor. Motion was passed overwhelmingly with one vote opposed.

Many delegates expressed support for the publication. **Bruce Mellado** of Germany volunteered to work with **George Gruenthal** and help also in translation work. **Mate Zalka** suggested that NSC should contain a cultural section. **Viktor Bourenkov** thanked the Editorial Board for their hard work in promoting the restoration of the USSR and socialism and asked that more attention be paid to the workers struggles in former Soviet Union.

*Greetings were read from the **Marxist Workers Communist Party of Australia**; the **Communist Party of Peru (Red Fatherland)**; from the **Iraqi Communist Party** the greetings was presented by **Hazzim Yousif**, member of US Friends of Soviet People.

*NORTHSTAR COMPASS WEB SITE-

George Gruenthal, member of NSC Board, USFSP, of Organizing Committee and in charge of Northstar Compass Web Site presented a report, which each delegate had in their portfolio. He mentioned the importance of maintaining and expanding this Web Site of NSC, since over years there were thousands of "bites" from all over the world...thus NSC gets the message across the world. **Viktor Bourenkov** from Russia-Wales thanked **George Gruenthal**

for maintaining the site and he is willing to help enlarge the site. The chairman asked all delegates, upon returning back to promote this web site of NSC...

WWW.NORTHSTARCOMPASS.ORG

***Ray Berbling**, chairman of Australian-Soviet Friendship Society read greetings from Australian Friends.

*WHAT SHOULD BE THE FIRST TASK UNDERTAKEN BY THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL?

This written report was followed by all delegates on their own copy and was presented by **Michael Lucas**. The main suggestion was that the Soviet parties, Organizations and publications that signed the Call, and the Soviet delegates that are at this Congress, upon their return should try to involved the masses in setting up a Union of Soviet Friendship Society with Foreign Countries, which will be the counterpart of the International Council.

After the report was made and discussion took place, there was a motion by **Jerry Morse** of Canada and seconded by **Aubrey Bowman** of England, the report was accepted with one small correction.

The change was to add the words "where possible" in the first point of the report so that it would be read.

"In each country, represented here at this Congress, there must be set up a Friendship Society with Soviet People where possible, which must be a united front organization devoted to the aims that we all agreed upon at this World Congress. This organization should involve all strata of the population that sees the need for this friendship, not only the Soviet people but

also in their struggles against imperialism and exploitation in their own countries."

*Session ended with toasts to the Congress led by **Ray O Light**.

THIRD DAY: SEPTEMBER 23

VI. MORNING SESSION

Chaired by **Rose of Ray O Light Group**

+**Michael Opperskalski** announced the death of **Karl Eduard Van Schnitzler**, founder of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany, who, after the GDR was liquidated, stood up against the German Bourgeois reaction in defense of the revolutionary heritage of GDR. **Moment of silence was observed.**

***Professor Vladimir Herasymchuk** read his poem in Russian, dedicated to mother of **Michael Lucas** who passed away, titled "Shooting Star". **Ray Stevenson** then presented a gift CD of **Paul Robeson's Peace Arch Concert** to **Professor Herasymchuk** and told the story of **Paul Roberson** and the worldwide campaign to return his passport to travel and allow the world to hear his music.

***Motion** made by **Giovanni Viera** of the Instituto Brasilio de Cultura Socialista, which has consistently contributed to the work of building for World Congress:

"We would like to pay tribute to the young 23 year old Italian political activist, Carlo Giuliani, brutally murdered while protesting the 8-Group Summit that was held in Genoa, Italy in July of 2001. Carlo Giuliani has become the symbol of the anti-globalization movement around the world. His death has not been in vain." **Motion adopted.**

***Michael Lucas** reported that we have received 73 greetings to this World Congress. He then read greetings from: Ana Maria Gelabert, political prisoner in Texas, USA jail; Dr. Angelo D-Angelo of the US Friends of Soviet People; Doug Townsend of Canada; Communist Party of Romania which invites a delegation from this Congress to their Bucharest meeting and from the Workers Communist Party of Denmark which decided to join the International Council.

***Bruce Mellado** gave a report on behalf of "Zaschita" (Defense) Trade Union of Russia, which represents perhaps 20,000 workers throughout Russia where there are 30-50 million factory workers who are underpaid, overworked and in wage arrears. He reported that since 1980, there had been powerful strikes of millions of workers protesting not payment on time of wages. He reported further that in the early 1990's, there was an anti-communist hysteria among the Soviet working class in response to the hardships of the 1980's, resulting in a drop of life expectancy, etc. More recently, rank and file workers have shown the ability to unite, despite some communist party's sectarianism.

***SPECIAL MOTION** by Ray Stevenson.

"This World Congress, representing 17 countries, extends to the working class of the Soviet People our heartfelt and undying solidarity and friendship. We will extend whatever and all of the fraternal, moral and material assistance we can bring to you and that meets whatever demands you may place before us in various countries and territories. We have a world to win. We know that your united and militant activity is the key to resurrecting socialism in your land and the world!" Passed unanimously.

***Delegates' statements** from:

-**Ivan Petrik**, NSC, CFSP

-**Mick Kelly** of the Freedom Road Socialist Organization in USDA

-**Mike Popovich**, CFSP and Canadian Slav Committee

*REPORT BY THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Chairman Ray O Light presented the names of proposed candidates for the Executive Committee of the International Council:

Chairman-	Michael Lucas	Canada
Vice chairman	Pedro Castilho	Brazil
Vice chairman	Harpal Brar	England
Secretary	George Gruenthal	USA
Financial Coord.	Helen Lucas	Canada
Associate	Ray Stevenson	Canada

Editors	Ray O Light	USA
	Ludo Martens	Belgium
Members/	Dr. A. Paquin	Canada
Controllers	Zbigniew Wirktor	Poland
	Mate Zalka	Spain
	S. Benedikt	Hungary
	Felipe Delbarrio	Canada
	Representative	Australia

This proposal was accepted by the Nominations Committee and since there were no other nominations, the Nominating Committee asked for a vote.

Delegates accepted the proposals and voted unanimously for the new **Executive Committee of the International Council**.

Report by the Nominations Committee for the **Editorial Board of Northstar Compass** journal was presented by the chairman - Ray O Light.

Chief Editor	Michael Lucas	Canada
Associate	Ray Stevenson	Canada
Editors	Ray O Light	USA
	Ludo Martens	Belgium
Subscriptions	Dr. A. Paquin	Canada
Financial Sec.	Helen Lucas	Canada
Promotions	R. Guerrero	Canada
Columnists	Harpal Brar	Britain
	V. Herasymchuk	Ukraine
Translators	Viktor Bourenkov	Britain
	Bruce Mellado	Germany

Michael Opperskalski of Germany declined his nomination. Several nominations were made from the floor including from Russia. **Michael Lucas** made a motion that was seconded by **Ray O Light** that in the interest of development of unity, no nominations for the Editorial Board from the former Soviet Union be accepted at this time. **Alexei Prigarine** withdrew his nomination with respect for the opinion expressed by Michael Lucas.

Motion was carried. Delegates voted to elect the nominated slate of candidates as amended.

VI. AFTERNOON SESSION

Chaired by Harpal Brar of England

-Ray O Light pointed out that in the Toronto newspaper there was a story in the Globe & Mail that projected a Big Lie that the "original model for all modern terrorists and for Osama Ben Laden in particular was Vladimir Lenin, conscience of the Russian revolution." Canadian friends should give a written response to this.

-**Magalios Christos** from Greece expressed concern on behalf of *A/synechia* for the way

the Turkish comrades were treated at this Congress.

-**Turkish** comrades thanked those that organized this Congress. They lamented that their suggestion was not accepted. Their position is that after 20th Congress of the CPSU the Soviet Union was not a socialist country and this is a question of principle for them. They would stay as observers, but they want to maintain contact with the International Council.

-**George Gruenthal** stated that he felt that the words "before 1953" were irrelevant

-**Alexei Prigarine** that he supports the Turkish comrades fight against the Turkish government, but that they should not be upset. Ray O Light objected on the point of order that Alexei Prigarine is not following the time allotted to each speaker. Chairman Harpal Brar allowed Prigarine to continue but gave him a time limit.

-**Mate Zalka** stated that he represents a part, not a newspaper and as Bolsheviks we do make mistakes and are willing to be self-critical. We object being called Trotskivite because our party had fought long and hard against Trotskyism and we support Stalin in Spain for 30 years. The Communist Party of Spain takes a dialectical approach to the Soviet Union and that 1956 began the process of disintegration.

*REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Presented by **Jef Bossuyt**, Chairman

A summary of the resolutions and their disposition follows:

Resolution #1: "On the Terrorist Attacks and the Preparation of War"

Harpal Brar spoke in opposition to paragraph 1 of the proposed resolution, claiming that the attack on the World Trade Centre was not a "terroristic act" but an extension of the national liberation struggle. He suggested that we delete this paragraph and proposed an alternative. **Jeff Bossuyt** spoke in support of the paragraph and quoted 3 texts that had taken a position of condemning the state terrorism of US imperialism and other imperialists while also opposing the terrorist attack in New York City on September 11th, from the Russian Communist Workers Party, the Communist Party of the Philippines and the government of Cuba. **Flo Giblett** said she felt it was just that the Pentagon, center of world-wide imperialist aggression had been bombed and pointed out that the World Trade Center was also the center for planning aggression against the people of the world. She asked,

about feeling sorry for the 4 million people who die every year of starvation George Gruenthal pointed out that nobody knows who carried out these actions. No group in the world claimed responsibility. He suggested using "attack" instead of "terror bombing" and deleting "Washington" and the entire second sentence. He said that in New York, people feel "we are attacked" and therefore it has to be condemned in order to reach people there.

-Amendment proposed by Harpal Brar to replace the first paragraph failed. Vote was 13 for, 15 against, with 9 abstentions. - Amendment by George Gruenthal to change "terror bombing" to "attack", eliminate "Washington" and delete second sentence carried: 19 for, 5 against, 7 abstentions.

-Rose from Ray O Light Group proposed "US" be changed to "US imperialism" in paragraph 3. Proposal accepted. Also, adding "including reactionary Arab regimes" on line after "currents". Amendment carried with 2 for, 6 against and 2 abstentions. There was also agreement that "state of Israel" would be added after "Zionist aggression" in paragraph 7.

-Resolution #2 – "Free Political Prisoners – Fighters for Socialism".

Bruce Mellado suggested that we leave out Slobodan Milosevich name out. Proposal was then supported by Jef Bossuyt. Dr, Zbigniew Wiktor said that if we removed this, we would need another resolution. 15 voted to support, 17 opposed. Motion failed. George Gruenthal proposed adding 2 more paragraphs from the proposals of Mate Zalka in support of Turkish political prisoners and Spanish political prisoners. Proposal carried.

-Resolution 3 – "Agitational Work amongst the Youth" and "Resolution on the Soviet War Veterans of World War II". Carried unanimously.

-Resolution 4. "Hands off the undividable sovereign Democratic Republic of Congo". Adopted.

-Resolution 5: "Solidarity with Palestinian and Iraqi People"

Ray O Light proposed deleting the phrase "aimed at establishing a pre-imperialist regime in Baghdad. Proposal carried 24 for, 6 against. Proposal to support Iraqi Communist Party carried, 20 for, 12 against

Motion made and seconded to adopt the resolution. Carried.

-Resolution 6 – "Solidarity with Colombian people against the prepared aggression". Bruce Mellado made a proposal to take out reference to FARC and the Communist Party of Colombia. Proposal failed 10 for, 11 against. Motion made and seconded and carried.

-Resolution 7- "Solidarity with Spanish political prisoners" Adopted.

-Resolution 8 – "Solidarity with political prisoners in Turkey". Adopted.

-Jef Bossuyt was thanked by the chairman for a very difficult and often hot tempered exchanges during this very important session on the resolutions.

-Ray Stevenson stated that we are facing the problems and also the achievements that go along with the growth, and wished everyone well in the fight for solidarity with the Soviet people. He proposed that the document *Universal Appeal* be referred to the incoming Executive Committee of the International Council to rework it for united action. Motion was made and seconded and accepted by acclamation.

-Michael Lucas introduced Lloyd Redstone of Canada from CFSP and NSC as one of the backbones of the organization. Lloyd thanked the delegates for their participation and pointed out that most of the funds has been provided by Mike and Helen Lucas and the great Society of Carpatho-Russian Canadians. He called for contributions of money and articles for NSC. He also wished that he shall see socialism in his lifetime (he's 74 years old) and urged all of us to "get going!"

-Magalios Christos said that we was very touched and would never forget the hospitality received. He appreciated the opportunity to speak in the name of A/Synechia of Greece and encouraged us to always remember the millions of comrades who gave their lives in the fight and we cannot let them down. No matter what our differences are, he urged that we all unite in the fight against the enemy of mankind – the Imperialist New World Order.

-Alexei Prigarine expressed support for the successful World Congress. He thanked Michael Lucas, Ray Stevenson and Helen Lucas and the Organizing Committee of the World Congress. He stated that the aim for victory of socialism in the Soviet Union and in the whole world shall be victorious.

-Harpal Brar said that he has expected this World Congress to be boring, but instead, found it a vibrant body of people who made good arguments in the spirit of comradeship. He stated that imperialism attacked Stalin in an effort to destroy the internationalist working class' confidence in itself to struggle for power. He also said that the Soviet Union lives in the minds of hundreds of millions of people around the world and urged that we ride above petty differences and work for internationalism.

-Michael Lucas as the new Chairman of the International Council and Chief Editor of *Northstar Compass*, commented that we have given him and the rest of the newly elected leadership a big responsibility as a 75 year young man, following in the footsteps of his revolutionary family, some who died in the Spanish Civil War.

He urged all the delegates not to be only paper members of the newly formed International Council, but to fulfill our responsibilities to ourselves and to the people in our own countries by contributing to the work that lies ahead. He urged all delegates to respond when he writes, and warned all that if we do not actively participate, the new committees would not be able to publish *Northstar Compass* journal as it had been published in the past. He urged comrades from the former Soviet Union to set aside their differences, not just for themselves, but also for all of humanity. Finally, he wished all the delegates speedy and safe return home, good health and raised the toast to the successful conclusion of the World Congress.

-The World Congress concluded with the playing of the Soviet National Anthem and the singing of the International.



Dear comrades:

Having returned from the World Congress home I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the organizers for a splendid effort in which there were very important decisions made.

Your initiative was very timely, important and absolutely necessary. I am amazed at the enormous amount of work and costs that went into the planning of this event.

Again congratulations!

Zbigniew Wiktor
Polish Communist Party "Proletariat"

WORLD CONGRESS —

thoughts on one important resolution that was passed.

By HARPAL BRAR

Member of Executive Committee



"Every crisis", observed Lenin, "casts off the conventional, tears away outer wrappings, sweeps away the obsolete and reveals the underlying springs and forces."

In making this observation, Lenin had in mind the epoch of crisis for the nations of Western Europe, and for the entire imperialist system, caused by the First World War. His observation applies with equal force to the crisis created by the events of September 11 in the US and the brutal war of aggression now being undertaken by Anglo-American imperialism, two of the world's most powerful and rich marauders, against the poor, semi-starved people of Afghanistan, already suffering from the aftermath of nearly three decades of a proxy war waged against them by imperialism and its stooges in South Asia. Just as the first World War, by revealing the vitality of the small nations had been exhausted, that they could play no role against imperialism, and that therefore the support for their purely national aspirations was pointless, likewise the events of September 11, and now the war, have served to underline the vast reservoir of vitality possessed by nations oppressed by imperialism on a world scale. Moreover, the First World War revealed not only the utter rotteness, putrid and decayed in the working class movements of the imperialist countries, steeped as it had been through decades of opportunism (which easily assumed the form of social chauvinism during the war) that to imperialist super-profits which served as the economic basis for bribing the upper layers of the working class. Likewise, the present crisis is proving on an incomparably higher level the ripe rotteness of imperialism as well as the rotteness of what passes for the "left" in the imperialist countries. We deal with the imperialist predatory war now being waged under the leadership of US imperialism elsewhere in this issue. Here we wish to refer to some detail to the reactions, in particular of those calling themselves "left", "socialist", and even Marxist-Leninist", to the events of September 11, for they are of particular importance to the question of opportunism in the working-class movement

in the imperialist countries. Without fighting against this opportunism, all talk about the struggle for proletarian power is a hollow sham.

It goes without saying, and it was to be expected, that US imperialism would react like a mad bull to the attacks on the bastions of its military (the Pentagon) and economic power (the World Trade Center-WTC). It was equally to be expected that other imperialist powers, as well as imperialist stooge-regimes, in particular the Gulf autocracies, would follow suit and condemn these attacks in ringing tones and endorse every act of brigandage and real terrorism by the US as an act of "self-defense", allegedly against a "brutal attack" and a "monstrous injustice." There is nothing strange in imperialism always intensifying its aggression - an aggression that has been going on long before the attacks on the Pentagon and the WTC - on a pretext variously of the "war against international terrorism", "the war of civilization against barbarism", and, ominously, "the crusade against terrorism". What is truly monstrous is that parties and groups claiming to represent the interests of the proletariat should, as if unable to withstand imperialist pressure and swim against the tide of a public opinion so carefully and craftily created and nurtured by the colossal power of the lying imperialist mass propaganda machine, be nudged into unreservedly condemning the attacks on the Pentagon and the WTC in terms of indistinguishable from those used by imperialist organs and statesmen alike. Those guilty of this sinful conduct are not confined to the usual fraternity of counter-revolutionary Trots and the revisionists, renegades, who can always be expected to follow in the wake of imperialism and social democracy, but sadly are also to be found among some of the best contingents of the proletarian movement in the imperialist countries.

THE WORLD CONGRESS RESOLUTION

By way of illustration, we shall take the

resolution presented, and passed by a narrow majority of two votes, at the recently held World Congress held in Toronto on the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People. It was entitled "*On the Terrorist Attacks and the Preparation for War*", the very first paragraph of this resolution exposes in a nutshell the opportunism and the monstrously doctrinaire opinion of those who supported it, albeit in a somewhat amended form. In its original formulation, the first paragraph read as follows:

"The International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People condemns, without reservation, the September 11th terror bombing in New York City and Washington. This action cannot be described as other than a monstrous assault on a mindless and savage character and purpose that has destroyed many thousands of human being. We join with the millions, who are mourning, in extending our deepest condolences to the bereaved and in extending our salutes to those that have lost their lives."

Then follow eight paragraphs citing some of the crimes committed by imperialism, especially US imperialism, and in the final tenth paragraph which calls upon peace-loving forces in the world to organize protests and resistance against "the preparation of war by US imperialism" and defend democratic rights and assist in "justified liberation struggles of the people". In light of the contents of the first paragraph, the rest of the resolution became the meaningless moaning and grumbling of a parson.

When this resolution came up for discussion, I as a delegate representing the anti-imperialist publication "Lalkar", objected to the inclusion of this paragraph and proposed that the first paragraph be then replaced in its entirety and replaced by the following amendment:

"The International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People extends its deepest sympathy and condolences to the bereaved families whose loved ones died consequent upon the attack on the World Trade Center and other attacks on September 11, 2001. However, this Congress firmly believes that the blame for this tragedy lies solely on the doorstep of US imperialism which for so long has terrorized the peoples of the world in an attempt to maintain its own hegemony and in an attempt to maintain the continued existence of decadent, parasitic and

moribund capitalism. It is to be hoped that these events will serve to become the starting point for the proletariat in the imperialist countries, particularly in the US to start a vigorous campaign against imperialist aggression and brigandage of their own ruling class and the policies of their governments. It is to be hoped that those who profess to be the vanguard of the proletariat in the centers of imperialism will rise to the occasion and provide leadership in building precisely such an anti-imperialist movement, for in the absence of such a powerful movement, imperialism will always be bold enough to perpetrate an aggression abroad and suppression at home."

In support of this amendment, I put forward arguments along the following lines: the terms in which the first paragraph characterized the attacks of September 11, were no different from those used by US state department and media giants such as CNN. It is to be hoped that such an 'accidental' coincidence of opinion between the organ of imperialism and those who claim to be Marxist-Leninists cannot in the long run fail to open the eyes of even those who supported the formulations of the opening paragraph.

Dear reader:

Because this article (*which is extensive and extremely informative and educational*) but it arrived when NSC was practically full of articles, it shall continue in the next issue of NSC in the November issue. We invite comments from our readers and those who were present as delegates.

As one who was the organizer and present at all the sessions, and keeping in mind that the proceedings were being translated not too softly (*as the excitement grew*) in four languages, it was nearly impossible to hear every argument, motion, amendments, outbursts and then vote. The simple logic is that many delegates did not vote because they did not hear all of the changes that were being proposed. It's a lesson for future conferences to have better arrangements for translations and have a much stricter chairman. I for one do not see any problems with the formulation by Harpal Brar. But, as a United Front organization, we invite readers' comments.

Continuation shall be in the November issue of NSC.

Michael Lucas
Editor of NSC and
Chairman of the Executive Committee

RUSSIANS FUME AT WORKING FOR FOREIGNERS

By **LIAM PLEVEN**
Los Angeles Times

ARTYOM (RUSSIA) – By the end of a long Saturday spent sewing clothes destined for American store shelves, these Russian women filtering out of dilapidated factory, that long ago needed repairs, filed into a hot, airless bus for their ride home.

This South Korean owned clothing factory is as are others, on the former Soviet soil that have now proliferated in the Far East of Siberia, are known for their demanding work exploitative rules. The workers complained bitterly about the shouting and constant abuse of the South Korean owners. If you are sick you are given penalties. Complaints ranged that you cannot even go to a bathroom. The workers complained that because of the harsh economic conditions now with the new Putin regime, they are compelled to perform Third World exploitative labour for a small country like South Korea.

A worker earns only 56 cents per hour and works 10 hours per day. Everyone complains about the terrible economic conditions now prevailing in all industries. All these foreign owned companies discourage and fight any idea of trade unions of the workers. There are now 10 South Korean factories here, employing about 2,000 cheap labour workers. In addition to cheap labour, the South Korean businessmen say that they were lured to Russia because they can export products more freely to the United States than other production centres.

The US government, which imposes quotas on imports from many Third World countries in order to help protect the American textile industry, places no such limits on Russian imports.

BALTS SULK FOR INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS

By **Barry Stoller**

RIGA – Ten years ago the Balts gained their "independence" but this anniversary was

celebrated in a very low-key manner. The Balts sulked rather than celebrated this event. Only Estonia marked this holiday officially, but even there it was subdued.

It turns out that many Balts had overblown hopes, and unfulfilled hopes have led to great disappointments.

The average gross monthly-wage in Latvia and Estonia are about \$300. Polls conducted last year found that 40% of Latvians are unhappy about their lives, as are 33% Estonians and 24% Lithuanians.

Over 57% of Latvians said that Latvia has not developed positively since independence, according to SKDS agency.

"Most of the people didn't get the material wealth they were promised at the beginning of 1990's. They blame the authorities for this situation."

FROM
KRASNYJ LUTCH
UKRAINE

Dear comrades:

I am an active member of the AUCPB and a correspondent for newspaper "Workers-Peasants" Pravda, and I always promote this newspaper amongst the coal miners and photographing the miners in their struggles against the present regime.

I tell the miners about what Socialism in 70 years gave the Soviet people. Very often I am told to change my outlook and not promote the Bolshevik ideology. I am often asked to explain to younger people as to what we had under the USSR and what we have lost.

I tell them: Socialism gave the people the opportunity to be masters in their own country and that socialism delivered the working class from exploitation.

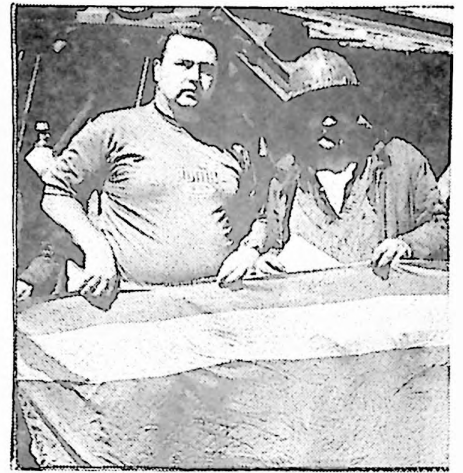
Therefore during the so-called "holiday of 10th Anniversary of independence of Ukraine", we refused to participate and urged other workers not to take part. Unfortunately there are no Soviets of Workers existing in the coalmines at this time as they were before. We are being robbed ruthlessly for already ten years and no work while payment being withheld months and a year at a time.

Take a look at these photographs? These are homes of the present Mafiosi rulers in our small city of Lutch. Some of these large homes belong to the newly rich, such as the mayor of Krasny Lutch, V.V.Shkutja, former member of the Communist Party of Ukraine.

The other photograph shows myself and



Palace of the Mayor of Lutch, V.V.Shkutja



I.V.Knyshov, (second from left) amongst the coal miners in Lutch.

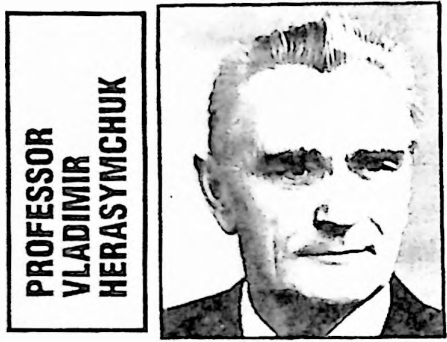
coal miners holding the Soviet Ukrainian flag. We are forced to grow potatoes in fields outside the city. During Soviet times we had everything in plenty and there was no hunger and no unemployment.

Now all of these products only the rich

crooks have plenty off. Is president Kuchma not ashamed as to where Ukraine is at and is he not ashamed to look into the eyes of the Ukrainian workers? It is he and others who eliminated all the collective and state farms, privatized mines and allowed the selling and

buying of land by foreigners

People of Ukraine are slowly dying off due to this policy of robbery and privatization. We cannot live like this anymore! The future is in Socialism and the resurrection of the Soviet Union.



**PROFESSOR
VLADIMIR
HERASYMCHUK**

In all stages of the struggles for a better life for the people of the world on the principals of socialism, an important role was and is played by women. In this manner in Ukraine there was formed an organization called "Gift of Life" Even though the history of this organization is only two years old, but we have done a lot. The first Chairperson of our organization was made in January of 2000 when we elected a women, a deputy of Ukrainian parliament, dedicated political activist Nalalie Vitrenko. In the election for the presidency of Ukraine, she received 2.9 million votes. N. Vitrenko now heads the Progressive Socialist Party of Ukraine. And she is active in all struggles for the benefit of the people.

Heading the struggles in the Volyn district of Ukraine of the "Gift of Life" organization, which now has over 250 members, is Liudmila Dmitrenko and they are also very active in my city of Lutsk.

It would be excellent if the Editorial Board of NSC would be able to arrange contacts

WOMEN OF UKRAINE ARE ORGANIZING



between any of the many Canadian women's organizations and the activists in the "Gift of Life" organization in Ukraine.

In the photograph you can see some of the activists of the Volyn organization of the "Gift of Life". The other photograph is of Nalalie Vitrenko, Chairperson of the Progressive Socialist Party of Ukraine.

**TO OUR SOVIET FRIENDS:
ARISE, YOU
MIGHTY LAND!**

STATEMENTS

BY THE RUSSIAN COMMUNIST WORKERS PARTY

It is time for the world to think

Dreadful explosions shook America on the 11th of September. Thousands of innocent victims died. All sensible-minded people, throughout the world are outraged at the terrorist acts and mourn the victims.

Everybody is posing the question: how could this happen, and who is guilty? Today it is necessary to answer this question through an exhaustively honest analysis, without propagandist reservations or stock phrases. While the civilized humanity denounces the horrible methods used by the suicidal terrorists, people must think: what pushes them to self-sacrifice, what are their aims that they also take lives of thousands, what are the sources of their ideology that grants them the right to judge and punish people who may be unrelated to their problems?

Communists in the RCWP state that this phenomenon has arisen as a law-governed consequence of years-long aggressive policies of US imperialism and its allies. Nobody by the US government and the NATO bloc appropriated the right to be the global judge, without considering UN or public opinion. These are them who have been dividing the world into the so-called civilized countries and the outcasts. They have a long record of imposing blockades, stirring up coups d'état, using nuclear bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, bombing Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, Yugoslavia and other countries. After they blessed Israel, it has been occupying Palestinian lands for decades. And all this is conducted in the name of freedom and values to their own mind. Meanwhile, to the minds of a majority of humanity, the USA is terrorist number one.

It was not possible for such politics not to cause a reaction in response, including a reaction in such terrible forms. There turned out to be individuals, who, following the US model, considered themselves to be eligible to be the judge according to their own criteria for justice (in Israel, USA and other countries). This reaction was predicted. Moreover this phenomena is known for a long time; It is brought up on the basis of anti-communism, hence of obscurantism. Today, we only see the rapid growth in size and, with the scientific and technological advances, the danger of similar tragedies will be coming more and more acute.

It is time for the world to think. It is only possible to stop events as bloody as the one

that happened, is by discontinuing the policy of dividing the countries and peoples into masters of life and their servants, by putting an end to the exploitation of the majority of the world population by the so-called developed countries and by taking the entire humanity towards socialism. It is still not too late today.

This is nothing but fascism!

Dividing peoples into the ranks of civilized and outcasts is **nothing but fascism!**

US is bombing with their air strikes Afghanistan. Under the pretext of "fighting terrorism" they are bombing not just military targets, but also cities, transport routes and the means of life support.

President Bush and the leaders of the countries that grovel before US, declare hypocritically that the victims amongst civilians are inevitable. But the *honorable aims* set forth are worth it, they say. They also made it clear that this will be a protracted war, and that they may hit any country where US believes terrorists are present.

In their speeches, the leaders of the so-called anti-terrorist alliance are already drawing the line between those that are with them and the rest of the world. The demagogic hysteria that was started in order to provide ideological support for the aggression denotes this operation by a term quite in spirit of Dr. Goebbels: "**Enduring Freedom**". Or the "**The Thousand Year Reich**"; the interests of the Reich or of this very freedom is above all. Under this new slogan the US are in practice pursuing their well-established policy of military expansionism and forcible interference in the life of any people, the policy of imposition of a world order according to their own standard.

USA makes virtually no effort to conceal their plans for dominating the world and are acting as brazenly and mendaciously as their Nazi predecessors in the 1930's and 1940's. The fascist propagandist slogans they are re-using are undergoing only minor editing: George W. Bush altered the infamous neo-Nazi "**God is with us**" motto in to the modern "**God is not neutral.**"

However, the essence does not change as a result of obscuring the emphasis. The candidates to establish a world order have started acting. One can already hear: "**Heil Democracy! Freedom is enduring!**"

This is fascism. Ahead lies the struggle *Against it!*

Viktor Tiulkin, First Secretary CC RCWP
Yuri Terentiev, Boris Yachmenev

UNITY IS COMING!

★★★★★

The Unification Congress between the Russian Communist Workers Party and the Russian Party of Communists will take place on October 27-28, 2001. It is a result of years' work towards unity and success of the working class struggles.

May this be the beginning of further unification between all of the communist and workers parties in former USSR!

56 YEARS AGO... The Role of Top Secret "GLADIO"

Excerpt is taken from the book, "The New Reich" by Michael Schmidt and based on post documents of the USSR.

It is 53 years ago that World War II ended in May of 1945, but the process of undermining the USSR and Socialism was already in full swing and in the month of October 1945, this secret operation began its function in earnest, utilizing German fascists and war criminals, which were then incorporated into the Western plans against Soviet Union and the Communists in general.

Unfortunately, most people are not aware of this. This is why NSC is publishing this item now.

"The book "Belarus Secrets" written by John Loftus exposed the role of Western Allies with the charge that they helped East and West European Nazi collaborators escape and also that Western Allies of the USSR immediately set up units for sabotage and subversion behind the Soviet lines...the beginning of the Cold War.

But this was just the tip of the iceberg that the Western Allies put into operation.

In Italy, October 17, 1990, details of the clandestine NATO group known only by the code name of "Gladio" began to emerge from a probe into right-wing terrorism and from the murder of Premier Aldo Moro and the role of the Italian secret services.

Giulio Andreotti admitted that a secret army of anti-communist guerrillas still existed after more than 40 years. When Andreotti was the defense minister from 1959-1966 he was involved in looking into the effectiveness of these fascists that were set up by Western powers when World War II was nearing its end, in order to organize rear guard resistance in the event that Warsaw Pact countries would "invade" Western Europe.

These underground fascists and war criminals were under the command of the West and were in all the countries of Europe, even in the so-called "neutral" country of Switzerland.

The mention of Gladio's NATO connection was frantically denied, but this touched off journalistic investigations in other countries as well. It was very soon revealed as to why this was such a delicate and secret affair. The journalists found that these fascists, former SS and Gestapo officers were utilized in internal political affairs in each country where they were operating.

Roberto Cavallero exposed these secret organizations when he admitted to the press that they were trained to prepare groups that, in event of an advance of communist groups or parties during elections, his organization would organize such street demonstrations that it would create such high tensions that would bring in the army intervention. The many Secret Services of Western countries were implicated in trying to overthrow these capitalist governments and establish fascist dictatorships.

It was also disclosed that these CIA organized and supported groups were allied with the secret P2 Masonic lodge of Italy, headed by the shadowy fascist Licio Gelli.

Gelli had meetings, which were organized by the CIA with Alexander Haig, Nixon's chief-of-staff and later NATO commander at the US Embassy in Rome in early 1970's, to discuss the need to restrict the power of the Italian Communist Party. Former US official said that the US spent over \$100 million on a secret project called "Stay Behind" which was designed to stop the Communists winning the elections at all costs. With their cooperation and finances by CIA and the P2 Masonic Lodge and, many other terrorist organizations set up of all ex fascists in

countries... Galadio, was meant to turn the tide to the extreme right in Italy and other countries of Europe.

The Christian Democrats were also interconnected with all these elements. Overseeing the whole apparatus was the Italian military intelligence, the Italian civilian intelligence and the Italian spy agency such as the CIA. These connections were set up and working in Sweden, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, France, Holland, Portugal, Greece, Turkey and in the liberated countries of Eastern Europe.

But it was in Germany, Belgium and Sweden that the influx of Gestapo, SS officers were recruited and even sentenced war criminals were siphoned out of Europe through the "Vatican Rat Line" to South America and other countries.

A former CIA senior officer with knowledge on these operations told the press that the US Office of Policy Coordination, a CIA front organization, had incorporated "lock, stock, and barrel" the espionage outfit that was run by Hitler's spy boss Richard Gehlen". Former West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer was the "God-father" of this operation. After Germany came into NATO, in May of 1955, Adenauer signed a secret document with USA in which West German authorities agreed to completely refrain from active pursuit of these known elements and their secret organization. But, top West German officials were part and parcel of these fascist groups, including the then German state secretary and former high-ranking Nazi Hans Globke.

In fact, these secret organizations drew almost the entire members from former SS and Waffen-SS during the early post war years. These men were then trained by the British secret agency (SiS), the CIA and others. But the prize catch that Western countries had working for them was the infamous Klaus Barbie who functioned as the CIA's and SIS's recruiting agent.

Sweden, which was promoted as "neutral" was also the headquarters of the program "Stay Behind" and used the Swedish Waffen SS veterans who were viciously anti-communist and who served in the Finnish-Russian war as volunteers.

The Gladio was just one of numerous undertakings by imperialism to try and destroy Socialism and first of all, the USSR and the other East European countries by any and all means.

The last ten years in former socialist countries has aptly demonstrated as to what happened.

The precedent should be a warning to all anti-fascists, democrats and victims and

potential victims of fascism: the extent to which the ex-Nazis were encouraged and supported, prior to 1933 in the countries of the world by all of the "democratic" politicians, the "democratic" army officers, "democratic" academics, the "democratic" policemen, the "democratic" bankers, the "democratic" industrialists - was revealed after the final defeat of the Third Reich in 1945 and after the 50 million people that died.

Gladio is also an expression of similar phenomena today, enhanced by modern media technology of brain washing.

But today, nobody can claim not to have been warned by history and also by the today's Imperialism, which is proceeding to try and accomplish what early fascism was not able to do! ■

PUTIN-BUSH ARE OF ONE MIND

We publish just snippets gathered from the press, e-mail and EIN Website to give you an idea as to the latest news.

*Georgia demands that Russia withdraw peacekeeping troops from Abkhazia in three months. Abkhazia states this will lead to war with Georgia.

*Chechen Georgian guerrillas in Abkhazia are trying to break out of encirclement.

*Putin of Russia agreed with leaders of Uzbekistan, Tadjikistan, Kirghizia to allow American troops and aircraft to be stationed there in attacks against Afghanistan.

*Uzbekistan Militants, egged on by USA and the Islamic Movement want to break up Uzbekistan and form another republic in the Fergana valley, divided between Kyrgystan, Uzbekistan and Tadjikistan.

*American "experts" are arriving in droves to the former South Soviet republics. Majority of them are oil executives.

*Putin, with the help of the Russian Duma (which includes the CPRF) favours Western penetration into the oil rich Caucasus, and into the far east Soviet republics.

*Puin, in order to help his "political twin Bush, in the name of ending the "cold war" will take out of Cuba and Vietnam any military surveillance installations there, thus playing into the pockets of his twin Bush. While USA has bases and surveillance installations in 127 countries of the world, plus spy planes, submarines, bombers flying around the clock around the world, Putin opens the door even wider for American imperialism! ■

TERRORISM

We took excerpts from the Moscow newspaper "DUEL" by author B.M.Gunko, whose extensive article goes into the very depths of terrorism. We feel that it is worth repeating the information we publish below. Why? Unfortunately most people do not know or do not remember or cannot fathom that USA has sent its soldiers into foreign countries more than 27 times since 1945!

The war crimes against humanity by USA are countless. In its 200 years of existence, USA has uncountable times invaded, mixed and actually overturned governments to suit its own purposes.

Here are invasions and attacks by USA forces since 1945 only:

1. 1945-1949 USA has intervened in China with 113,000 troops and 600 warplanes.
2. 1946-1949 USA and England intervened in Greece with the aim to liquidate the people's uprising against fascist regime in a civil war. They sent in 5,000 troops and 200 warplanes.
3. 1947 - US troops drowned the peoples uprising in Paraguay.
4. 1947-1948 US sent in 90,000 soldiers to quell the peoples uprising against the terrible conditions of the Philippine government.
5. 1950-1953 - The intervention in Korea with 350,000 US soldiers. 1000 tanks. 1,600 warplanes, over 300 battleships. US used napalm bombs, chemical warfare and bacteriological warfare. Over 2,500,000 million Korean people were killed in this conflict.
6. 1954 - Intervention in Guatemala in order to stop the nationalizing on the US "Unite Fruit Company" plantations.
7. 1958 - Intervention in Lebanon with 14,000 US troops.
8. 1961 - Invasion of Cuba with US mercenaries, using over 1,500 troops with 35 warships and 80 warplanes.
9. 1962 - Blockade of Cuba by warships and warplanes.
10. 1964 - Drowned in bloodshed the peoples uprising in Panama.
11. 1964 - Intervention by USA, Britain and Belgium in the Congo with 10,000 troops and 60 warplanes.
12. 1964-1973 - Intervention in Vietnam with 2,6 million soldiers, more than 10,000 warplanes and helicopters, hundreds of tanks and warships. US used widely napalm and chemical weapons. US unleashed over 14,000,000 tons of bombs

and rockets, which equals 700 atomic bombs the type used by USA in Hiroshima and Nagasaki and larger than was used by all the Allies during World War II. Over 1, 5 million Vietnamese people were killed.

13. 1963-1973 - Intervention in Laos with 50,000 troops and 1,500 warplanes.
14. 1965 - Intervention in the Dominican Republic with 40,000 soldiers, 275 warplanes and 50 warships.
15. 1970-1975 - Intervention in Cambodia (Kampuchia) with 70,000 soldiers, 500 1983 - warplanes and 40 warships.
16. 1983 - Intervention in Lebanon with 2,000 soldiers and 30 warships.
17. 1985 - Intervention in Grenada.
18. 1986 - Bombing of cities of Libya.
19. 1987 - US Warships in the Persian Gulf and its soldiers.
20. 1989 - Intervention gain in Panama with 20,000 soldiers.
21. 1991 - The first operation against Iraq with 535,000 soldiers and 2,950 warplanes. This was the first use by American army of uranium shells and bombs on civilians. Over 100,000 Iraq people were killed.
22. 1993 - Intervention in Somalia and butchering of anti-American demonstrations by Somalis by helicopter gun-ships.
23. 1994 - Intervention with US troops into Yugoslavia.
24. 1995 - Second intervention against Iraq - called "Desert Storm".
25. 1996 - Third operation against Iraq - saturation bombing of the country.
26. 1998 - Rocket and missiles attack against Sudan and Afghanistan.
27. 1999 - Two months of attacks on Yugoslavia and bombing of Belgrade with bombs and utilizing g uranium shells.
28. 2001 - War against Afghanistan under the slogan of "War Against Terrorists".

And, how many secret wars besides the above in most of the countries in South America and other countries?

When we talk about "Terrorism:" let us keep the above facts in mind! ■

Beware of the NEW CRUSADE

By **GEORGE HAWI**

Communist Party of Lebanon

Translated by Eric Mueller, Texas, USA

We begin by denouncing: no, condemning! And we continue by sending our heartfelt condolences to the families and to the fate-

stricken American people, wounded in their national dignity and greatness! We declare our rejection of all types of terrorism, and all the criminal acts committed against innocent, unarmed, civilian citizens in every time and place.

This is not the way to fight imperialism. This is not the way we can resist the "the new world order" and its barbaric assault on the peoples of the earth and the nations of the world.

Such acts serve the most outrageous elements of this "order", so much so that they allow us to accuse these most reactionary powers in history themselves, and no one else, of being behind such loathsome crimes - whether directly or also indirectly.

The type of violence that was perpetrated itself points to its being "American" violence, American ethics, American behaviour - either a result of serious penetration of the highest level of authority in the American system, or an action by domestic criminal militias and groupings, or even as a result of opposing forces who had absorbed the American regime's malignancy, mentality, and criminal methods.

Has not American turned out dozens of films about the sort of activity that just took place? Indeed, there are hundreds of children's games for computers and "Play Stations" that are more violent than what happened in real life just lately.

When absolute violence becomes a form of children's entertainment, should we be surprised that such an event would occur in real life?

It is a society of absolute violence, liberated from all moral restraints, inhibitions

It is the violence of globalism that squashes the peoples of the earth the way a person squashes an ant, a cockroach or an ant - hill.

Have we not seen examples of this violence employed against Iraq, Libya, Palestine, and Lebanon...and against Grenada, Nicaragua, Cuba, Yugoslavia and Kosovo?

It is fruitlessly to wage war against terrorism if we don't abandon the course of state terrorism (and the model for its practice is the activity of the rulers of America, their NATO alliance and their Zionist supporters) and of the "terrorist mentality" the "terrorist culture", and the "terrorist civilization".

Now then,

AMERICA HAS DECLARED WAR!

And it has begun to search for a victim, or for victims. Sometimes it is Osama bin Ladin, sometimes the Taliban, and in turn Iraq or Libya.

Israel Hastens to rise to the occasion and crams in the names of Syria, Hizb Allah, the Palestinians. Sharon goes to the limit of shamelessness and pinpoints the target: the Palestinian Authority under Yasser Arafat! Each of the Arab regimes – regimes of fear and fright, terror and repression -rush to add the name of their own domestic enemy or opponent.

The outlines are becoming clear of the enemy against whom the "holy alliance" is waging war now of extermination: it is Islam, the Arabs, and the liberation movements.

The enemy is, in short, freedom!

We are on the threshold of a new CRUSADE WAR. The drumbeat of that war has sounded. At sea and the air fleet are gathering and bombing day and night.

Ground armies are being deployed everywhere.

The world faces a dark stage of repression of freedom on the pretext of "security measures" and "fighting terrorism". The last of our human rights, of the dignity of the citizen will be trampled, burnt up in a raging fire of racism against the "alien" subjects of the Western countries themselves – the Arab and Islamic communities. The "New Crusade" is but a means to spread the "NEW WORLD ORDER".

Beware! Beware a thousand times! The drums of the new crusade have sounded!

Let us seek new policies for uprooting terrorism. ■

By Michael Oppersklski

At midnight of October 7th, the citizens of Calcutta, India were shocked to know that the USA had started bombing Afghanistan. The next morning, October 8th, the Socialist Unity Centre of India (SUC) held a well-organized and massive protest demonstration against this naked aggression by USA and Britain. The rally raised the slogans "Hands Off Afghanistan", "No War, End Racism" and also condemned the role of the allies of the United States who have lent support to this brutal and naked aggression against Afghanistan, violating all of the

PROTEST MARCHES IN CANADA MIGHT

Aftermath of the bombings in USA and the hysteria of Antrax and hunt for terrorists all over the world, in Canada the government is considering the enactment of the "Terrorist Legislation" which, if passed would certainly suppress peoples demonstrations, marches of protests or even trade union strikes if the

government feels that the country is "in real danger of terrorist acts".

Below we publish a couple of photos of thousands of young people marching in the rain in downtown financial district of Toronto. They were organized by Ontario Anti Poverty Coalition which demanded jobs

and also an end to poverty which sees thousands upon thousands of young people without any means of support.

Of course the Canadian establishment and the capitalist media branded all of these young people as just hooligans, terrorists, anarchists and punkers. Police force was in



international norms, practices and convention, and also bypassing the United Nations.

Moreover, the role of the Indian Government is highly deplorable, as they have assured all sorts of help to the US war design, shamelessly, without caring at least for the anti-imperialist tradition of the Indian people. This massive anti-USA demonstration, was led by Pravash Ghosh, member of the Central Committee and Manik Mukherjee, Deputy and International Affairs of the Party.



Demonstrations in India again US bombing of Afghanistan

E CONSIDERED TERRORIST ACTIVITIES

large numbers and the photo on the right tells the story...the riot policeman is in civilian clothes but swings the baton as a riot squad member.

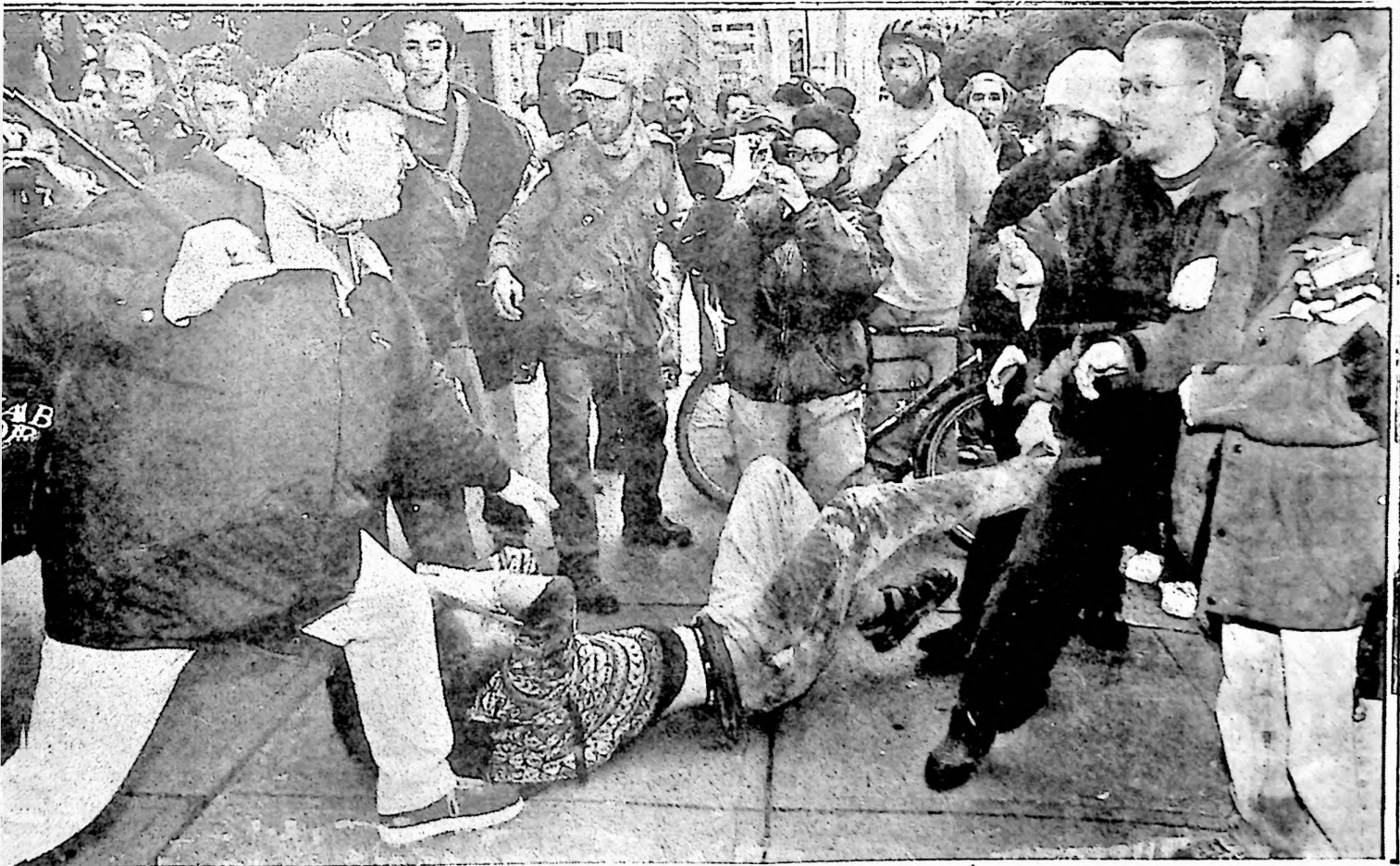
The push towards stopping all protests is on in earnest and the mentality, pushed by

USA is that if you protest, you are anti-democratic and either "you are with us or against us!"

Now, you cannot ask as to why are we attacking Afghanistan without being afraid, or also being labeled. The war hysteria is

given full play by the media and all of sudden there are millions of dollars available, but health care, unemployment, education cuts are in place without any solution to ease the hardships.

Protest march took place on October 17 in Toronto, Canada



POLITICAL PRISONERS IN RUSSIA

This "Statement" is taken from the newspaper "Council of Workers Deputies" which is the organ of the "Committee for the Defense of political prisoners-fighters for Socialism (Bolsheviks).

On July 28, 2001 at 6 pm, in Moscow on Old Arbat Steer the Russian Security (FSB) arrested the editor of the newspaper "Council of Workers Deputies" Igor Gubkin. The arrest of comrade Gubkin had a traumatic effect on his family, at the hands of these police. His father who was also arrested and held for three days, under severe trauma and abuse received a heart attack. His grandmother was beaten up plus other members of Gubkin's family. Gubkin wrote about the goings- on in prison in an article that was published in #27, "Duel" newspaper. All the friends and members of these revolutionaries were rounded up and interrogated.

Gubkin tried to run away from these fascist police thugs, but he was caught and Beaten up and then immediately put on a



plane a flown to Vladivostok, so that no trace or defense for him could be arranged. There the local government and the Mafia is the same. Gubkin was nearly beaten to death, with no opportunity to get: a defense or inform his comrades.

This is just another example of arrests of young revolutionaries who believe that you cannot change the system of former USSR by parliamentary means, while the state apparatus has arms and police forces of all sorts doing its bidding. He is one of hundreds young revolutionaries who are in the Russian jails under the most severe of conditions...worse than any hardened criminal.

We are certain that comrade Gubkin will persevere that abuse, even though we fear for his life. His jail term is harsh, over 10 years for being a Bolshevik Revolutionary. There are now thousands like him, who are organized into partisan brigades with the aim of resurrecting the USSR and socialism. It is the duty of all those who call themselves communists or socialists to demand freedom for political prisoners that are under the yoke of the present Mafiosi-Bourgeois government of President Putin!

We have sent protests to the government of Russia on behalf of the Executive Committee of the International Council and the Editorial Board of Northstar Compass. We urge our readers to do likewise

THESE SOLDIERS DEFEND THE LEADERS WHO SHOULD BE TRIED AS WAR CRIMINALS

New World
Order was already
tried by
Nazi Germany!

Photo montage
from newspaper
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MISHA ASKS...

COULD THIS BE THE REAL TRUTH?



SUPPRESSED DETAILS OF CRIMINAL INSIDER TRADING LEAD DIRECTLY INTO CIA'S HIGHEST RANKS

BY FTW PUBLICATIONS
(www.copvcia.com)

The FTW Publications on October 9, 2001 wrote that although the mainstream US media ignored this news item, there is abundant and clear evidence that a number of transactions in financial markets indicate specific (criminal) foreknowledge of the September 11th attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. That evidence also demonstrates that, in the case of at least one of these stock market trades – which has left a \$2.5 million prize unclaimed – the firm used to place the “put options” on United Airlines stock was, until 1998, managed by the man who is now in the number three Executive Director position at the Central Intelligence Agency. Until 1997 A.B. “Buzzy” Krongard had been Chairman of the investment bank A.B. Brown, A.B. Brown was acquired by Banker’s Trust in 1997. Krongard then became, as part of the merger, Vice Chairman of Banker’s Trust-A.B. Brown, one of the 20 major U.S. banks named by Senator Carl Levin this year as being connected to money laundering. Krongard’s last position at Banker’s Trust (BT) was to oversee “private client relations”. In his capacity, he had direct hands-on relations with some of the wealthiest people in the world in a kind of specialized banking operation that has been identified by the U.S. Senate and other investigators as being closely connected to the laundering of drug money.

Krongard (re?) joined the CIA in 1998 as counsel to CIA Director George Tenet. He was promoted to CIA Executive Director by President Bush in March of this year. BT was acquired by the Deutsche Bank in 1999. The combined firm is the single largest bank in Europe. And, as well as we shall see, Deutsche Bank played several key roles in events connected to the September 11 attacks.

THE SCOPE OF KNOWN INSIDER TRADING

Before looking further into these relations, it is necessary to look at the insider trading information that is being ignored by Reuters, the New York Times and other mass media. It is well documented that the CIA has long monitored such trades? In real time? As potential warnings of terrorist attacks and other economic moves contrary to U.S. interests Previous stories in FTW have specifically highlighted the use of Promis software to monitor such trades.

It is necessary to understand only two key financial terms to understand the significance of these trades. “Selling Short” is the borrowing of stock, selling it at current market prices, but not being required to actually produce the stock for some time. If the stock falls precipitously after the short contract is entered, the seller then can fulfill the contract by buying the stock after the price has fallen and complete the contract at the pre-crash price. These contracts often have a window as long as four months. “Put Options”, purchased at normal prices of, for example \$1.00 per share, are sold in blocks of 100 shares. If exercised, they give the holder the option of selling selected stocks at a future date at the price set when the contract is issued. Thus, for an investment of \$10,000.00 it might be possible to tie up 10,000 shares of United Airlines at \$100 per share, and the seller of the option is then obliged to buy them if the option is executed. If the stock has fallen to \$50 when the contract matures, the holder of the option can purchase the shares for \$50 and immediately sell them for \$100? Regardless of where the market then stands. A call option is the reverse of a put option, which is, in effect, a derivatives bet that the stock price

will go up.

A September 21st story by the Israeli Herzliya International Policy Institute for Counter-terrorism, entitled “Black Tuesday”: wrote “The World’s Largest Insider Trading Scam.” and it documented the following trades connected to the September 11th attacks:

“...Between September 6 and 7, the Chicago Board Options Exchange saw purchases of 4,744 put options on United Airlines, but only 396 call options. Assuming that 4,000 of the options were bought by people with some advance knowledge of the imminent attacks, these “insiders” would have profited by almost \$5 million.

“...On September 10th, 4,516 put options on American Airlines were bought on the Chicago Exchange compared to only 748 calls. Again, there was no news at that point to justify this imbalance. Again, assuming that 4,000 of these options trades represent “insiders”, they would represent a gain of About \$4 million.

“...the levels of put options purchased were more than six times higher than normal.

“...no similar trading in other airlines occurred on the Chicago Exchange in the days immediately preceding Black Tuesday.

Morgan Stanley Dean Winter & Co., which occupied 22 floors of the World Trade Center, saw 2,157 of its October \$45 put options bought in the three days before Black Tuesday; this compares to an average of 27 contracts per day before September 6th. Morgan Stanley’s share price fell from \$48.90 to \$42.50 in the aftermath of the attacks. Assuming that 2,000 of these options contracts were bought based upon knowledge of the approaching attacks, their purchasers could have profited by at least \$1.2 million.

Merrill Lynch & Co., which also occupied 22 floors of the World Trade Center, saw 12,215 October \$45 put options bought in the four trading days before the attacks; the previous average volume in these shares had been 252 contracts per day (a 1,200%

increase). When trading resumed, Merrill's shares fell from \$46.88 to \$41.50; assuming that, the 11,000 option contracts were also bought by "insiders," their profit would have been about \$5.5 million.

European regulators are examining trades in Germany's Munich Re, Switzerland's Swiss Re, and AXA of France, all major reinsurers with exposure to Black Tuesday disaster. (FTW note: AXA also owns more than 25% of American Airlines stock, making the attacks a "double whammy" for them.)

On September 29, 2001, in a vital story that has gone unnoticed by the major media, the San Francisco Chronicle reported, "Investors have yet to collect more than \$2.5 million in profits they made trading options in the stock of United Airlines before September 11th, terrorist attacks, according to a source familiar with the trades and market data.

"The uncollected money raises suspicions that the investors(?) whose identities and nationalities have not been made public, had advanced knowledge of the strikes." They don't dare show up now, The suspension of trading for four days after the attacks made it impossible to cash-out quickly and claim the prize before investigators started looking.

October series for United Airlines Corporation, were purchased in highly unusual volumes three trading days before terrorist attacks for a total outlay of \$2,070; investors bought the option contracts, each representing 100 shares, for 90cents each. (This represents 230,000 shares). Those options are now selling at more than \$12 each. There are still 2,313 so-called "put" options outstanding (valued at \$2.77 million and representing 231,300 shares) according to the Options Clearinghouse Corporation.

The source familiar with the United States identified the Deutsche Bank Alex Brown, the American investment banking of German giant Deutsche Bank, as the investment bank used to purchase at least some of these options.

As reported in other news stories, Deutsche Bank was also the hub of insider trading activity connected to Munich Re, just before the attacks.

CIA, THE BANKS AND THE BROKERS

Understanding the interrelationships between the CIA and the banking and brokerage world is critical in grasping the already frightening implications of the above revelations. Let's look at the history of the CIA. Wall Street and the big banks by looking at some of the key players in CIA's history.

CLARK CLIFFORD: The National Security Act of 1947 was written by Clark Clifford, a Democratic Party powerhouse, former Secretary of Defense, and one-time advisor to President Harry Truman. In the 1980's, as Chairman of First American Bankshares, Clifford was instrumental in getting the corrupt CIA drug bank BCCI a license to operate on American shores. His profession: Wall Street lawyer and banker.

JOHN FOSTER AND ALLEN DULLES:

These two brothers "designed" the CIA for Clifford. Both were active intelligence operators during World War II. Allen Dulles was the US Ambassador to Switzerland where he met frequently with Nazi leaders and looked after the US investments in Germany. John Foster Dulles went to become Secretary of State under Dwight Eisenhower and was later fired by JF Kennedy. Their professions: partners in the most powerful – to this day – Wall Street law firm of Sullivan, Cromwell.

BILL CASEY: Ronald Reagan's CIA Director and OSS veteran who served as chief wrangler during the Iran-Contra years was, under President Richard Nixon, Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission. His profession: Wall Street lawyer and stockbroker.

DAVID DOHERTY: The current Vice President of the New York Stock Exchange for enforcement and is the retired General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency.

GEORGE HERBERT WALKER BUSH: President from 1989 to January 1993, also served as the CIA Director for 13 months from 1976-7. He is now a paid consultant to the Carlyle Group, the 11th largest defense contractor in the nation, and which shares joint investments with the bin Laden family.

A.S."BUZZY" KRONGRAD: The current Exchange Director of the CIA and is also former Chairman of the Investment Bank of A.B. Brown and former Vice-Chairman of Banker's Trust.

JOHN DEUTCH: This retired CIA Director from the Clinton Administration, currently sits on the Board at Citigroup, the nation's second largest bank, which has been repeatedly and overly involved in the documental laundering drug money. This includes Citigroup 2001 purchase of a Mexican bank, known to launder drug money, Banamex.

NORA SLATKIN: This retired CIA Executive Director also sits on Citibank's Board.

MAURICE "HANK" GREENBURG: The Chief Executive Officer of AIG insurance, manager of the third largest capital investment pool in the world, was proposed as a possible CIA Director in 1996. Our FTW exposed Greenberg's and AIG's long connection to the CIA drug trafficking and covert operations in a two-part series that was interrupted just prior to the attacks of September 11th. AIG's stock has bounced back remarkably well since the attacks. To read that story, please go to – <http://www.copvicia.com/stories part 2.html>.

One wonders how much damning evidence is necessary to respond to what is now irrefutable proof that the CIA knew about the attacks and did not stop them. Whatever our government is doing, whatever the CIA is doing, it is clearly NOT in the interests of the American people, especially those who died on September 11th!

EDITORS NOTE:

Above we publish, unabridged the "blockbuster" article that we received from FTW Publications in U.S.A. (WWWcopycia.com) that actually pinpoints the long standing collaboration between the CIA and some of the highest levels of ranking members of the US Government establishment, past and present, and top levels of monopoly-TNC powers. In previous editions NSC has exposed these unsavory, anti-democratic relations

The article calls into public question possible relations between "insider-trading practices" that occurred prior to the September 11th destruction of human life and property in New York and Washington. Such a projection can only be described as terrifying and incredible.

NSC, because of technical inability cannot fully confirm the particular specifics and actions set forth in the above article concerning the "insider-trading". But since it is based on quotations from the "Israel Herzly International Policy for Counter-Terrorism" in an article dated September 21, 2001, that documents a series of such hidden "insider trading" days prior to the disastrous attack in the US cities, we are convinced there is a very high level of authenticity in the FTW publication. We have therefore decided to place it before all of our readers. With the US "bomb-war" on Afghanistan proceeding in full fury as this is being written, and with a rapid escalation of a potential WW III danger confronting all humanity, there are increasing demands that no avenue of public information can be left unexplored.

If Osama bin Laden, his secret backers and the widely publicized Al Qaeda bear total responsibility for the "terrorist assault" on human life and property, then any such alleged CIA and top Governmental criminal

"insider-racketeering" cannot be ignored. Full public scrutiny is demanded on any and all of the interconnected activities, if the horrendous crimes are to be exposed and the criminals brought to justice. ■

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

CUBAN STATEMENT ON TERRORISM & WAR

Below we reprint in a condensed form the Statement by Fidel Castro, which was published in Granma newspaper, September 30, 2001.

"No one can deny that terrorism is today a dangerous and indefensible phenomenon, regardless of the economic, political factors that brought it to life and those responsible for it.

We feel that it was an enormous error, a huge injustice and a great crime whomever they are who organized or are responsible for such action.

However, the tragedy should not be used to recklessly start a war that could actually unleash an endless carnage of innocent people and all of this on behalf of justice and under the peculiar and bizarre name of "Infinite Justice".

In the last few weeks we have seen the hasty establishment of the basis, the concept, the true purposes, the spirit and conditions for such a war. No one can deny that it was not something thought out well in advance, something that was just waiting for its chance to materialize. Those after the so-called end of the "cold war" continued a military buildup and the development of the most sophisticated means to kill and exterminate human beings were aware that the large military investments would give them the privilege to impose an absolute and complete dominance over the other peoples of the world. The ideologists of the imperialist system knew very well what they were doing and why they were doing it.

The combination of elements-including complicity and the common enjoyment of privileges - the prevailing opportunism, confusion and panic make it almost



impossible to avoid a bloody and unpredictable outcome.

The first victims of whatever military actions are undertaken will be the billions of people living in the poor and underdeveloped world with their unbelievable economic and social problems, their unpayable debts and the ruinous prices of their basic commodities; their growing natural and ecological disasters, their hunger and misery, the massive undernourishment of their children, teenagers and adults; their terrible AIDS epidemics, their malaria, their tuberculosis and their infectious diseases that threaten whole nations with extermination.

The crisis will grow deeper under the new circumstances and when it becomes unbearable for the overwhelming majority of the peoples, it will bring chaos, rebellion and the impossibility to govern.

But the price will also be unpayable for the rich countries. Military actions will siphon off the necessary funds for research and improvements to the standard of life for them people.

Is there any hope after listening to the speech by President Bush? Just a few sentences is sufficient to realize as to what is being planned.

"We will use every necessary weapon of war."

"The course of conflicts is not known, yet its outcome is certain."

"Either you are with us or you are with the terrorists."

"It will not be a short combat but a lengthy war, lasting many years, unparalleled in history."

"And we know that God is with us and not neutral."

When I think about that speech, when I think of the imagined parties in this conflict, I find it difficult to find a distinction about where fanaticism is stronger.

It is evident that the American Congress designed this idea as a world military dictatorship under the exclusive role of force, irrespective of any international laws or institutions. The United Nations was simply ignored in the present crisis, and will not have any prerogative whatsoever. There would be only one boss, only one judge, and only one law.

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GEORGE BUSH'S PALESTINIAN

By AZMI BISHARA

Confirming rumors about an American initiative for resuming Israeli-Palestinian negotiations that had been prepared in the aftermath of the attacks on New York and Washington, the US president has declared that the United States sees a Palestinian state as a part of its vision of peace.

I think that it would be stupid to dwell on everything uttered by the American president, interpreting and commenting on his words particularly when he speaks impromptu and without a prepared text. Nevertheless, the declaration deserves our attention if only for the Arab and Israeli interest in it, with special emphasis on the former since it is more enthusiastic than the latter. In order to put things in their proper perspective, and only in order to do this, we should mention here that Ariel Sharon had spoken of a Palestinian state two weeks before the US President. "Israel is prepared," Sharon said, "to grant the Palestinians more than anyone has granted them in the past. More than the Turks, the English, the Egyptians, or the Jordanians – a Palestinian state." Sharon followed this sentence with one, which he blamed the Palestinians for "missing the chance". Israeli commentators had interpreted these remarks of Sharon's at the time as an indication that the Prime Minister had come to accept the notion of a Palestinian state at an appropriate time and with an appropriate Palestinian partner.

Some Arab commentators remind us of the political behavior of the United States in the Bush-Baker era following the Gulf War. At that time the United States "paid back" the Arabs for their support against Iraq by convening the Madrid Conference. At that time, active American pressure was brought to bear on Israel. But the pressure was not applied with the aim of attaining a specific political settlement, but only to compel Ishak Shamir to negotiate with the Arabs until they accept that defeating Israel is impossible and recognize it. In Shamir's opinion, the Arabs have not to this day accepted.

The United States pressured the sides into negotiating in Madrid, but there American pressure ended. The expression "a Palestinian state" does not constitute any pressure on Israel, for the Israeli labour party had accepted this notion and made it the basis for a settlement before the American administration adopted it officially. When Bill Clinton put forward his thoughts, among which was the idea of a Palestinian state, at

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Camp David last year he was actually proposing Israel ideas that the Israelis themselves avoid committing themselves to before hearing the Palestinian response to them.

Yet the Palestinian-Israeli struggle no longer evolves around the issue of a Palestinian state, nor around the right of Palestinians to establish a state. I furthermore doubt that this issue was ever at any time the pivot of the conflict. Even the Oslo agreement did not list a state as one of the issues of a permanent peace settlement. These issues were enumerated as: 1. Jewish settlements; 2. Jerusalem; 3. The Palestinian Refugees; 4. Borders. And there is no Palestinian-Israeli government on any one of these issues.

Time and time again we have discussed what a Palestinian state might mean outside of these issues, but we must accept at least that agreement by the United States on the establishment of a Palestinian state does not constitute in and of itself a form of pressure on Israel, and it is not a component part of the American vision of a just solution for the Palestinian problem.

So what is new, then? What is the reason for the optimism now expressed by the supporters of a settlement-at-any-price? What is new is the fact that Bush's long silence has ended. The man now talks about the Palestinian subject. Until now, Bush followed a strategy that was not to the benefit of the Palestinian negotiators. That strategy was one of waiting until the fire of conflict could "cook" the two sides to the point that they could agree to the "painful concessions" that would enable them to meet each other half way for an agreement.

The Palestinian side feared that Sharon would exploit this opportunity to isolate the Palestinians and to "cook" them alone in the fire of Israel escalation. But Bush was compelled to break the barrier of silence – and the advice of Dick Cheney and Donald Rumsfeld – in order to meet the diplomatic requirements of the new American campaign against "terrorism".

The need to forge numerous alliances with states in the Arab and Islamic regions forced Bush to pay his verbal "tax". Even if Bush went beyond this rhetorical requirement to the point of actually putting pressure on the Israelis and Palestinians to negotiate, that would not be more than tactical pressure, and it will be enough for them to begin the peace process or to resume the negotiations process.

The new American ideas, insofar as their contents are, has been tacitly disclosed by the press in the Arab world and Israel, contain nothing new if they are compared with the ideas of Clinton and Ehud Barak. They do not even require Israel to accept Clinton ideas so as to resume negotiations where they were broken off last year. Instead, the discussion is supposed to start all over again from the beginning.

Since 1948 the United States has come forward with at least ten political initiatives of this type – from the ideas of Marshall Plan, to the Rogers Plan, and the Reagan initiative. Israel opposed the proposals and thereby condemned them to a slow death until such time as history turned a page on them. The United States by virtue of the relationship it has with Israel can force Israel to conform to the needs of higher American interests, and not to take steps that would harm these interests – not responding to Iraq after the launch of Scud missiles, not selling spy planes to China attending the Madrid peace conference – but the United States is not itself satisfied that a solution of the Palestinian problem in itself is one of those higher American interests. At one time Washington considered that an Israel rejection of Anwar Sadat's initiative would be an act of stupidity that would sweep away the political achievements won by the United States in the Middle East at the expense of the Soviet Union after the 1973 war. Israel and American opinions on that initiative therefore soon coincided.

There is no doubt that the United States will now be taking a more active role. It appears that it was already intending to do that before the attacks of September 11th, in response to the pressures from the Gulf and Saudi Arabia in the first place.

Israel and its policies enjoy great popularity in American public opinion and in the US Congress and similarly there is an Israel national consensus on the basics of a permanent solution. Therefore it is difficult to expect radical and active American pressure on Israel, even if the US produced a vision of a solution acceptable to the Palestinians and Arabs. And no such vision has emerged, nor have the mechanisms to improve have appeared.

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Ariel Sharon does not return to the negotiating table so he uses the excuse of Palestinian violence and the activities of the resistance for two reasons: one, because he does not want to negotiate with Yasar Arafat (*and here lies a disagreement between Sharon and Shimon Peres, who still believes that the Palestinian President is the only possible partner to an agreement on a cease fire and then an agreement on negotiations*) and, two, because he does not have a political program that provides even the minimum requirements for the continuation of those negotiations.

Sharon knows that through negotiations he will be transformed from a "warrior against terrorism" to a rejecter of peace.

If the United States persists in its involvement in Palestinian-Israeli affairs, it will be involving itself in order to help get the negotiations back on track. The United States will pressure Israel for a return to negotiations. But within the negotiations themselves – and it will be the failure of Sharon and his military command to obstruct them that will mark the beginning of such talks – all the pressure will be on the Palestinian side to back down from the stance it took in Camp David, i.e. from the tacit political program of the Intifada which it has never officially declared in the year since it borrowed it.

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MILITARY OCCUPATION OF MACEDONIA

The evidence now clearly confirms that the USA and Britain, in complicity with their NATO partners – have been arming and equipping terrorists, while playing lip service to constitutional reforms in Macedonia.

The "framework document", that has been ratified by the leaders of the Macedonia's political parties has nothing to do at all with "peace". It is an act of surrender by a sovereign country to the enemy, paving the way to the military occupation of Macedonia by NATO troops.

The truth is that US military personnel is advising and equipping the terrorists. The KLA-NLA is America's proxy military force. The KLA-NLA commanders—who until very recently were on the United Nations payroll in Kosovo – were trained by Britain and American Special Forces.

The media describes the terrorists as "Albanian Rebels" upholding the rights of an ethnic minority in Macedonia. Amply documented, the KLA-NLA is a very well organized mercenary army, which includes

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recruits from NATO countries as well as Mujahedin (holy warriors) from a number of Muslim countries.

The Macedonian political parties have been deceived and co-opted and (according to one source) directly bribed by powerful American business interests.

NATO has no intention to confiscate the weapons of its own proxy army. NATO spokesperson clarified like this: If NATO would actually not disarm all the Albanian rebels, we would rely on their cooperation to lay down their weapons. We must trust them and to have given new disarmament guarantees was wrong."

The transformation of Macedonia into a protectorate of the Western military alliance is a further step in the militarisation of the Balkans. In many respects it is reminiscent of the occupation of the Sudetenland province in Czechoslovakia by Nazi Germany under the Munich Agreement signed between Hitler and Britain's Prime Minister Chamberlain. The annexation of the Sudetenland to the Third Reich was a stepping-stone to the invasion of Poland in 1939.

Both Macedonians and Albanians are the victims of NATO sponsored terrorist assaults and should act as much as possible in solidarity with one another.

NATO has plans and they point North East, to the former Soviet Union.

Professor Michael Chossudovsky
University of Ottawa

OPEN FORUM

I'M JUST A DESERTER FROM THE ISRAEL ARMY

From an October 11, 2000 letter, sent by Eyal Rozenberg, Corporal in the Israeli Defence Forces, to his commanding officer, Colonel Shaul Shahar. Since the onset of the recent Intifada last September (2000), many thousands of Israeli soldiers have dodged mandatory military service. Rozenberg is currently awaiting trial in a military court

Colonel Shahar:

On December 6, 1998, I was conscripted into the Israeli Army for a three year period in accordance with the Law of Security Service.

I did not welcome at all the conscription. Although my moral resistance to the values and actions of the Israeli Defence Forces wasn't nearly as deep and resolved as that which I now harbour, I intuitively resented having to sacrifice three years of my life because on an order from above. In spite of

this, however, I did not consider, even for a moment, the option of objecting. All my friends and schoolmates enlisted; every member of my family born in Israel had enlisted; and both my parents and the Israeli educational system had instilled in me the belief that conscription is to be accepted without question. I viewed working for the Israeli military as a service I owed society. And I was also very tempted by the various courses of service proposed to me as professional stepping-stones.

And at the bottom I arrived. The basic training period (Tironut) subjected me to a month of very well-engineered behavioristic abuse, that produces zombies with neither the will nor the ability to resist an order. A Tironut in the Israel Army is a case that is painfully, if not possibly, difficult to erase from one's soul.

Time crowded on, and after the training period I found myself in an uncommonly comfortable unit: out of uniform work with

powerful computers developing software in an advanced and aesthetic programming environment. My assignment helped to alleviate the bitter after-taste that basic training had left, and I resolved simply to make time go by – get up in the morning, go to work, and go back to my apartment at the end of the day.

But the cognitive blow of the Tironut set in motion an ongoing examination of myself and my surroundings: an exploration of the nature of the Israeli Defence Forces, and of the social and political systems that hurl us into it. As time went by, I found myself beginning to doubt some of my most fundamental suppositions: the necessity of the Israeli military, the merit of my military service, and the truthfulness of the values of which the Israeli military boasts.

A military that slaughtered tens of thousands of Palestinians during 1948 and expelled or chased off hundreds of thousands – thus serving Israelis a state on a platter of foreign currency and local skulls; a military that assisted in the organization of failed terrorist attacks during Prime Minister Moshe Sharett's term (1953-1955), in order to thwart the Israeli-Egyptian dialogue initiatives; a military that attacked, bombarded, and slaughtered both soldiers and civilians in Jordan, Egypt, and Syria in the first twenty years of the state's existence; a military that expelled over 130,000 Syrians from their native land of the Golan Heights in 1967 and continues the occupation of their territory to this date; a military that has held over a million Palestinians in Judea, Samaria, and the Gaza Strip under oppressive and violent occupation since 1967 and continues ceaselessly to abuse and butcher the local populace; a military whose occupation, attacks, and well-aimed bombardment (part of which utilize pay loads designed specifically for mass murder) have killed tens of thousands of native Lebanese and Palestinians and have wounded over 300,000 people over the course of the last twenty years, all in the name of "protecting the settlements of northern Israel," a cause that has been proven by the events of May 2000 to have been achievable at any moment by means of unilateral withdrawal; a military that provides support for the construction of settlements in occupied territories and maintains them in the face of local popular resistance; a military that forcibly conscripts citizens into its service, jailing those who refuse to work for it; a military that wins every war while planting the seeds of the next one; a military that makes use of the labour of its citizens to do business with questionable parties-whose acquisitions of military knowledge,

equipment, and services is even more questionable – in transactions of nearly unimaginable scale; a military whose officers are free to ignore even its own orders without fear of judicial action by their subordinates; a military that is all this, yet continues to call itself the "Defence Forces", claims to have kept the "purity of arms", and maintains the pretence of being a "people's army".

May no one be a part of it!

Why then, have I stayed in the Israeli military, in your unit, until now? Since my conscription, this question has arisen with increasing frequency. And until now, I have answered half-heartedly: "The military is not all that bad" I told myself. "You are in Tel Aviv, in a 'good' unit, well fed, and even able to participate in sociopolitical activity in your after-hours. Why rock the boat? Why would you need harassment? And if you go back home to Haifa, what will become of the connections you've established here? After all, before you were conscripted your activism was minor in comparison with your activity within the military. In fact, maybe you're doing more good than harm in your present state? And besides, the parents will give you hell!"

I had thought that my activities outside the military, within the frameworks of Hadash

(Democratic Front for Peace and Equality) and the Green Organization, coupled with my request not to rise in rank, were excuse enough for the rest of my actions. But it is not so

In a September meeting, my commanding officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Efi Yerushalmi, said something that has stayed with me. He said that the principle that must guide me is whether, at the end of the day, when I look at my face in the mirror, I can accept what I see.

As I continue working for you while you slaughter a conquered people, I am living a lie, and this lie will reflect upon me from that mirror.

I may not be a person of strong character, but I can confidently state that I will never again work for the Israeli military, and that I will not be deterred by bars, locks, harassment, physical abuse, or any other sanction I may be facing

I hereby declare my refusal to serve the Israeli Defence Forces in any fashion, in my position, in any unit, in any rank, at any time, and under any condition, effective immediately.

Sincerely,
Eyal Rozenberg

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MOULDING OPINION SYNDROME!

“WHAT WE THINK IS BASED ON WHAT WE ARE TOLD!”

Much has been written since September 11th bombing in New York and in Washington, both in the progressive, liberal and capitalist press. The World Congress adopted a resolution on the situation, the International Council issued a statement and in this issue of NSC you will read other comments and insightful articles that try to explain the real danger that faces mankind.

In this article we shall just quote excerpts from bourgeoisie newspapers, whose writers and columnists cannot be accused by any stretch of imagination as communists, fellow travelers, socialists or even social democrats. Sometimes the truth (*indirectly*) comes from those who serve the Big Press, the Big Lie Machine...the media that hires spin-doctors to manipulate, confuse, invert and subvert the

minds of people through the daily barrage of capitalist media. Here are just some quotes taken from some daily press.

IS THE U.S. FOREIGN POLICY STUPID?

America is not the target of terrorism because Islamic fundamentalists hate American ideals of freedom, liberty and "all that we stand for" as George Bush claimed.

Only if it were so. The problem may be much bigger.

This is what needs to be grasped very quickly. There is a danger of this television-driven drama's misplaced focus on the "how", that the Americans will not pay sufficient attention to the "why" of it.

The worst possible interpretation of the deed that it was carried out only by the spiritually inspired suicide bombers seeking "martyrdom": as a reward for trying to topple American hegemonism. The bombers did not come from impoverished families. They were educated people from rich families in Arab countries who on the surface are allies of America. This is scarier than we think.

What we think is based on what we are told. What we are being told, *ad nauseum*, in the years before, none of that inspires much confidence.

Osama bin Laden, whom we are trying to bomb is the prime suspect, yet we can't seem to get even the most basic facts on him right. Information that he has over \$200 million or \$500 millions, all stashed in the Sudanese Bank or invested abroad etc. etc. He has only 3,000 radicals in his service or maybe 35,000 warriors. Or that he lives in a cave. All this hearsay is meant to confuse and muddle the real cause of the tragedy in the USA.

It is rather the US complicity and injustice, lethal and measurable on several front:

*The Israeli-Palestinian conflict in which America stands as the big brother to Israel in defiance of the United Nations resolutions.

keeping millions penned in military patrolled enclaves.

*The decade-long economic sanctions against Iraq that has killed over 500,000 children under five year of age and destroyed the birthplace of civilization.

*The situation in Afghanistan where the CIA recruited and trained the likes of bin Laden to fight and overturn the elected government of Afghanistan and to fight the Soviet army which came to help Afghanistan according to the treaty that was signed between Afghanistan and USSR.

*USA alliance with the reactionary dictatorships of Turkey, Algeria Egypt and oil-rich Arab states, all of whom do crush the smallest steps taken by the people towards democratic freedoms and against exploitation.

*The American sanctions against Sudan and Libya, "the rogue states" plus involvement in the dismemberment of Yugoslavia, in supporting the war in Chechniya. The propaganda by the spin-doctors usually blame only the victims.

This all suits the USA in avoiding the real issue and the double standards and



"In God we trust. God is not impartial in this struggle!"

The prevalent aftermath of the tragedy in the USA is in advancing racist notions with nauseating regularity.

More and more people are starting to believe that what America needs is not smart bombs, sabre-rattling, but a more humane and even-handed approach to the world.

Haroon Siddiqui, Toronto Star's editorial editor emeritus.

FREEDOM OF SPEECH CASUALTY OF THE NEW WAR

US journalists accuse White House of intolerance and sight many cases of the journalist being muzzled, fired, threatened for

their views on the events in New York and Washington and their attitude to the undeclared war against Afghanistan.

The noted US cartoonist Doonesbury was taken off the pages of the syndicated newspapers and TV stations for his cartoon of "featherweight Bush".

US Secret Service made TV stations pull off the air the known rock group Rage Against the Machine. Censorship is the vogue now in the USA of Bush.

Anyone that dares to question the policy of gun diplomacy of the USA is labeled "unpatriotic" by the big media barons.

Pentagon has claimed that the US media lost the war in Vietnam for the USA by reporting what was transpiring. The Editor of Harper's Magazine, John MacArthur said "the media has already accepted censorship". He continued to state that we are acting as infantile children and this is much worse than what bin Laden would have ever dreamt.

Columnist Tom Gutting of the Texas City Sun newspaper lost his job for writing his opinion that at the aftermath of the New York bombing Bush flew around the country like "a scared rabbit". He wrote that it was not "cowardly" of the suicide bombers but cowardly to be "lobbing cruise missiles from 2,000 miles away and pretending that they would not hit innocent civilians".

Even the CNN TV network was made to apologize to the White House for having shown a camera photo of Bush that came out "hazy".

Howard Rosenberg of the Los Angeles Times received death threats for a minor question regarding the stance of President Bush. He had to endure anti-semitic slurs and told to "go and live with the Arabs!"

Pentagon sent out the world to "tow the line or else" and the advertisers pulled ads off the air and newspapers after getting the message from the White House.

The news media says that this "New Afghan War will be an uncovered war" not as was the Vietnam War.

Even famous TV personality Walter Cronkite was criticized for saying

"When the Germans yielded up their free speech during the 1930's so easily, they became responsible for what the government did in their name. We not only have the right to know what "our boys and girls" are doing in our name, but, we have also a duty to know what the American army is doing in our name!"

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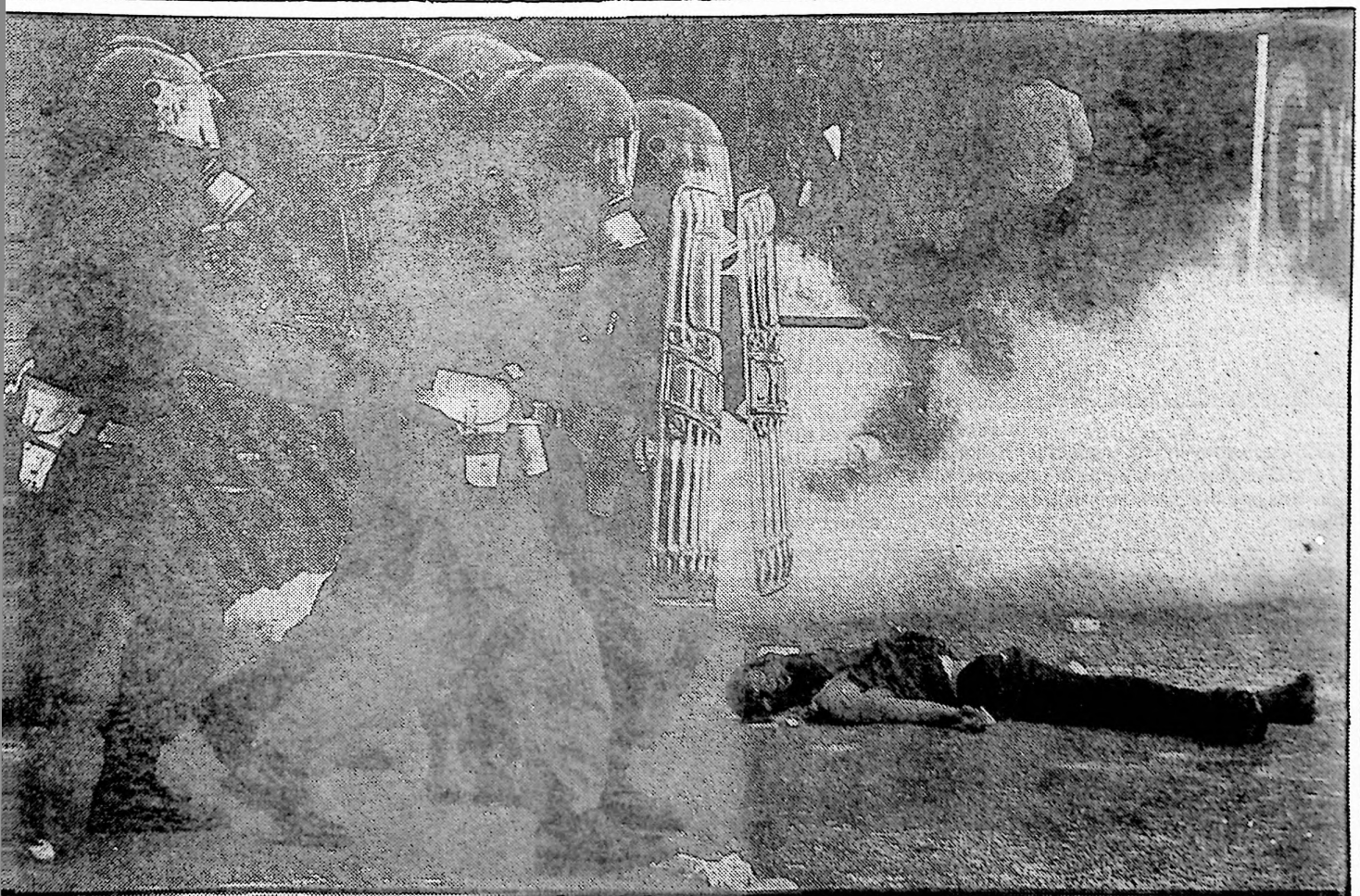
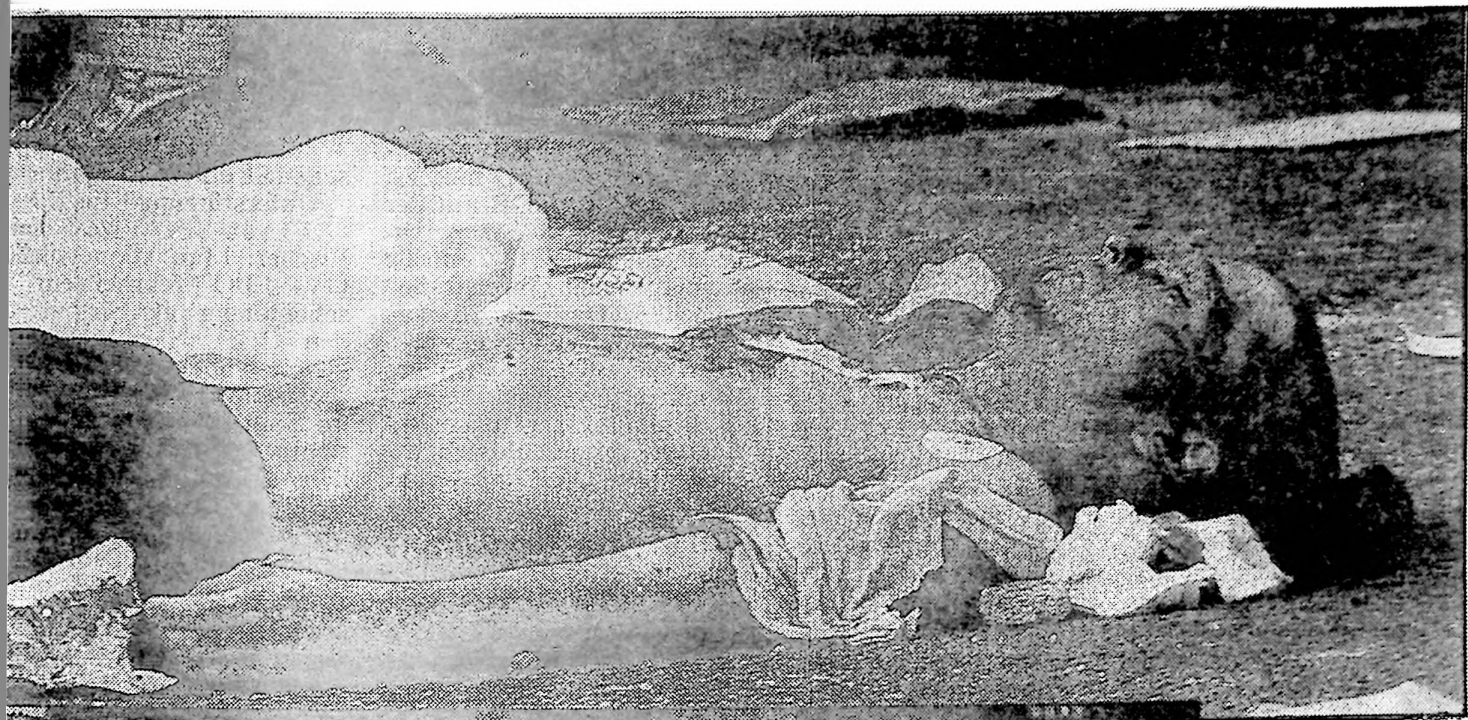
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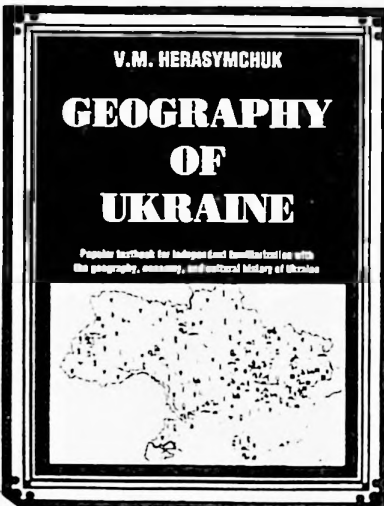
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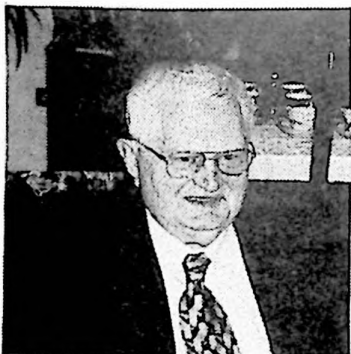
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Dear comrades:

I was very honoured to have been invited to the World Congress and I am sending my belated greetings, since the mail is uncertain at this time. I wish all the delegates good results in your dedication and struggle for the resurrection of the Soviet Union and socialism.



The ideas of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin are alive and well in the world, as they are in our Czech Republic and in other former socialist countries. We're struggling together against US imperialism and the capitalist ideology. Ideas of Marxism and Communism are very much alive and well in all countries of the world. The struggle against globalization is ongoing and, in the Czech Republic over 64% of the population are against the danger of globalization.

It would have been impossible for me to take part in this World Congress since I am now in poor health and thus cannot fly.

Our publication Dialogue was not in a position to finance the trip to Canada. I greet all of you comrades and hope to receive the Congress materials.

Jaroslav Klivar
Vice Chairman of Editorial Board of Dialogue magazine

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FROM
LONDON, ENGLAND

Dear readers:

I was browsing through the former Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko's autobiography, published in 1989, when I came across the pages relating to the application by the Soviet Union to join NATO at the Geneva Conference in 1955.

Curiously, no reference to this application appeared in the British capitalist or even Communist press. But up to now no one has denied the truth of Gromyko's "Memories".

Perhaps NATO and the post 1953 USSR had to be content with a love that dares not speak the name.

Ivor Kenna

GROMYKO

"In 1955 a meeting of the heads of governments of the USSR, USA, Britain and France took place in the city of Geneva. Sharp exchanges occurred revealing serious difference between the former allies. Eisenhower, Eden and Edgar Faure Argued that NATO was a force for peace, especially in Europe, while in fact their plan was aimed at swallowing up and whitewashing the remilitarization of West Germany in peace-loving propaganda.

In an effort to deprive the three Western powers of their notion that the Soviet Union was not doing its part in consolidating peace, the Soviet delegation that consisted of Krushchev, Bulganin, Molotov, Marshal Zhukov and myself, announced that the Soviet Union was willing to join NATO. We argued that, since NATO was dedicated to the cause of peace, it could not but agree to include the USSR in its ranks.

It is very hard to describe the effect this announcement had on all of the Western delegations when it was made by Bulganin, as President of the Council of Ministers of the USSR. The Western delegates were so stunned that for several minutes none of them said a word. Eisenhower's usual voice-winning smile had vanished from his face. He leaned over for a private consultation with Dulles: but we were not given a reply to our proposal.

After the meeting, Dulles of the CIA caught up with me in the corridor and asked: "Was the Soviet Union really being serious?"

I replied: "The Soviet Union does not make unserious proposals, especially at such an important forum as this." Foster Dulles was then about to add something else, when Eisenhower came up to me. Now a smile did appear of his face, as he said: "We must tell you Mr. Gromyko, that the Soviet proposal will be examined carefully by us, as it is a very serious matter."

At later meetings of the four powers, however, it was evident that the Western delegations did not wish to discuss our proposal further and they simply stayed clear of it, giving just mysterious, oracular smiles when-ever it was mentioned. The fact is, NATO simply did not know how to deal with it and so they hushed it up. Often I mentioned our proposal to many US officials of later generations and very few of them have ever heard of it.

At our suggestion, Marshal Zhukov paid a visit to President Eisenhower. According to Zhukov's account, Eisenhower withdrew unto himself and merely mouthed a few platitudes. I could see that Zhukov was upset and, on our way back home, he made this comment, that the Soviet Union must "keep its powder dry", a view shared by the other members of our delegation.

In many other meetings and travels with Zhukov, he talked about Stalin and the immense and enormous service that Stalin gave to winning the war and leading the nation. But, on Krushchev's bragging as to how he was at the front leading the troops. Zhukov would not even comment or on Krushchev's speech- when he denounced Stalin. His "no comment" spoke volumes.

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SAO PAULO
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Dear friends:

At a moment, when international capitalism impoverishes the poor in order to construct huge and also super expensive weapons, destroying nations in order suppress their self-determination, threatens the survival of the human race through the destruction of the environment in the name of greater profits for a few, we support the movement for the resurrection of the USSR as a defence weapon for the promotion of international peace, equality and progress for the whole of mankind.

Best regards
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