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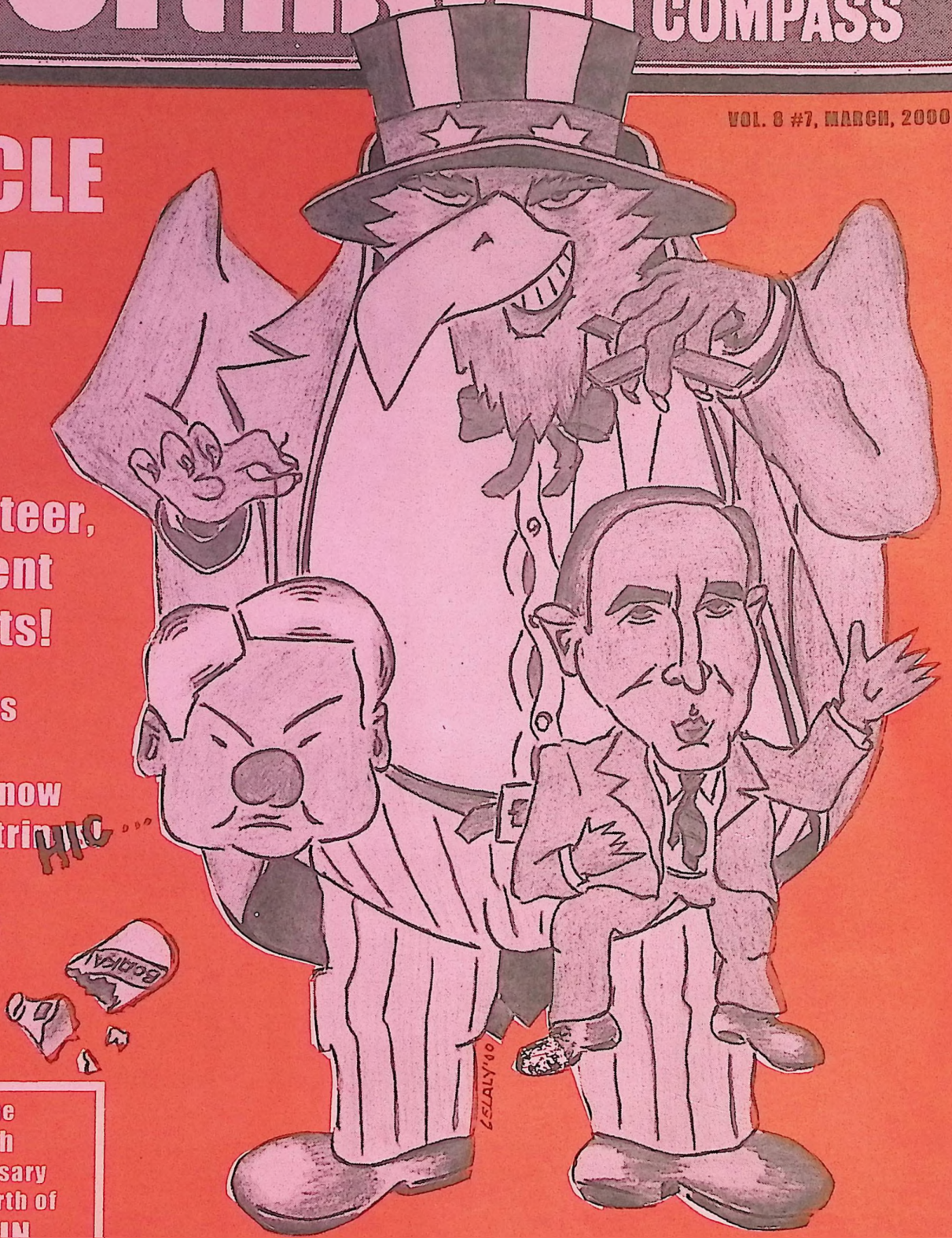
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EDITORIAL

STATEMENT BY NSC

Dear readers!

The 120th Anniversary of the birth of J.V.Stalin has just past and we have included two articles by two very different authors, who have looked at this great man and his legacy. One is by Ellen Glick and the other one is by W.E.B.Dubois, who was a leading figure in the US progressive movement.

Why are we doing this?

Whether we like it or not, whether many Communist parties in the world agree or not is inconsequential at this time of history! Unless all of the progressive movement learns quickly as to the role and importance of Stalin within the CPSU and understand as to why the class enemy of the working class - greedy capitalism and imperialism spend all their time and billions upon billions of dollars on myriad of books, TV programs, newspapers, different studies, research, philosophical explanations, newly discovered Marxist theories, trained spies and saboteurs, buy-off of elements within the progressive movements, etc. etc. ad nausea, then the class enemy has done its dirty job well of vilifying and making the name of Stalin a dirty word and thus sow confusion and distrust amongst the progressive and communist movements all over the world.

This tremendous effort and money, using not only the right but also the left movements, has unfortunately paid off for Imperialism. But, it's obvious that they still cannot bury forever all the deeds and accomplishments of the Soviet Union

under the capable leadership of the Bolshevik Party and its leader J.V.Stalin.

That's why!

It seems that since 1917 there is a tremendous growth of "Stalin experts", both from the right, but mostly from the so-called "left" wing movements who sprang up all over the world as mushrooms after a heavy rain.

Imperialism never spends billions of dollars or also start wars without having a master plan. Since the USSR was dismembered by the "new thinking communists" the influx of hundreds of different religious sects and also missionaries into former Soviet Union is now known both to friend and foe alike. Millions of bibles, in all of the languages spoken in former USSR were all shipped FREE to every corner of that vast land. This was just one of the end results of the work of enemies within the CPSU and culminating with open traitorous revisionism of Krushchev and ending up with Gorbachev-Yeltsin and now with the "Pinochet lover" Putin!

Unfortunately, because there is no political UNITY amongst the Communist parties within the former USSR and also with no less than 4 to 10 different communist parties in countries of the world, the fight against Imperialism is not united and this is the signal for US Imperialism to go on with its plans for world Imperialist domination which borders on Fascism!

There are comrades who in their present understanding suggest that NSC should not touch upon any religious or political matters...just report

what is going on and leave it at that! But, in order to struggle for the resurrection of Socialism and of the Soviet Union, this cannot absolutely be done without defending the Soviet Union which basically is defending Stalin! *They are and will be inseparable!*

The psychological barrage of anti-Stalinism (*which in essence is anti-Socialism & anti-Sovietism*) has had its effects amongst all of the progressive movements without any doubt. This insidious barrage is so clever that unfortunately even some very sincere and dedicated socialists or communists state: *"Oh yes, Socialism was great and correct under Lenin! But Stalin...he murdered millions, he devastated the country, he was not a true Marxist-Leninist!"*

Imperialism has done a great job of brainwashing these comrades, to be sure. Using Fascist methods of Hitler and of Goebbels, they know that: *"A lie, if it is big enough and is repeated often enough, will eventually be accepted as the truth!"*

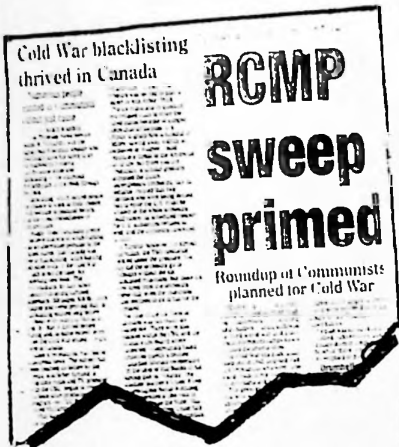
Anti-Stalinism is also anti-Socialism!

For the restoration of the Soviet Union as a Socialist State!

IN APRIL ISSUE OF NSC

- *An in-depth article from Georgia by Helen Blau about the Congress of the peoples of the Caucasus.
- *Towards a Balkanized Russia from Lalkar magazine.
- *The problem of Religion in the age of Imperialism by Kevin Walsh.
- *From Australia, an in-depth overview of the immigration of Soviet Jews to Israel...or was it just an excuse?

WE WERE ON THE LIST!



According to the Canadian Press Agency and information that we also received under the *Access to Information Act*, the RCMP and now CSIS had plans to round up all Communists during the Cold War era.

As the Lethbridge Herald and the Calgary Sun of January 24, 2000 stated: "Most Canadians smugly preferred to believe that the era of witch-hunting was an aberration peculiar to the United States, that our Canada was free of blacklisting or also witch-hunting and other evils of the Cold War."

Canada-USSR Association (Canadian Friends of Soviet People) were listed also under the section "organizations and publications" that were on this list during the Cold War Years. Our Friendship Society in Toronto was visited often by agents from the present Canadian Secret Intelligence Service (CSIS) many times. The RCMP had over 762 people on its list to be interned in 1970, which included the leadership of the Canadian Council of the Canada-USSR Association.

Northstar Compass now is in its 8th year of publication, but we are also under scrutiny, according to our very reliable sources. □

Intertwined history, ideology and anti-Communism...

A DISGUISED FORM OF ANTI-WORKING CLASS WARFARE...

By RAY STEVENSON

A review of English writer Francis When's book, "Karl Mark" in the February 5th Globe & Mail newspaper in Canada, by ubiquitous social-democrat and also reformist Bob Rae (*former Premier of Ontario, Canada*) has a number of interesting connections and meanings. That the "Globe" chose Rae to participate in the century old ideological "blood sport" of destroying Marx for the hundredth...or maybe fantasized ten thousandth...time is no surprise.

Since the mid-depression 1930's, the Globe has distinguished itself as an impeccable anti-Communist, also an anti-Soviet and anti-working class organ of the most privileged "big business" circles in the country. It was founded by the pro-fascist gold mine operator Wm. Wright, the President of Wright Hardgrave Gold Mine in Kirkland Lake, Canada, to wage class war against efforts to organize the gold miners of Kirkland Lake and to bolster right wing, pro-fascist political direction in the whole country. Wright's first act was to name as his chief Globe operator, one George McCullagh, who then used his position to establish an overtly pro-fascist organization under the elitist name called "the Leadership League" with branches across the country. It's central political aim was the establishment in Canada of a corporist one party state and the elimination

of parliamentary democracy.

That these were not Wright's exclusive ideas was clear from the then burgeoning fascist big-business regimes in Europe and also elsewhere, including a noxious development of fascist organization here in Canada. As well, he was a cohort and "fellow traveling" gold baron with Mr. Harry Oakes (*later knighted...and then murdered*) and also Lord Reddisdale, a pro-Hitler British "Cliveden Set" supporter of Der Fuehrer. Lord Reddisdale's daughters, (*including the wife of British Fascist leader Oswald Mosely*) better known as the "Mitford sisters", were guests in Kirkland Lake of Oakes and Wright in the late 1930's. I might add that I was a fledging member of the Communist Party of Canada and of the Mine Mill & Smelter Workers Union during the same period.

Since that time, more than three generations have past, any historian searching the files of the Globe & Mail for pro-labour, or anything other than extreme "pro-Big Business" policies, will confront a very difficult...virtually impossible...task. This is now the background of Bob Rae's "review", "Karl Marx": *No More Nice Guy*. It ends with the sentence: "Marx was not directly responsible for the Gulag, but he was the author of a theory that has created much misery in the world. If we are living in a post-Marxist world

we are the better for it", says our Canadian oh-so-erudite Rhodes scholar Rae. He is now a corporate partner in one of Canada's leading corporate law firms. He will be well recalled as Premier of Ontario, where, "eager beaver" to serve his ideological and political masters on Bay Street, he sundered his own Government, splitting even his own social-democratic party, the NDP, and acting as some kind of precursor for the surge to the right of social reformism by Blair of England, Schroeder of Germany, and on and on in the wake of social reformist Gorbachev's betrayal of the Soviet Union. In fact, Rae spent time in the Baltic's during the time of the Soviet break up, where he publicly called for and hailed the separation and also the downfall of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

By chance I was an immediate associate of Rae's during the mid 1970's when he was working as a neophyte lawyer in the Canadian National office of the United Steelworkers of America, where I also had been since 1967 as a senior public relations officer. That he was a "bright young man in a hurry" was very clear. He was smart enough to keep well concealed what later emerged as his almost visceral anti-communism (*at least in my presence*). I soon learned however that his views were deeply rooted in the reformist works of such as Bernstein, Kautsky et al and that indeed his doctoral work during his Rhodes scholarship has been on the career of the arch social-democrat and also working class betrayer, Ramsay MacDonald. I also learned that what sometimes seemed to be innocent exchange of conversation could rapidly trans-

form into political vendetta and frankly a form of "snitch-to-the-boss" personal undermining. I learned quickly not to lend much of the quality of openness to any of my conversation with him.

Be all as it may (and it is of very small consequence within a very large picture) Rae and his associations continue to lend credence to very deep-going questions and conjecture.

We know from the public press that Rae's association with super Autoparts tycoon Stronach, of Magna, goes back a number of years and that Stronach, who is a native Austrian, has many times professed "sympathy" for social reformist parties, including that of Rae's Canadian New Democratic Party (NDP). But now we learn that the New Finance Minister in the Austrian Fascist polluted Government is a young neophyte "whiz kid" from the Stronach stable. He will act as the right hand man to this Nazi-admirer (and/or neo-Nazi) Haider, the new power broker in the tri-lateral Austrian Social Democratic-Conservative and Freedom Party Government. Thus the way ahead for new political formations is widened now in the direction of a full-blown neo-Nazi resurgence throughout Europe and beyond. It is time to take warning.

Lenin once wrote that not the slightest headway can be won toward the proletarian socialist revolution without the masses of the people knowing and being fully conscious of the treacherous role of the opportunist, and the social democratic elements who pose under the banners of socialism, the better to betray it and turn it back into the very hands of the capitalist monster masters.

It is indeed time to take warning now...AND TO ACT! □

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STALIN - A DEFENDER OF SOCIALISM

By Ellen Glick
New York, USA

There is much misinformation on Stalin over the years, both from the right and also from the so-called left. Our bourgeois education in this country certainly distorts the role of this important revolutionary.

I had the opportunity many years ago to read a biography on Stalin by Isaac Deutscher. I especially learned a great deal about his early life. For an example: Stalin, unlike many other revolutionaries including Lenin and Marx came from a very poor family, a family that suffered through the cruel and inhuman injustices of Tsarist Russia.

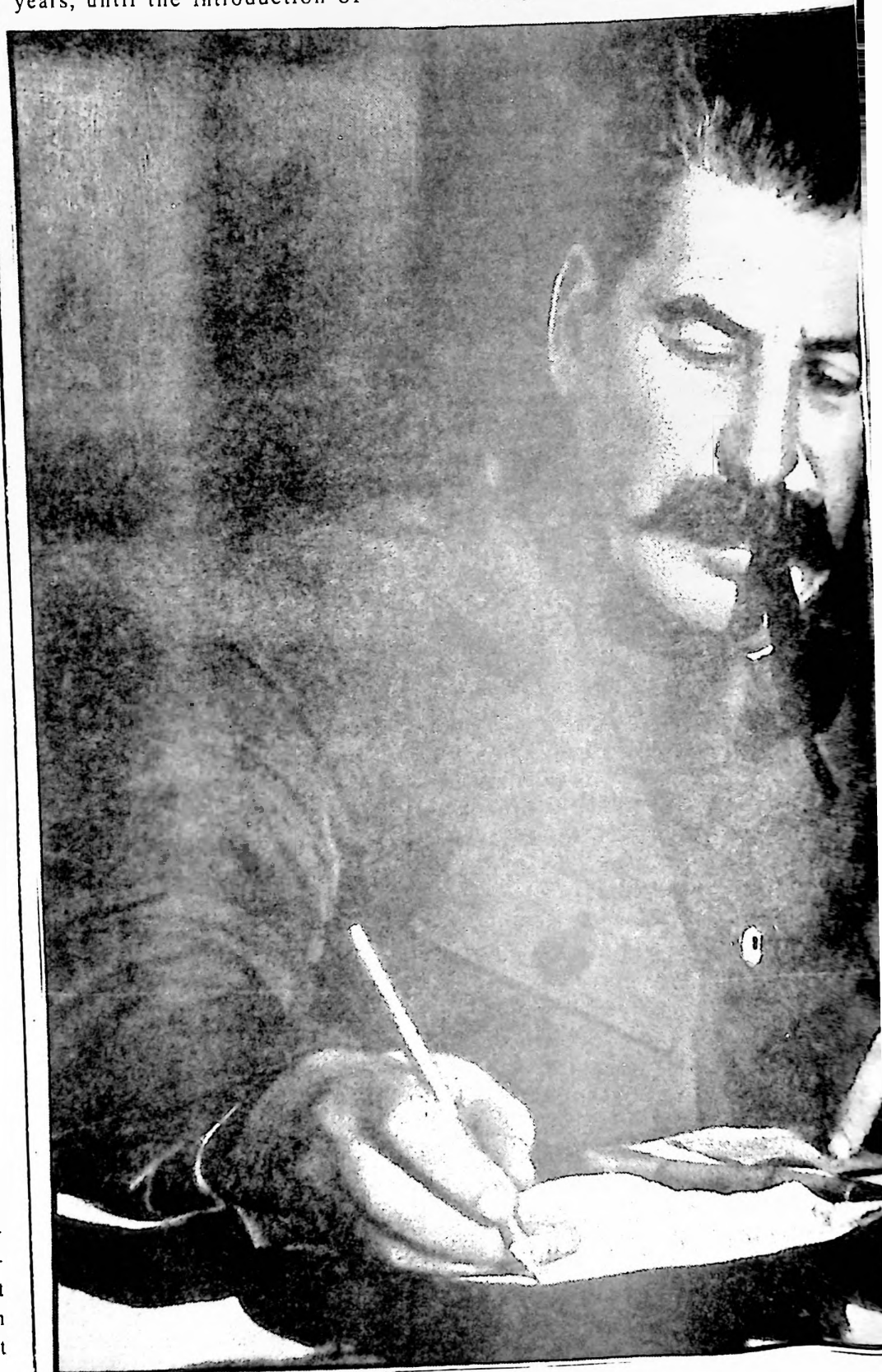
Stalin was educated in a religious seminary. He was there studying to become a priest. He courageously wrote articles critical of the church abuses and dogmas. He went on to become one of the founders of ISKRA, a revolutionary newspaper, he even robbed banks to support its survival.

Under Stalin's leadership, the people in the former Soviet Union were able to enjoy so many economic and social benefits. Benefits in health care, education, housing and employment (*full employment was also guaranteed*). Women played leading roles in the sciences which included Engineering and Medicine. Most important was the elimination of anti-Semitism and racism. It was made illegal.

These important economic and social benefits were all enjoyed by the people in the Soviet Union for more than 60 years, until the introduction of

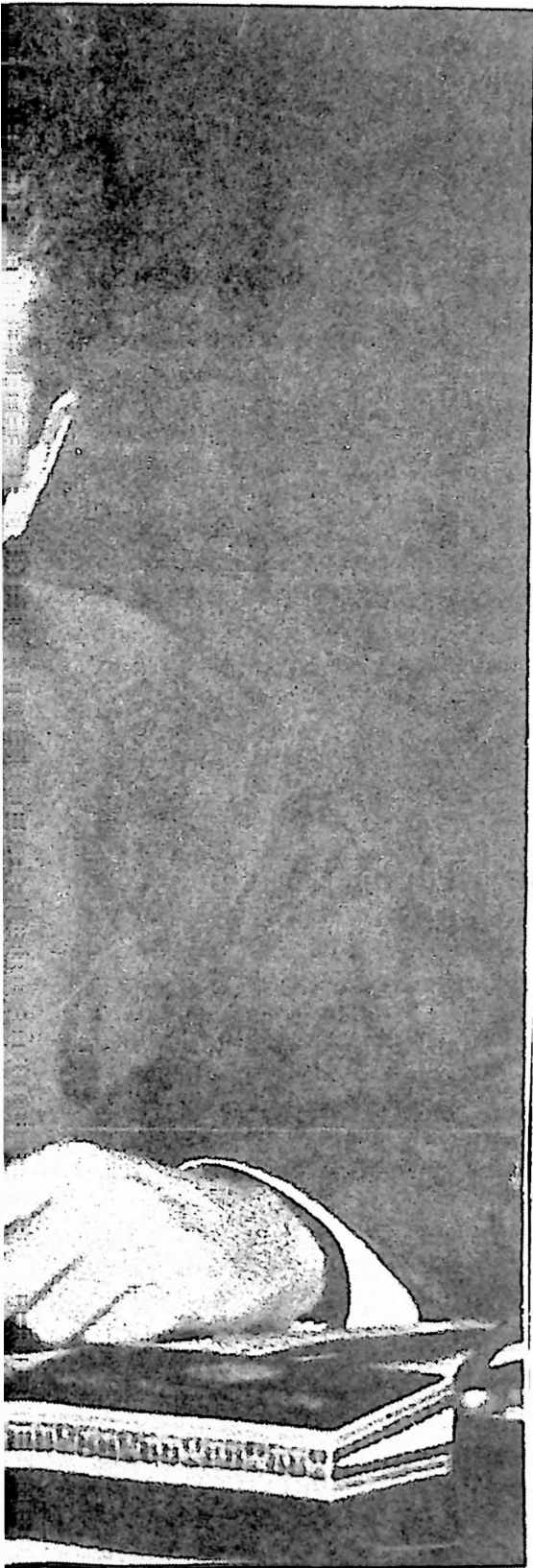
market economy (capitalism) in the middle of 1980's.

As has been previously stated in many articles, the Red Army courageously fought



against fascism, the Red Army was able totally to defeat Hitler throughout all of the Eastern European countries.

As we examine the role of Stalin, his legacy and his place in revolutionary history, let us keep these many facts in mind.



As we fight the cruel injustices of capitalism today, including attacks on all public education, the disarming of the Affirmative Action programs in our colleges, the loss of open admission to the City University of New York (CUNY), the high unemployment of hundreds of thousands men and women of all ages, plus mass homelessness, hate crimes constantly on the rise and the everyday incidents of racist murder and police brutality, let us then dedicate our lives to struggle for a just and Socialist future. Let us all learn from Stalin!

Onward to a Socialist Future! □

ON STALIN

By W.E.B. DUBOIS

From the National Guardian,
March 16, 1953 - USA

Joseph Stalin was a great man, few other men of the 20th century approach his stature. He was simple, calm and courageous. He seldom lost his poise; pondered his problems slowly, he made his decisions clearly and very firmly; never yielded to any ostentation nor coyly refrained from holding his rightful place with dignity. He was the son of a serf but stood calmly before the great without hesitation or nerves. But he also - and this was the highest proof of his greatness - he knew the common man, felt his many problems, followed his fate.

Stalin was not a man of conventional learning; he was a man who thought deeply, read understandingly and listened to wisdom, no matter whence it came. He was attacked and slandered as few men of power have been; yet he seldom lost his courtesy and balance; nor did he let attack drive him from his convictions

nor induce him to surrender positions which he knew were correct. As one of the despised minorities of man, he first set Russia on the road to conquer race prejudice and make one nation out of its over 140 groups without destroying their individuality.

His judgment of men was profound. He very early saw through the flamboyance and exhibitionism of Trotsky, who fooled the world, and especially America. The whole ill-bred and insulting attitude of Liberals in the U.S. today began with our naive acceptance of Trotsky's magnificent lying propaganda, which he carried around the world. Against it, Stalin stood like a rock and moved neither right or left, as he continued to advance toward a real socialism instead of the sham Trotsky offered.

Three great decisions faced Stalin while in power and he met them magnificently: first, the problem of the peasants, then the West European attack, and last the Second World War. The poor Russian peasant was then the lowest victim of Tsarism, capitalism and the Orthodox Church. He surrendered the Little White Father easily, he turned less readily but perceptibly from his icons; but his kulaks clung tenaciously to capitalism and were near wrecking the revolution when Stalin risked a second revolution and drove out the rural bloodsuckers.

Then came intervention, the continuing threat of attack by all nations, halted by the Depression, only to be re-opened by Hitlerism. It was Joe Stalin, who steered the Soviet Union between Scylla and Charybdis: Western Europe and the U.S. were willing to betray her to fascism, and then had to beg her aid in the Second World War. A lesser man than Stalin would have demanded vengeance for Munich,

but he had the wisdom to ask only justice for his fatherland. This Roosevelt granted but Churchill held back. The British Empire proposed first to save itself in Africa and southern Europe, delaying the Second Front while Hitler smashed the Soviets.

The Second Front dawdled, but Stalin pressed unfalteringly ahead. He risked the utter ruin of socialism in order to smash the dictatorship of Hitler and of Mussolini. After Stalingrad the Western World did not know whether to weep or applaud. The cost of victory to the Soviet Union was frightful. To this very day the outside world has no dream of the hurt, the loss and the sacrifices. For his calm, stern leadership here, if nowhere else, arises the deep worship of Stalin by the people of all the USSR.

Then came the problem of Peace. Hard as this was for Europe and America, it was far harder for Stalin and the Soviets. The conventional rulers of the world hated and feared them and would have been only too willing to see the utter failure of this very attempt at socialism. At the same time the fear of Japan and Asia was also real. Diplomacy therefore took hold and Stalin was picked as the victim. He was called in conference with British imperialism, which was represented by its trained and well-fed aristocracy; and with the vast wealth and potential power of America which was represented by its most liberal leader in half a century.

Here Stalin showed his real greatness. He neither cringed nor strutted. He never ever presumed, he never surrendered. He gained the friendship of Roosevelt and grudgingly of Churchill. He asked neither for adulation or vengeance. He was reasonable and conciliatory. But on what he deemed

essential, he was inflexible. He was also willing to resurrect the League of Nations, which had insulted the Soviets previously. He was willing to fight Japan, even though Japan was then no menace to the Soviet Union, and might be the death to the British Empire and also to American trade. But on two points Stalin was very adamant: Clemenceau's "Cordon Sanitaire" must be returned to the Soviets, whence it had been stolen before as a threat. The Balkans were not to be left helpless before Western exploitation for the benefit of land monopoly. The workers and peasants there must have their say.

Such was the man who lies dead, still the butt of noisy jackals and of ill-bred men of some parts of the distempered West. In life he suffered under continuous and studied insults; he was also forced to make bitter decisions on his own responsibility. His reward comes as the common man stands in Solemn acclaim!



In Stalin's Time

By OLEG SHENIN

Chairman of UCP-CPSU and International Committee for "Unity and Brotherhood of Peoples".

The destiny of every person who had left a footprint on earth, be it material, or be it remembrance, is reflected in time, as though history itself is being printed. But we can say that only a very few had their destiny inscribed in history. Now that we are in the 21st century 120 years since Stalin's birth, we can proclaim that Stalin's destiny will forever be inscribed in the 20th Century. From the experience of a great epoch...hence **Stalin's Times!**

Stalin's Time was a time of selfless efforts and undisclosed modesty. If the definition is accurate: "*a state activist is a politician who places himself at the service of a nation, while a politician is a state activist who places the nation at his own service,*" -- then without any doubt we could truly say **that Stalin was a genuine State Activist.** A very gigantic one. In complex specific historical conditions of the time, he was called on to resolve such large problems which, after the untimely death of Lenin, did not fall on anyone else. It is important to underline that none of the genuine politicians at that time was able to do better than Stalin, to defend the revolution and to promote socialist construction.

Sometimes the most difficult and the most responsible of all activities is the necessity of *making of the final decisions by one for all!* The leaders of Soviet military understood this best of all. To us all, of ex-

ceptional value are the reminiscences about Stalin of Marshall G. Zhukov, a three-time Soviet war hero when he wrote: " *Calling a meeting of commanders of the various fronts of the Great Patriotic War, and discussing with them questions regarding all frontal operations, he showed himself as a person who understood all questions no worse, or maybe even better, than his subordinates - Marshals and Generals. In this sense, on numerous occasions he offered and predicted important interesting operative decisions.*"

And then there are thoughts of Anastas Mikoyan: " *He possessed a very remarkable memory, understood immediately the essence of a situation, and I don't remember even one occasion where our serious proposals would have been rejected by the Central Committee or by the government. He had the very remarkable gift of quietly hearing one out and then responding, not lengthily, but straight to the point, quickly grasping the question under discussion.*"

Giving all of himself to the cause of the development of the nation, Stalin sternly demanded the same of others, but was completely devoid of any ambition to acquire any outward attributes of power, or to show any superiority over others. It is sufficient to look at the documents, signed by Stalin; on standard paper, almost gray in colour and only with a single printed line letterhead: "Secretary, CC-AUCP(b)."

There was no mention of "General", although he has held the post for over 30 years. It was just "Comrade Stalin" or "Comrade Molotov" in all letters, documents and correspondence.

There is a very interesting story (*factual*) as told in a book by Marshall Konev, regarding a meeting of the CPSU Politburo where the question

of awarding the title Generalissimo to Stalin was discussed (*as quoted from the latest book by the well known and respected Soviet writer Constantin Simonov, titled. "With Eyes of My Generation, Reflections on J.V.Stalin"*):

"Present were Zhukov. Vasilievski, I and Rokossovski..."

"Stalin had interrupted us on several occasions and finally said, "Sit down please, then began talking about himself in the third person:

"You want to award the title of Generalissimo to Comrade Stalin. Why is this so necessary for Comrade Stalin? Comrade Stalin does not need it. Comrade Stalin possesses authority without the title. It is you who need the titles for authority. Stalin does not need any titles for his authority. See, they found a title for Comrade Stalin---Generalissimo! Cheng Kai Shek is also a Generalissimo. Franko is a Generalissimo. Without elaborating, it's real pleasant company for me, Comrade Stalin?? You are all Marshals; I, too am a Marshall. Do you now want to remove me from the ranks of Marshal? Into some sort of Generalissimo? What on earth is that title? Translate it for me.

"It became necessary for us Marshal's to bring in several historical books and statutes to explain that this would be only the fourth time in the history of the Russian Army, after Menshikov and one other and Suvorov. In the end he agreed, just to get rid of us."

Stalin always stated (*never getting tired of repeating it*) " **"We are all disciples of Lenin!"**

Stalin's Time is a time of unceasing search for justice and equality between people.

Stalin's Time is a time of grandeur of a person's labour and the grandeur of the nation.

Stalin's Time were times of a genuine dawning of culture, an unceasing anxiety of the

leadership about the liquidation of illiteracy, about the mastery of the arts and literature by our artists, in ballet and practically in all of the other spheres of world culture.

Stalin's Time was a time of genuine world internationalism, of harmonious blend of patriotism.

To us a struggle is inevitable with the "leftists" and haters of Stalin, with other Trotskyite craze in the world communist movement. There are now even those enemies who call themselves "National Bolsheviks", "Bolsheviks-Leninists."

Stalin's Time was a severe time of fierce struggles with all of the various type of opportunists and simple traitors.

Stalin's Time was a time of genuine sovereignty of all the people. Stalin, always defended the principle of the dictatorship of the proletariat.

Stalin's Time was a time of unceasing concerns about the safety of the USSR, about the ability of the State, about the ability of the Soviet Army, about the ability of the entire Soviet people to staunchly defend the peaceful efforts of the entire great Soviet multinational people. There were also concerns about the dignity of the nation.

Stalin's Time is undoubtedly a time of the most important, the most significant period in the history of the Soviet nation.

Expressions could be cited from most of the world leaders about Stalin and his leadership, from friend and foe alike.

Comparing Lenin and Stalin is absurd and asking as to how one would act in the historical time of the other. They were great leaders and thinkers and each one added dimension to the time frame of his life.

Stalin's destiny is forever imprinted in the 20th Century.

Today, to the question of "Who was Stalin?"... It is easy

to see now when we look at the lackluster faces of parties and movements, also at the deliberate planned erosion of class struggle and strata distinctions and their conversions into personal socio-political image in the mirror of deception and of self-consciousness

**TIME DOES NOT STAND
WAIT! WE MUST MARCH
AHEAD!**

*Translated by Alex Sturgeon.
Edited to fit the space.*

**EVER SINCE SOVIET UNION
COLLAPSED, RUSSIAN
OFFICIALS HAVE
LOOTED THE STORE**

This is a condensed version of an article from the "Calgary Sunday Sun" in Canada, written by Eric Margolis who is very widely known for his very anti-Soviet articles and also for his anti-Communist viewpoint. It is not very often that NSC agrees with his viewpoint of course, but, we feel that this article is clearly to the point. We just wish that sometimes our dear friends in Soviet Union would write as pointedly and correctly about the internal robbery as does Eric Margolis who wrote this article from Geneva, Switzerland.

"The Clinton administration has reacted to charges of massive corruption at the Kremlin by doing a very good imitation of the wonderfully cynical actor Claude Rains in *Casablanca* film, discovering that gambling was taking place at Rick's Bar.

The White House in Washington, piously proclaimed itself as "absolutely shocked" that its Russian pals had stolen billions in Western aid.

What absolutely shocked Bill Clinton and Al Gore of what they did not know, is very old news to every Russian child from Smolensk to Sakhalin.

In recent weeks, two new scandals have cast more light on the greatest theft in modern history. Swiss authorities are preparing a critical criminal investigation of a large Russian-owned firm, Mabetex, involving money laundering and massive bribery.

Our NSC readers will remember that we were exposing these shenanigans for over a year...but it's always good to have your political foe do a much better exposé than we can!

According to Swiss officials, all members of Yeltsin's entourage, known as "the family", and his two daughters received payoffs from the \$1.5 billion U.S. renovation of the

Kremlin, an unbelievable and incredible ostentation worthy of the former stupid Czar Nicholas Romanov.

A Russian prosecutor estimated that the "family" accumulated over \$10 million in bribes from just the renovation.

Meanwhile U.S. officials estimated that the Bank of New York was laundering up to \$5 billion stolen by Russian officials and all of their gangster cronies.

This is just a tiny tip of an iceberg. Ever since the Soviet Union collapsed, Russian officials have been looting their nation's treasury since 1991, and hawking its resources at far below world market value.

THE TRUE STATE OF THE UNION

A reply to Clinton's Speech

By BERNARD LIVINGSTON



Bill Clinton claims the U.S. free market lowers crime.
But truth is the U.S. commits crime full time.
We danced ballet with the fascist Pinochet
While his death squads wasted Chileans away;
Waltzed with Suharto of Indonesia,
For whose Timor crimes we had amnesia.

Sure, we kvetch about Russia's making war on the Cheche.
And we yell like Hell at China's human rights, you betcha
Yet when Contras murdered nuns in Nicaragua,
All we did was send Ollie North to Managua.
Plus, after his suffering people kicked him out,
Restored to his throne Iran's bloody Shah,
And tried to sneak poison up Fidel's snout
So Havana could be more like Omaha.

Still, it's now safe to walk our streets, insists Bill;
Maybe so. But not streets of Yugoslavia...
For the crime of ethnic cleansing we'll clobber ya,
Declared Bill. And U.S. planes moved in for the kill.

Ethnic cleansing? At that crime U.S. leads the pack;
Ten million Natives forced unto reservations,
To say naught of the kidnapped African Black
Corralled in Gulag slave-plantations.

Of any large nation, says Bill, U.S. has lowest crime...
Then how come, say I, we've got two million doing time?

pocketing the huge bribes and stealing nearly all of the aid provided by the U.S., European Union, Japan, Canada and the International Monetary Fund.

My very own estimate of the mega-theft is closer to \$100 billion or more if it was at all properly investigated, which is doubtful. (*In this regard Margolis is correct. Vladimir Putin has now absolved Yeltsin and waved all prosecution. Game is over for now! Editor*)

Practically every transaction goes through bogus companies in countries as Switzerland, Cyprus, the West Indies and also USA itself. The profits are skimmed from the top and hidden from tax collectors.

Billions earned from exports of oil, timber, arms, furs and minerals never ever touch Russia but are secreted abroad. Billions in Western aid is instantly diverted abroad.

The Yeltsin-Putin leadership uses the dollars to buy loyalty from key military and security leaders, plus loyal bureaucrats and they start to feather their own nests.

This means that Russia is bribed to be good, to keep a low profile... letting the U.S. have its own way, and keeping the communists down.

If a new prime minister gets uppity and even tries to flex Russia's muscles, as was tried by Primakov, the Kremlin gets an angry call from the U.S. White House, and out he goes.

When the Russian oligarchs and mobsters complained that the old U.S. \$100 bill was too easy to counterfeit, President Clinton ordered the treasury to design and print a new \$100 note that has become the main currency of Russia.

Bribing enemies and paying off friends are time-honoured tools of foreign policy.

It's far cheaper to buy your foes than try to confront them militarily. The old Byzantine Empire lasted for 1,00 years in this way.

Russia's nouveau-rich crooks and their outrageous thievery, drunken-sailor spending and also utter contempt for their country and their fellow citizens will soon provoke an explosion by Russians who are outraged at seeing their country raped and pillaged with the connivance of Washington and also the International Monetary Fund.

America has managed to rent Kremlin for a while, but it has not bought Russia.

When the present Regime of Putin-Yeltsin and Co. are eventually ousted from power, there will be a very fierce backlash against everything Western and the danger of extreme nationalism.

All who favored good relations with the West and became the new rich class - particularly Russia's Jews - will be branded as traitors by the nationalist feelings that are coming, and will be accused as hirelings of Wall Street.

What will Western taxpayers have got for their \$150 billion or so in bribes? A united Germany - yes a deal, to be sure. But not much else, save a lot of Russian fat cats who are living in cushy exile in the South of France.

I've heard the Cote d'Azur palace of late Congolese dictator General Mobutu, who stole his country dry, may be bought by a "New Russian" businessman/

Very fitting.

COMMENT

After reading this article by a Canadian anti-Sovieteer and also an anti-Communist, why would any Communist party in former Soviet Union try to get into the Duma and be part of this crowd? Why would the leadership of the biggest party, the CPRF be even associated with this Mafiosi government, which even anti-Sovieteer as Margolis is disgusted with?

STOP NATO! NO PASARAN!

NATO will help Ukraine to modernize its armed forces, its General Secretary announced at the end of a two-day visit to Ukraine, according to Reuters.

George Robertson of NATO, told leaders in Kiev: "Such a reform will be painful. NATO can now assist Ukraine. A military that is really transparent, democratically controlled and fully accountable is also part and parcel of a mature democracy as is prevalent in all of the NATO countries. And any military that adopts very modern management techniques will now spend all scarce resources more efficiently."

Lord Robertson met President Leonid Kuchma and also Prime Minister Viktor Yushenko during his visit. Kiev signed a partnership agreement with NATO already in 1997 and is waiting for its official admission.

Russia has opposed NATO's expansion but Lord Robertson has invited Russia also to join this *Partnership For Peace*. This is necessary in order to deploy NATO forces alongside USA ones in possible peace efforts and we must (NATO) thus expand the pool of trained forces for effective crisis management in Europe."

COMMENT

Yes, we must feel every bit perplexed when we hear the words "peace" and "George Robertson" in the very same sentence!

Or, can anyone name one Russian or Ukraine military port in countries that are facing the North Atlantic?

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INFORMATION FROM THE CANADIAN SLAV COMMITTEE

As was reported in the January issue of Northstar Compass: at the request of the joint conference of the Canadian Friends of Soviet People and of the Editorial Board of NSC, plus the Organizing Committee for an International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People. it was then unanimously agreed to reconstitute again the Canadian Slav Committee.

The undersigned has been designated by the meeting as an interim chairman of the committee.

US imperialism and its appendages in Western Europe and Canada are hell-bent to once again turn all of Eastern Europe into their own colonial hinterland. Especially a very vicious policy is being implemented by Western Imperialism against the heroic Serbian people. NATO's barbaric war against Yugoslavia is a warning to other states and peoples--what awaits them should they refuse to completely submit to NATO's imperialists dictates.

Extension of NATO to the borders of Russia signifies the intention of Western imperialists to conquer and rule all Slavic lands, in the very same fashion in which these same lands and its peoples were enslaved and slaughtered by terrible tyrants of the historic past...Genghis Khan, Ottoman Sultan, Napoleon and also the blood-thirsty hordes of Hitlerites. Today, realistically it seems that history is repeating itself.

It is not a question anymore of US imperialism imposing their own social system on other peoples! Today, we are faced with insatiable demands from imperialists, where the

very statehood of Slavic (and also other peoples) is under a merciless attack. The sole aim is of re-colonizing the whole world.

US led imperialist coalition is pursuing a policy designed to subjugate the Slavic people and their states; whether it is by direct military aggression or by economical and cultural policies that foster all deindustrialization and atrophy of native culture and substituting it by American cowboy barbarism, pornography and violence. If they cannot accomplish this by either of these methods, then NATO resorts to supporting and arming various bandits and terrorists, as it is doing now in the Caucasus, Chechniya, Kosovo and other places.

The Canadian Slav Committee, with its glorious history in Canada before and during the World War Two, has now as it had before the aim of fostering solidarity and also brotherhood amongst all the Slavic people, plus other like-minded people. But one of the most important aims of the Committee is to make a contribution towards an overall struggle against American led imperialist coalition and its collaborators among the Slavic politicians and statesmen.

Our brothers and sisters in the Slavic countries of Europe have already set up and are very active in holding congresses, conferences, Slavic cultural festivals and assemblies of young people with the aim of solidifying the solidarity of all the Slavs. The Slav Committees function in Russia, Ukraine, Byelorussia, Poland, Czech and Slovak Republics, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria and are holding events ever year. In July of this year there will take place a Slavic Congress in Minsk, Byelorussia, the Writers Congress in Warsaw and a Youth Cultural Festival in the city of Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

The World Slav Committee has invited the Canadian Slav Committee to send a large delegation to City of Minsk, Byelorussia this coming July for the World Slav Congress.

In conclusion I would like all people of good will to come forward and help us in the work of the revived Canadian Slav Committee.

Milenko Popovich
Chairman

**VIA E-MAIL /
JERRY MORSE**

The Internet is constantly churning out its information from the WWW Russianservice.com. In only one day, Feb. 9 there were over 170 news items sent all over the world by the present Russian regime, all slanted to make the present government look good in the eyes of all the world. On the pages of NSC it is sheer impossibility to list or comment on this deluge of all items. We just picked some items that are more interesting than others.

MOSCOW THREATENS TO BUILD GAS PIPELINE, BYPASSING UKRAINE

Russia threatened to build a new gas pipeline to the West, bypassing Ukraine which is now siphoning illegally 100 to 120 million cubic meters each day from the Russian (Soviet) pipeline which now transits its territory. Russia also criticized Ukraine for not paying up its enormous debts. The plan by Russia now is to build the new pipeline through Byelorussia in order to deprive Ukraine of its monopoly on the transport of Russian gas to the West.

There are talks with Latvia,

Azerbaijan, Georgia and others in having the gas pipeline monopoly being placed in Western Imperialist countries, thus guaranteeing gas and oil supply gouging for them as is presently being done.

Gasprom, the world's largest natural gas producer is already selling off the company to many foreign monopolies. The Russian Mafiosi government officials are now bent on reaping- in huge profits from their ownership and also foreign ownership shares in this abundant Soviet natural resource, which is the largest in the world. No wonder that the West is gung-ho in buying out, stealing or political pressuring the Russian government (*who are also ready and so willing*) to make concessions.

AZERBAIJAN / GEORGIA TALK ABOUT A NEW PIPELINE

President Haydar Aliyev and President Shevernadze are discussing the building of a new oli pipeline from (Azerbaijan) Baku to the Turkish port of Ceyhan in order to by-pass the pipeline that was built and exists now on the Russian territory. This one million barrels per day pipeline is also meant to bypass Russia and make this oil available only to the Western monopolies.

It was the Soviet people who build up the great Azerbaijan oil fields, pipelines and infrastructure. Now all of these former "*communists*" have become not only the exploiters of their own people, but they are now in the pockets of Western Imperialism.

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BELARUS AND RUSSIA TO MERGE AIR DEFENSES

A senior Byelorussia official stated that Russia and Byelorussia should form a joint air defense system to protect their Western borders. He also said: "Why shouldn't we create such a system, if NATO...the USA and Canada have similar ones? Kostenko also said that this is much needed since daily NATO planes are doing spy reconnaissance of the airspace over

both Byelorussia and Russia.

Without a very strong leadership and a dedicated united Communist Party, NATO shall just walk all over, and the Soviet people will be worse off and the source of a cheap raw material base and also cheap labour.

Why is this so hard to understand by some of the present leaders of all the left-wing movements in former Soviet Union? □

Ideological struggle after Socialism's "Down Fall" and the FUTURE OF SOCIALISM IN POST SOVIET ERA

By DAVE SILVER

Marxists and Leninists and all revolutionaries should regard the introduction of naked and dependent capitalism in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe as a victory for Imperialism and reaction. The victory of the present counter-revolution has had a worldwide impact and has exacerbated all basic contradictions. As the International Communist Seminars held in Brussels in 1998 stated that "the contradiction between the socialist countries and imperialism, the contradictions between all oppressed people in Asia, Africa and Latin America and imperialism, the contradiction between monopolies and imperialist powers, and the contradictions between the working class and the bourgeoisie is ongoing and ever deepening. The forces of reaction, racism, fascism and war have started their offensive on a world wide scale."

A key and immediate task facing all Marxists- Leninists is to strengthen not only the practical every day struggle against the Right, but equally

important, to mount an ideological struggle against those who profess to be Left or even Communist, who have bought into the counter-revolutionary "*new thinking*", using Stalinism as code word for their anti-communism. Large number of those who have abandoned Marxism as no longer relevant to a global economy, have in fact rejected Marxist principles for more pragmatic philosophy, seeking a society neither capitalist or socialist. They have become in Brecht's very astute words "*intellectual pimps for the bourgeoisie.*"

We witness this opportunism and revisionism in many forms and disguises, and in many countries of the world. Left-liberals such as Chomsky, and listener supported WBAI radio have tended to equate as evils fascism and communism. A radio broadcast on BAI (USA) equated the Nazi manifestation of Kristallnacht with the erection of the Berlin Wall in Germany, which was needed to safeguard the socialist base of the German Democratic Republic against the illegal in-

roduction of currency by the Western Powers of the West German Mark. Or the opportunism and/or revisionism may take the form of now equating NATO bombing of Kosovo with Serbian leader Milosevic. We also find the liberation theologian Cornel West as well as certain justice coalitions endorsing the US Democratic Party candidates. The U.S. Left-Liberal journal Report on the Americas published by the North American Congress for Latin America, referred to the insurgency of the Mexican Popular Revolutionary Army (EPR) in Mexico, as having a "clear penchant for hard-liner (another code word) Leninist rhetoric." Why, because in contrast to the Zapatistas who desire only some land reform and also "democratization", the EPR has an avowed socialist vision and believes that the present government of Mexico must be overthrown.

The annual gathering of the usual suspects at the Socialist Scholars Conference in New York, USA, is an excellent example of neo-Marxists, social

democrats and the "new left" who have rejected Marxism for the pragmatism of Keynesian economics. They follow a very long tradition of movements and groups that all sought to "revise" Marxism. The Frankfurt School in the 1930's that attempted the fusion of Freud and Marx, the Praxis School in Yugoslavia, plus the Marxists-Humanists of Poland in the 1950's and 60's and the so-called Euro-Communism of the 1970's. All of these groups retained the belief that Marxism was now outmoded and no longer today the best guide for struggle and the achievement of socialism.

They also rejected the idea of a really existing socialism (USSR and Eastern Europe) and tried to discredit those in the world who were in solidarity with the socialist camp - meaning all communist parties, Friendship Societies etc. etc.

The most recent revisionist movement in the USA is The Committee of Correspondence, who are mostly ex-communists who have bought into the "new thinking". It is clear from their

statement that they embrace a "theoretical framework other than Marxist" as well as "non-Marxist socialism". Thus we come a full circle: for if there are many Marxisms and many socialisms, then in all reality there are none! What I like to call the "new thinking virus" has replaced the class struggle for "universal human values" and comes full circle with the "convergence theory" which maintains that socialism and capitalism are becoming more and more similar.

Fighting revisionism and also defending true Marxism-Leninism should be an ongoing daily struggle. Revisionism has destroyed many Communist parties, it will not ever disappear spontaneously...the pernicious influence of revisionism facilitated the revival of social democracy (a bourgeois trend) and Trotskyism (an anti-Communist trend).

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NEWS FROM THE SOVIET UNION

LESSONS OF THE DUMA ELECTIONS - ON THE EVE OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN RUSSIA

Last December (1999) there took place elections to the Russian Duma, a play of fools and also charlatans. As was planned, the "democrats" won. Otherwise how can you explain the "YES" vote at this time of untold misery and degradation of the block that was just set up 3 months before December election date, with no ideology, no program, the Block of Shoygun the minister who was

behind the victory and an ardent supporter of Putin and, knowing that in will be coming Putin, since all of them were backed by the many millions of Berezovsky? Or, how can you explain this victory when even the official popular rating for Yeltsin was only 3%? Yet, for this block there voted 23% of all of the people-12,000,000!! It is this Shoygun, the power behind the throne, with money

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to burn and foreign connections who supplied the arms to Yeltsin in August of 1991 and then in 1993 during the carnage at the Russian White House in Moscow.

The daily press and TV were promoting Shoygun and Putin 24 hours per day. Money in millions of rubles that were owed and not paid to workers, was immediately available and paid out before the elections! These were the moneys from Berezovsky...all this produced the results that Yeltsin-Putin-Shoygun and Berezovsky knew it would.

All the other candidates and blocks stated that this was one

of the most filthy and dirty elections campaigns ever encountered in the last 10 years. They all agreed that there was over 8% of votes that were illegal and counterfeit. In this way, knowing that through legal means they would not get the votes necessary for Yeltsin - Putin or Berezovsky to get into the Duma at all, that is why the 8% of these "votes" made certain that these elements got into the Duma.

If we even utilize the data given by the Yeltsin regime, we come to the following conclusion. There took place in voting only 51.5% of the eligible voters - 54 million people. Boycotting the election were 52 million people...or 48.5% of eligible voters. Voting against all candidates was 3 million people or 3% of the voters. For the communist blocks that took part in the election and that did not pass the 5% barrier of votes, received 5 million votes only. For the social-democratic CPRF (Zyuganov) their voted 13 million people or 12.3% of registered voters.

If we look realistically at these figures, totaling all those that voted against the Yeltsin regime, we get a figure of 70% of the people of Russia. It was exactly the same figure that voted in 1991 for preservation of the USSR at this referendum. So, the proclamation by Yeltsin, Stepanshin, Putin that "there is no desire to return to the past" or "capitalism in Russia has defeated socialism" is nothing but wishful thinking by the these present traitors.

The Communist blocks vying for getting into the Duma, did not get in - as was planned. In other words, the present regime would not let them get in even if they somehow won. This should be looked upon as a victory for communists, because there is no place in a bourgeois parliament for dedicated communists. This so-

called "tribune of the people" is nothing but a sham, it serves the feeding trough for easy jobs and the government perks. The Russian Duma is no longer a tribune for voicing peoples concerns at all, it is a tribune to promote capitalism.

"The proletariat, -wrote Lenin, - cannot win, if it has not managed to get a majority of the population to its side, and just aiming for a majority or enough votes to get in a bourgeois parliament is just fooling and misleading the workers". (*Lenin, full volumes, t.40, page 14*). It is just this position that the CPRF promotes to the people, thus helping the regime to buffet the rage of the working class against the bourgeois regime, meanwhile agreeing with the regime behind the peoples back. This is the essence of a social-democratic party, it just cannot be otherwise.

Then why is it that the present leaders of communist parties are in such a great hurry to get into the Duma, knowing full well that this will eventually dissolve their party and their leadership and thus make them part of the regime apparatus?

Why does not the AUCPB take part in the elections, even though we help other parties in promoting the attacks against the present regime and doing our own ideological explaining work among the working class? We explain to all communists, that no matter how strong their membership, their candidates shall never ever be effective in a capitalist apparatus..the bourgeoisie sooner or later shall make them ineffective or buy their allegiance. The policy of the bourgeois regime in Russia is based on vicious anti-communism... why would they tolerate any effective communist voice in the Duma?

We feel that the results of the December election to the

Duma shall be a lesson to the communists or the social-democrats and that their heads shall be cleared of illusions and they will drop this parliamentarism as the only answer to getting rid of the regime that is supported by IMF, NATO, World Bank and internal reaction.

It is really a shame and a terrible waste of the millions of rubles that were wasted on that election. This money could have been better utilized to help all the strikes, hunger strikers, people on the point of starvation. The party blocks that did not meet the 5% barrier, have lost all of their hard earned deposits. According to the latest figures by the election body, this totaled well over 230 million rubles, over \$10 million US dollars.

At this time the bourgeoisie was not able to dismiss a two party-state, as in USA, Britain. What helped the CPRF was that the bourgeoisie got frightened and also split amongst themselves re future spoils... they organized a third force of Primakov-Luzhkov. The CPRF has won as many seats as it had, by a very clever ploy of utilizing the slogans of Stalin and thus, fooling the electorate, managed to receive about 24% of all the people that did come to vote.

We hope that the December election results will convince these leaders to work together with us in a common front against our common enemy.

The planned and orchestrated resignation of Yeltsin on New Year's Day again presents us with another election on March 26th. It is of course evident that this campaign shall even be more vicious, crooked and manipulative than other elections. Will there be an opposition candidate to Putin?

Putin is the candidate of the internal and external capitalist class.

If we analyze as how was it possible that Putin, whom no one has heard of inside of Russia before or even in former USSR, all of a sudden is placed on the throne, then we must look much deeper into this slight-of-hand.

The changing of Prime Ministers, one after another is not just Yeltsin's deranged mind. This captain (Putin) in the KGB (*which cannot in no way can be looked upon as serving Socialism*) through very secret discussions with our overseas "friend" shows that the Primakov, Stepanshin were just steps for Putin to climb and be placed at the top to serve the master.

The AUCPB always stated that Boris Yeltsin would never, of his own free will vacate the post of president, and we were proven very correct. Yeltsin was forced to retire in order to more quickly call a presidential election in March, instead of July, since this would be a much better scenario for success. The last teary remarks of Yeltsin: "words to my Russians", with tears in his eyes (*according to the script*) and then immediately flew to Israel and Palestine in order to solemnly pray in the Orthodox Church...and as Pushkin wrote in his plays..."I'm still the Czar! I'm the Czar!"

Of course the plan was very clever...have Boris Yeltsin leave early, that meant that all the dirt, robbery, the embezzlement of his "family" shall be forgiven, given amnesty by Putin and thus Yeltsin's family and his across the ocean backers would not have to explain the billions of dollars that just disappeared and the deals made behind the poor Russian people's backs!

What course shall Putin carry on now? Professionally trained by the revisionist KGB (*Krushchev-Gorbachev's vari-*

ety), he was in German Democratic Republic for over 10 years and now he is even personally blessed by the Russian Patriarch of Orthodox Church. He was, together with Gorbachev, who was his mentor, involved in selling out the GDR to Germany and capitalism.

He will now give up all of our industries that we still possess, will sell off the Kurile Islands in the East to Japan, he will "liberate" the Caucasus and give them to foreign investments and thus make Russia "independent" from its troublesome territories.

Today the Mafiosi capital cannot in itself settle all the problems in the country. The country (*according to NATO and the West*) needs a Fuehrer, a fascist dictatorship in order to fight the coming storm of the working class, because of the terrible financial burdens, all of the closed industries, lack of health care and even the present private farmers who cannot sell their produce because of the US implemented foreign imports that are foisted on Russia.

Putin shall be a real dictator, governing very cleverly, underhanded, governing secretly and always at the beckon and call of his across the ocean masters. He will fulfill all the plans of the US imperialism, as thanks for his rise so quickly to the top.

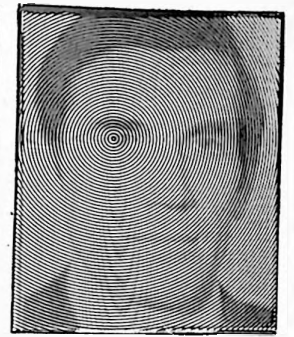
Will the AUCPB take part in the presidential elections? *The*

The role of sheep is not for us! □

He forsook Communism!

Plato said over 2,300 years ago: "If there ever should exist a country, where all wealth will be owned in common and where what is known as Property, will be abolished forever, that country shall live in happiness!"

V.N.
CHECHENSEV



HISTORICAL FATE OF CHECHENS INSIDE RUSSIA

The civil war in the Caucasus in the last while has focused attention on this part of Russia. This has become the central theme of the Russian media daily. Therefore it is necessary to analyze the situation and history of these problems for the readers of NSC.

The Chechen people are the first people on the territory in the North Caucasus. Before joining Russia with Ingush people, they were pastoral. At the beginning of the XVIII century the roots of the Pakhu people, the ethnic name came into use of Chechens (*named after the aul abode Chechen*), and during the second half of the XIX century they were named after the ethnic tribe Galgay - Ingush people (*from the aul Angush*).

The Chechen people took a very active part in the war of 1817-1864 against the colonization of the Caucasus by the Tsarist Russia. The Chechens fought hard against numerous odds that the Tsarist regime threw at them. Only after the capitulation of the fighters of the mountaineer Shamilya in 1859, did the Chechen people come within the borders of Russia. Even though there was progress economically to some extent until the Great October Revolution, this whole region remained the most backward

part of Russia. The land was in the hands of the war chieftains and immigration of Cossacks was sent here to colonize this region. In the rugged mountainous Chechniya, for each member of the male population there was only 0.3 acre of land. It is no wonder that the economic situation was bad. In 1920 only 0.8% of the Chechen people knew how to read or write.

At the end of the XIX century there starts to appear their local bourgeoisie. It is well to note, that after the rich oil was discovered near the city of Grozny, and the building of the Vladikavkaz railroad, this region then started to become very industrialized, with workers coming from all regions of Russia to work here...mostly Russian workers.

The workers of Chechniya took part in the revolution of 1905-1907 - and also to a certain extent in the Great October Revolution of 1917.

The civil war in Chechniya took on a terrible bloodshedding nightmare with the force of attacks by Western powers, wanting the great fields of rich reserves...and while fighting a death struggle, unfortunately the Soviet forces, struggling all over Russia, could not send all the help that was needed to the Chechen people...to save and defend the Soviet government in Chechniya.

Soviet rule in Chechniya only came into being in March of 1920.

During Soviet rule, tremendous economic construction, plus cultural and educational achievements were made here. The region was industrialized and the collectivization was a success story. This was done in spite of the religious and Kulak opposition who utilized the backwardness of the life of its illiterate people in their overall majority.

A Chechen language-alphabet was then formed as

was also the Ingush alphabet, since they did not have their own alphabet. By 1940 the literacy rate had risen to 85% of the population. There was very great work done in order to eliminate the last vestiges of blood ownership of land, the terrible conditions of women, who were practically slaves, the influence of the mullahs and other ills of a feudalistic mentality. The local Chechen intelligencia grew.

The success of the industrialization and all of the cultural growth gave rise to having the Chechen / Ingush Autonomous Republic to be born.

During the Great Patriotic War with German fascism, a substantial part of the Chechen people were actively supporting the front. The non-stop production of oil from the oil fields helped the front with gas and also oil while the collective farms gave produce.

During the course of the war, the German fascists occupied a large part of the Chechen-Ingush ASSR, but then were stopped at the gates of Grozny.

Chechens, as Soviet patriots were part of the Soviet Army and 36 Chechens-Ingush soldiers became Heroes of the Soviet Union. But, it must be admitted that a large part of the Chechen population very actively fought on the German fascist side. After the capture of the leader of the many battalions of Chechen fighters in German uniforms, the colonel O. Gube, said: "*Amongst the Chechen people and also Ingush people I had no trouble to find willing volunteers to serve the Germans!*"

German command was able to organize very many battalions from the Chechen volunteers who fought to the death against the Red Army.

The Soviet government, fighting a horrible life and death struggle with German fascists and their allies, could not but be aware that a large

section of the Chechen people were willingly killing the Red Army soldiers. At the beginning of year 1944, the people in Chechniya and others who helped the Fascists were resettled in the northern regions of the country. The territory was made empty in order to save further deaths of the heroic Soviet Army fighting the Nazis. Only in 1957 did this part of the Soviet territory again was declared autonomous.

After a couple of years after the ending of World War II, all the Chechen people returned to their historic homeland and helped in all manner by the Soviet people. In 1965 the Chechen-Ingush Autonomous Republic was awarded with the Order of Lenin and in 1972 with the Order of the Red Banner. By the end of 1977 there over 13,060 people were awarded different high medals and 32 people became Heroes of Socialist Labour.

In the last few years (*after the traitorous dismemberment of the USSR*) there took place many conflicts and terrorist acts by the Chechen reactionary forces, which brought on the death of thousands of people. The present temporary dismemberment of the USSR gave the signal to the national-separatist elements to get active.

The territory of Chechniya is rich with gas and oil deposits, all the way from the Caspian to Novorossisk on the Black Sea, and this vital region became a the scene of many conflicts amongst the multinational corporations and competition on the world market of the oil barons. The oil interests of the present Russian regime's growing monopolistic capital is at odds with the present Chechen bourgeoisie, who are supported by Western powers - this is the real cause of the armed conflicts in Chechniya!

CHECHINYA: LET'S DENOUNCE RUSSIAN IMPERIALISM UNAMBIGUOUSLY

By FRANCISCO BROTONS

Communist Party of Spain (reconstituted)

When only a few years ago, the regime of the Soviet revisionists headed by Gorbachev collapsed shamefully, nobody could imagine that very soon the imperialist powers, which have helped the new Russian bourgeoisie to emerge from its ashes, would demand it accounts in return for all of their services. In order to achieve this, they placed Yeltsin at the head of this State and always supported him until the end; and for the same reason they have put another puppet of his same sort in his post. At the same time, they besieged the remains of the former territory of the USSR to prevent whatever could happen in the future. Nowadays, the US-NATO military siege around the Russian Federation is an accomplished fact and the imperialist powers do not even hide their true plans of complete dismemberment and subsequent sharing of Russia. However, this undeniable fact cannot be used as an excuse to justify, or even less to defend, the policy of all oppression, plundering, siege, annihilation carried out by the new Russian imperialism in the Caucasus, specially against Chechniya. Imperialist character of all this aggression must be denounced now and revealed, just like we have done with the war against Yugoslavia by the NATO. In fact, there is tight relationship between these two aggressions: they are nothing else than preparations for the outbreak of a much more generalized conflict among the imperialist powers for a new sharing of the world.

The new Russian bourgeoisie, fascinated by the cake that has fallen into its hands, has taken a long time before reacting to the unaccountable rapaciousness of all the Western "allies"; but - as could be expected-, in the end it has got ready to hold its prey, even threatening to use the nuclear weapons that it still owns, if necessary. This is a first explanation - certainly a bit simpler, although not less true- for the brutal intervention of the Russian Army in Chechniya, a small country that inflicted a severe defeat to the Russian Army in 1994, winning through the arms and the lives of thousands of patriots its right to independence. From our point of view, there is no reason to justify the attack of the new great-Russian imperialism to the Chechen people. The right of all nations and all people to self-determination and independence must be admitted without reservations, and even more as regards the peoples and nations that voluntarily formed part of the former Soviet Union. In this point there is no place for ambiguity using as an excuse neither the present "reactionary" character of their social regime nor the accusation of "terrorism" that the Kremlin butchers have made in order to justify the aggression and the slaughter that they are perpetrating,

What is a Diplomat?

A well-dressed gentlemen or women who speaks what he or she doesn't mean and means what he or she doesn't speak!

taking advantage of the superiority of their military forces.

It is necessary to ask what interests and rights is the Russian Army now defending in Chechniya? Undoubtedly, these are imperialist interests of the new Russian bourgeoisie, the "rights" of the Russian capitalists to plunder the wealth of the Chechens and of the Russian working people. When the social-chauvinist Zyuganov of the CPRF talks about the defense of the "Russian Motherland", that "motherland" has nothing to do with the former Soviet Union nor with the interests of the workers, but it is the motherland of the Mafiosi who hold power in Russia for their only benefit. The Russian workers and youth are being used again, as in the time of the Czars, as cannon fodder for the published defense of the "motherland" of that handful of rich Mafiosi who now have dragged the honour of their country in the mud so many times, and that have snatched - with the help of the rest of the imperialist sharks and birds of prey - all the rights, revolutionary achievements and collective cultural and material good which had been achieved at the cost of blood and immense sacrifices. These criminals do not represent the heroic Soviet people and must be combated resolutely, even the turning the guns against them.

Nowadays, the Russian Federation is nothing but a conglomerate of peoples with no more links than a past of unity - which has been broken by the capitalist restoration - and the force that the new Czars try to impose from Moscow. To sum up, Russia is another capitalist power, and unfortunately a "prison of peoples" that, although weak and threatened by the other powers, tries to re-establish some order in its "backyard". And it does this in the same ferocity used repeat-

edly by the power of USA in its "interventions" in Santo Domingo, Guatemala, Panama, Chile, Grenada, etc. Not to consider the affairs of the current Russia from this point of view would lead us to justify and to become accomplices of each and every of the aggressions that any world imperialist power has perpetrated and will perpetrate in the future.

Chechens, as well as many other peoples and nations, had freely acquired a historic genuine "compromise" of unity within the former Soviet Union, and its people counted with the fraternal help of the State and the rest of the peoples of the Union to defend itself from exploiters and sell-countries; once the USSR disappeared and the power was usurped by the bourgeoisie, there are now no political, moral, economic or even geo-strategical compromises that compel the people of Chechniya to continue united to the Russian state. Therefore, for the very interest of the socialist revolution and proletarian internationalism, it is now necessary to advocate the right to self-determination and independence of Chechniya. It is specially necessary now to highlight that, nowadays, as a **nation within a world of capitalist nations**, the Chechen people have the right to govern themselves as they wish to, to have their own independent State and even to sell themselves to the highest bidder, in the same way as only they have the right and can square up with their leaders and change their social regime if the present one become an unbearable charge for them.

COMMENT

We feel that our readers will find this article interesting, very informative and food for thought. In our estimation it is weak in that it does not dwell into the history of the Second

World War when a very large section of the Chechen people fought shoulder to shoulder with German fascists, inflicting terrible casualties on the Red Army fighting a life and death struggle with Fascism. It also fails to more concretely name the players in Chechniya - Turkish oil and fundamentalist interests, the oil pipeline confrontations to make certain that it does not go through Russian territories, depriving the Soviet people of this necessary fuel, after the USSR build it at tremendous costs these pipelines and helped to develop the Chechen oil fields and production.

By calling Russia now as "prison of the peoples" we feel is in itself adding credence to the Imperialist anti-Sovieteers and their description of the former USSR as the "Prison of nations"!

We ask our readers to discuss this point of view, since it IS the cardinal question facing the progressive movement.

By Francisco Brotons

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Imprisoned now*



APPEARANCE OF VLADIMIR TO PEOPLE

The Russian artist in the middle of the XIX century, painted in oil a very significant well known classical painting, called: "Appearance of Christ to the People" The

painting portrays an assembly of poor and destitute people, assembled on the river bank, and in the background, appearing in a cloudy mist was Jesus Christ - the Messiah. How can we explain such a modern version of the rise to power of a former Colonel of KGB-FSB Vladimir Putin, after only few months being "appointed" by the most despised Yeltsin, and yet receiving about 50% of the votes of his block in the last Duma elections? Is this also the expectation of a Messiah?

It would seem that the placing of the "crown" by the hand of Yeltsin upon the head Putin would make him known as a Yeltsin's minion. But this did not happen in the eyes of the masses, who were waiting for a Savior. In order to understand this miracle, it is necessary to dwell into the depths of what transpired in Russia until now. May I just begin with a bitter confession of the idealism that we looked at the masses as the - "makers of history". Yes, the masses are in the long run the makers of all history. But the masses arise and go in different directions. When the idea of a revolutionary fervor grips the toiling masses and they unite around a revolutionary party - the masses go forward. But there are moments in history of moral crisis, when the masses are led by reactionary elements and reactionary ideas, when there is no revolutionary party, or maybe it has lost all the confidence of the people. Then the masses become a reserve for black reaction, they are used to grab the government and the state into reactionary hands, the hands that are the enemies of the masses.

Such crisis, we in Russia are facing now - economic, political and also a moral crisis. The traitorous actions of the Gorbachev clique has almost decimated the belief in Communists by a section of the masses. The "Democrats" were

able to convince the people in "market economic reforms" a total mirage. The first one to present this mirage after Gorbachev was Boris Yeltsin, In late 1980's and 1990's, he became the idol of the masses which became the Russian "national masses". Very cleverly he speculated on the ideas of "reforms" and cleverly also about the "struggle against the nomenclatura", he then quickly climbed to the top post in the country. The people really thought that this was the coming of a Messiah.

In only a couple of years the idol had shown his true form. The main "idol" had become the grave digger of the USSR and of the 90% of the people. He became the main important tool of reaction, disintegration, economic crisis and thus Russia became a huge credit nation, banking on handouts from Imperialist countries and IMF. He started the Chechen wars and made it the nest of bandits, slave owners and he practically assured that Chechniya would dissent from all of Russia. Russia became a non entity on the brink of complete collapse and the defeat of the Russian army.

Yeltsin did manage to privatize all of the accomplishment of Soviet people, gave birth to a new and growing bourgeoisie, but as events developed, Yeltsin was no longer able to control and guarantee all these gains for the new capitalists in Russia or of all their foreign backers and manipulators. Besides and because of all this, he physically, through alcoholism was incapable of further governing, since he quickly even lost the minimum of support of the bourgeoisie. In the eyes of the masses he appeared as a clown, a real debaucher and a Russian state criminal. This situation called for a new Bonapart, who would now be capable to guarantee the gains

of counter-revolution, and this planned role fell into the hands of the new Messiah capable to save all of Russia from death, to bring it back to the club of the mighty countries and bring prosperity to people from this chaos. Here, a desperate but very clever Yeltsin, and very astutely seeking "safety" from future peoples angry retribution, made a calculated clever move. Yeltsin then made the "Mouse into a King", by finding a figure that will fit that role.

With what and for what did Vladimir Putin receive such acclaim? First of all, in contrast to his predecessor, who could not even stand steadily on his own feet, Putin, on the other hand is younger, physically fit, schooled, presenting himself as one of the common crowd and being unpretentious- all this is well choreographed by the public image makers from across the ocean. He immediately then knocked the feet from under Zyuganov (CPRF) on the ideal of Russian "statehood". He went on TV and promised "complete defeat" of terrorists and terrorism all over Russia, but particularly in Chechniya, thus blaming the past and everyone else while acting like the "real Messiah" for Russia and the masses.

In the eyes of the masses, with the help of 24 hour television blitz of propaganda and his constant images wherever a person turned, he present himself to the people in the image of a "patriot". He then cleverly proceeded to pay the pensioners off, the workers payments and he was looked upon as the savior of the Russian "small people". He is a very

talented actor and also a talented demagogue. His behind-the-scenes writers know that he must be presented as "ours" as a simple man dedicated to the worker. But his viciousness is shown when he attacked the head of ORT-TV Primakov and Dorenko and also other pretenders to the throne.

If I was to be asked, who is more dangerous: the yesterday's Yeltsin or Putin, I would say "PUTIN"! Vladimir Putin is the Russian Bonapart capable to guarantee the complete rule of capital, and institute no rights for the workers. Is Putin a dedicated patriot as he and his backers are trying to make us believe? It is just enough to look into his past 10 year history. He was from the start in the top echelons of those who dismembered the Soviet Union and now Russia - together with Sobchak, in whose realm he was the deputy-mayor, together with Yeltsin, who made him the head of Internal Security, then he made him his assistant. In his political stance, according to Kirienko, he is now in the extreme right wing political corner...together with Gaidar. He now does not hide the fact that he was one of the team who instituted the "liberal market economy", he was also one who instituted "economic reforms" across Russia - with the cooperation of the block called "Unity of the Right Forces". He is building a large Russian oligarchy. It was the billionaire Berczovsky who called for the election block "Unity", a conglomerate of dedicated and open Putin lovers, headed by crooked Shoyga and other revisionists and traitors.

Even though Putin managed to play with Zyuganov a game of "cat and mouse", he even voted for the top CPRF member Seleznev as the Speaker of the Duma, but his friendship with Sobchak and Yeltsin is

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Contemporary CZECH Contradictions

of the previous right wing administration of premier Vaclav Klaus. The media in all its forms continues each day to decimate anti-Communist hysteria. It projects a very distorted and falsified picture of the country's socialist past and tries to justify all the crimes committed by the present subversive elements which struggled to destroy the Czechoslovak Republic during the cold war period. These crimes were of various sorts up to and including murder. Many of the now rich have escaped retribution for having defrauded their fellow Czech citizens to the point of causing various banks, monetary funds and organizations to fail. Crimes and other activities of the Mafiosi are on the increase.

In the Czech Republic there continues to be instituted various legal statutes which discriminate against the Communists. The office of the documentation and investigation of supposed crimes committed by the Communists continues to function. The daily official propaganda which continues to congest the media is not objective in its international reporting. This was the case in regards to NATO aggression against Yugoslavia as well as the attempts by Russia to liquidate the Chechen bandits and terrorists. Exaggerated television programs try to constantly portray the Soviet Union as an evil empire.

The Czech Republic today symbolizes a very strange so-

first. Vladimir Putin is a vicious anti-Soviet and an anti-Communist, from whom in the future anything and everything can be expected, because all that Yeltsin threatened but was not able to accomplish.

The road to the presidential throne by Vladimir Putin is already built and well paved. World capital is banking on him heavily, plus the unfortunately the manipulated Russian masses. Zyuganov is the only candidate, but he has lost his main trump card to Putin, the ideal slogan of Great Russian "Statehood", which was taken up by Putin without any opposition. In his outright opportunism, Gennady Zyuganov of the CPRF made another step backwards: he outright eliminated in his pre-election platform: *the demand for nationalization of the whole economy of the country and to rethink the privatization.* Thus Putin fooled the people and the leadership of the CPRF, that instead of Putin correcting the course of Yeltsin's policies, Putin was placed there in order to fulfill the plans of the West.

Alternative to Putin is only one: **"Socialism or Death!"**

To this understanding the masses will come by themselves only when they realize the bitter truth!

**DR./PROFESSOR
MIRKO SVOBODA**



More than ten years have elapsed since the so-called Velvet Revolution in Czechoslovakia took place. World Imperialism, in order to restore capitalism in this country, utilized the betrayal of Gorbachev and his fellow conspirators. This occurrence was also partly the result of inadequacies of the policies which were being used by the leadership of the then existing Communist Party. Their inability to rectify some of the mistakes which were made and which were undermining the confidence of the working class in the correctness of their political line, were also partly to blame for this transformation.

Today, capitalism having been restored, the country is in a crisis both politically and economically. The decline in the gross national product and other indicators of social and economic development have now resulted in the withering away of the economic advantages that were instituted by Socialism in all of the spheres of society. The society as a whole is losing its' secure life style and also it's perspective of future secure employment. The motivational point of view of its youth is disappearing. The political situation is further complicated by the inability of the governing minority Social Democratic government to institute its policies designed to correct the mistakes

APPEAL

With the dates and month confirmed for the World Congress in Minsk, Byelorussia in September of year 2001, NSC shall be focusing on this World Congress very regularly. Therefore the NSC Editorial Board is now asking our correspondents to try and shorten their articles and letters. Space is going to be limited!

ciety with a strange president. The Czech society as a whole is deeply disappointed by the involvement of the past decades and the representations projected of itself by its President Vaclav Havel. His very unrealistic and visionary projections, both political and civic remain unrealized. Today three quarters of the population, according to the latest polls are dissatisfied with the present political situation. Daily more and more people are reminiscing about the merits of a Socialist Czechoslovakia, partitioned into two countries without even a referendum. It is very little wonder therefore that Communists are gaining acceptance and also defying attempts at isolating the two Communist parties to the point of almost outright banning. In these circumstances the existing two parties that call themselves Communists held their congresses.

The Communist Party of Bohemia and Moravia adopted a program of renewal and its role in the new millennium. The end results of the Congress are arousing certain doubts. It's continuing retreat from all of the principals of Leninism is on going. What is being created now is a very nationalistic leftist party without ideological commitment, attempting to opportunistically deflate and also reconstruct Marxism. The chairman of the party, M. Grebenicek cited as "the main reason for this, is the ending of forty-year existence of the so-called real Marxist Socialism in Czechoslovakia. The total bankruptcy of the Soviet model of socialism, which proved itself incapable of creating a humanistic Marxist society of, free and also equal people." That evaluation of the involvement and building of a socialist society in the USSR is not only unjust and superficial, but moreover reinforces and

fortifies all the assertions by bourgeois ideologists.

Likewise, the other Communist Party in the Czech Republic held its Congress. The general secretary of this party is the former member of the presidium of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia, Miroslav Stepan. The party congress recognized past communist principals up to and including its name, the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia.

Today, in the Czech Republic, there is a new type of embargo, that is the restrictions on publication and dissemination of all progressive information. Activities of progressive citizens organizations are labeled extremist and discriminated against. Also at the same time, within the Czech society, there is a need to struggle against the rise of racism, and the resurrection of neo-fascism and against various forms of discrimination, be it political and otherwise. The most urgent task at this time is to expose the aggressive nature of NATO and the struggle to have the Czech Republic now involved in globalization and capitalist integration. In this regard it is necessary to intensify the activities of all the progressive forces not only in the Czech Republic but internationally as well.

CZECH POLICE IN PREPARATION

September 28,2000 is the date when the annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank will be held in Prague. The Czech police regard the orderly conducting of these proceedings as their number one priority. That is why there are already making preparations for the possible protests of opponents of IMF and World Bank. The Czech public at large has not

been made aware of the nature of these preparations. The police chief however made a clear statement to the effect that Prague is a historical city with a very complicated transit system and that traffic may not function smoothly during these proceedings. Therefore the police must make provisions for any eventualities. Her also said that the police force will handle protests much differently than the WTO protests in Seattle, USA.

The reality is that the negative results of world globalization of financial markets are now becoming more self-evident. Therefore it is imperative that the globalization of the world's financial markets be confronted by a people's global solidarity. What is at stake here is further impoverishment of the poorest people on the planet. These are the inhabitants of the developing nations who are already living well below the poverty line. It is necessary that certain global forces be prevented from dividing the world according to their preference in order to maximize all of their profits. Protests against globalization, which takes no heed of people and their living environment, will not be stopped by some sort of police action. This is true also of those international institutions that have failed to carry out their mission. □

BODY PARTS SOLD

In a news item, dated February 21,2000 and published by the German influential newspaper "der Spiegel" exposed the following facts to the world:

**Young Kosovo Albanians are invited for alleged schooling*

in Tirana, Albania but end up in some very secret clinic in Greece, Macedonia, Italy or Turkey, where their vital organs are surgically removed and sold to rich buyers. All of these crimes are under the noses of the United Nations and KFOR.

*Not only is the Kosovo Liberation Army not disbanded as demanded by the United Nations or even disarmed, but it is constantly bringing in new powerful weapons into Kosovo and Methohija. The bulk of all this new weaponry comes from Turkey via Albania and they are of U.S. or Israeli make.

*The drug trafficking is on the rise which is wholly controlled by ethnic Albanians living in Germany and other European Union countries.

*Funds for KLA are also secured by sending ethnic kidnapped Albanian girls to Western European prostitution market. Some girls are hardly past the age of ten.

NEW YORK TIMES

In a February 20 article it wrote about the so-called protection for Serbs in Kosovo and Methohija which was never instituted by any of the UN or KFOR troops. The New York daily revealed many important facts, including the reason why Kosovo Albanian terrorists want to banish all Serbs from Kosovska Mitrovica. There is a very rich mine - the Trepeca mine, which the KLA wants as its center of their future state, even though the UNO signified that Kosovo and also Methohija must be within the borders of Yugoslavia. The UN resolution 1244 unequivocally confirms Yugoslavia's sovereignty over Kosovo.

* The *Der Spiegel* also reported that the UN is responsible for all the attacks against the Serbs there. The Albanian Mafia which is called UNMIK and its head Koucher, plus the KLA German trained com-

mander, General Klaus Reinhardt was found to have on him the astounding sum of over one million US dollars during the search of his brother's apartment by some UN troops. on

their own initiative.

No further comment is necessary here. UN is the front and the pawn for all of these activities.

AN ACTUAL KIDNAPPING!

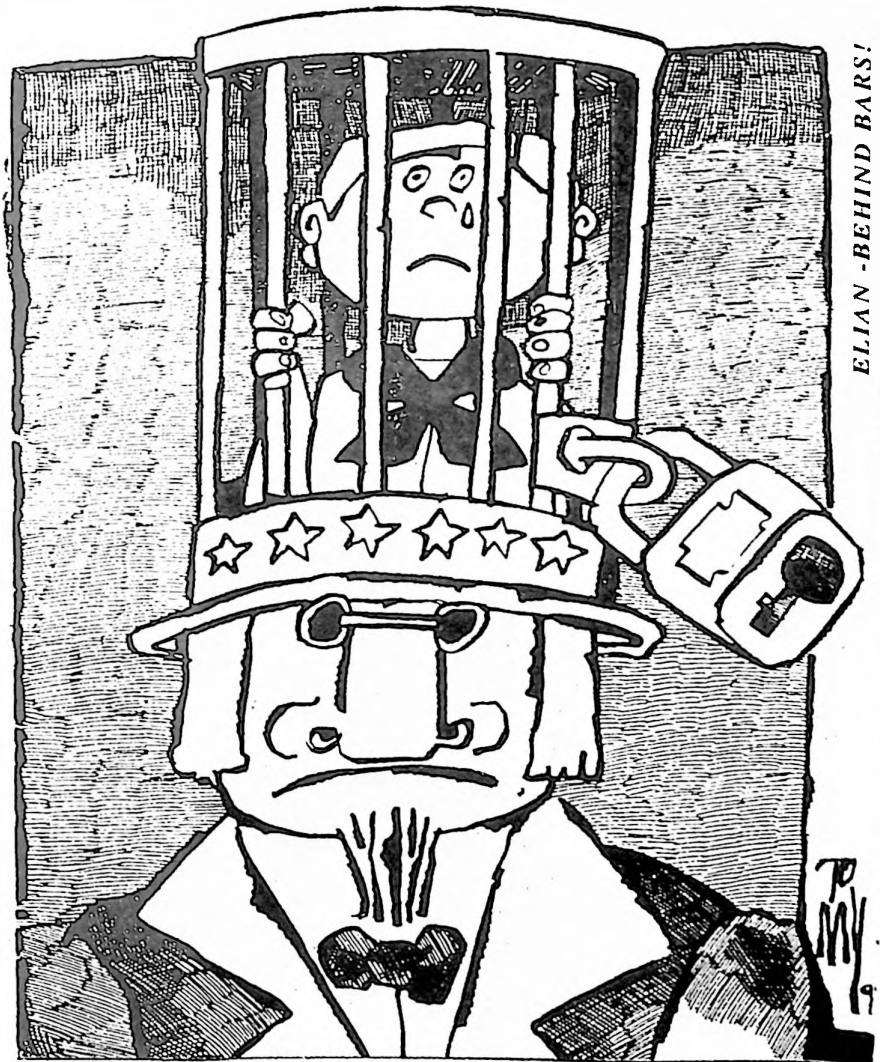
ELIAN'S CASE:

On behalf of all the children

By SALVADOR PAEZ
Holguin, Cuba

This is a case, which requires all those of us with a conscience to reflect on and evaluate it in human terms. This six year old boy Elian Gonzalez has lost his mother to a tragic misfortune in the wa-

ters that separate Cuba and the U.S. His mother along with ten other people died while trying to enter USA illegally from Cuba on a very fragile boat that sank while on route to Florida on or around Nov. 25.



ELIAN - BEHIND BARS!

1999. There is no evidence that the boy wanted to go into exile to the U.S. nor that his father and grandparents, maternal and paternal have given their consent to his leaving Cuba tacit or otherwise.

The question of legal custody of this six-year old boy Elian Gonzalez must now be resolved. It would seem logical, based on basic human values and international law that the custody of the child would be granted to his only surviving parent, that being his father. This is providing that the father had a close and very caring relationship with the

child prior to the child losing his own mother. The most basic norms of human and international behavior requires that the child should live with his or her natural parents.

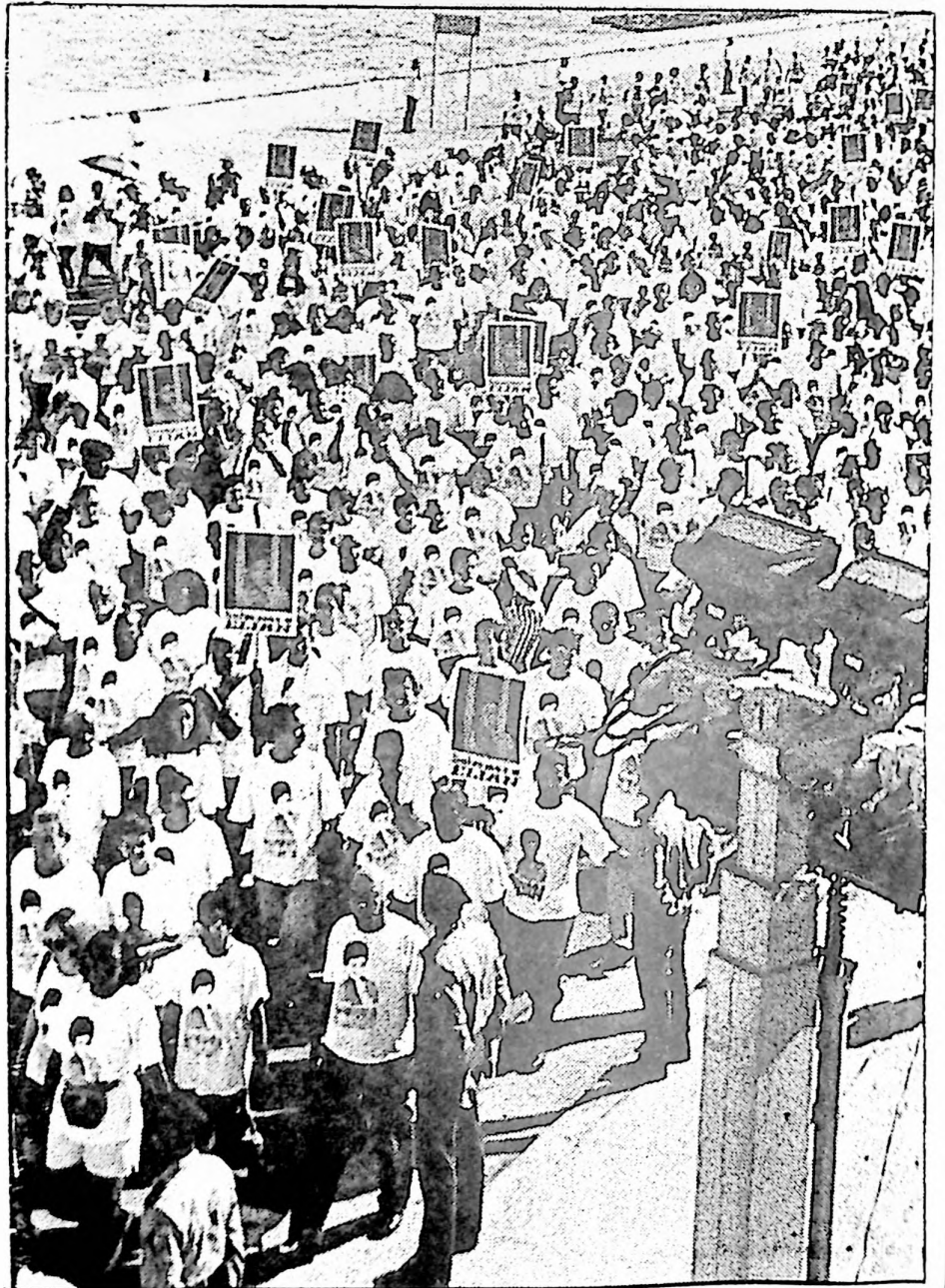
It would seem logical then that the child's custody would be given firstly to his father or if he should be incompetent, to his grandparents (maternal or paternal). Since his father is in fact competent, a fact that was confirmed by the U.S. Immigration and also Naturalization Services (ISN), the custody of Elian should be given to his father now in Cuba.

Janet Reno, US Attorney General also confirmed that the child should be returned to his only surviving parent in Cuba at a recent press conference. President Clinton also upheld the findings of the INS, stating that they were correct in their findings that the child should be returned to Cuba. However, Clinton did not spell out what steps should be taken in order to return Elian to his loving family.

The US administration proved itself unable to carry out its very own decisions. It is evident that the anti-Cuban Mafia in Miami in cooperation with

Over 100,000 students and workers marched in protest in Havana.

Fidel Castro attends the meeting to support Elian's return.



the boy's very distant and totally estranged relatives in Miami have used their economic clout to prevent Elian to return to Cuba. They are now using the boy as a political instrument to enhance the political fortunes of all the anti-Cuban senators seeking re-election to the US Senate. As a terrible consequence, the child is being subjected to media harassment similar to that of Lay DI of Great Britain no too long ago. The consequences of this media badgering could result in lasting effects on the boy's physical and his mental health, which could prove irreversible.

This is setting a dangerous precedent for any future cases where an American child could be found in a similar situation and denied his paternal custody.

The justification for this is the so-called Cuban Adjustment Bill passed by the U.S. Congress in 1996, which gives Cuban emigrants (*read dissidents*) political refugee status. This bill was orchestrated by the Cuban American National Foundation and supported by the most retrograde American anti-Cuban ultrarightists. How can Elian now be identified with this legislation? The absolute majority of American people surveyed, support the idea that the boy should be returned to his home and surviving parent, not to mention the whole of the Cuban public. This is not a political matter, but there is one international law, which is very clear on this, as attested by the U.S. media. Elian should now be returned to his father. It is unfortunate that the Pope, having been informed of this case by the Cuban Minister of Foreign Affairs, has unfortunately seen fit not to make any statement on this, while citing humanitarian reasons, as he had done when asking for the return of dictator Augusto Pinochet to Chile.

The Cuban people of all ages and beliefs, through constant massive rallies all over the country have fervently demonstrated their desire that the boy be returned, confident in the belief that common sense and justice will prevail in the end.

Another pretext for this situation is the supposed existence of a U.S. law where Castro's government will put under tutelage of the former Soviet Union all of the Cuban children and thus remove them from their parents guardianship. This document is a result of the CIA planned operation called "Peter Pan", was carried out with the complicity of the Catholic priest in Miami. Bryan O'Walsh who is now an ordained bishop. This document was said to have been *stolen* from Castro's office, no less?

This conjured up lie has been used to entice Cuban parents to send their children to the USA in order not to ever lose their parental status. Some 14,000 children between the ages of 5 and 16 were sent to the USA between the years 1961 and 1962 as a result of

this, they were received by the US government with fanfare and open arms. The USA justified its act on the flimsy grounds that it was defending parental custody. This obviously now does not apply to the kidnapped Elian to whom this very right is being denied. This is obviously a case of do what I say not what I do!

On January 30, 2000, Elian's two grandmothers returned to Cuba from a nine day trip to the U.S. where they wanted to visit their own grandson. The American Council of Churches of Christ had invited them. The purpose of their trip was to visit with the boy, and if possible to bring him home with them. After being prevented from meeting him in Miami by his many so-called relatives, the closest being his grandfather's uncle, the INS instructions were finally complied with and they were allowed to talk to him. The venue for this encounter was picked on the supposed neutral territory that was the mansion of a Dominican Order of the nun Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin. This supposed neutral sister proved to be a Nun of Satan who, after

The Cuban children also demand that Elian must be returned back!



proclaiming to be neutral, went on to publicly lobby in Washington that Elian stay in the USA. **just twenty hours later.**

There were eleven conditions upon which the meeting between the grandparents and the boy were to be held. All were agreed to by the USA government and later violated by the Miami Mafia. As a prime example, one of the main conditions was to be that the meeting was to be held without the presence of any of the child's relatives who had kidnapped him. No member of the Cuban American National Foundation (CANF) was agreed not to be present. However, the official driver who took Elian to the meeting was also the son of Jorge Mas Santos, one of the key leaders of the CANF!!

After having met with their grandson, Elian's Grandmothers declared that their grandchild is completely a very different boy now. "He has been changed" they stated." The boy who used to be a loving, communicative and happy child, is now unsociable, shy, reserved and a fearful six-year old boy, who has lost his former happiness and spontaneity".



EDITORIAL COMMENT

Depending on the Pope and the Vatican to make a statement is not very realistic at all. The Rome Vatican is so embroiled in the policies of Imperialism that it cannot and will not criticize the hands that also feed and defend the Vatican Financial Empire.

The ordinary people, like the US National Committee to Demand the Return to His Father in Cuba have formed a wide

coalition of many organizations, churches and also other groups who know that, only constant pressure of people of the world shall undo this kidnapping done in the name of "democracy"!

Those who want to get justice for the Cuban boy should write to:

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USA

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Organizing Filipinos Overseas

Felipe Tagabalita

Last mid-December, the second congress of Migrante International was successfully held just south of Manila. Migrante International is an international alliance of the organizations of overseas Filipinos and their families. Migrante International is a member of Bayan (New Patriotic Alliance), an alliance of militant legal people's organizations in the Philippines. The recent congress was held: a) to assess Migrante's work for the past three years; b) to discuss the recurring issues confronting Filipinos abroad; c) to unite the member organizations on the line and orientation of Migrante International; and, d) to set the direction that Migrante will be taking in the years to come. Over 50 such organizations from North America, Europe, the Middle East, and South East Asia sent representatives to this congress.

History of Philippine Migration

Philippine migration has become a significant part of Philippine society rooted as it is in the crisis of the semi-colonial, semi-feudal ruling order. The post-War imposition by US imperialism of a neocolonial regime in the Philippines ensured continued imperialist control of Philippine socio-political-economic life and the maintenance of backward largely agricultural feudal relations. No land reform or plan of national industrialization was ever implemented. As a result, the successive regimes from 1946 to 1965 presided over

a continuously declining economy and quality of life of the people. To assuage unrest, repression, the promotion of internal migration and foreign borrowing became the order of the day. Frontier lands were opened as resettlement areas for landless unemployed peasants. At the same time migration to the cities began in earnest. Meanwhile, thousands of graduates from colleges and universities in the professional fields were forced to go abroad. Joining the U.S. Navy as provided for in the GI bill also became one way out. It was at this time, too, that the recruitment of Filipinos as domestic helpers for diplomats and wealthy families abroad began. Finally, seamen were recruited for the merchant vessels of the U.S., Scandinavia, Holland, Belgium and Greece.

The post war order came into acute crisis in the late 1960s. Martial law, massive foreign and local borrowing and the systematic export of Philippine labour became the order of the day. With the land frontier exhausted, Marcos began to systematically ship people abroad. Marcos systematized and turned the export of Filipino labor into an industry in an official government program — the Labor Export Program or LEP. The LEP intends not only to ease the acute unemployment problem in the country but also to raise foreign exchange earnings needed for debt payments and to cover the balance of trade deficits. Aside from that, the LEP became an opportunity for the Marcos regime to collect fees from Filipino migrants.

Aquino, for all her democratic pretensions, proved no different from Marcos. The Aquino regime maintained the same exploiting social order. Under the Aquino regime, the LEP was expanded. For the first time, in Aquino's 5-year economic recovery program, the foreign exchange remittance of migrant workers was recorded as an income item in the balance of payments. The regime even proclaimed OCWs as the "new economic heroes" because of their contribution to the economy. The remittances of overseas compatriots became the number one source of foreign exchange for the economy during this period. At the same time, the Aquino regime imposed additional levies and taxes on migrant workers. Meanwhile,

the regime simply turned a blind eye to the dead, battered, maimed and traumatized Filipinos who returned to the Philippines as it peddled Filipinos abroad.

The Ramos regime that followed made matters worse. It embarked on a policy of liberalization, deregulation and privatization in accordance with the neo-liberal program of the big monopoly capitalists imposed through the IMF-WB and the General Agreement on Tariff and Trade-World Trade Organization (GATT-WTO). The foreign and local debt ballooned just as the instruments of repression expanded. The people's misery only grew worse. One of Ramos' innovations was to prohibit the direct hiring of Filipino workers abroad. Memorandum Circular 41 provided that migrant workers go through private recruiting agencies. This brought forth worse forms of abuses and impositions on migrant workers. They fell under the mercy of government officials and military men who own most of these recruitment agencies. Aside from charging excessive fees, some of these officials and military men resorted to extracting sexual favors in exchange for working contracts abroad. At the same time, the Ramos regime hastily enacted the Magna Carta for Overseas Filipino Workers. It officially deregulated the labor export industry and shifted the responsibility for providing protection to migrant workers from government to foreign employers and recruitment agencies. Meanwhile, the collection of fees and levies imposed on migrants was intensified.

The new Estrada regime is a descendant of the Marcos dictatorship. Estrada is nothing but a minion of the dictator Marcos and his business cronies. He has accelerated the policies of the previous Ramos regime. He is however noted for a greater reliance on overt repression than the psywar of his predecessor. On the question of the export of Filipino labor, the Estrada regime is vigorously implementing and creating training mechanisms to promote labour export. The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority is a government agency that conducts training courses on technical skills development for both local and overseas work. It also provides training

for domestic helpers and entertainers while they are still in the Philippines. Meanwhile, the Department of Labor and Employment is mobilized through the Job Fair Program to act as a venue for employers and recruitment agencies to buy Philippine workers. The Job Fair Program is thus actually a job referral program for local and overseas work.

A Significant Sector of Philippine Society

As it stands now, over 750,000 Filipinos are leaving the country annually. This is equivalent to about 2000 a day. Of the 74 million Philippine population, about 10% or 7.4 million Filipinos are now abroad. If we add to this figure the family members that are dependent on the income of our overseas compatriots, the total number of Filipinos directly affected by overseas migration is more than 20 percent of the population.

Filipinos are scattered over 181 countries. The majority are immigrants. The majority of these are in the U.S. Whatever their nationality, however, most immigrants still consider themselves Filipinos. As for Filipino migrants, they remain part of the Filipino people who are oppressed and exploited by the ruling classes in the Philippines. They remain Filipino nationals. Their stay abroad is only temporary. They are bound to return to their family in the country once their contract expires or they are deported for lack of legal papers.

Most overseas Filipinos find themselves employed in the following jobs: in the service industry, seafarers, nurses, domestic helpers, nannies, construction or factory workers, etc. The problems they face are virtually the same. They are exploited by foreign employers, maltreated by recruitment agencies, denied protection by the Philippine government, victimized by racism, discriminated against in wages and treatment, and denied many basic rights as foreigners (union membership, pensions, etc.). They also face lost of

dignity and self-esteem and loneliness of separation from loved ones. Many families are in fact shattered. According to government, from 1991 to 1995, 4,691 Filipinos died overseas and sent home in caskets for burial in the Philippines. Statistically, this means that almost three Filipinos die abroad everyday from various causes, usually under mysterious circumstances.

Overseas Filipinos can thus be considered a significant sector of Philippine society because of the common problems they encounter and the same issues they carry. Thus, there is a need to organize them.

The Progressive Movement of Overseas Compatriots

The progressive movement of overseas compatriots in the late-60s and early-70s consisted of building solidarity groups among the host peoples. By the mid-70s, the movement had come to recognize the increasing importance of the phenomenon of migration and the need to organize overseas Filipinos for their rights and welfare and as part of the Filipino people's struggle for national liberation and democracy. These calls were however not heard as disorientation grew in the popular movement. First, while the rights and welfare of overseas Filipinos was looked into, the migrant issue was not clarified. A wrong notion prevailed that Filipinos overseas were more concerned with bettering their lives than with issues in the Philippines. There developed the attitude that it was difficult to mobilize overseas compatriots to support the national democratic movement. This attitude came from the misconception that the root cause of Filipino migration abroad lies in the subjective reasons of Filipinos for working overseas — and not in the objective conditions of the country. Hence, no solid organizing was done. Coalition building and NGO networking took the place of solid organizing. Second, while the progressive movement of overseas compatriots was active in the struggle against the Marcos dictatorship, the struggle against the dictatorship took a mainly antifascist character. Thus, the comprehensive character of the struggle against the Marcos regime was not projected. Certain illusions arose with Marcos' fall,

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Campaigns on an issue-to-issue basis became the principal form of activity. There grew a tendency to limit solidarity work to securing support from the churches and academics for the Philippine struggle than in establishing relations of mutual cooperation and support with host peoples in the common fight against imperialism.

The situation took a turn for the better with the rectification movement beginning in 1992. In 1994, a consultation took place with representatives of progressive Filipino organizations and institutions in the Asia-Pacific, North America and Western Europe in attendance. A decision was taken to establish Migrante-International. An Executive Committee was formed to prepare for the convening of the Founding Congress of Migrante-International. Campaigns were held which highlighted internationally and in the Philippines the situation of Filipino migrants. More people thereby saw the need for an international alliance of progressive Filipino organizations that promote the rights and welfare of overseas compatriots and of the Filipino people. In 1996, the Founding Congress of Migrante-International was held. Since then Migrante has been arousing, organizing and mobilizing overseas compatriots to fight for their rights and welfare and to support and participate in the movement for social change in the Philippines.

Migrante has vigorously pursued launched sectoral and mutisectoral campaigns on these during the past three years. Various concrete gains have been won for Filipino migrants just as the issue of Filipino migration has won greater spotlight. More and more Filipino migrants are being politicized resulting in the stupendous growth of Migrante's member organizations. One new development has been the growth of Migrante organizations in the Philippines itself amongst returned migrants and their families. In turn, Migrante has also participated vigorously in the popular struggles in the Philippines. Migrante overall has thus consolidated itself better over its understanding of the migrant phenomena. One focus is now the question of immigration.

The Future

The work of Migrante is clearly an important part of the Filipino people's struggle for national liberation and democracy. We, therefore, conclude with an excerpt from the congress's "Unity Statement" of 16 December 1999:

"Since our first congress, Migrante International has grown by leaps and bounds because of our comprehensive organizing work among overseas Filipinos. Needless to say, it is necessary to further intensify our struggle, given the fact that the situation of overseas Filipinos under the present fascist Estrada regime continues to worsen.

"We have a lot to do. And our further advance is largely dependent on how we conduct the tasks ahead of us. Key to this is our firm grasp of the principles that are reflected in the theme we have adopted for our second congress. We have to overcome this weakness in the grasp of our orientation. We can do this by deepening our understanding and social investigation of the phenomenon of commodification, and by rooting out the cause of migration from the semicolonial and semifeudal character of the country.

"Towards this end, the different countries represented in the second congress can initiate "echoing congresses" in their respective country or area of responsibility to achieve this goal of fully grasping our line and orientation that addresses not only Filipino migrants but Filipino immigrants as well.

"It is of utmost importance that we further strengthen and expand our ranks. To do this, we have to learn from the victories gained by our compatriots in a number of countries in their organizing work. At the same time, we also have to advance and enliven our campaigns against the commodification of our compatriots abroad and to relate this struggle with the struggle being waged in the Philippines. It is our duty as progressive Filipinos overseas to join and support the national democratic struggle of our compatriots in the homefront.

"Lastly and more importantly, we are united in the analysis that since it is the semifeudal and semicolonial system that is at the root of Filipino migration, only by putting an end to this system

and the overthrow of the class rule of the compradors and big landlords and their imperialist lords, can our country achieve genuine national industrialization, economic prosperity, democracy, development and genuine peace." □

FROM
SOFIA
BULGARIA

We received our first number of the newspaper "Workers Herald", organ of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Bulgaria. In the newspaper are very interesting articles about the 3rd Congress of the Party and the activity of the Bulgarian Youth organizations.



We're publishing here their Masthead and the very graphic revolutionary Youth poster. In future issues of NSC we shall translate articles that our readers will find informative. □



THE EMERGENCE OF THE NEW COLONIZERS

By Neve Gordon

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If I were granted one wish for the year 2000, I would immediately say, "Let's repeat Seattle demonstrations again."

In this new millennium we cannot overemphasize the need to mobilize the people to fight oppression. Indeed, the total people's power is the only hope left for arresting the unrestrained corporate practices - practices that violate all human rights and precipitate poverty and ecological destruction.

World corporations can get away with paying children in Bangladesh 12 cents for a full day's work because, they buy power both in their own home country and also in the Third World.

Most people realize that our politicians are dependent on the corporate contributions for all their election campaigns and are therefore reluctant to promote laws that would antagonize the same corporations. But, unfortunately most people are not aware that the same corporations give large donations to grass roots organizations in order to co-opt them and thus cleverly deflect any criticism and antagonism.

Let us just look at the environmental scene. According to Brian Tokar and his great book, *Earth for Sale*, the corporations such as Transnational Dupont, Amoco, Exxon, Monsanto, Mobile and British Petroleum, have become major donors to a variety of environmental groups and some of these groups (*believe it or not*) have invested money and are shareholders in Dow Chemicals, General Motors, Westinghouse...the most vile polluters of the environment and of child labor all over the world!

This leads us to an absurd situation where most of these Well-meaning people's organization, fighting against pollution, discrimination, child labor, exploitation and bigotry, are financially dependent on these very same scoundrels that these groups are supposedly struggling and fighting against!! Just a prime example is the Greenpeace world-wide organization...they have ships, boats, helicopters, aircraft and a very huge paid staff. From where is all this money coming from? From the membership, which by all standards could not in a million years have the kind of money that supports this well-stocked Greenpeace!

This is a new breed of colonizers which are in many ways more ruthless than those who conquered and built the old empires.

The new colonizers use cash now to check popular opposition instead the force of arms. They hide their colonizing efforts under the slogans of "the coming economic growth". The flaw in this modern colonizer thinking is that this cannot be backed by any facts.

Everyone knows (*or should know*) that the world cannot sustain the exploitation of its available resources at the current rate of growth and consumption.

Even according to the United Nations' report, the results of the last 20 years of exceptional growth, the number of people living in poverty has grown to over 1.2 billion people, including more than 600,000 children.

Every day, more than 30,500 children die of preventable diseases, while every year over 585,000 women die to pregnancy and childbirth complications that are absolutely preventable.

Many of the protesters who demonstrated in Seattle at the WTO meeting know all of the facts.

The new contemporary colonizers are the colonizers of old. For them, both people and the world itself have become the means, and the economic growth the end!

COMMENT

Excellent expose and the answer is and must be socialism and the intensifying of struggles against the Transnational Corporate Power!

FEATURE ANALYSES

THE POLITICS OF OIL

By KENNY COYLE

Guardian, Feb. 23, 2000

In the early years of the 20th century, oil from the Soviet Caucasus accounted for nearly half of all oil produced in the world. The oil region of Grozny, next to Baku, the most important Russian oil area be-

fore the Great October Revolution and by 1915 accounted for about 18 per cent of all Russian oil production.

Before October 1917 Revolution more than half of the investment in oil came from abroad. The US invested be-

fore 1917, \$214 million, Great Britain was particularly active in Russia, providing more than 60% of foreign investments.

During Soviet Union, Grozny oil was at one time quite important, accounting for over one third of national production in 1932. After the dismemberment of the USSR this oil production area was also of great importance, although there were other oil producing areas in operation.

Over the years Grozny became the key oil crossroads, an oil refining center and also a juncture for natural gas from fields in both Russia and Central Asia.

The vast oil fields of Central Asia, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan and in the North Caucasus of Russia have always been a target for invasion. It was to secure unimpeded access to these riches, as much as for the symbolic political association with the city's name, that Hitler threw division after division at Stalingrad during the bitter struggles of World War II.

The break-up of the Soviet Union has now released these enormous resources that had been denied to Western transitional corporations for many decades. This is an enormous boon for Western imperialism. Getting all of these oil fields grouped beneath and around the Caspian Sea has been a strategic target of the U.S. in the past ten years.

BP, Amoco, Texaco, Mobil, Chevron and many other US and foreign companies have already spent over a billion dollars on further developing these Caspian oil resources. They are drawing on a whole spectrum of Cold War policy figures from countries such as the USA and Britain to cash in on the region.

Zbigniew Brzezinski, former National Security advisor under President Carter and a key figure in securing initial

US support for all of the Afghan Mujahidin, is now a consultant to Amoco.

James Baker, a former US Secretary of State, runs a large law practice office in Houston, Texas, doing business for the oil companies, where he is able to use his friendship with his former Soviet counterpart Edward Shevernadze, who is now the President of Georgia.

Former US National Security Advisor, **Brent Scowcroft**, advises Pennzoil and the multinational Azerbaijan consortium.

Dick Cheney, president Bush's Secretary of Defense, is now the Chief Executive Officer of Halliburton of Houston, one of the world's largest oil-fields services company.

Azerbaijan is also the favorite destination for the British oil companies such as Monument and Ramco. **Timothy Eggar**, who as British Minister led a delegation to City of Baku in 1994, is now the chief executive of Monument Oil, while former Foreign Minister **Malcolm Rifkind** sits on the board of directors of Ramco.

In October of 1997, *Le Monde Diplomatique* wrote: "US wants to detach the former Soviet Republics from Russia both economically and politically, so as to make the formation of the Moscow-led union impossible. Also, in an article written by former US Defense Secretary Casper Weinberger, who wrote that if "Moscow succeeded in dominating the Caspian Sea region again, it would then achieve a greater victory than NATO's expansion to the East." Therefore, the tactics of USA is to further weaken Russia.

The most crucial question in this is the delivery of oil and gas. Unlike the Persian Gulf, none of the oil producing regions of the Caucasus offer the possibility of shipment to the West by a sea going tanker,

since the Caspian Sea is essentially a huge inland lake.

The alternative for the West is the construction of a long-super pipeline from Central Asia to either the Mediterranean or the Persian Gulf.

The Soviets had a pipeline running from Tengiz oil fields of Kazakhstan across Russia to the port of Novorossisk on the Black Sea and linked it with an existing oil and gas pipeline extending to the northwest from Baku.

The US insists that the Russian pipeline, which is expected to carry over one million barrels per day, run from Azerbaijan capital Baku, to Turkey's Mediterranean port of Ceyhan. Washington's aim is to ensure the oil supplied are free from Russian and Iranian influence.

In this the US and Turkey won a significant victory during the OISCE conference. The *New York Times* of November 19, 1999, bluntly described it as "one of President Clinton's cherished foreign policy projects, a pipeline that would assure Western control over the potentially vast oil and natural gas reserves of the former Soviet Union."

US Secretary of Energy, **Bill Richardson**, enthused: "This is a major foreign policy victory. It is a strategic agreement that advances our America's national interest."

Most Russians believe that the plot of the West is to destabilize the Caucasus and gain a monopoly on the gas and oil in this oil rich region. There is very great truth in this.

The expansion of Western imperialist influence Eastward demands quickly the further break-up of all Russia and the wresting of her very rich energy resources from her grasp, piece by piece.

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The Genocide and Rape of Africans

By Dr. William Bunge

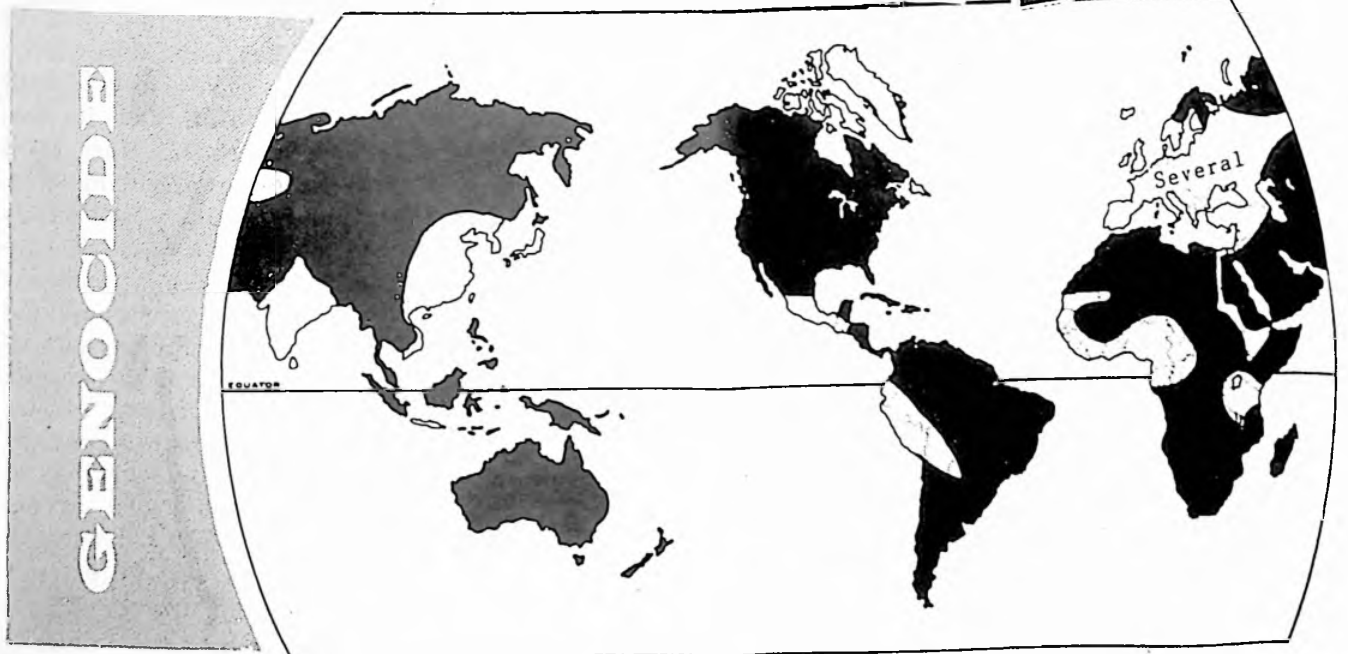
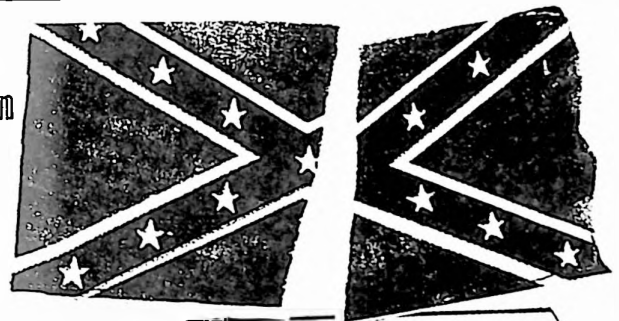
Genocide rages through the African continent and people as we celebrate Dr. King's first birthday this millennium this very day. Some exterminations are blatant, undeniable, by the Europeans such as the withdrawal of United Nations forces as a genocide they promoted unfolding in Rwanda. The European imperialists committed massive war crimes in Somalia, leading to a defensive reaction. This was played within Canada and totally blanked out in the media in the United States. Today Civil Wars are raging throughout the middle of Africa, up through the Balkans and the Caucasus Mountains. Divide and conquer has always been the slavers best weapon. When "Saint" Christopher Columbus first introduced slavery into the

American hemisphere, he clinched his historic title as "The Hitler who won", confirming his genocide of Native Peoples, eventually exterminating over seventy million in the hemisphere. In all this the "Saints" glories in Africa were assisted by local slavers who would transport the millions they slaved up down to the African Slave Coast for transportation to among other places "The Land of the Free". Charleston was the place of debarkation for the masses we huddled up in Africa. The breaking camps were too using brutal methods we used on wild horses. The scum of the earth in "The South" till this day blames Africans for slaving Africans as if The South had these people simply forced

on them and they turned them into good Christians.

In between Columbus the Butcher, and today we also had the period of outright imperialist annexation on the entire continent. Henry Stanley of "Dr. Livingston I presume" fame conquered "The Belgian Congo" for King Leopold, using local Africans he hired and armed to kill millions. this "British explorer". Today's AIDS is suspicious since it appeared when genetic slicing was possible and somehow AIDS among Europeans is from an anal virus thus selecting from male homosexuals, but no one seems to notice that AIDS for Africans and South Asians is from heterosexual virus. To top it all off, it is all blamed on an African monkey. Every

The Flag of Treason & Slavery



reader of the *New York Times*, that imperialist rag, can tell you so.

Thus Africans were slaved, not genocided in the American hemisphere, not that they are not aware of the genocide threat to them here, as Jews were here to Hitler's genocide of them in Europe. Blacks here were worked to death. There was full employment all right. If a slave was too work-worn to continue slaving, he was given the same pill given to worn out work horses. Slaves were listed as chattel property in the same books as the horses. They were also raped from the minute of their capture. The officers and sailors on slave ships in the murderous Middle Passage were encouraged to rape the women since lighter skinned slaves brought higher prices, especially at the notorious Quadroon Ball held each year in New Orleans, so the cream of the slave holders, Robert E. Lee and his putrid ilk, could purchase the best sex slaves. All European men in "The South" had immediate sexual access to all Black women which is why the poorest of white men fought in the Civil War. They fought for "Southern Womanhood" all right. Black Southern Womanhood. The rape of Black women was done by such notables as George Washington who raped untold Black slave women, leading to the smutty joke about his being "The Father of Our Country" with a dirty smirk, to another pillar of democracy, Thomas Jefferson, who fathered several children through his sex slave, Sally Hemming, his wife who died half sister. Jefferson had sexual relations with "Black Sal" as Washington D.C. wags put it while she was still legally a child, making him a pedophile. Upon Jefferson's death all his children were sold on the slave block.

White women are very often forced into prostitution under capitalism and it is known as "white slavery", but the same forcing of Black young women is much more prevalent till this very day, and there is no term for it or it is accepted as "normal". This has produced a race of mulattos.

All in the South, other than the most recent arrivals there is of mixed African-European blood, from President Bill Clinton to Rev. Jessie Jackson. The Blacks know all of this and through family oral histories can often tell you the time and place of their forced mixing. Whites pretend a shocked innocence. To enforce their denial, they join the Ku Klux Klan and lynch their own Black grandmothers. This is precisely what "pure race" did to Hitler and the German Jews. Hitler's father's mother, his paternal grandmother was a Jew. He "proved" otherwise by killing six million Jews. The enforced myth of racial purity is a Holy Horror. Here in the Nation of Québec, the KKK appeal to the masses is that they are not Native Indians, the Québécois being a race that is thirty to seventy percent Metis native.

The European racist propaganda for Blacks in the United States and Red Native Peoples is that these minority and often dirt poor peoples are "privileged" in the United States under the heading of "affirmative action", an attempt to level the playing field. If Europeans really believed this, how about swapping places one big moving day with thousands of moving vans from Detroit's rich suburbs in Grosse Points, plus a similar number of vans in the inner city slums of Detroit. They can swap jobs too while they are at it!

The slogans of all genociders from Hitler to McCain, the repatriated war criminal from

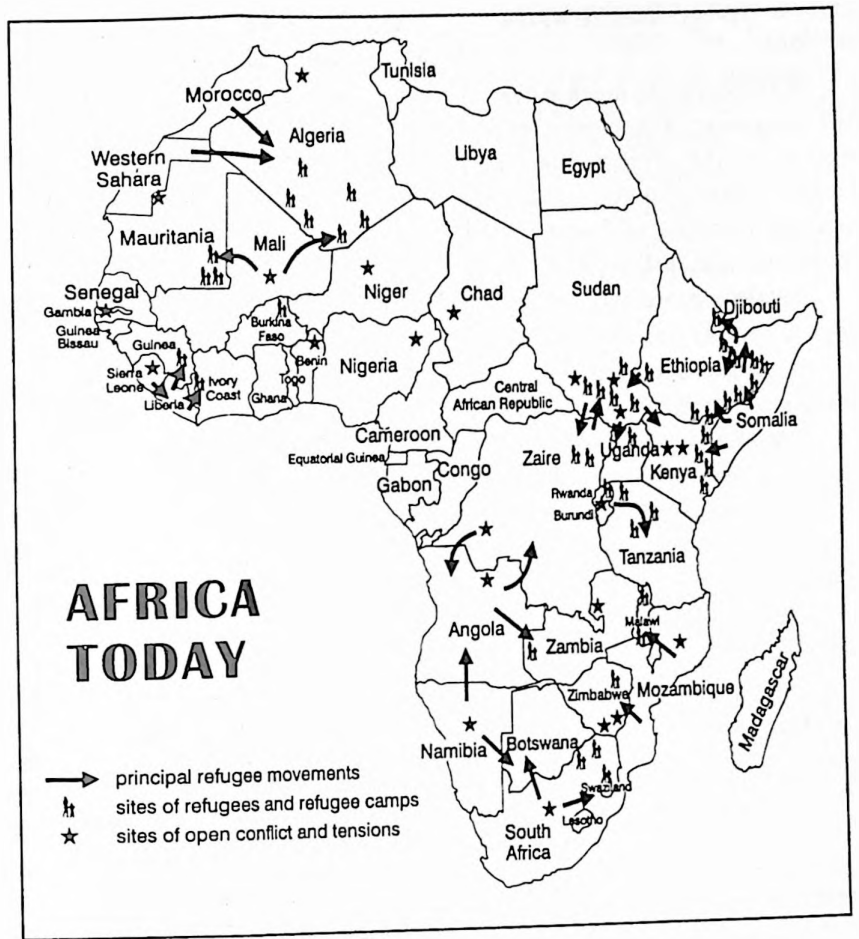
Vietnam, is that "There are too many of them", they are exploding and we have stopped having enough European babies. We Europeans also need more space, from Hitler's *Lebensraum* in Eastern Europe to Hitler's need for oil in the Caspian, to Hitler's need to conquer space. The first true rockets were made by his favorite Nazi engineer, Werner von Braun, who launched his first "Moon shot" at London and his infamous VII killer rockets towards the end of World War II. Imperialism has an economic imperative, the ruthless search for profits, driving all toward expansion, especially a world conquest. To justify this madness, the culture called "Fascism" has been artfully constructed.

In Europe, the main flag of Fascism is the Nazi Swastika and while used here too, the preferred "heritage" flag of Fascism is the Stars and Bars of the Confederacy. Carl Winter of the Communist Party of the USA, called this flag: "The flag of treason and slavery" back in the searing "60's" while he was serving in Detroit. At first, I found his phrase stiff, awkward, but over the decades it has stayed in my mind. It is the correct Communist description of the American Fascism. Why are we Communists so rock hard against this flag and its history? Because Dr. Karl Marx was so personally involved. Marx saw Blacks as purely equal human beings, the co-equal human beings with the white workers, who could not throw off their chains without their unity. Only John Brown's "obnoxious" abolitionists took this true position, this scientific position. Human beings of all races are identical as are our skeletons. They cannot be told apart. Albert Einstein's and Dr. Martin Luther King's are genetic twins.

Marx himself put it:

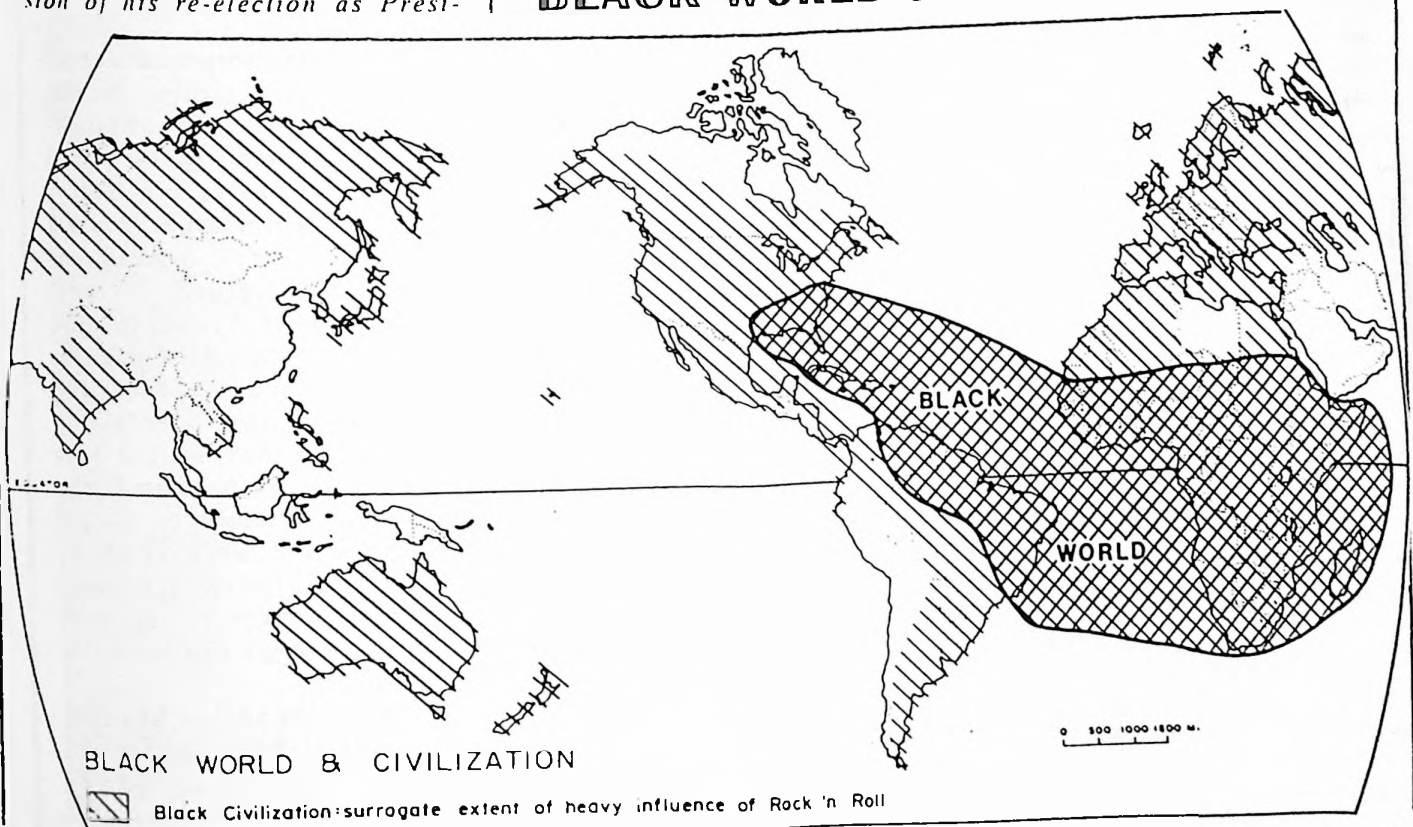
"When an oligarchy of 300,000 slave-holders dared to inscribe for the very first time in the annals of the world slavery on the banner of Armed Revolt...then all of the working classes of Europe understood at once, even before the fanatic partnership of the upper classes for the Confederate gentry had given its dismal warning, that the coming slave holder's rebellion was to sound the tocsin for a general holy crusade of property against labour, with their hopes for the future, even all of their past conquests were at stake in that tremendous conflict on the other side of the Atlantic. Everywhere they bore therefore patiently all the hardships imposed upon them by the cotton crisis, opposed enthusiastically the organized pro-slavery intervention...and from most of the parts of Europe, contributed their quota of blood to quell the movement..."

From the Address of the International Working Men's Association to Abraham Lincoln on the occasion of his re-election as Presi-



Kenneth Hewitt, Regions of Risk: A Geographical Intro-To Disasters, Themes in Resource Management, University of Waterloo, Longman, Essex, England, 1997, p.134

BLACK WORLD & CIVILIZATION



dent, written by Marx in November 1861.

Karl Marx did much more than sloganize. His closest associate in the United States, another '48er political refugee from the iron fist of European repression that followed 1848 and the first proletariat revolution in the world, was Joseph Wedemeyer, who settled among the many Germans in Saint Louis, Missouri. He became a general to the War of Slave Liberation, our Civil War. Marx wrote for a very large circulation newspaper The New York Tribune - including specific advice for the Union Army to march down from Tennessee through the heart of the slavers Confederacy to Atlanta and the Sea beyond.

My great grandfather was rear support for General Sherman's famous march "From Atlanta to the Atlantic" and as children in my Damn Yankee grandmothers home in La Crosse, Wisconsin, she had myself and my older cousins marching about her spacious home singing at the top of our little lungs to her thunderous accompaniment on the piano, "As We Go Marching Through Georgia". "The South" was not invaded, it was liberated. Just ask a Southern Black gentleman such as Dr. King's people say, Rev. Andrew Young. The Black South poured out in multitudes behind General Sherman's advancing troops in jubilee, this truth somewhat missed in the racism of the film "Gone With The Wind."

Slavery was capitalism. There was a stock market in the Confederacy, I believe in Richmond, their putrid capital, and I believe that the slaves were listed as chattel there. The Confederate flag of treason and slavery will fly in the United States as long as there is capitalism.

Which workers are ready for this reality? The workers who were special victims of Hitler, Jews, Romanies, homosexuals and others who were intended victims too, large segments of African-Americans and Native Peoples who were genocided here. Unfortunately the bulk of the European workers are not ready. They still benefit from the racism. In the Civil War which was fought clearly to liberate the slaves and install Northern industrial capitalism as the dominant force in politics in the United States, this white racism in the Northern masses was solved by fighting the Civil War in the name of national unity, thus The Union Army. It was well into that just war that the slaves were liberated and it took the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln to put temporary teeth into the Reconstruction of the

South. Today we are in much the same situation with the European workers. They can be won to mass struggle at the work place, in the unions, but are still racist especially back in their neighborhoods, totally segregated. Who in Europe can understand the truth of this polemic? The special victims of Hitler can, out of parallel horrific experience. These include the Romanies, the Jews, the homosexuals, the people of color of all shades but especially the Slavs. The slaving of the Slavs historically gave us the very same name. "Slaves". So, when the patriots of Eastern Europe see the Stars and Bars, it is the same as the Nazi Swastika, purely Fascistic, and requires a Communist response. Dr. King had no problem working with our support, thanks to Dr. Marx.

STILL BENT ON WORLD CONQUEST

By George Monbiot, The Guardian newspaper 12/16/99

When the world trade talks were to be held in Seattle, British ministers then indicated that they would not again try to force the world to accept a regime that is world-wide and which threatened democratic governments, developing nations and human health. This is the third time they have made this promise already, for the third time it has been broken.

Eighteen months ago, when the proposed Western Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MA) first foundered, at that time the British government assured us that it had learned its lesson. The new proposed treaty it was brokering would defend the environment and also the developing countries. When that turned out to be un-

true, and the proposed agreement collapsed again, Ministers swore that the environment and human rights would be central to any future treaty. Within just a fortnight, leaked documents show European officials have decided to shift the entire MAI agenda to the world trade summit in Seattle. They did so and, exposed and divided, there they also failed again. Again they waited less than a fortnight to launch the next clever attempt to facilitate a corporate takeover of the world. At the Helsinki Summit of European leaders, the fall-back scheme began to be really implemented.

European expansion has several potential benefits for the people in countries joining the European Union - democrati-

zation, proposed human rights and peaceful relations with their neighbors - but these are not really the main issues driving the enlargement. The growth of the EU is one of the two central projects formulated and controlled by a very shadowy lobby group which has, for the past 15 years, exerted an iron grip on policy-making in Brussels.

The European round table of industrialists (ERT) is an alliance of the chief executives of Europe's largest enterprises and companies, whose purpose is to formulate policies for adoption by the shadowy European Commission. It has, unfortunately so far, been astonishingly successful. The Single European Act was framed not

by the European Union but by the Wisse Dekker, the present president of Phillips and subsequently chairman of ERT. His proposals became the basis of the EC's 1985 white paper. The ERT has also scheduled and steered the implementation of the act ever since. The enlargement plans just approved by the European heads of governments were mapped out by a certain Percy Barnevik, head of the Swedish company investor AB and also chairman of an ERT working group.

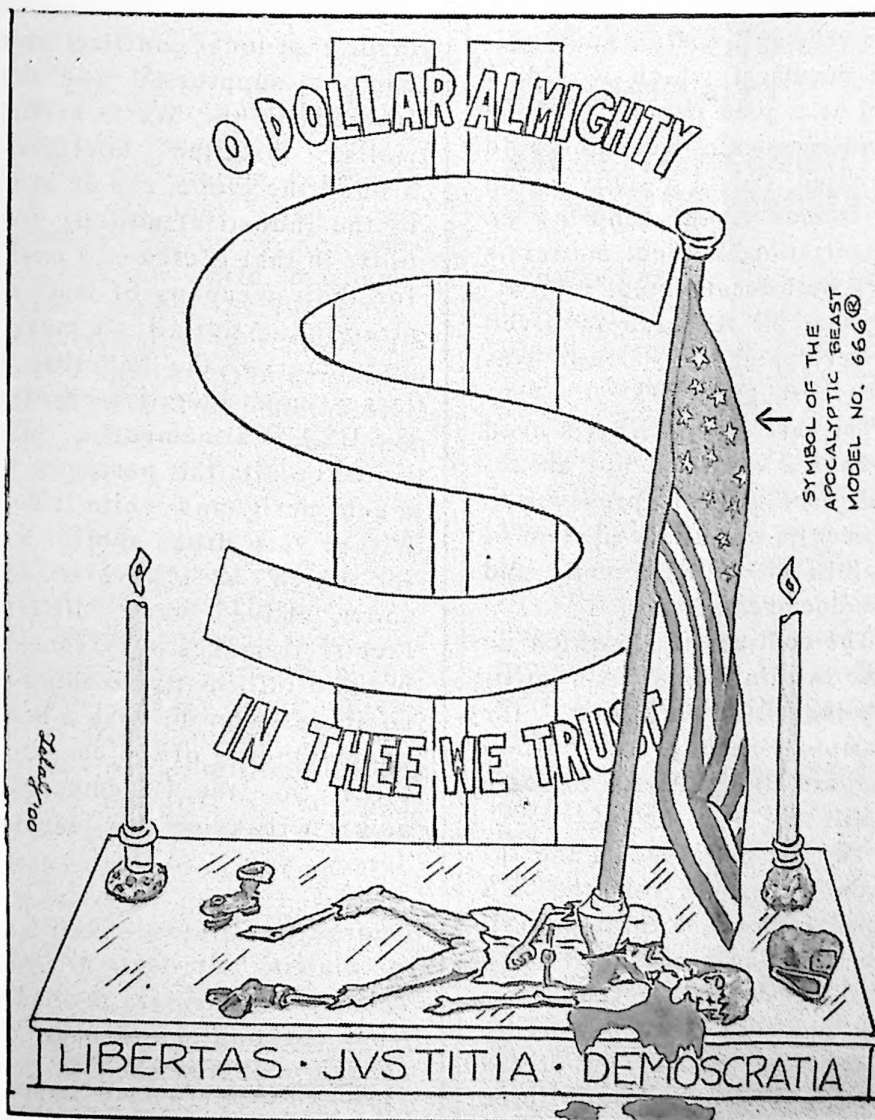
The round table insisted only that the proposed EU be expanded in precisely the sequence agreed to in Helsinki, but also that new entrants be forced to deregulate and privatize their economies and invest massively in the infra-

structure designed for all long-distance freight. The EU has now agreed to all of its principal demands. Until July of last year the British Labor minister responsible for approving these changes, was Lord Simon. Before he became this important minister, Lord Simon was the vice-chairman of the ERT.

The thinking behind these schemes became very, very clear when you discover what else the corporate lobby groups have been doing. Since 1995, the influential and authoritative European Commission, passed also by the ERT and other trade bodies, have quietly been preparing for a single trading market with the US.

The Transatlantic Economic Partnership is a much slower and subtler creature than the World Trade Organization of the MAI. One by one it aims to put down the "regulatory barriers" impeding the free exchange of all goods and services between all the countries of Europe and America. What this will mean in practice is that once any product has been approved in one part of this new trading bloc, it must now be accepted everywhere. If the U.S. government, for example, decides that injecting cattle with growth hormones is safe, Europe will have to adopt that as its regulatory standard.

The master plan is now falling into its place. A greatly expanded European countries group will now form part of single trading bloc with the U.S. plus Canada and Mexico, whose markets have already been integrated by means of the North American Free Trade Agreement. (NAFTA). NAFTA will grow to engulf all of the Americas and also the Caribbean. The U.S. Senate has already passed a bill (the African Growth and Opportunity Act) forcing African countries to accept all the NAFTA terms of trade. Russia and most of Asia are now being dragged



into line by the International Monetary Fund.

Before long, in other words, only a minority of nations will be outside the legally harmonized neoliberal world order, and they all will swiftly find themselves obliged to join. By the time the world agreement is ready to be re-negotiated, it will be too late and irrelevant, for the WTO's job will already have been done. The world will consist of a single deregulated market, controlled by multinational companies, in which no robust law intended to protect the environment or also human rights will be allowed to survive.

As the previous failures to impose such plans have shown, schemes like this can survive only hidden in the dark: exposure makes them shrivel and die. If this new global master plan is to be at all thwarted or stopped, we must drag it into the light! □



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BOOK REVIEWS

THE WORLDWIDE MILITARY STRATEGY OF US IMPERIALISM

Characteristic Features of THE WORLDWIDE MILITARY STRATEGY OF U.S. IMPERIALISM

by Ray O. Light

This pamphlet by Ray O Light is a very well-written ideological document which would, I feel be a good paper on which an ideological discussion could be based, should a study group be formed to this end by an organization. Subject matter is very well documented, indicating that the research involved in developing this article was very thorough.

The case for the USA's need to have a virtual if not an actual global military presence to protect its worldwide system of exploitation is well made and also documented.

The contradictions which do arise within the USA's military-industrial complex, for example... need versus bottom line, are all dealt with in some detail.

The pamphlet shows the inherent weakness of the US armed forces and their overall poor showing since W.W.II in conflicts such as Korea, Vietnam and even Granada, where a very much superior American force was greatly humiliated by a handful of Cubans. This

then being the case, the article exposes the danger of the US armed forces being nowadays over-exposed due to their need for global presence.

On the negative side, the pamphlet does not deal with the important ecological spin off from the military industrial complex. It quotes the legacy of the late Che Guevera which is, to quote "produces three, four, and many more Vietnams", which is correct and factual. However, the article does not explain that it was the body count and not the economic effects of this conflict which were very instrumental in destroying public support for this imperialist war of aggression and so it's conclusion is presented as somewhat ambiguous. In fact, a case can be made that local conflicts which can be suppressed and confronted by the Western imperialist installed bourgeoisie around the globe, can be of use to the industrial military complex, in that it creates a market for their weapons of mass destruction. After all, we must be cognizant of the fact that the largest most lucrative export of the USA is armaments.

Over all, the pamphlet has much merit, and while it deals with a very broad subject matter which, as I have tried to show, have many different facets, it makes very interesting and informative reading for comrades who do wish a better understanding of the dangerous threat that the US imperialist power wreaks on this planet of ours.

George Hess

These pamphlets are available from NSC and can be purchased for \$2.00 each, while they last. □

LETTERS

FROM
ENGLAND

Dear comrades:

Northstar Compass that we receive reaches the parts that other journals do not reach - *the undying Soviet Spirit!*

Society for Co-operation in
Russian and Soviet Studies ☐

FROM
TAMMS,IL.
USA

Dear friends:

Until I read recently Ernie Trory's article: "The Millennium Scam", I had only read a defense of the "*Millennium starts at 2001*" theory only in a column by the reactionary economist Walter Williams.

The only reason for advocating that millennium years end with "1" is that when years started to be counted, not many people in the world, mathematicians, almost exclusively - recognized that zero was actually a number. One can doubt that at that time mathematicians would have even been consulted on the matter in any event.

It may be too late to correct this shortcoming, which has always been enshrined in history books and almanacs for centuries. The correction that we should make is to defend the intuitive notion that the first day of the millennium occurs on the first day of year 2000 - rather than the counter-intuitive notion that it occurs a year later.

Another point: I read with great interest the article by Professor Vladimir Herasymchuk (Ukraine) in NSC, called the "*Damocles sword of Vakhabizma over the Motherland*". May I point out that this word

comes from an Ukrainian word which corresponds to the English word called "*Vahhabism*", which, according to Merriam-Webster Collegiate Dictionary means:

(**Wahhabi or Wahabi:** a member of a puritanical Muslim sect founded in Arabia in the 18th century by Muhammed ibn-Abdul Wahhab and revived by ibn-Saud in the 20th century.

The editors of NSC would do well to redo these borrowings for the sake of the magazine's readability.

Sail on friends

Donn S. Miller

We certainly thank Don for his detailed explanation. We shall try do do better in each issue. ☐

US FASCISM RAMPANT! ATROCITIES COMMITTED BY NATO ON YUGOSLAVIA

I was born in Yugoslavia and my mother lies there in the black, fertile soil of Yugoslavia for many years now.

A beautiful country bestowed by nature to produce all plentiful crops to feed all of the people. So it wasn't that the people were hungry, or that the citizens of Yugoslavia were desperate because of poor economic conditions in the latter part of 1999 that this genocide took place.

It was the efforts of the minorities that were egged on by Western capitalist countries under the NATO tutelage that aimed at destroying socialist governments, no matter how this was accomplished. Yugoslavia started to break up when the Croatian and Bosnian minorities, who under foreign influence started to physically

wrest their provinces away from the state of Yugoslavia.

Serbians were a majority in all these lands in the East, but large numbers of Serbs were living all over the provinces of Yugoslavia.

The Serbian people are hard working, patriotic and compassionate people. They tried desperately to hold together the union of all citizens, in one country, the Federative State of Yugoslavia.

There is an old proverb: "United we stand, but divided we fall!" And so it happened - brother went against brother, sister against sister, the conflict started.

Meanwhile, the outside capitalist countries were rubbing their hands and sending in their stooges as "advisors" to foment all the disturbances and strengthen the reactionary elements with many promises of "*democracy and guns*" which were to be used against the Serbian people.

Then, in order to instigate a further blood bath, the Albanians in Kosovo province started murdering the Serbian minority there, resulting in having the Yugoslav government taking a necessary action in order to prevent further bloodshed. It was an "eye for an eye - and a tooth for a tooth"! The consequence of all this was a bloody civil war.

The Kosovo Province or (pole) is and was an integral part of Yugoslavia - most of all - it is considered very holy to the Serbian people, both religiously and culturally.

If the Albanian population living in Yugoslav Kosovo province wanted to form their own country in Kosovo - they should have packed their belongings and moved on to Albania, a country which had

great power ambitions against Yugoslavia. These Albanian Kosovars could have lived in Albania - instead of resorting to bloodshed against all the Slavic people!

Kosovo was, Kosovo is, Kosovo will always be a Slavic province!

But, NATO and Western imperialist countries, they did not really care about Kosovo "rights", they knew and wanted the rich mines and the abundant rich mineral wealth on the territory of Kosovo, that all the Transnational Corporate powers wanted their hands on it at all costs.

In a desperate effort, the Serbian Army tried to bring order into this internal conflict in Kosovo, but NATO with its most advanced and very sophisticated high-tech weaponry unleashed a genocidal bombardment that equaled or even surpassed that of Hitler and-Nazi Germany. They experimented with their new killing machines, practicing for future conflicts.

For 78 days and nights, NATO savaged this beautiful land and all of its people with bombs, rockets, missiles, killing many thousands of innocent people in an undeclared war of a bully against a defenseless people. NATO and unfortunately some of its Slavic puppets joined together to do the murderous genocide.

NATO would have never ever dared to start this genocide against all the Yugoslav people if there existed the Soviet Union! The question has to be asked as to where was this Holy "Polish father" the "Pope" - the leader of all the Catholics, when the planes were raining death and destruction upon the innocent people...taking off from their

bases in the *Land of Christianity - Italy?*

Time will come when the shoe will be on the other foot! In the meantime, no one is now helping Yugoslavia with material or moral help. But, the people of Yugoslavia have friends all over the world, who themselves suffer under capitalism and NATO aggression.

After Yugoslavia was forced to capitulate, all of a sudden a number of "political parties" started to sprout, like mushrooms after a rain, all geared to try and dislodge the elected government of President Milosevic, with protests, killings, sabotage...not fighting against the NATO aggressors who devastated the country, but trying to fight against a Government that fought heroically against foreign intervention!

Really, the true aggressors and criminals are all the leaders of NATO and not the leaders of Yugoslavia! The Yugoslav people fought patriotically and died nobly against the savage attacks by modern weaponry against innocent population who were defending their own country. Its the riches of Yugoslavia that TNC's wanted and also as a stepping stone against any future revival of the Soviet Union.

Who will be next, to be "liberated"?

Anonymous reader of NSC and a friend and supporter of the people of the Soviet Union

COMMENT

We would suggest to our readers to get the books in Two Volumes from the Embassy of Yugoslavia in your country, in order that you might see the horrific photographic documentation of the fascist genocide that was really perpe-

trated against the people of Yugoslavia. The two volumes are called: "The NATO Crimes in Yugoslavia".

These books are not for the squeamish hearts. They shall be used as evidence in the future 2nd Nuremberg Trials against the NATO war criminals. With all of these documented evidence, where is the publicity by the bourgeoisie press...it's all available to them? □

Letter to NSC questioning an article written by Kolontaev from Odessa, Ukraine

Having read the article by NSC writer, Konstantin Kolontaev in the January issue of NSC, titled "Third World Crisis, Third World War, Third World Revolution" - I would agree with his analyses of the crisis of the Consumer Societies, but I question some of his statistics and conclusions, which I feel detract from the overall value of his article.

#1: If during the 1980's the demand for consumer goods was twice as high as the capacity to produce these goods, we should have had superinflation. But what we had (at least in Canada) was high unemployment.

#2: "Ninety percent of the people in the USA that work are illegal immigrants or foreigners". Where in the world does such a statement come from? Who then are the 10% of working people that are considered "real Americans"?

#3: The splitting up of the USA into small and middle states? In my opinion these states will hold together for a long time yet in the USA. Ignorance of the world, the dollar and the flag is prevalent.

#4: Clinton is a "Socialist-democrat"? Well, perhaps this is only semantics.

#5: "The Indonesia's stock ex-

changes were undermined purposely". Perhaps so, but as a statement written without further elaboration or even proof, do we have to accept this as faith?

#6: "The probability of total war between Pakistan and India is for certain." Well, I hope not! How can he be so absolute in this statement?

I feel that NSC must be careful so that the credibility of our NSC journal is not questioned. We should always make certain that facts such as were written by Kolontaev are accompanied by factual references which he, as a researcher has I'm sure, but he should have included them with that article.

Vic Ratsma
Winnipeg, Canada

We invite readers comment on all articles appearing in NSC. □

FROM
AUSTRALIAN
INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
ASSOCIATION

Dear friends:

I've just completed a publication that is called "Counter-revolution: The Politics of Perestroika". Materials were never published in the west before.

The news coming out of former USSR is not encouraging regarding the last election (December 19/99): the results, to percentage points came out on December 21st - somewhat too quick, considering the size of the country and lack of sophisticated means of communications with some of the outlying areas and the many different time zones. In Australia one sometimes has to wait a week or so until all the votes are tabulated, votes counted and sometimes recounted at

candidate's request. Anyway, what else is new?

It was a shock to learn of the horse-trading in the Russian Duma, with Zyuganov on-side with the Yeltsinites/Putin & Co. Some people here think that there is a growing awareness, as the country is being balkanized in the Caucasus, in Central Asia, and in its Western part. Ukraine will now receive special attention from the European Union (*decided at the last meeting in Helsinki, before X-mas*). The only bright light is the reunification with Byelarus. Anyway, the political scene is badly fragmented and people are increasingly confused, as each one of the left groupings claims it is the sole custodian of the "true" working-class politics. Amidst this leadership chaos the major parties win out, and I am sure the same will repeat itself at the Presidential elections in March, as anticipated. Unfortunately they still don't quite understand how the West operates. I can see that from the various left-leaning publications coming out of Russia today.

I send my belated good wishes to the Editorial Board and the Committee for New Year, New Century and New Millennium. Unfortunately for humankind, it will not bring peace to the world.

Dr. Vera Butler
As soon as we shall receive your book, we shall be glad to do as review of in NSC. □

FROM
BOGOTA
COLOMBIA

Dear comrades:

We of the "Resistencia Red-skin" (red & anarchist skin-heads of Bogota) endorse your

Call for the formation of International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with the Soviet People. We are in the process of trying to get other organizations involved in this effort. It would be good if a Spanish version of the Call was available.

We are interested in joining you at the World Conference in May, Minsk in 2001. We are also subscribing to NSC.

Comradely yours
David Moreno

We have sent you the Call in Spanish which we're hoping you shall interest other organizations in Colombia. □

FROM
CATANIA
ITALY



Dear comrades:

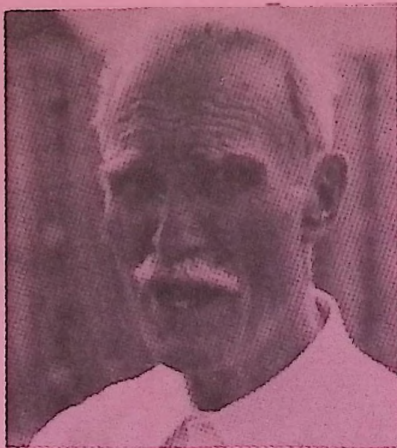
We're sending you the first number of our journal "Teoria & Prassi", a review published by Circolo Lenin in Catania, which publishes documents of Communist parties (M-L) from different parts of the world.

We have also translated into Italian some interesting articles that appeared in Northstar Compass in this issue, for our Italian readers.

Looking forward to receive and to read NSC each month. We're sending you our comradely greetings.

Saverio Moscato
Lenin Circle

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In loving memory of

MICHAEL LOGOYDA

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**OUR CAMPAIGN IS OFF TO A GOOD
START! LET'S KEEP IT
GOING AND OVERFULFIL IT!**

Year 2000 will be a year of intense struggles and the need for Northstar Compass to keep on being published regularly is a must! We must intensify our work in year 2000 so that our International Congress shall be a success in May of 2001 in Minsk, Byelorussia!

