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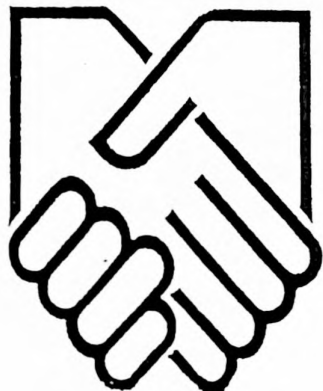
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## APPEAL FROM THE NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL

Dear readers:

You have read in the October issue of Northstar Compass a report on the proceedings at the Second World Congress that was held on September 23-24-25, 2005 in Toronto, Canada. Even though the Canadian authorities refused to grant a visa to 16 registered delegates to the Congress, the other 54 delegates at the Congress made it a great success.

There was much discussion and debate during the three days of Congress and, there was also constructive criticism that will help everyone in building up a united front of friends of the Soviet people all over the world.

One of the Main decisions at the Second World Congress was the unanimous decision to undertake to set up in each country - where there is now no such society existing - a Friendship Society with Soviet People. As we all know, there were Friendship Societies with Soviet People existing in most countries of the world, before the temporary demise of the USSR.

During these dangerous times, we must show the Soviet people that they do have friends all over the world who are willing to help them in their struggles to resurrect the Soviet Union and Socialism.

Another very important decision that was adopted by the Congress and concurred to by the Soviet delegation was, that the present friendship society in Russia will be renamed the "Soviet Society for Friendship with Foreign Countries", instead of just "Russian Society".

A welcomed promise by the Soviet delegation present at the Congress was the one that received an ovation. The Soviet Friendship Society will undertake very soon to publish and distribute Northstar Compass in a Russian edition.

Now that NSC is being published in an English, French and Russian editions, there were proposals that we take steps to publish a Spanish edition.

A message of greetings was read from the Russian Academy of Sciences, Philosophical Faculty, in which they informed us that they are willing to host the Third World Congress at Moscow's Lomonosov University in 2007. The Congress sent a message and adopted a resolution of great thanks to Professor David A. Dzhokhadze at the Russian Academy of Sciences, accepting their invitation with sincere thanks.

We are asking all friends of the Soviet people to carry out these tasks, not only for the Soviet people, but for all of us as well. The world needs the Soviet Union to be reborn, in order to stand up to US imperialism, which is marching on the road close to fascism, with their plans for the New World Order.

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## SECOND WORLD CONGRESS MATERIALS

We apologize to the readers and to all the organizations, political parties, movements, newspapers and individuals who sent in greetings to the Congress, that we are unable to publish all of them, since it would take practically all of the 36 pages of NSC to do so.

All of the greetings and presentations were included in the portfolio that each delegate received, while most of them were read during the 3-day Congress. In this issue we just publish few as promised in the last issue of NSC.

There were received 92 articles, greetings, proposals and analytical presentations, which were included in the portfolio of each delegate.

Again we apologize that we cannot publish all of them.



Dear Comrades,

Our hearts have been filled with gratitude and moral satisfaction since we found out about the Second Congress of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with the Soviet People being held.

The existence of an organization with such name already is recognition of illegal destruction of the state structure of the Soviet Union and highlights the globalist terrorist informational-psychological expansion against the Soviet people. We are very thankful to the progressive world community who in one way or the other participates in

this super-important and noble cause.

During the criminal oppression of Moldavia by fascist Romania in 1920s-1940s prominent people of those days stood up to defend our fathers and grandfathers, among them: Louis Aragon, Blasco Ibanez, Paul Langevin, Thomas Mann, Konstantin Parkhon, Romain Rolland, Albert Einstein, Paul Eluard and others. Henri Barbusse headed a delegation of Western European progressive community which arrived directly to Kishinev. Upon return to his homeland he published a series of articles, which after became a foundation for his book "Butchers" (or "Executioners"). These articles shocked the world with the horrific truth about white terror in the occupied area. We are glad that your organization has the same goals and the above mentioned prominent people. Today's, already fourth by number, psychopathic occupation is not any more human or easier than all of the previous ones, although it is being conducted by local occupiers and political demagogues.

Occupying commandant's offices, recognized by the official world community as legal governments in the republics of the USSR, in many ways alienate the Soviet people and divide people into selfish, constantly humiliated units who are being changed into gloomy primitive population. Having lost material and spiritual axis, connections with the world's progressive forces, tranquilized by frantic propaganda of the false Western values, Soviet people feel guilty before the peoples of the world and helpless in their own misery. Even when celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Great Victory of Good Will and Progress over the fascist plague, none of the official people dared to mention that the main inspiration, executor and Defender of the Good Will and Progress were Soviet People, their high moral spirit and their sense of responsibility for the fate of the world. There are only a handful of governments around the world today who truly defend interests of their countries' people. The rest are competing in humiliation of people, slavishly fulfilling the will of the base and evil forces, which took power

over the Earth.

Our Moldavia is too floundering in antihuman political and economic shit. Its leadership from the first days got stuck in looting of the people's wealth, in corruption, humiliation, fascist nationalism, absolutely dirty electoral "techniques" and in moral political and economic Jesuitism and terror. Nonetheless, numerous official persons from various international organizations happily cooperate with them and praise them for "development of democracy", successful reforms, they offer membership in their organizations, develop and fulfill programs of common actions... All of this leads to very sad conclusions. Today's anniversary summit of the UN in New York added to this. It confirmed complete incapability of the world establishment.

Dear comrades! All these sad events speak about one thing only – the WORLD, the ECONOMY and the CIVILIZATION, while becoming more and more market-oriented, are leaving the borders of culture, morality and humanism altogether... However, many Soviet people did not panic and did not lose their spirit. These people have limited opportunities to contact larger audience. They do not have necessary means of communications. Their very weak attempts to do something drowned in the flood of lies, disinformation of the official media. Nonetheless, we are certain that thanks to the participants of today's Congress who took responsibility for the state of the affairs in the world, our small efforts will multiply tenfold in their results and the WORLD will return to a progressive path of development and humanism, social justice and high morals will become human society's ideal again.

**"Our cause is right. The victory will be ours!"**

**KAGUL COUNCIL OF CITIZENS OF THE USSR**

**ZIONISM IS A REACTIONARY  
POLITICAL IDEOLOGY  
WHERE ARE THE 3 BIGGEST  
CENTERS OF ZIONISM NOW?  
TEL AVIV, NEW YORK  
MOSCOW**

**HOW COMMUNISTS TODAY  
CAN AGAIN TAKE THE ROAD  
TOWARDS A SOCIALIST  
REVOLUTION, DICTATORSHIP  
OF THE PROLETARIAT,  
BUILDING OF SOCIALISM AND  
THE BUILDING OF COMMUNISM  
BY DOMINICO SAVIO**



First of all we want to thank very sincerely comrade Michael Lucas, all the comrades of the glorious Canadian Friends of Soviet People, the International Council who have organized this Second World Congress. Please accept my sincere regret to all of you Canadian friends whose Friendship House suffered such damage that had to be repaired in time for holding this Congress after the arson fire to this historical and magnificent Friendship House. I also would like to thank you Canadian comrades for the hospitality that you are giving to all the delegates gathered here.

Over the centuries the working class yearned to build a new humanized and egalitarian society, which would raise mankind to a higher dignity of thinking and superior to all other species that inhabit this planet of ours. That society would be a Socialist society and that would be followed by a Communist society. The struggle between the working class and the exploiters was always there and violent, but the ruling class was always able to squash the unrests and rule over them as before. That is until the master thinkers of the international proletariat, Marx and Engels, through the science of

historical and dialectic materialism and the analyses of the exploitation process and the capitalist accumulation of profit, elaborated and resolved the process from literary, idealistic and utopian socialism to a scientific one, by delivering into the hands of the proletariat the new weapons of struggle for the final victory – the dictatorship of the proletariat and the building of socialism.

Marx and Engels understood the experience of the First and the Second Communist International and the debate in the working class movement of the intellectuals of the left, that if revisionism is not defeated, Socialism on earth cannot be built. They devoted their life and energies to unmask and defeat revisionism. Lenin and Stalin gathered all that information and continued this struggle and their victory meant also the victory of building of the Bolshevik Party, of the glorious October Revolution and the first experience of mankind in building socialism in the Twentieth Century.

Revisionism is generated by the idealistic bourgeois, egotistic exhibitionists and opportunism, which reveals itself politically in the parliamentary struggles and reformism, which in actual situation works against the working class. It is also against the democratic centralism in the Communist parties and building a mass base. This movement supports the status quo and totally opposes the revolutionary and strategy of Communists in the struggle to gain political power.

The revisionists have been guilty of delay and defeat of important revolutionary processes in the twentieth century – the degeneration of many communist parties born from the Third International. They performed despicable deceit and lies in many countries of the world. The history of the Communist movements will one day try and condemn these revisionists and hurl them into sewers of history, together with their supporter, capitalism.

The Communists cannot think again of the renewal of the revolutionary struggle for Socialism without settling accounts with this political trash, the ballast and the mud of revisionism, as also the despicable reformism. When we

speak of Communists, we speak only of those who are consistent with the revolutionary theory and struggle and who have shown that they fought and condemned these elements in the workers movements.

With regard to the idealistic bigots – components of revisionism, it is necessary to point out that its supporters in former USSR and in other former socialist countries have obstructed by all means the difficult work of the Bolsheviks in the communist parties. These elements fought Stalin all the way by sabotage, degrading the building of socialism, especially collectivization. We know by practical experience that socialism is built only by realizing and following the teachings of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin.

Revisionism includes Maoism also, which is simply a deviation of Marxism-Leninism and therefore it is a component of revisionism of recent times. The world of Maoism does not form at all "*the third and superior order of Marxism-Leninism*" as some Maoist organizations assert. The ownership of property and of the means of production remains one of the main clashes of opinions between Maoists and Marxist-Leninists.

During 1960s and 1970s practically all of revisionist parties were infiltrated by Maoist theories and eventually came back to the service of capitalism. The capitalist states support these deviation parties handsomely.

The 20th Khrushchev revisionist congress of the CPSU in 1956 ratified the alteration course from collectivization to that of privatization of the various sectors of the economy and thus back to capitalism. The historical role of the CPSU ended as soon as comrade Stalin died by criminal means of revisionism and thus we see the logical consequences of this revisionism.

At present, the slender forces of Marxism-Leninism, the only ones which do work for a socialist perspective, are practically crushed and besieged by the preponderant superiority of the revisionist and opportunistic forces.

Every year in the world there are held Communist Seminars and Meetings, but unfortunately most of them are conditioned by revisionism.

Marxists-Leninists need their own International Forum also. The Belgian Workers Party organizes each year these Seminars. Unfortunately our Party was not allowed to participate, the reason stated was that our political position was not suitable to take part in the Conference.... we wanted to present a document on the "*Building of a Bolshevik Party*." Our party leadership feels that from these Belgian Seminars there cannot emerge a Marxist-Leninist platform, because it is a sounding platform for many revisionist parties and groupings.

The rebuilding of the Third International should make the political work of the Third International of Lenin and Stalin include their devastating criticism and unmasking of all revisionists. Our party is available only for this political course!

In giving birth to the revised Third International would require a central office, a printed organ that would spread the message far and wide as did Lenin's Iskra.

Comrades – in front of us and of the future generations is a difficult task, hard to fulfill, to set in motion the locomotive of socialism, but-not impossible.

To us all, molded by the teachings of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin, these difficulties should not frighten us and will not stop us in the battle for socialism, and this will open the door to the last stage of the emancipation of human society, that is Communism! Below is our Appeal for the unity of all Communists; Marxists-Leninists in each country and internationally.

**For the class struggle!**  
**For the socialist revolution!**  
**For the Great and glorious USSR!**  
**For another October revolution!**  
**For the dictatorship of the proletariat!**  
**For the Third International!**  
**For Stalin, the builder of Socialism!**  
**For Socialism!**  
**For Communism!**

**COMMUNIST MARXIST-LENINIST  
PARTY OF ITALY**

*Translation from the Italian by  
NICOLA LUONGO*

**FROM  
DIALOGUE  
JOURNAL  
CZECH REPUBLIC**

We would like to express our support and thanks for the highly political level of professionalism of the magazine "Northstar Compass", which in today's circumstances consistently takes the leading position on modern political issues and which disarms dishonest and anti-people plans of the world reactionary forces. The content of the magazine helps to orient the readers in the right direction and serves as a guide to action. These are its most valuable features.

Dear friends, we regret that after thorough discussion of our capabilities we have decided not to take part in the 2<sup>nd</sup> World Congress of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity and we apologize for this. The editorial of the "Dialog - Questions and Answers" is a small group of volunteers. None of us has the funds, which would allow for participation in the 2<sup>nd</sup> World Congress.

At the same time, we wholeheartedly wish you success in your work! We are certain that the results of the Congress will no doubt contribute to such noble task as development and strengthening of the friendship with people of the former Soviet Union - the first socialist country in the world.

We believe that there is no higher honour for every man and every organization than defense of righteous mandate of the Great October Socialist Revolution, which for the first time in the history of humanity broke the chains of exploitation of one human by another and which has opened the ways of creating a happy life for working people. This is a great task, inspired by the genius of Lenin, developed by Stalin in the merciless struggle with external and internal enemies in the midst of capitalist environment and who became support and hope of the progressive people in the world. Stalin who today is insulted and poured lies over by our enemies managed to defend principles of

Leninism -- the true compass for the building of new, socialist society and the weapon of the decisive struggle with all opportunists and revisionists. Stalin's achievement lies in the fact that during a critically short time in history the Soviet Union moved from wooden hoe and peasant straw onward to spaceships. Stalin can take the biggest portion of credit for defeat of fascism and for saving human civilization. His achievements are irreversible. They must triumph.

Dear friends, we do not doubt that the upcoming World Congress will confirm these facts and will present more proof of historic importance of the Soviet Union, will provide evidence that only because of the treason of the internal enemies, for dirty dollars and marks, the evil forces managed to temporarily crush the just way of life in the Soviet Union and some socialist countries.

We believe that the Congress will warn about serious danger, which threatens progressive humanity coming from the USA, just the way "Northstar Compass" magazine warned about it. This shows how timely is the thesis of Marxist-Leninist teaching that Bourgeoisie, which is not able to maintain power by democratic methods, switches directly to fascism. One can observe such tendencies in politics throughout times. It's a widely known fact that American administration helped many fascist leaders of the former German Reich by guiding them into the refuge in Latin America and has done this with the help of the Catholic Church. In our republic shortly after the war Americans unceremoniously robbed the archives of Gestapo assistants, which were hidden in old mines near city Shtekhovitze. Instead of passing the lists of Gestapo assistants to the countries where these people were from so they could be punished, the

US used the lists for their own purposes. For millions of dollars well-known political scientists developed for the USA "The Doctrine of Struggle Against World Communism" and used it to crush the socialist countries. Today the USA considers itself the main fighter against terrorism. This is a cunning policy. During the first years of building socialism we experienced first-hand "help" of terrorists who were trained and armed by American intelligence, crossed the border illegally with the purpose of creating damage, setting factories and agricultural cooperative constructions on fire, killing communists, representatives of the government and social activists. Up until now the USA protects killers of the Mashinov, who account for numerous murder victims. The USA provides refuge to many Cuban traitors in Florida and pays them generously.

These are just some of the facts. We could provide many more, as Northstar Compass does, to demonstrate that the main source of and the reason for terrorism is the very essence of capitalism itself, which brings around hatred, quarrels, wars and suffering of innocent people.

Once again, we wish the Congress successful work. Especially we wish the newly elected International Council to successfully continue the great work on strengthening friendship and solidarity with the Soviet people and by this, help the struggle of progressive forces for peace in the world. We are confident that "Northstar Compass" will shine even brighter and lead the way for humanity into the happy future. We will continue committing our mind, energy and heart to this cause!

With Great Respect,  
**Zdenek Novotny**  
Chairman of the Republic Council  
Dialogue



**NEVER HURT  
ANYBODY -  
EXCEPT THE  
PROFITEERS!**

# OUTRAGES BY PUTIN!

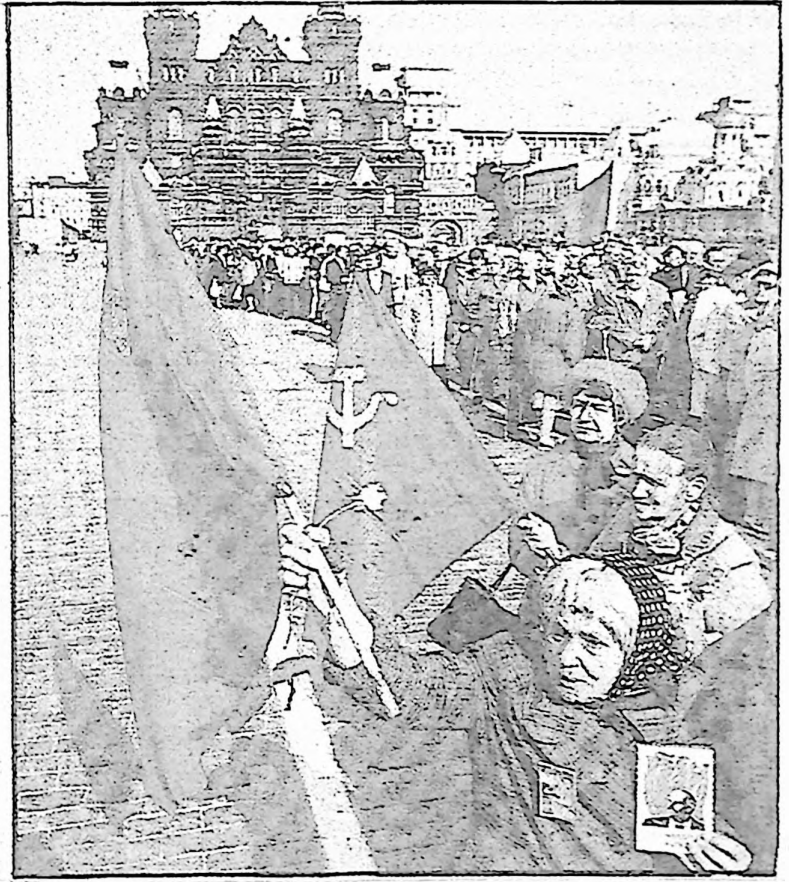
Take a look at these two photographs! They speak louder than words! On the left is the "ceremony" to a dead fascist butcher Denikin, who commanded a Western supported army that murdered Soviet people during the bloody civil war in Russia, when Western Imperialist powers tried to "drown the Bolshevik baby in the cradle." The present Russian regime, headed by Mr. Putin, has allowed the body of this terrorist and his family who were buried in France, where they ran away from the wrath of the people - after the victory of the Soviet people - to be re-buried in the sacred Soviet soil - with all pomp and ceremony and with Putin's regime's dignitaries present in the procession!

How can these grandchildren, who are now Russian soldiers, desecrate the memory of their fathers and mothers who fought and died, by carrying this butcher, whom Putin now calls a hero? How can these former Soviet officers, who swore allegiance to the Soviet Union and kissed the Soviet flag, look on and march with the body of this criminal butcher and traitor to the Soviet people?

On the right, this photo shows dedicated Soviet people, who constantly march and protest, while at the same time trying to stop Putin regime's plan to close the Lenin Mausoleum and dispose the body of the founder of the Soviet Union, Vladimir Lenin. By trying to destroy the legacy of Stalin, they in actual fact now are trying to destroy Lenin!

**DOWN WITH THE PRESENT REGIME OF RUSSIA! LONG LIVE THE MEMPORY OF LENIN AND STALIN!**

*Photos supplied by Professor Svoboda, Prague, Czech Republic*



## CIA RUNS SECRET TERRORIST PRISONS ABROAD

*From REUTERS*

It is now a known fact that the CIA has been holding and interrogating captives at secret facilities in Eastern Europe, part of their covert system that was established right after the

September 11, 2001 attacks - the Washington Post reported last month.

The present Russian regime agreed to this, without telling the people of this covert arrangement. This network includes eight countries, including Thailand and Afghanistan.

These secret prisons are only referred to as "black sites" in classified US documents, and

virtually nothing is known about these detainees, how many, where they are, how they are interrogated or about decisions on how long they will be held.

These political prisoners are completely isolated from the outside world, they have no legal rights and **NO ONE** outside the CIA is allowed to talk to them or see them.

Sources that talked to the Washington Post said, "the CIA

uses such covert detention centres abroad, because in the United States itself, it is illegal to hold prisoners in such isolation."

**COMMENT:**

Surely dear readers, the UN Secretary General knows about this, if the Washington Post knows! Surely Mr. Putin of Russia agreed to this covert arrangement since 2001- of course for favours rendered and paid for.

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**FRIENDSHIP NEWS**

**Zashchita Truda (Defence of Labour) Meets Canadian Labour Congress**

By VLADIMIR NIKIFOROV



In capital city, Ottawa, Canada, on September 28, 2005, delegate to the 2<sup>nd</sup> World Congress For Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People, Assistant to Co-Chairman of Interregional Association of Workers Unions (MORP) of Russia Zashchita Truda (Defence of Labour) Vladimir Nikiforov met with International Program Administrator of Canadian Labour Congress Anna Nitoslawska who is responsible for relations with trade unions in Eastern Europe.

The meeting was arranged by the Coordinator of Canada-Cuba Labour Solidarity Network Heidi Trampus and Chairman of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People Michael Lucas.

The representative of Zashchita Truda presented Anna Nitoslawska with general information about the status of trade union movement in Russia and answered the Canadian representative's questions about MORP of Russia Zashchita Truda' work.

In Russia, there exists several trade union organizations, the largest

being Federation of Independent Unions of Russia (FNPR). However, according to the resolutions of International Organization of Labour, FNPR cannot have the trade union status because this organization comprises of employees, employers and employers' representatives. In addition, as experience has demonstrated, FNPR practically represents interests first of all of the owners of enterprises, and the interests of the workers are the last on their list of priorities. FNPR has significant material and financial resources, most of which it inherited from its predecessor - All-Union Central Soviet of Professional Unions (VCSPS). FNPR practically is a true branch of government apparatus of the Russian Federation and not a representative and defender of interests of employees.

Other than FNPR in Russia there are several unions of other type, such as MORP Zashchita Truda (Defence of Labour), trade union association of Russia Sotzprof, Federal Trade Union of Aviation Dispatchers, Russian trade union of Dockers and some others.

The main difference between Zashchita Truda and similar unions from FNPR is that the former does not permit employers and their representatives to be union members. MORP Zashchita Truda consists of about 18,000 people. It was Zashchita Truda who was the main organizer of all-Russian struggle of the workers against government adopting new reactionary Labour Codex. MORP Zashchita Truda stands on class position in its struggle against capitalist system, using economic contradictions between employees and employers.

Anna Nitoslawska asked in detail about persecutions and repressions on the part of employers against activists and members of Zashchita Truda. The Russian representative told her about such facts as the cruel murder of the leader of Astrahan branch of Zashchita Truda Oleg Maksakov, about beating up by hired mobsters of the Chairman of Zashchita Truda



at Vorgashorskaya mine Konstantin Pimenov in the city of Vorkuta, and about illegal dismissal of the Chairman of *Zashchita Truda* union committee Vasily Chursin in the city of Belgorod. *Zashchita Truda* representative Nikiforov pointed out Russian office of public prosecutor' and other Russian judiciary bodies' indifferent reaction, ranging from passivity to practically encouragement employers to such terrorist activities by the bourgeois Russian government.

Today trade union movement in Russia is at a relatively low level. This can be explained by the fact that for a long time an average Soviet person had a reasonably comfortable petty bourgeois standard of living and relatively stable guaranteed social securities. As a result, workers' sense of class vigilance has become dull and the trade union struggle in all groups of population has weakened. Oppressed labourers completely entrusted their fate into the government's hands. After the demise of the Soviet Union the state began to take away social rights and benefits it used to guarantee. Living conditions and working conditions of hired labourers began to deteriorate rapidly.

To protect interests of the workers "free" unions started rising spontaneously in Russian enterprises. The government used FNPR to disorganize the process of the workers self-organizing themselves from the ground up. FNPR tried to direct workers' dissatisfaction into the current of continuous appeals and requests to the government and employers.

Having information from FNPR, Anna Nitoslawska inquired about participation of *Zashchita Truda* in tripartite negotiations, which usually includes representatives of the employer, the government and the union. Firstly, FNPR being practically a governmental body, is doing everything in its power not to let the representatives from unions, created from the ground up, to participate independently in such negotiations. Secondly, the work of tripartite commission is useless because even formally, such commission is mostly dominated by the representatives of employers, and practically, there are no direct

representatives from employees.

Especially important for the CLC representative Anna Nitoslawska was the question of women in Russian trade union movement. In Russia, in the trade unions women have equal rights with men. Moreover, in a number of union organizations women are the most active and non-compromising members. Also, trade unions grow in education and medicine where traditionally numbers of women involved in these professions are high.

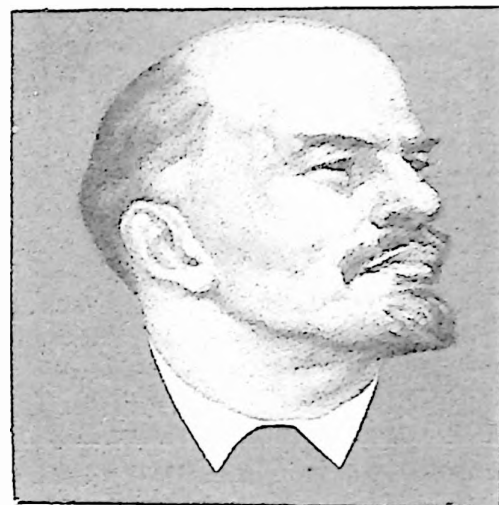
Anna Nitoslawska told Vladimir Nikiforov about the focus of CLC's work as the largest organization among Canadian trade unions, encompassing 30% of all workers employed in Canadian enterprises. Enterprises located in Canada, which belong to American and Japanese companies have unions, which do not belong to CLC. CLC pays a lot of attention to women and foreign workers. Since Canada has a free trade agreement with Mexico and the USA and has strong economic relations with the countries of Latin America and South America, CLC has strong working relationship with the unions of these countries and considers this direction a priority in its international relations. For now, relations with trade union movements in Eastern Europe and Russia are of secondary importance. We can expect improvement and strengthening of the relationship between trade unions of Russia and CLC only with increase of the trade union movement and its activities in Russia.

Both sides agreed upon establishing formal relationship between CLC and MORP of Russia *Zashchita Truda*.

### APPEAL TO SOVIET READERS OF NSCI

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## GREETINGS ON THIS 88<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF OCTOBER REVOLUTION



Dear comrades:

We greet you on this 88<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution! We wish you health and success in your struggle towards a new socialist revolution and a victory over capitalist-imperialist barbarity!

Violeta Krasavina  
Central Coordinating Council  
Front of Help to the Revolutionary  
Political Prisoners

## COMMUNIQUE FROM SENEGAL

By FALLOU GUEYE

The Rally of African Workers-Senegal (RTA-S) is an anti-imperialist party in our country that was legally created in October of 1996 (after more than 17 years of clandestine activity), after having broken away from the Maoist movement.

The goal of our political organization is to build a strong proletarian party in order to fight for the national liberation of our people that are oppressed by French imperialism in particular. From slavery to colonialism and to semi-colonialism of today, Senegal gained its political independency in 1960, like many other African countries, but it is still under French domination.

Our economy is destroyed by the

imperialist institutions - such as the IMF, World Bank, the World Trade Organization that dictates to our government programs that are called structural adjustments. The aid and debt are killing our people because it simply allows the institutional organizations to privatize our economy. Our country is allowed to be sold outright, period! The public sector has practically disappeared. Here are some examples:

\*The Senegalese water company SONEES has been privatized and sold to a French group - Bouygues.

\*The telephone company SONATEL, despite its profit of \$76.5 billions in 2003-2004, has been sold to France Telecom.

\* Our Cement company has been sold to the French group Vicat.

\*The oil company sold to Advens, another French group.

\*The Senegalese Bank of Development is liquidated and replaced by a French commercial banks: SGBS, BICIS, Credit Lyonnais, etc.



Fallou Gueye was the official delegate from Senegal, Africa, shown here helping the cultural program on the bongo drum.

**ERRATUM:** In the October NSC the caption under photo of painting being presented, it was presented by M. Lucas to Fallou Gueye and not to Momar Sambe. Our apoloav

\*The savings of these corporations was revealed by an expert, that over 2,500 billions per year are deposited in Switzerland.

There are military bases in Senegal, French mainly, with a mission not to protect our country, but to protect their interests against any political changes, internally or externally, like in the Congo, Gaboa, Central Africa, Cote d'Ivoire etc. - are well known to our people.

This shows that our further development is impossible in this situation of imperialist domination. Our productive forces are destroyed in Senegal and on the continent of Africa. African countries are all facing the same situation of oppression and national liberation movement in order to end the economic dependency - this movement is growing

Our anti-imperialist political line is linked to a socialist political view, as stipulated in our political program. That strategic goal makes us proud to belong to the world revolutionary

camp that aims for the social liberation of the working class.

We know how hard it is to build a revolutionary party for the working-class in order to eradicate the exploitation of the masses and to liberate them from oppression, but, at the same time we are aware that there are no other ways to emancipate ourselves and our people. This is the reason why we have faith in our struggle for the liberation and the progress of human beings.

It is obvious that we need international support, solidarity of all anti-imperialist and revolutionary forces around the world, in order to realize our common goal and to create a democratic society in which human beings are put at the center and not profit.

## SOVIET DELEGATES AT 2<sup>ND</sup> WORLD CONGRESS



Above: Soviet delegates at Niagara Falls. From left: Vladimir Nikiforov from trade union "Zaschita" - Leningrad. Georgii Tikhonov from Soviet organization "Sojuz" - Moscow. Larisa Scherba, member, interpreter from Canada. Vladimir Chechentsev, chairman of Soviet Society for Friendship with Foreign Countries - Moscow. Dr. Vladimir Pisarev, Master of Economics - Moscow.

Below: A demonstration against US imperialism was held in front of US Consulate where many Congress delegates took part.



## Summer campaign of the Vanguard of Red Youth (VRY)

By MAX MALISHEV

From August 1<sup>st</sup> to August 6<sup>th</sup> in Vladimir Oblast took place gathering of the left forces that are in opposition to today's government in Russia.

After having received command from the VRY commander S. Udaltzov to arrive to the gathering. Leningrad branch of the VRY discussed the logistics of travel. Several people volunteered to go to the gathering.

After Russian government had tried to dismiss the Camp of left forces in Krasnodarski Krai on the Black Sea, the organizers decided not to announce the place of gathering. All participants were told to meet in Moscow.

Leningrad delegates traveled to Moscow by train to save money. Two young people from Moscow accompanied us in our journey; they were two national Bolsheviks

returning home after visiting their friend Masha Kolada.

We arrived in the capital somewhat earlier than we have originally planned, however comrades were waiting for us already. A very comfortable Moscow apartment was arranged for us to spend the night in. Ready for departure to the Camp of left forces, people from various communist and patriot organizations gathered the next morning near the metro station *Avtozavodskaya*.

We traveled by bus. Together with members of the VRY there were representatives of the Union of communist youth *Rodina*. People on the trip were happy, they sang songs and told jokes.

Later the representatives of left forces got off the bus not far from the city Kirzhach. We walked through the forest of Vladimirskaia Oblast and ended up on the shore of the picturesque river Kirzhach where our comrades from Belarus cities Minsk and Pinsk, who arrived there earlier, met us. We started setting the camp. We established a tent city – a commune of a sort in the midst of Russian forest.

The official opening of the camp started with razing of the flag of the Soviet Union. The honours of raising the flag were given to the fighters of the Vanguard of Red Youth and the Union of Communist Youth (UCY). The red flag with hammer and sickle was proudly flying over the camp during the entire seven days. Next to it were flying flags of the VRY and the UCY.

Active participants in the life of the camp were the VRY fighters from Moscow, Podmoskovie (Moscow Suburbs), Leningrad, Samara, Karelia, Kaluga, Krasnoyarsk, Belarus, Kazakhstan and Latvia and together with them were members of the UCY, Trotskyites and youth organization *Rodina*.

We broke into groups and kept turns doing chores. We cooked food on camp fire. Every day one of the groups was on duty.

Ilia Ponomarev, one of the main leaders of the Left Front of Russia, stayed in a separate tent. Sergei Tikhotski was appointed as the commander of the camp.

We alternated theoretical discussions and political education with sports and military training. We



practiced shooting from automatic rifles, avoiding hits by police clubs and escaping when being captured by police. We role-played various scenarios, such as how to behave during interrogation by legal organs. There was an experienced lawyer who explained to us numerous legal details. At the time we did not know yet that very soon we will need this knowledge.

Representatives of various social and political organizations and journalists visited the camp. Political scientist Belkovsky described his view of the situation in Russia and nearby countries and forecasted the course of development of Russian political events. The leaders of youth organization *Rodina* tried to coordinate their position on many issues with other left forces. In the village nearby the camp a new branch of the VRY was created.

When the time came to say goodbye it was a little sad to close the camp. In those few days many people made new friends from many places of our Motherland. I can finish my story about the camp with the words: *"The ones who weren't there missed a lot"*.

Having rested and gained practical and theoretical experience, members of the Vanguard of the Red Youth held Plenum of the Central Committee of the VRY. On the seventh of August delegates from 26 regions of Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Latvia and Kazakhstan made brief reports about their branches' activities. The commander Max Malishev and Anatoly Molotov reported about the activity of Leningrad branch.

Chairman of the VRY Sergei Udaltsov was interested in their interaction with other political organization in the city. Plenum has decided to cooperate with all political movements of the opposition. In this regard it was highlighted that we should not be consumed by other political movements agendas, but should firmly hold our position.

We were discussing dismemberment of pseudo-patriotic organizations, such as *Nashi*, by using their pickets and their methods of work to our advantage.

After the Plenum of the Central Committee of the VRY we met with the leadership of CPSU. Richard Ivanovich Kosolapov made a report

on basic tactics "Minimum of the necessary political education is the foundation of successful struggle". Member of the VRY expressed their opinions and suggestions.

Concluding the meeting Admiral Berezin said "VRY is a fresh breath of air in political work" and encouraged closer and friendlier cooperation.

On August 9<sup>th</sup> the fighters of the VRY held a protest near the central office of the public prosecutor of the Russian Federation. The action was caused by the unlimited rights abuse in the Russian legal system. Under the cover of slogans about "democracy", "freedom", "toleration" and "political correctness" Putin's government conducts political repressions of that part of the opposition, which defends the rights of oppressed and cheated people. Actions of protest organized by left opposition always end with police chasing them away, beating people and with imprisonments of various duration times.

Up until recently young left forces tried to draw government's attention to people being unhappy about the government's policies by peaceful means. However, our peaceful demonstrations only added wood to the fire of repressive apparatus of Putin's administration and encouraged them to shed blood. With understanding that now we will not avoid beatings and bloodshed either, the protesters handcuffed themselves to each other and to the fence of the Central office of the public prosecutor of the Russian Federation. They have also blocked Bolshaya Dmitrovka Street. The protesters demanded that the Chief Prosecutor Ustinov review the matter of unlimited abuse of legal rights in Russia in accordance with the law.

The protestors held slogan *"Those in power, enough of self-rule"* and shouted "No to political repressions", *"Freedom to the members of National Bolshevik Party"*, *"Freedom to political prisoners"*. They waited for their meeting with Ustinov prepared to pass on to him appeal of the VRY.

However, the guards of law demonstrated not for the first time the way they understand rights and freedoms of the citizens of the Russian Federation. Rage of the

defenders of today's constitutional rules was so great that not only members of the VRY, but also journalists appeared under the attack of police clubs. Even several policemen were knocked off their feet. During the arrest the police broke our comrade from Samara Mikhail Lomako's arm. Other activists had traumas as well.

At the police station, despite our requests, the police did not call the ambulance for a long time. Also, they delayed calling the ones responsible for taking the handcuffs off. The arrested people's hands were swollen from being handcuffed for a long time. Nonetheless, by the end of the day all arrested protesters were let go. This was the end of the summer campaign of the VRY. The struggle goes on. Ahead is Anticap-2005! ■

## **ONCE A TRAITOR, ALWAYS A TRAITOR!**

Former Soviet leader, Mikhail Gorbachev, while in Washington to mark the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of *"perestroika-destroika"*, said that the USA and Russia both emerged victorious from the Cold War.

According to the Associated Press, Gorbachev told the upper crust of US society of 200 people, including former President Clinton and former US Secretary of State Colin Powell, that *"the United States has the right to be the leader of the world and that a partnership with the present Russian leadership should be attained."*

Tribute was paid to Alexander Yakovlev, Gorbachev's advisor who drafted most of the perestroika reform policies, who died on October 18<sup>th</sup> of this year.

### **COMMENT:**

*Here's hoping that Mr. Gorbachev joins his partner in crime very soon.*

In a campaign to rebury the body Lenin from the Lenin Mausoleum, the present regime says it needs millions of dollars for the upkeep. **It's a lie!** A "People's Fund for the Lenin Mausoleum" covers all costs

# Is this the beginning of the end of the era of "coloured" state coups?

BY VLADIMIR PRONIN

The events in Ukraine testify more and more about the end of the orange myth. Alas, as one of Moscow's political analysts put it, "revolutionaries" robbed everything down to nothing faster than it usually happens with the winners of "revolutions" such as Yugoslav, Georgian and Ukrainian. Besides, difficult economic situation, which replaced economic improvements of the last several years of Kuchma's rule, more and more obvious lack of ability to meet government budget, failure of investment programs, radical worsening of Russian-Ukrainian relations, refusal to fulfill all populist promises of the "orange revolution" and as a result, growing popular discontent, semi-criminal and criminal quarrels inside diverse ruling command led to political crises becoming public. However in Ukraine, they got rid of the Prime Minister not physically like in Yugoslavia and Georgia, but only sent them into retirement, which has not changed the essence of the matter. United orange team no longer exists and it is doubtful that it will reoccur in the same shape. Recent allies more and more obviously turn into mad and irreconcilable enemies.

Following inertia, while they continue to declare love to their accomplices in orange "revolution" and remain true to its mythical ideals, Yushchenko with his accomplices and Timoshenko team with literally sadistic pleasure present to the judgment of masses tons of compromising evidence, literally trample into the mud the very ideals, about which they lied using pathos from the podiums of the central "maidan" (square) of Ukraine's capital. Naturally, opposition representatives from a number of former Kuchma supporters help them. Communists who from the

very beginning forecasted such miserable outcome of the orange coup, started talking seriously about the necessity of Yushchenko's impeachment! And we must admit, their call is not a lone voice in the wilderness, but has been heard and supported by some other political forces.

There are legitimate accusations against the current government in illegal financing of Yushchenko's election campaign from abroad, in illegal capture and distribution of property using most unceremonious methods of blackmail and threats in the process of re-privatization a la "a thief stole a bat from a thief".

It is hard to describe the disillusionment of those zombie, but mainly sincere participants of the events in winter 2004-2005 who truly believed generous promises of the leaders of "orange" coup and believed in the possibility of an honest government in today's post-Soviet Ukraine. I think that similar disappointment is overcoming the

naïve consumers of poisoned bourgeois propaganda abroad who, not for the first time, believed such a common lie – this time about the events taking place not so long ago in the capital of Ukraine. The newspaper "Pravda" was right when it wrote several years ago that bourgeois propagandists lie even when they say the truth – because they chose such "truth" which in the very end turns out to be worse than a straight-forward lie.

Things got so bad that the opponents of the "orange" sarcastically distribute on the same Maidan (square) where only six months ago "orange" storm-crowd bushevali, pins saying: "I was not on Maidan!" and people almost fight for one!

While Yushchenko tries to find support in the Parliament after he dismissed his ally of yesterday and today's vicious opponent Timoshenko, however, serious observers do not exclude an attempt to solve the problem by force.



S Specifically, no one doubts that the desire to obtain permission to resolve such crises in this way was one of the reasons of Yushchenko's hasty visit to his masters in the USA. It is hard to say whether he will receive such permission. The heyday of American imperialism when its representatives, after the collapse of the USSR and the socialist system, thought that they became the only masters of the unipolar world and could deal with the rest of the countries and peoples as they wished, or like a drunk hooligan in a village pub, are disappearing into the past.

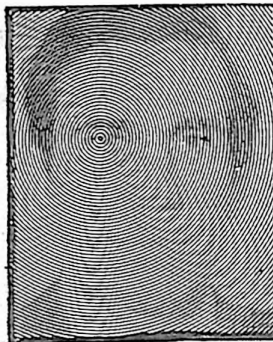
The deadly military and political swamp in Iraq and Afghanistan, which Americans have gotten themselves into, and the exit from which still remains to be seen, undoubted rebirth of the influence of socialism in Yugoslavia and growing conflict with Albanians in Kosovo, the obvious dead-end, to which arrived regime of American puppet Saakashvili in Georgia, the de facto defeat of the "orange" coup in Kyrgyzia, where not only American puppets came to power, but also did Akaev's opponents from the group of his former supporters who already raise a question about liquidation of American military bases in Kyrgyzia, serious deterioration of relationship with Karimov in Uzbekistan, against whom was staged a failed uprising of Islamist militants, supported by Americans, all these events testify to the fact that the all-concurring instincts of American imperialism lately got a few significant tweaks on the nose.

Will the USA give an OK to their political protégés in Ukraine to go in such conditions when obvious weakness of anti-capitalist forces guarantees them maintaining of today's course of anti-popular reforms and, as consequence, their strategic positions, when the threat to their core interests is absent? From a common sense point of view, they should not do it, but how much common sense could one find in the actions of the American government during the last several years?

The events soon will show in which direction Ukraine will go. ■

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## Treaty of Nonaggression between USSR and Germany: a deal or a necessary step?

Chairman of the Soviet Society for  
Friendship with Foreign Countries

In the run-up to the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Victory by the anti-fascist coalition countries over Germany and its European satellites, various rumours are being revived concerning the politics and actions by the USSR that allegedly should be held responsible for unleashing the biggest bloodshed in world history, the world war that took over 50 million lives.

One of the myths designed right after the agreement between the USSR and Germany had been reached on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August 1939 and that underwent some insignificant changes with time is that the USSR was to play a special rôle of appeasement to Hitler's invasion plans. According to that myth, the USSR, having betrayed peace-loving peoples, made a deal with fascist Germany to separate Europe into influence zones and gave it a green light in unfolding aggression starting with Poland.

Central to asserting this myth in public consciousness have been the attempts to prove that USSR was deliberately concealing the secret protocol to split the influence zones in Eastern Europe between the USSR and Germany, assuming, first of all, the "sharing" of Poland.

Since the work by the so-called "Commission on Political and Jurisdictional Assessment of the 1939 Soviet-German Non-Aggression Treaty" resulted in this fiction being imparted a sight of plausibility, let us consider the circumstances, in which this treaty

was signed in the light of undeniable facts.

Let us also remark at the same time that the task of a researcher in the field of social sciences, where the interpretation of facts is often biased by the one who presents those facts, it is necessary to draw a line between key facts and the small facts that may distort the overall picture.

To make the circumstances, in which the treaty was signed, clear, it is important to know the true intentions of the interested parties.

Being an unlimited representative of aggressive imperialist forces, fascist Germany saw the destruction of the USSR as one of its political priorities in the drive to divide the world.

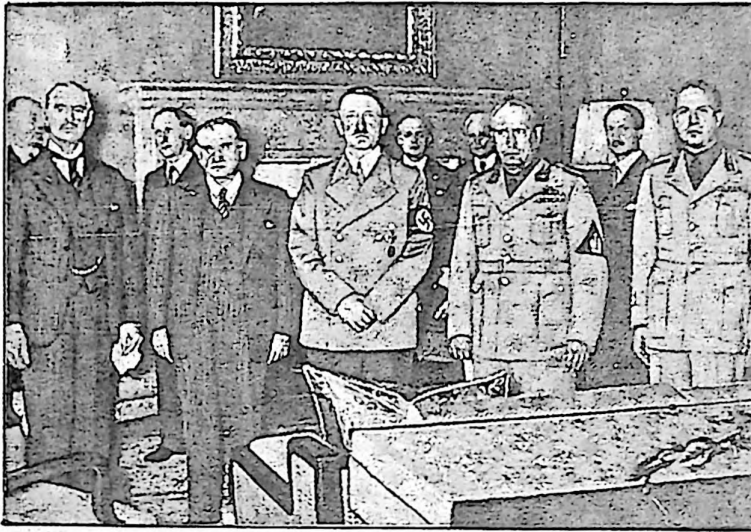
On the 11<sup>th</sup> of August 1939, three weeks prior to Ribbentrop's talks in Moscow, Hitler told Karl Burckhardt, High Commissioner of the League of Nations in Danzig:

"Everything I undertake is directed against Russia. If the West is too stupid and too blind to comprehend this I will be forced to reach an understanding with the Russians, turn and strike the West, and then after their defeat turn back against the Soviet Union with my collected strength. I need the Ukraine and with that no one can starve us out as they did in the last war."

The Soviet consistent peace-loving policy was totally different. Faced with the growing threat of local wars, that were being waged by imperialist powers, turning into a global war, the USSR as the first ever workers' and peasants' state, was trying not to be incorporated into the inter-imperialist rivalries.

In its report to the 4<sup>th</sup> Session of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR "On ratifying Soviet-German Treaty of Nonaggression" on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August 1939, the Chairman of the Peoples' Commissar Council V. M. Molotov quoted I. V. Stalin in the Report on the External Political Position of the USSR to the 18<sup>th</sup> Congress of ACP(B): "... to take care and not to let our country get into the conflict by the provocateurs of war, who got used to use others' hands to get the hot stuff."

The extremely reactionary clique that was ruling Poland did not wish to



Take a look at this historical photograph, which shows the known fascists and the hidden fascists of the West, Chamberlain from England and Deladier from France, pushing Hitler Eastwards

take joint steps with the USSR against the treat to its independence by Hitler's Germany, relying overwhelmingly on France's and Britain's commitments as allies.

The imperialist powers of Great Britain and France, trying to preserve its hegemony in Europe, were playing a game of dual standards in the attempt to make Germany confront the USSR.

In the conditions when Anglo-Franco-Soviet talks reached a dead-end due to Britain's and France's reluctance to take serious joint actions against German aggression, when the threat of a large-scale war with Japan, Germany's ally in the Anti-Comintern Pact, in preventing the inevitable involvement in the military conflict the USSR was left with no choice but to sign the Nonaggression Treaty.

Germany's acute interest in unleashing a military aggression on Poland as soon as possible enabled the Soviet diplomacy to get the consent from the other side that in case Polish state was to be liquidated, the USSR was to take over the territories of Western Belarus and Western Ukraine, that were taken away from the Soviet republic by Poland with the support of Entente, by the 1921 Treaty of Riga. At the same time Germany had agreed to recognise the right of the USSR to ensure its safety in the borders of the Baltic states and Finland.

In his book *Hitler and Stalin* A. Bullock states: "The existence of secret protocol that ceased to be secret in the West since the trophy documents were processed, was admitted by the USSR only 50 years later, in 1989." (A. Bullock, *Hitler and Stalin: Parallel Lives*, 1991). It is timely to disappoint A. Bullock and those who believe this.

Supplementary secret documents accompanying official agreements, or a negotiations communiqué, is quite a typical practice in diplomacy. For the Soviet government it was not mandatory to disclose the contents of certain documents, to keep to the agreement with the other side.

But the presence of such a protocol or an agreement on separating the influence zones became clear for any thinking Soviet citizen (and not just Soviet) as soon as *Pravda* started publishing Red Army's General Command's reports with the demarcation line between German and Soviet armies during the liberation crusade of Red Army divisions in the Western Ukraine and Western Belarus.

As it is well known, by mid-September in the Polish-German war the Polish Army with nearly one million infantry was totally defeated, while the Polish government ran abroad. The German losses amounted to 11000 dead and 30000 wounded. By the 16<sup>th</sup> of September, the German forces reached Belostok, Brest-Litovsk, Vladimir-Volynsky and Lvov.

In these conditions, when the Polish state vanished, the Soviet government took the decision on the 17<sup>th</sup> of September 1939 for the Red Army to enter Easter Poland. In a week of crusade, having lost 737 dead and 2000 wounded, the Red Army made a substantial progress westwards.

The map of Poland with the demarcation line between German and Soviet armies was published in the issue of the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September 1939. The demarcation line went through the rivers of Pissa, Narev, Visla and San. Later it was printed unchanged on the 25<sup>th</sup>, the 26<sup>th</sup>, the 27<sup>th</sup> and the 28<sup>th</sup> of September.

To give a closer look, here is the text of the report of the General Command of the Red Army of the 26<sup>th</sup> of September 1939: "The Red Army divisions, which are continuing to advance towards the demarcation line, have taken the fortress of Osovec on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September, the cities of Holm, Zamoste, Rava Russka, Osovec, Sambor and have advanced to the line of Raigorodok, Osovec, Sokoly (35 kilometers South-West of Belostok), Meleichicy (25 kilometers South-West of Belsk), Bela, Holm, Zamoste, Javorov, Sambor, Turka (40 kilometers South-West of Drogobych)."

In the same *Pravda* issue of 29<sup>th</sup> of September 1939, where the text of German-Soviet Treaty of Friendship was given alongside with the agreement on the border between USSR and Germany, signed on the 28<sup>th</sup> of September 1939, where the map of newly-agreed border after the new talks between Ribbentrop and Stalin and Molotov, and another report by the General Command of the Red Army, as of 28<sup>th</sup> of September 1939, was published: "The divisions of the Red Army, continuing to advance towards the demarcation line, during the 28<sup>th</sup> of September have moved onto the line: Graevo, Chizhev (20 kilometers South-West of Mazoveck), Mezhireche, Krenpec (12 kilometers South-West of Lublino), Shebreshin, Malodych (15 kilometers North-West of Lyubochuv), Peremyshl, Ustrozhikid (40 kilometers South-West of Peremyshl)..."

One should note that by the time the Red Army units advanced through the border, the German units moved up to 200 km beyond the demarcation line. Obviously, the movement of German military beyond the demarcation line was organised deliberately by the German command with the purpose of gaining an advantage when the final border mark-up was to take place.

The border agreed on between the USSR and Germany in the Treaty of Friendship and Border differed from the demarcation line and mainly resembles the "Kerzon line", set at the Versailles Conference.

Thus, the disclosure of the demarcation line by the Soviet government is as much an evidence of preliminary agreement to separate the influence zones between the USSR and Germany, as the smoke is an evidence of fire. The rumours around the concealment of supplementary protocols has been serving the treacherous plans of

Gorbachov, Yakovlev and the like to dismantle the USSR.

In the light of this information, has the USSR made a political error, having agreed with Germany on nonaggression? No. It was a necessary step in the interests of security of the USSR, in the interests of defence, which, in those conditions, opened up the hopes for peaceful coexistence between the USSR and Germany for a relatively long period of time.

In the key strategic direction the Soviet border moved from Minsk—Kiev line to Brest—Peremyshl, where defence frontiers were later constructed. Moreover, soon after the Treaty of Nonaggression was signed, the Soviet government could establish the agreements of mutual assistance with the Baltic states, which provided for the positioning of Soviet troops in the territories of those countries, the construction of military airports and navy bases.

The Soviet Union was taking seriously the preparation for war with the imperialist monster, the fascist Germany, creating the front of defence from the Baltic sea to the Black sea. The attempts to present the Nonaggression treaty as an unacceptable deal by the Soviets have no serious foundations. The influential circles in England, France and the USA started whining about it. However, even an anti-communist as staunch as A. Bullock has to admit: "The 4<sup>th</sup> division of Poland enabled Russia to get back the former Russian territories, annexed by the Poles in 1920." (my emphasis — V. Ch.) (*ibid*, p. 268) The very same ruling circles in England, France and USA, which initiated the campaign of slanders against the USSR, did not lift a finger to stop the Hitler's war machine, to help Poland withstand. What they did was limited to declaring war and moving their troops located within proximity to the border by Britain and France and confirming their neutrality by the USA.

In his speech on the radio on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October 1939 no one but the then British Maritime Minister Winston Churchill noted that the actions undertaken by the USSR to reject the aggression and to create the "Eastern Front" were justified: "That the Russian armies should stand on this line was clearly necessary for the safety of Russia against the Nazi menace. At any rate, the line is there, and an Eastern Front has been created which Nazi Germany does not dare assail."



This is the Nuremberg Trial of Nazi Germany War Criminals. The Present US-NATO war criminals will also have their day!

The further escalation of the Second World War, the great Victory of the Soviet people in the Great Motherland War against the fascist German invaders, are an evidence to the correctness of the decision taken by the Soviet government. One might indeed ask: should one keep talking about the Treaty of Friendship between USSR and Germany of 28<sup>th</sup> of September 1939? In politics, as in any random process, the chances of correct decision-making are higher if the politician does not rule out the difficult solutions. The task to keep away from the global war, to create more favourable conditions for its resolution in favour of the USSR and other peoples, not willing to abide to the new world order of imperialist beasts, to save humanity from the

brown plague; this all was the justification to that ugly (from the point of view of a faint-hearted liberal or a petty-bourgeois) compromise, which was to become the prologue to the Victory-to-come.

Here is how English steel workers at the plant of Readenside in Barking reflected the Treaty of Nonaggression in the resolution adopted (published in *Daily Worker* on the 24<sup>th</sup> of August 1939): "We admire patience exercised by the USSR in the negotiations with British government and consider the political move of the Soviet government to sign the Pact of Nonaggression with Germany to be correct. We believe this is yet another evidence of the Soviet might" (op. cit *Pravda* of 25<sup>th</sup> of September 1939).

## THIS IS PUTIN'S RUSSIA!



According to a report by a working group of the Russian State Council, the average life expectancy is now 12 years lower than in the US and other developed countries, while the infant mortality rate is 1,2 -2 times higher. The average life expectancy of the Russian men is only 58.9 years, while that of the Russian women is 72.3 years.

This is due to extremely poor health care now, slashed state funding, privatization of health care and desperate living conditions for the majority of the people.



# UKRAINIAN FASCISTS STOPPED ON KRESHSCHATIK

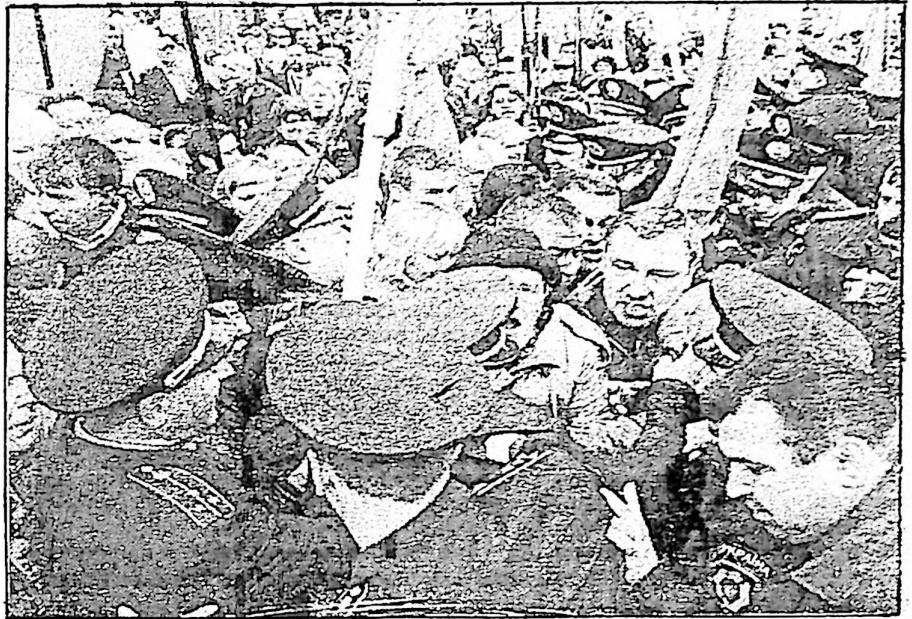
From newspaper "DOSVITNI OGNII"

As soon as it became known that the Ukrainian fascist nationalist veterans of OUN-UPA were going to march in Kiev last October 15, 2005 along the main boulevard of Kiev, the Progressive Socialist Party of Ukraine organized a huge protest of over 7,000 people in order to not permit these Fascists to march in their nationalist-fascist uniforms, to glorify their cooperation with Nazi Germany during World War II.

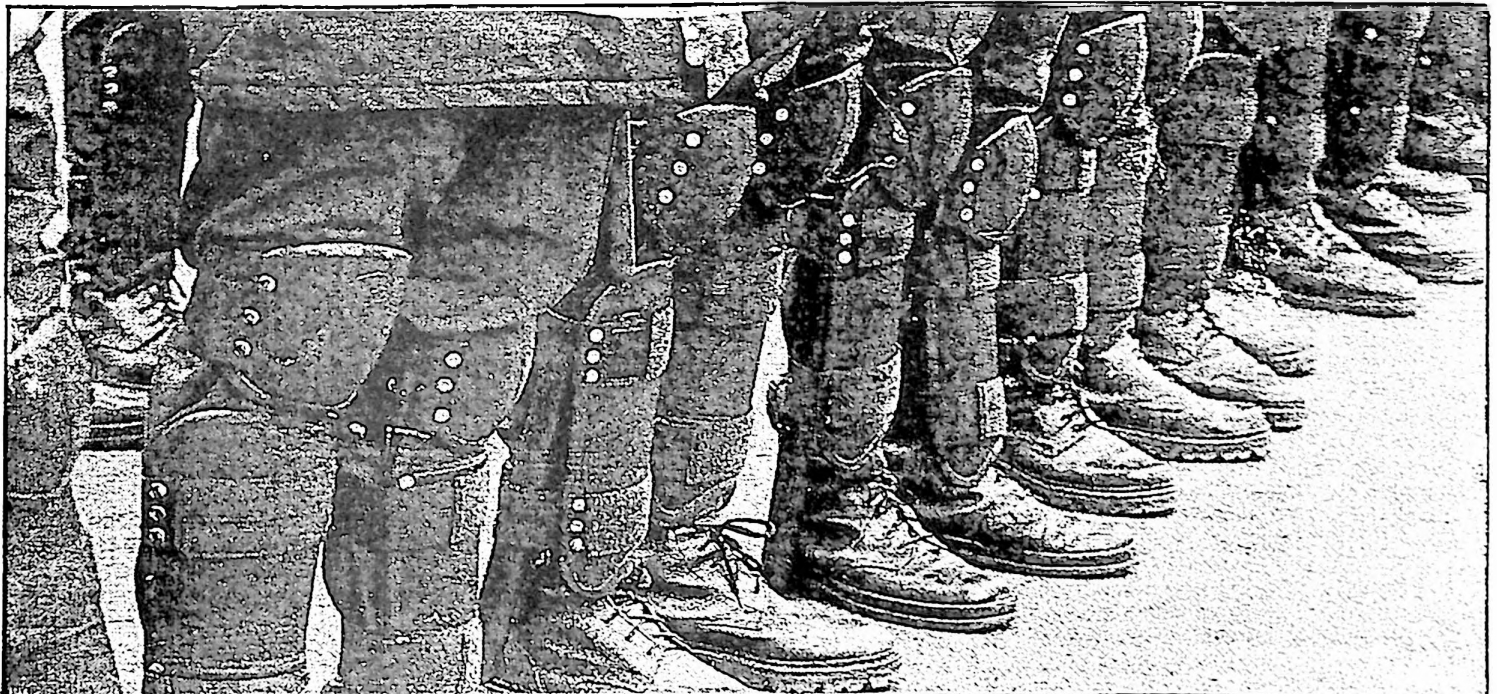
The photographs speak louder than words. There were many young people who were at the forefront of stopping these fascists. They were members of the Young Guard organization. Of course Ukraine's regime's police, dressed for battle as the photograph shows, tried to stop and harm the progressive marchers, while leaving the fascists-nationalists alone, who desperately wanted a provocation at all costs.

It is interesting that the so-called "UPA-OUN" veterans numbered 7 men, while the nationalists of Kiev could only muster around 500 of their supporters, who, upon seeing the over 7,000 strong mass of patriots, decided to very slowly fade away.

All of Ukraine found out as to what forces are at work, in order to stop these fascists-nationalists, and who stands in defence of the people! ■



*The people of Ukraine are not taking this fascist revival without a struggle, as these photographs show vividly. The demonstration was organized and led by the Progressive Socialist Party of Ukraine, led by its Chairperson Natalia Vitrenko, shown in the middle photo. Confrontation with police is shown. The bottom photo shows how these "SS" goons of Ukraine's regime are attired.*



## THE RICHEST MAN NOW IN RUSSIA AND BRITAIN

FROM THE "JEWISH OBSERVER"

The robbery of Soviet natural resources when "perestroika-destroika" came in and supported and abetter by US imperialism, the outright robbery of state property, now the sale of "his company?!" Sibneft to Russia's state-owned group Gazprom, has made Roman Abramovich, holding Russian-Israeli-British citizenship, even by his own stratospheric standards, an extremely wealthy man. He is now already the richest man in Russia and Britain, now he is even more wealthy by 7.4 billion pounds. On interest alone, he is earning over \$1 million per day. If you cannot picture this - if this money would be laid end to end in dollar bills, this would stretch all the way to the moon and back again - twice.



Abramovich, the darling of Zionist fraternity, has already large properties in England, a villa in France, besides the fifth largest yacht in the world, plus two others. He flies in his own Boeing 767 and he owns a football club in Britain.

His mentor is another Zionist, Boris Berezovsky - all of them are in the inner circle of Yeltsin and Putin.

So, stealing the Soviet state's property, built up by the toil of the Soviet people is not a crime, according to Putin - the KGB officer who swore to uphold Socialism, the USSR and its people! Even in an Imperialist country like the USA, this outright robbery would be punishable!

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## AMERICANS EXPLODED AND SANK THE RUSSIAN SUBMARINE KURSK!

By Ivan Taran

Published in Ezhenedelnik (Weekly)  
2000 #31(279), August 5-11, 2005

**New documentary "Kursk - a Submarine in troubled Waters" made in France by English, Canadian and American journalists and shown by TV channels of France, England and Canada.**

In the beginning of the film about the events in Barents Sea in August 2000 the producers show well known episodes: the tragedy of the relatives who arrived at the place of the catastrophe, their emotional addresses towards Putin who did not bother to interrupt his vacation on the Black Sea, Vice Premier of Russia Illia Klebanov cannot find words to comfort mourning mothers and wives of the sailors.

Mass media wrote earlier that the submarine *Kursk* could have run into a foreign submarine, however, in 2002 the official conclusion was achieved that the reason for the tragedy, which led to death of all 118 crew, was accidental detonation of the torpedo located in the front part of *Kursk*.

Further on, with the help of computer animation the film makers show that in the epicenter of the catastrophe were located two more submarines, American ones: Memphis and Toledo. They were said to be doing training in the area and for unknown reasons Memphis was headed towards *Kursk* and practically flattened the second compartment of the Russian submarine. Immediately *Kursk* opened torpedo pipes, Toledo decided the Russians were attacking Memphis, therefore, Toledo shot a torpedo, which hit in between second and third compartments.

Further, according to the documentary producers, the events developed in the following way: upon the order of the Russian Minister of Defence two coastal patrol planes were dispatched. The incident was immediately reported to Vladimir Putin. Soon the Americans

contacted the President of the Russian Federation, after which Putin called the airplanes back and decided to remain in the South in order not to provoke tension. Director of the CIA arrived in Moscow and Putin communicated with Clinton for several days.

No one was allowed to approach the submarine, even though the whole world was offering professional assistance. Only several days later the Danish went under water. They were instructed not to come close to the front nose of the submarine. They managed to open the hatch in the eighth compartment, found several messages written before the sailors' death and confirmed that no one inside the submarine survived. Later, only Russian scuba divers were permitted to inspect the submarine, and, according to the film they are the ones who destroyed the evidence: cleaned up the parts of the American Memphis.

Those Russian papers, which published satellite photographs of "suspicious" underwater object undergoing construction in Norwegian port, were worked on by FSB (Russian Federal Security Service). Representatives of Russian military and political leadership Igor Sergeev and Illia Klebanov, who insisted upon making public the true reasons of the conflict, were fired.

It is an interesting fact that shortly after the USA annulled Russian debt and that America granted Russia \$10,000,000 credit, thanks to which families of deceased received compensation of \$25,000 each, which is a very large sum according to Russian standards.

Dutch lifted up *Kursk* a year later, but only its middle and back parts. It turns out, there were companies willing to lift up the entire submarine and they would charge less than the Dutch. The Dutch cut off two front sections and brought up to the surface the rest.

In the final episodes of the documentary the authors show these

parts of the submarine. There is a huge hole with edges bent inwards. The filmmakers declare that this hole could have been made by an external attack, they say, an American torpedo of a new type could have left such indentation. Such torpedo is capable of burning the external cover and explode inside a submarine.

"It is very possible that Kursk sank because it was hit by an American torpedo MK-48", says former engineer, a specialist in torpedoes, retired employee of the British Ministry of Defence Morris Stredling.

The premiere of the film took place on one of the French TV channels and drew the attention of a record number of viewers. However, the BBC refused to show this documentary. The BBC editor Nick Fraser said the film showed "absolute lies".

It is worth mentioning that in 2001 the BBC created its own TV version of the tragedy titled "Why did Kursk sink?" In this film the same Morris Stredling, featured as the main expert, declared that there was no external attack on the submarine. Presently, western media circulates opinions that Russians drilled the hole in Kursk themselves and fed false film to the movie producers in order to create a misleading impression about the incident.

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## QUOTES

By SOVIET WRITER

**SHOLOKHOV**



"I am speaking of realism which carries the idea of renovating life, of making it for the benefit of man. I am speaking, of course, of realism, that we call Socialist Realism. It is unique in that it expresses a world outlook that will not admit of neither contemplativeness or an escape from reality but, on the contrary, calls men to the struggle for progress, helps them to appreciate the aims supported by millions of people, and lights for them the path of this struggle.

Art of writing has the power to influence the minds and hearts of men. I think that the right to be called an artist belongs to those writers who use this influence to benefit mankind and to create a world of beauty in the souls of men."

## FREEDOM BEAUTIFUL!

From FREEDOMFEST

I think I've finally figured out what Bush's driving at when he always bumbles about freedom. Here are some examples - the freedom to be unemployed, freedom to work extra hours without being paid extra money, freedom of people in the lower brackets to carry the nation's tax load, freedom to be tortured as a prisoner, freedom to buy medicines at prices the drug monopolies feel free to charge, freedom to serve in a invading army that has no reason to invade - and I could think of lots more.

**But I want freedom to be free of Bush's freedoms.**

## APPEAL FROM LENINGRAD PORT STRIKE COMMITTEE

Dear comrades:

About 700 Port workers of the company "Portvii Flot" (*Port Fleet*) declared an indefinite strike this November 10<sup>th</sup>, with the demand towards the administration for wage increase of 30%. The administration has filed a complaint to the district attorney with the demand to declare this strike illegal. The district attorney addressed this issue last November 7. We need your moral support and solidarity.

Polin Grigori M. Chairman  
Of the local union

We sent a fax supporting the strike and a copy to the Director of the Portvii Flot.

Although this issue was sent after November 7<sup>th</sup>, we urge readers to send fax of support to the trade union at-

[n.varlamova@seaport.spb.ru](mailto:n.varlamova@seaport.spb.ru)

## GREETINGS FROM THE SOVIET SOCIETY OF FRIENDSHIP

Dear Comrades:

We extend our greetings to the International Council and to all readers of Northstar Compass on this 88<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution!

For the first time since 1991, it is not celebrated as an official holiday in our country, but we marked it in the traditions of international class struggle, whatever the conditions are.

Vladimir Chechenbtsev, Chairman  
Victor Bourenkov -Vice Chairman  
Soviet Society for Friendship with  
Foreign Countries

Here are just some photographs of the celebrations that took place in many cities across the country.

Over 10,000 members and supporters of Communist Parties held a rally in downtown Moscow to commemorate the 88<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The slogans that were carried read: "A National Status to the Great October Holiday! "Lenin, October, Socialism!"- "November 7 was, is

and will be the Holiday of People!", "State Television for the people and not for Bureaucracy!"

According to the press, such demonstrations were held all over the country. For the first time this November 7<sup>th</sup> is a working day for decades, according to President

Putin's Decree in 1996. He renamed this holiday as the "Day of Reconciliation and Accord."

Thousands of people and veterans marched with red flags in the Red Square, in spite of thousands of OMON police present.



# A PEOPLE DEPRIVED OF HISTORY ARE DOOMED!

STATEMENT OF THE PRESIDIIUM OF THE CC COMMUNIST PARTY OF RUSSIAN FEDERATIION

The tide of unresolved problems in the Russian Federation is mounting. Presidential addresses speak of high mortality, inadmissible level of poverty and problems of childhood. But these words are not backed up by real deeds. Painful problems continue to multiply and deepen. Russia's present population had decreased by 340,000 in the first quarter of this year alone. It means that the annual drop in the size of the population will again be well over a million this year alone.

What have the authorities proposed to solve these problems? Where are effective measures to rectify the situation? Instead of an answer, the present regime is now openly engaging in uncovering graves. They deliberately seek to aggravate the situation in an already divided society. The President's envoy to the Central District, G. Poltavchenko, had publicly declared that the memorial in Red Square should be destroyed and that Lenin's body should be reburied.

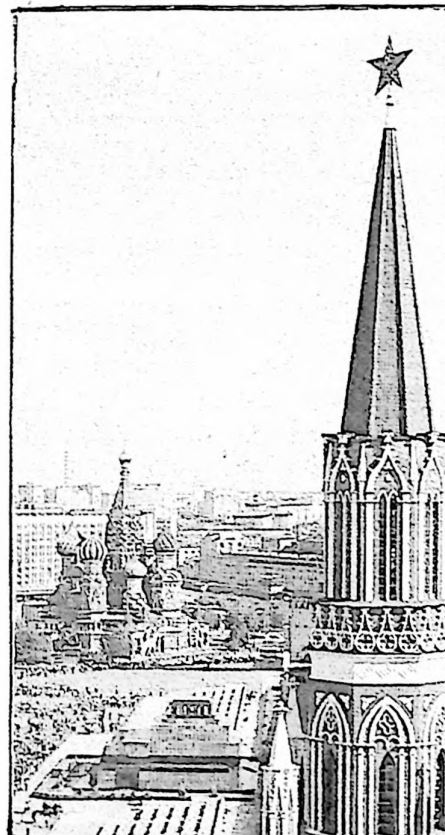
The CPRF views Putin's envoy's blasphemous words as irresponsible and provocative and insulting the feelings of the citizens. It is challenging the history of the people and common sense. According to the latest public data of the Public Opinion Fund, supported by the present government, over 58% of Russians take a very positive view of Lenin's role in Russia and Soviet history and only 21% see it as negative – mainly in the cities of Moscow and Leningrad.

This statement by the Putin's envoy was another sign of immorality and cynicism. Apparently, due to the policy of this government, the slaughter in Chechnya where 120,000 people have died already is not enough for them. The tragedy at Beslan is also not enough. The blown-up houses and endless funeral processions seem also not enough. Now they are reaching with their dirty hands and with a befuddled head for the country's holy of holies, the Red Square, where more than four hundred heroes of the Great Soviet Era are resting.

In fact the inefficiency and inability of the bureaucrats to tackle the problems that are crying for solution is replaced by the fuss around topics that are taboo for normal people. Tempering with the remains of the dead is a grave sin and manifestation of a pathological psyche. People with such a notion of state interests have no right to occupy high government posts or be parliamentary deputies.

Those who have forgotten elementary truth, may be reminded that Lenin's body is resting 6 meters underground, in full accordance of Russia and accepted by most countries. The decision of laying Lenin's body to rest in the Mausoleum was taken by the Soviet supreme body of state power and a collective will of the people – the All Union Congress of the Soviets. **The Lenin Mausoleum had been put on a list of the worlds monuments protected by UNESCO!**

All of this lends a particularly egregious character to the latest attack on the conscience of the nation and the memory of V.I. Lenin.



This statement of course was made with the full approval of Putin and his regime.

This is just another part of many provocative acts by the present government. They are promoting a posthumous execution of Lenin, whose name and cause inspired the Heroes of the Great Patriotic War, the conquerors of outer space and the builders of a powerful state.

The actions of these home grown falsifiers of history are in line with the logic of Western falsifiers. The increased activities of the reactionary forces has led to an attempt to stage a show trial of Communism at the Russian Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe. Although this provocation has failed, a whole chain of destructive actions is discernible. All of this has already given a signal to the resurgence of neo-Nazis in the Baltics and the followers of the Bandera in Ukraine and in other former Soviet republics

GENNADY ZYUGANOV  
Chairman of the CPRF

#### COMMENT:

We have shortened this statement by the CPRF for space reasons only. We do not usually publish CPRF statements, but this was deemed necessary. Mr. Zyuganov, somehow cannot bring himself to mention the name of Stalin at all – as if he did not exist or did not lead the Soviet people in defeating Nazism and saving the world from fascism! You, Mr. Zyuganov should remember the Great Patriotic War, and the cry that was on the lips of the Commissars-Communists as they charged into battle?

**"For Stalin and the Motherland!" ■**

We the workers of India support the Leningrad Port workers who are on strike. Please publish our statement in NSC.

Sangramee Sramik-Karmachari  
Samannay Samiti

In the next issue comrades, if you send the message again!

# MINSK CRITICIZES EU FOR THREATS

From Interfax. Nov. 10, 2005

The European Union's resolution on the political situation in Belarus shows a "desire to impose its will on the Byelorussian authorities and society, not stopping even on threats," said the Byelorussian Foreign Ministry in a statement.

The EU foreign ministers issued a statement in Brussels on November 7<sup>th</sup> to express concern about the political situation in Byelorussia and warn that new measures could possibly be taken against the Byelorussian leadership, including visa denials and the freezing of bank accounts.

The EU also demanded that Byelorussia clearly demonstrates its respect for democratic values and the rule of law. The Byelorussian spokesman Yesin said that: "Byelorussia has repeatedly said, including to our partners in the EU, that the upcoming presidential elections in 2006 will be held in strict accordance with existing electoral laws and international standards."

Yesin also concluded with these words: "The EU's persistent attempts, to 'flexibly' finance political process in our country, bypassing the incumbent Byelorussian authorities, shows great disrespect for our sovereignty. Such 'backdoor' financing is simply illegal in most countries."

## RUSSIA WILL KEEP PERMANENT BASES IN MOLDOVA

By Xinhua News Agency

**BUCHAREST:** Russia will maintain its military presence in the trans-Dniester region, a break-away region of Russian speaking people and voted to be a republic in eastern Moldova, formerly known as Moldavia

Russia is very concerned that the US is going set up military bases in Romania It is known that US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice is coming to Bucharest soon in order to sign a pact on opening up US army bases in Romania.

This regional conflict broke out after the USSR disintegrated and the eastern region separated and it wants to be incorporated into Russia, since if Moldova unites with Romania as US imperialism wants, they will become second-class citizens. ■

## UZBEKISTAN AND RUSSIA TO INK THE AGREEMENT ON BETTER RELATIONS

UzReport – Uzbekistan

The two sides will sign an agreement on allied relations within the visit of Uzbek President Islam Karimov to Moscow on November 14, 2005. This will become a signature of agreement on allied relations between Uzbekistan and Russia.

This document will also lay new ground for bilateral relations and logical continuation and development of strategic partnership between the two countries. The issue of trade and economic development will also be discussed. Military cooperation will be on the agenda as well as security will be discussed in this important Central Asian region. ■

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### Introduction

It is now fourteen years since the foundation of communist parties in Russia — the Russian Communist Workers' Party (RCWP) and the Revolutionary Party of Communists (RPC), who set forth the task of overthrowing the bourgeois regime, of establishing the political rule of the working class (i. e. the Soviet power), of resurrecting socialism and the USSR.

Those were the hard years of struggle characterized by ideological splits, by the disappointment of the working class masses in the ideals of communism. Measures were undertaken by the regime to remove communists from the political arena. But, because they did not succeed, because communists had managed to unite themselves into the ranks of RCWP-RPC, this signifies that the working class in Russia has not been defeated, that one day it will regain its strength and will become the gravedigger of the capitalist order.

In these conditions it is very important to foresee clearly the main direction of the struggle, the strategic course to achieve our ultimate aims. We have to note that a substantial part of our comrades has come to terms to addressing the everyday tasks without relating it to long-term action. This can be explained by the underestimation of the importance of the tactical plan for the party organization, and, ultimately, by setting too low priorities to developing the revolutionary struggle strategy.

Whereas the reasons above determined setting forth the task of popularizing the party strategy, which were, in general terms, formulated in the Party Programme and the decisions of the Unification Congress, it was directly stimulated by the discussion within RCWP-RPC on the question of fully implementing the revolutionary struggle strategy at this time.

# REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE STRATEGY

The revolutionary wing in our party was led by Comrade **Anatolii V. Kriuchkov** (1944-2005). Sharing its views, the speaker has made an effort to stick to outlining his own views on the strategy and tactics of struggle by the revolutionary party. Though the talk generalizes the experience of struggle of our party, we believe that this presentation will draw interest of all the delegates and will be understood.

### *RCWP-RPC as the revolutionary party of the working class*

The Russian Communist Workers' Party — the Revolutionary Party of Communists (RCWP-RPC) is the party of the working class guided in its activity by the Marxist-Leninist doctrine. This means we see the social revolution, not reforming the existing order, as the way of resolving the antagonism between the main classes in the contemporary society.

This social revolution, which springs from the Great October, has now spread throughout the globe, which is suffocated in the jaws of imperialism, the terminal and moribund stage of capitalist production and exchange. The uneven economic and social development of different countries under capitalism stipulates the great variety of struggle methods amongst different detachments of the world's working class. RCWP-RPC is an inherent part of the world communist movement striving to make the working class of Russia become the vanguard of the revolutionary international working class again.

Our Party Programme states,

"In the ground interests of the working class, of the exploited sections of peasantry and and intelligentsia, RCWP-RPC declares:

- ⌘ The life itself defies the attempts to exhaust revolutionary capacity
- ⌘ The immediate strategic aim of the party is the Socialist revolution — the re-establishment of the Soviet power, i. e. the establishment of the political rule of the working class (the

dictatorship of the proletariat), replacing the political power of the bourgeoisie (the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie) which is currently in place in Russia."

The position that distinguishes RCWP-RPC from the array of parties calling themselves communist (CPRF et al.), is that we recognize the transition to socialism through a revolutionary overthrow of the bourgeois order and through the dictatorship of the proletariat.

However, some comrades are unwilling to conclude from our claim to be the party of proletarian revolutionaries that it is our task to get ready for the revolution.

They assert that because the revolutionary situation in Russia has not yet arrived, the party work should be limited to our current affairs without correlating it to a revolutionary perspective. They say that the working class in Russia is not yet ripe for revolutionary struggle, our party has not forged in itself a powerful political force. So any calls to radicalization of political actions is allegedly not timely and provocative (which could allegedly harm the labour movement and our party). This includes rejection of the necessity of forcible counteraction with the authorities, suggesting that under no circumstances we should not put forward any revolutionary slogans or get involved in any work that may be qualified by the authorities as work towards forcible changes of the State.

Of course there is a rational kernel in our comrade's ideas. It is based on the well-known experience of our party's participation in October 1993 events. It would be very sad if the strategy or tactic of revolutionary adventurism would take over in our party. Some time ago our party detected this kind of danger in the propaganda by Igor Gubkin and his supporters.

However, some comrades then started to see adventurism and provocations in any kind of active resistance to the regime's actions.

These views can result in a substantial damage to the party and cause a moral defeat. Propaganda of peaceful forms of work only (the term *struggle* is not appropriate in this case) is similar to subordinating the working class to bourgeois influence, *khvostism*, which are visible in current conditions.

When forming the contemporary view on the forms of action by a revolutionary working class party it is useful to refer to the Bolshevik experience.

Confronting opportunism of the parties in the 2<sup>nd</sup> International in 1916, in his address to the Congress of Swiss Social-Democratic Party, V. I. Lenin noted:

"At all events, we are convinced that the experience of revolution and counter-revolution in Russia has proved the correctness of our Party's more than twenty-year struggle against terrorism as tactics. We must not forget, however, that this struggle was closely connected with a ruthless struggle against opportunism, which was inclined to repudiate the use of all violence by the oppressed classes against their oppressors. We have always stood for the use of violence in the mass struggle and in connection with it. Secondly, we linked the struggle against terrorism with many years of propaganda, started long before December 1905, for an armed uprising. We have regarded the armed uprising not only as the best means by which the proletariat can retaliate to the government's policy, but also as the inevitable result of the development of the class struggle for socialism and democracy. Thirdly, we have not confined ourselves to accepting violence in principle and

to propaganda for armed uprising. For example, four years before the revolution we supported the use of violence by the masses against their oppressors, particularly in street demonstrations. We sought to bring to the whole country the lesson taught by every such demonstration. We began to devote more and more attention to organizing sustained and systematic mass resistance against the police and the army, to winning over, through this resistance, as large as possible a part of the army to the side of the proletariat in its struggle against the government, to inducing the peasantry and the army to take a conscious part in this struggle. These are the tactics we have applied in the struggle against terrorism, and it is our firm conviction that they have proved successful."

(Speech at the Congress of the Social-Democratic Party of Switzerland, November 4, 1916. Lenin, *Collected Works*, Progress Publishers, 1964, Moscow, Volume 23, pages 121-124.)

Has this Leninist view on using forced action by the masses in any convenient circumstances been outdated? No, not a bit. I would want to remind the comrades of a truly pan-Russian scale of heroic resistance by the workers at Vyborg Paper Mill (in the neighbourhood of Leningrad), who had been, with support of our party, withstanding the attempts by the capitalist rapist to kneel them.

It is in this relation that our pan-Russian party newspaper *Mysl'* has regular columns covering the protest actions by the working people.

Since there is a big dispersion in the party in the opinion regarding the time of Russia entering the revolutionary change, let us consider the question of forecasting in politics.

#### **Forecasting in politics**

Here we are interested in the social science's capacity to predict sharp bends in the social development, first of all, the arrival of revolutionary times. Scientific forecasting of socio-political life progress and, consequently, of emerging revolutions is not just possible, but is a must for the leadership of a working class revolutionary party basing itself on materialist perception of history.

Data availability on the tendencies of socio-economic development, on the correlation of class forces, enables the politicians to give a sufficiently exact prognosis concerning the development of events.

Forecasting in politics is a probabilistic, not deterministic, forecasting. However, without a balanced assessment of the situation, the political party may face a sudden U-turn in the events unprepared to fulfil its role of the working class vanguard.

A convincing example of a strictly scientific forecasting in contemporary conditions is the prediction by the group of communists at the Initiative Congress and the Marxist Platform in the CPSU. The forecast was announced on behalf of the group by Viktor Tiulkin at the 28<sup>th</sup> Congress of the CPSU in 1990.

The conclusion in the Programme of RCWP-RPC that "*the way out of the capitalist dead-end is only possible through revolutionary overthrow of the bourgeois system and the transition of our society to the socialist way of development*" is just as scientific. This conclusion sets for the communists of today the aim of preparing a revolution.

An opinion is outlined that socialist revolution in Russia is the case of a distant future, while today the task for the communist and for the broad opposition is a national-liberating revolution. But we have to pose a question: what class is to lead the struggle at this stage? There is only one revolutionary class in Russia today, the proletariat. Its mission is to carry out the socialist overthrow as it gains its strength and the will to struggle. ■

*This is an important analytical article by the Chairman of the Soviet Society for Friendship and it will be continued in the December issue of NSC.*



# Naked Imperialism

John Bellamy Foster

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This is the introduction to John Bellamy Foster's *Naked Imperialism: America's Pursuit of Global Dominance*, to be published by Monthly Review Press in February 2006. A different version of this essay was published earlier this year as the introduction to a Turkish language edition of his writings on imperialism, entitled *Rediscovering Imperialism*.

The global actions of the United States since September 11, 2001, are often seen as constituting a "new militarism" and a "new imperialism." Yet, neither militarism nor imperialism is new to the United States, which has been an expansionist power—continental, hemispheric, and global—since its inception. What has changed is the nakedness with which this is being promoted, and the unlimited, planetary extent of U.S. ambitions.

Max Boot, a senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, insists that the "greatest danger" facing the United States in Iraq and around the world "is that we won't use all of our power for fear of the 'I' word—imperialism....Given the historical baggage that 'imperialism' carries, there's no need for the U.S. government to embrace the term. But it should definitely embrace the practice." The United States, he says, should be "prepared to embrace its imperial rule unapologetically." If Washington is not planning on "permanent bases in Iraq...they should be....If that raises hackles about American imperialism, so be it" ("American Imperialism?: No Need to Run from the Label," *USA Today*, May 6, 2003). Similarly, Deepak Lal, James S. Coleman Professor of International Development Studies

at the University of California, Los Angeles, states: "The primary task of a Pax Americana must be to find ways to create a new order in the Middle East....It is accusingly said by many that any such rearrangement of the status quo would be an act of imperialism and would largely be motivated by the desire to control Middle Eastern oil. But far from being objectionable, imperialism is precisely what is needed to restore order in the Middle East" ("In Defense of Empires," in Andrew Bacevich, ed., *The Imperial Tense*, 2003).

These views, although emanating from neoconservatives, are fully within the mainstream of U.S. foreign policy. Indeed, there is little dissent in U.S. ruling circles about current attempts to expand the American Empire. For Ivo Daalder and James Lindsay, senior fellows at the Brookings Institution, "the real debate...is not whether to have an empire, but what kind" (*New York Times*, May 10, 2003). Michael Ignatieff, director of Harvard University's Carr Center for Human Rights Policy at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, states unequivocally: "This new imperialism...is humanitarian in theory but imperial in practice; it creates 'subsovereignty,' in which states possess independence in theory but not in fact. The reason the Americans are in Afghanistan, or the Balkans, after all, is to maintain imperial order in zones essential to the interest of the United States. They are there to maintain order against a barbarian threat." As "the West's last military state" and its last "remaining empire," the United States has a responsibility for "imperial structuring and ordering" in "analogy to Rome....We have now awakened to the barbarians....Retribution has been visited on the barbarians, and more will follow" ("The Challenges of American Imperial Power," *Naval War College Review*, Spring 2003).

All of this reflects the realities of U.S. imperial power.

*For the complete article go to their website listed above.*

Immediately after the collapse of the Soviet Union the Defense Department under the administration of George H.W. Bush initiated a reconsideration of U.S. national security policy in light of the changing global situation. The report, completed in March 1992 and known as the Defense Planning Guidance, was written under the supervision of Paul Wolfowitz, then undersecretary of policy in the Defense Department. It indicated that the chief national-security goal of the United States must be one of "precluding the emergence of any potential global competitor" (*New York Times*, March 8, 1992). The ensuing debate within the U.S. establishment over the 1990s focused less on whether the United States was to seek global primacy than whether it should adopt a more multilateral ("sheriff and posse," as Richard Haass dubbed it) or unilateral approach. Some of the dominant actors in what was to become the administration of the introduction of the World Trade Organization to accompany the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund as organizations enforcing the monopoly capitalist rules of the game. From the standpoint of most of the world, a more exploitative economic imperialism had raised its ugly head. Yet for the powers that be at the center of the world economy neoliberal globalization was regarded as a resounding success—notwithstanding signs of global financial instability as revealed by the Asian financial crisis of 1997–98.

It is common, as we have noted, for critics to attribute these dramatic changes simply to the seizure of the political and military command centers of the U.S. state by a neoconservative cabal (brought into power by the disputed 2000 election), which, when combined with the added opportunity provided by the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, led to a global imperial offensive and a new militarism. Yet, the expansion of American empire, in the wake of the Soviet Union's demise was, as the foregoing

argument has demonstrated, already well advanced at that time and had been a bipartisan project from the start. Under the Clinton administration the United States waged war in the Balkans, formerly part of the Soviet sphere in Eastern Europe, while also initiating the process of establishing U.S. military bases in Central Asia, formerly part of the Soviet Union itself. Iraq in the late 1990s was being bombed by the United States on a daily basis. When John Kerry as the Democratic presidential candidate in the 2004 election insisted that he would prosecute the war on Iraq and the war on terrorism if anything with greater determination and military resources—and that he differed only on the degree to which the United States adopted a lone vigilante as opposed to a sheriff and posse stance—he was merely continuing what had been the Democratic stance on empire throughout the 1990s and beyond: an all but naked imperialism.

From the longer view offered by a historical-materialist critique of capitalism, the direction that would be taken by U.S. imperialism following the fall of the Soviet Union was never in doubt. Capitalism by its very logic is a globally expansive system. The contradiction between its transnational economic aspirations and the fact that politically it remains rooted in particular nation states is insurmountable for the system. Yet, ill-fated attempts by individual states to overcome this contradiction are just as much a part of its fundamental logic. In present world circumstances, when one capitalist state has a virtual monopoly of the means of destruction, the temptation for that state to attempt to seize full-spectrum dominance and to transform itself into the de facto global state governing the world economy is irresistible. As the noted Marxian philosopher István Mészáros observed in *Socialism or Barbarism?* (2001)—written, significantly, before George W. Bush became president: “[W]hat is at stake today is not the control of a particular part of the planet—no matter how large—putting at a disadvantage but still tolerating the independent actions of some rivals, but the control of its totality by one

hegemonic economic and military superpower, with all means—even the most extreme authoritarian and, if needed, violent military ones—at its disposal.”

The unprecedented dangers of this new global disorder are revealed in the twin cataclysms to which the world is heading at present: nuclear proliferation and hence increased chances of the outbreak of nuclear war, and planetary ecological destruction. These are symbolized by the Bush administration’s refusal to sign the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty to limit nuclear weapons development and by its failure to sign the Kyoto Protocol as a first step in controlling global warming. As former U.S. Secretary of Defense (in the Kennedy and Johnson administrations) Robert McNamara stated in an article entitled “Apocalypse Soon” in the May–June 2005 issue of *Foreign Policy*: “The United States has never endorsed the policy of ‘no first use,’ not during my seven years as secretary or since. We have been and remain prepared to initiate the use of nuclear weapons—by the decision of one person, the president—against either a nuclear or nonnuclear enemy whenever we believe it is in our interest to do so.” The nation with the greatest conventional military force and the willingness to use it unilaterally to enlarge its global power is also the nation with the greatest nuclear force and the readiness to use it whenever it sees fit—setting the whole world on edge. The nation that contributes more to carbon dioxide emissions leading to global warming than any other (representing approximately a quarter of the world’s total) has become the greatest obstacle to addressing global warming and the world’s growing environmental problems—raising the possibility of the collapse of civilization itself if present trends continue.

The United States is seeking to exercise sovereign authority over the planet during a time of widening global crisis: economic stagnation,

increasing polarization between the global rich and the global poor, weakening U.S. economic hegemony, growing nuclear threats, and deepening ecological decline. The result is a heightening of international instability. Other potential forces are emerging in the world, such as the European Community and China, that could eventually challenge U.S. power, regionally and even globally. Third world revolutions, far from ceasing, are beginning to gain momentum again, symbolized by Venezuela’s Bolivarian Revolution under Hugo Chávez. U.S. attempts to tighten its imperial grip on the Middle East and its oil have had to cope with a fierce, seemingly unstoppable, Iraqi resistance, generating conditions of imperial overstretch. With the United States brandishing its nuclear arsenal and refusing to support international agreements on the control of such weapons, nuclear proliferation is continuing. New nations, such as North Korea, are entering or can be expected soon to enter the “nuclear club.” Terrorist blowback from imperialist wars in the third world is now a well-recognized reality, generating rising fear of further terrorist attacks in New York, London, and elsewhere. Such vast and overlapping historical contradictions, rooted in the combined and uneven development of the global capitalist economy along with the U.S. drive for planetary domination, foreshadow what is potentially the most dangerous period in the history of imperialism.

The course on which U.S. and world capitalism is now headed points to global barbarism—or worse. Yet it is important to remember that nothing in the development of human history is inevitable. There still remains an alternative path—the global struggle for a humane, egalitarian, democratic, and sustainable society. The classic name for such a society is “socialism.” Such a renewed struggle for a world of substantive human equality must begin by addressing the system’s weakest link and at the same time the world’s most pressing needs—by organizing a global resistance movement against the new naked imperialism. ■

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## EXPOSE

### US USES NAPALM IN IRAQ

From PRENSA LATINA, Rome.  
Nov.8,2005

The Pentagon used chemical weapons, including a modern version of a banned substance by the United Nations, inflammatory napalm bombs, during the offensive against Faluja in Iraq, an Italian investigative journalist has revealed. The journalist, Sigfrido Ranucci revealed. The 510lb Mark 77 firebombs dropped on Iraq, consists of 44lbs of polystyrene-like gel and 63 gallons of jet fuel.



Upon exploding, this napalm bomb provokes temperatures ranging from 1,473 degrees F to 2,192 F. The Western reporters saw hundreds of scorched and burned to a crisp, bodies of women and children in Falujah.

On March of this year, as the Western reporters were heading in a car after exposing this genocide, they were attacked by a US patrol, trying to stop them reaching the airport. An Italian escort died in the attack, but the reporter returned alive.

## RIOTS ROCK FRANCE!

By ANTOINE LEROUGETEL

Nightly riots and clashes in the Paris suburbs are spreading into the main cities of France, between the French riot police and youth mainly of North African and African decent are escalating daily. This conflict has provoked severe crisis in the French government.

These eruptions are the product of very desperate poverty, mass unemployment and vicious, openly racist law-and-order campaign spearheaded by Sarkozy, who has been considered the main rival to President Chirac within the Gaullist Union for a Popular Party (UMP) and the leading contender to replace him in the next presidential election. Sarkozy has sent armed riot police into these immigrant slums and used terms to describe all of these African immigrants as just "scum" and "gangrene".

The French government has promised all the time to take measures to improve the living conditions in these slums – but they are all, just promises.

Since the beginning of the present government's term of office in 2002, Sarkozy has led a drive to diminish the rights of the immigrants, plus instigating a media campaign to whip-up anti-Muslim sentiment and thus organize a youth movement to demonize and attack these African immigrants in an open fascist manner. There is constant chronic unemployment in these districts that

reach over 50% of the population.

Unfortunately the French Socialist Party and the Communist Party have presided over many of these immigrant municipalities for decades and maintained the peace for the French ruling class, while the economic conditions have eroded. They are also complicit in the Government's austerity policies and the police build-up that underline the explosions of anger among the oppressed and impoverished youth that is now shaking all of France.

#### COMMENT:

*When is this anti-imperialist movement going to unite all those parties and movements that state that they are, or they pretend that they are anti-capitalist and anti-imperialist? Time is running out, while fascist ideology is taking over in order to save imperialism!*

### IS US A DEMOCRACY!?

Seventeen members of a new US protest organization, called "GRANDFATHERS FOR PEACE"

were hauled by the FBI police into jail for protesting against their grandsons' being dragged off to fight in the Iraq quagmire.

You can bet your last union button that they would never have been jailed for advocating that more Americans be sent there!

## EXPOSE OF CHINESE "SOCIALISM"!

### A CAULDRON OF LOOMING CONFLICT

By Carlito Parungo

It is April 2001 and the people of Ta-ching are restive. Located in northern China, Ta-Ching is witness to a series of demonstrations being launched by its 700,000 workers, almost half of whom were summarily laid off from their jobs.

The workers are incensed at the factory owners who never even bothered to offer those fired any compensation and at the

government which chose to ignore their plight and cries for justice.

Perhaps out of sheer desperation, some disgruntled workers and supporters resort to a radical action: they decide to put a bomb at the local government office. The bomb explodes, killing the mayor, the deputy mayor, the local Party secretary, and nine others, including three workers who took part in the incident.

The government finally responds by sending some 50,000 Army soldiers who were ordered to encircle the factories and "restore peace". To their surprise, it is they

who are encircled by the workers and the local people. The people of Ta-ching are ready to fight.

Eight months later the impasse will be resolved, with the government and factory owners forced to pay the workers higher separation pay.

#### Widespread

"Most probably you never heard of the Ta-ching incident in the news, did you?"

Pao Yu Ching, a retired professor emeritus of Marygrove College in Michigan, USA, and a

well-known China scholar, posed this question to her audience during a lecture she gave last September 10 in Utrecht, The Netherlands. The lecture was sponsored by the International League of Peoples' Struggle (ILPS) and was attended by a "multi-national" audience, some even coming from Germany, Belgium, Luxembourg and the United Kingdom.

She said many of such incidents were never reported before despite their newsworthiness. But of late, Ching observed that media people in China have no choice but to report on the peasant uprisings and workers' strikes and demonstrations because of their increasing frequency and scope.

"Mass actions in China now average 70,000-80,000 a year," said Ching. "That means that every day not fewer than 200 demonstrations are taking place all over the country."

Workers' and peasants' grievances are long, asserted Ching. "For the workers, these are massive retrenchment and high rate of unemployment, unpaid back wages, absence of housing benefits, decreasing pension (or the lack of it), and other economic issues confronting them."

In the countryside, the peasants' main issue is their continuing displacement as a result of massive landgrabbing and unemployment, added Ching.

The situation of the workers and peasants is really terrible these days, lamented Ching, who has gone to China twice this year. "To an outsider, China is one country that is on its way to becoming a developed country. That couldn't be farther from the truth, and judging from the widespread dissatisfaction of its toiling people, China may soon find itself in deep trouble," Ching averred.

### **Goodbye, communes...**

Ching described the Chinese people's growing impoverishment and discontent as resulting from the series of reforms that the Deng clique instituted immediately after its successful power grab in 1979.

She explained: "The first policy was to break up the communes, producing individual peasants again. Deng succeeded in

implementing this by increasing the purchasing price of rice, wheat, corn, and other agricultural products by 20 percent, and another 50 percent if a peasant was selling above quota."

"Until 1984, or five years after the policy was put in place, peasant income was climbing by 15 percent a year. So the peasants were happy. They were even exclaiming that it was a good policy because they were doing better now that their income was increasing," added Ching.

But that would prove to be shortlived and unsustainable. In the succeeding years, the increase in income slowed down from 5 percent to 1 percent. From 1997 up to now, with the total farm output remaining the same, the purchasing price of agricultural products has even gone down by 30 percent.

With the high taxes imposed on their income, many peasants became bankrupt and were eventually forced to find jobs in the cities. Ching said that 100 million peasants are now working in the cities because there is little to do in the rural areas. Ching thought of Deng's policy a "smart" one because "it was easier to do reforms in agriculture than in industry". She added: "By dissolving the communes, Deng practically broke up the basic alliance of the workers and peasants."

### **...and the "iron rice bowl", too**

Deng moved on to implement the so-called economic structure reform in 1985 and labor reform in 1986.

The economic structure reform was a key change in the industry, Ching said. "In the past, state-owned enterprises did not have any calculation of profit or loss. If there was profit, it went to the state; if there was a loss, the enterprise would get a subsidy. This was the only way the state could plan the economy. If it wanted to develop heavy industry, more money would flow to it, even if it was not making money. There was no calculation of profit or loss. There was no reason to do that."

With the introduction of the profit-and-loss concept, however, investment priorities favored those enterprises that were making profits.

Ching added that managers, whose salaries and benefits were raised tremendously, were also given blanket authority to sell or lease out state assets that were performing poorly. This resulted in millions of workers losing their iron rice bowl or permanent employment that until then was guaranteed under a socialist state.

Aside from being retrenched as a result of bankruptcy, workers could be freely fired by the managers even with flimsiest of reasons. Instead of hiring workers for permanent appointment, managers could also avail of contract workers. This, according to Ching, is what the 1986 labor reform introduced.

However, the implementation of the labor reform met rough sailing because of the strong resistance offered by the workers. Faced with the prospect of losing their iron rice bowl, the workers initially succeeded in frustrating the attempt of the state to apply this policy to state enterprises at that time.

In the course of time, though, Ching said the state managed to defeat this resistance by selling out state assets, at giveaway prices, to people who had connections. There have also been many cases of managers taking the profitable part of state enterprises and setting up other companies, thus bankrupting state enterprises and displacing workers, Ching shared.

Since the middle of 1990, Ching said more than 10 million workers have lost their jobs as a result of Deng's labor reforms.

### **Good life**

"If one goes to China today and sees all those high-rise buildings, he will immediately think that prosperity is everywhere. In the supermarket, he will find everything and may conclude that people are really having a good life," Ching related. "Yes, in fact some people do have a good life. A very good life."

After June 4, 1989 (the Tiananmen uprising), Ching said the government made a conscious decision to "bribe" the intellectuals and those occupying high government positions by making them partake of the good life.

She said this has only increased the gap between the haves and

have-nots, a situation that a recent report of China's official news agency Xinhua acknowledged as "provoking alarm".

"The most affluent one-fifth of China's population earns 50 percent of total income, with the bottom one-fifth taking home only 4.7 percent. The income gap, which has exceeded reasonable limits, exhibits a further widening trend. If it continues this way for a long time, the phenomenon may give rise to various sorts of social instability," the report said.

Ching: "But the super-rich live extremely well. And what they earn are from legal sources." What is not visible, according to Ching, is the income coming from corruption especially in the government and in the remaining state enterprises.

"There is a joke in China that if you line up all government officials and kill the even numbers, say 2, 4, 6, etc., that means the same number of guilty ones will go free," Ching said in jest.

The workers on the other hand, Ching said, earn an average of 600 yuan renminbi (US\$ 74) a month, or sometimes it can go up to 1,000 yuan. Yet they also don't enjoy any housing benefits or health care, she added.

Aside from living the hard life, workers and peasants have to face police brutality, which Ching described as 10 times worse than in Taiwan, where she is currently based.

"I remember a story shared to me about the two Chinese girls who were on their way home. One was not carrying a proper ID for her bicycle and the police decided to arrest her. When seen again, the girl was dead and said to have been raped before being killed. The town was in uproar and demanded that those involved be punished. But instead of arresting the guilty policemen, the police hierarchy found someone else, a poor man, and bought his life from his family for 10,000 yuan."

According to Ching, life in the countryside is no better because the new bureaucrats are far worse than the old-time landlords. She said they have more power today and are more abusive.

"There was a case of peasants who organized themselves to

question the exorbitant taxes being imposed on them. They elected 12 people to represent them in asking the management to check the books and where the taxes were being spent. Instead of being heard, three of the peasants were beaten to death. Just like that."

Many peasants used to take the train to Beijing to seek redress, thinking the central government would do something about police brutality and landgrabbing as well. But Ching said there have been cases that some peasants failed to reach Beijing because they had been kidnapped along the way.

She said that the ruling Communist Party has practically stopped recruiting members among the workers and peasants, adding it is now the intelligentsia that is lured into it because of the many perks attached to being a Party member.

Ching was also surprised that many of today's generation of youth and students are not even aware of the revolutionary tradition of their elders

The Party's work among the masses has been reduced to organizing guided tours to some historical places that were visited by Mao during his time, for example Yanan, in order for it to have a semblance of being a communist party, Ching said.

"In fact, to many average Chinese I spoke with during my visits there, the ruling Communist Party is everything but communist," Ching said. "And if you ask me, today's China has totally lost all its socialist elements of any kind", she added.

### **Big capitalist power?**

To the question whether China is set to become the next capitalist powerhouse, Ching's answer was a big no. She enumerated six reasons why China would not develop capitalism successfully:

1. China's agriculture is backward. It is not modernized. Agricultural reform did not succeed. Irrigation is gone. The forest is in terrible shape. Farmers did not want to give up their land. All this added up and failed to attract capital to invest in agriculture.

2. There is a small internal market because the salary of workers and the income of peasants

are kept to a minimum. Ninety percent of factories have overcapacity.

3. China is using exports to create employment and income. The US is the biggest importer. It is borrowing money from China to buy from China.

4. China depends on import of technology and of parts.

5. China gave up so much to enter the World Trade Organization (WTO). The service industry was given up. The computer, medical, and other industries were opened up. By 2010 foreign banks will be just like national banks. Of the top 1,000 banks, China has 16. Of these, 15 are already controlled by foreign banks. Bank of America and Royal Bank of Scotland are investing billions of dollars to take over local banks.

6. In the last 25 years, China's environment and natural resources have been severely damaged. The country is overutilizing its own resources. Water is now very scarce and there is even shortage in oil.

Ching concluded that the growth of capitalism in China is not sustainable. "China becoming a superpower is nothing but US propaganda. In fact, the Chinese economy is overheated. It is due to burst some time."

With the increasing number of working people realizing the betrayal of the Deng clique, Ching said that China is in for interesting times. She said the efforts of some people there to study and do something about the current situation in the country are encouraging.

Ching expressed her wish that someday all the scattered mass actions in the country take a more organized form and gain more success, just like the Ta-ching uprising.

### **Anyway, to end the Ta-ching story...**

To celebrate their victories, the workers erect a memorial in honor of their three co-workers who died earlier and the four others who were arrested and executed for the bomb explosion. These fallen workers may be criminals in the eyes of the Chinese government, but for the Ta-ching workers they are martyrs who died for their cause. ■

# 100,000 DEMONSTRATE IN BRUSSELS

STATEMENT BY THE WORKER'S  
PARTY OF BELGIUM

In a historical demonstration 100,000 workers, coming from most of the country's factories, marched through Brussels on October 28, 2005. It was more than just a rally! Brussels saw a real social movement take shape, defending the right for older workers to benefit from early retirement, and the right for the unemployed youth to get a job.

Belgium's workers haven't taken to the streets in such large numbers since 1986. The current mobilization is larger and more profound than the movement against the anti-worker "global plan" of 1993.

This was the culmination of the first general strike that took place on

October 7 of this year. Many workers in this 100,000 were marching for the first time.

Even though this movement is broad, it is also very profound and very determined. Before this demonstration, those in power had warned: "You are selfish, you are not concerned about the youth but only about your pre-pension, you are against a pact of solidarity between the generations." But the 100,000 marchers in Brussels have shown that the real solidarity pact between generations was taking shape in the streets.

Israel soldier shoots Palestinian boy of 13 in the head and stomach for daring to throw a small stone in his direction as a protest. This is the new policy of Israel occupation forces!

"If large numbers of people believe in freedom of speech, there will be freedom of speech even if the laws forbid it. But if public opinion is sluggish, the inconvenient minorities will be persecuted, even if laws exist to protect them.

GEORGE ORWELL,  
British author -1903-1950

The beginning of the drive to justify war against Syria, is very reminiscent of the run-up-to the 2003 US-led war against Iraq. As then, it is the UN Security Council that is the instrument of the White House for escalating the tensions.

The Socialist Party of Bangladesh-SPB organized a demonstration in Dhaka, capital of Bangladesh and chanting along the procession slogans as: "Free Saddam, Hang Bush-Blair!" "Free Iraq, Free Palestine!" last October 20, 2005. The procession was led by the Central leader comrade Abdullah Sarker, Subrangsh Chakraborty, Bazlur Rashi Firoz, Rezaquzzaman Ratan and Saifur Rahman Tapan.



# DEMOCRACY IN PROGRESS

By VANYA KALASHNIKOV

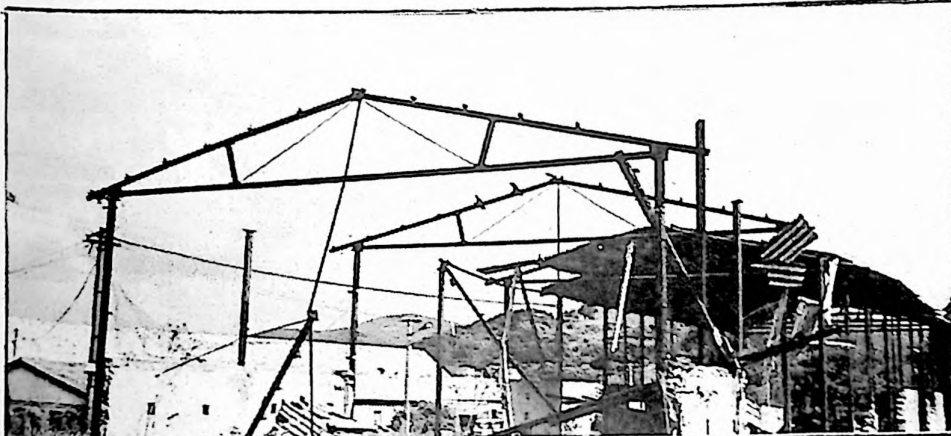
Once the flagship of the local Slovak economy in Czechoslovakia, this cement factory lies in ruins. The 4,000 former employees now sit at home and are thinking as to how they were duped by that "velvet revolution".

Now that this "velvet revolution" has turned ugly, the idea of the class struggle takes on a new meaning, but a bit too late. The bourgeoisie won a temporary victory this time round.

This former state-owned cement factory was bought now for a pittance by the Austro-German conglomerate, dismantled and taken away and assembled abroad while the Slovak workers are left holding the bag, and, if they do need cement, they have to pay ten times higher prices than it was before. The same thing is happening to the Slovak agriculture.

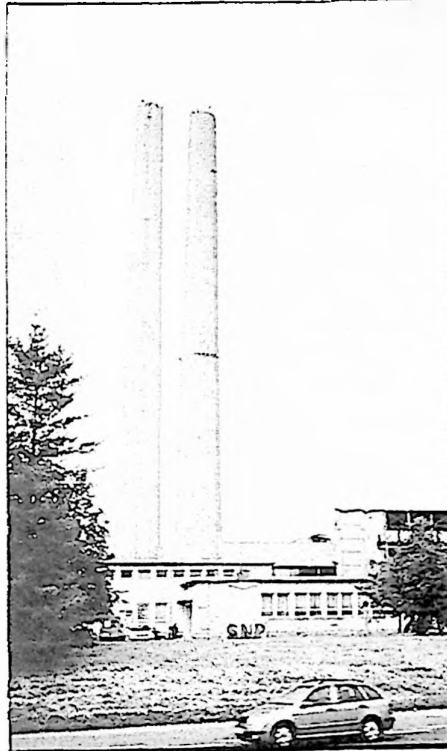
In the photographs you can see just one example of the former collective farm, which was destroyed by the wild privatization (*piratization*) of agriculture. These photos resemble practically the same devastation all across Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. People cannot believe as to how their quisling government is destroying the hard work of the workers and farmers and now, we are dependent for imports from the Western imperialist countries!

*The Collective Farms are no more and the buildings are in ruins - only skeletons remain of the structures.*

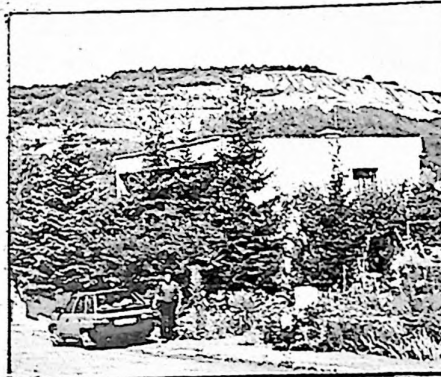


For us it is unbelievable how this so-called clerical Slovak Christian-Democratic government dragged us into the war against the Muslim world in an effort to please Uncle Sam and NATO!

If people think that no upheaval will take place here and elsewhere, they are wrong. **The pot is now boiling and sooner than later, the lid will blow off!**



AS IT WAS UNDER SOCIALISM



*This is how it is now under capitalism, taken down and under weeds* ■

## PHILIPPINE UNION LEADERS ASSASSINATED

According to the Associated Press of October 26, 2005 despatch from Manila, separate assassination attacks in northern Philippines killed a trade union leader who was chief at a sugar plantation, owned by former President Corazon Aquino's family.

Ricardo Ramos, president of the worker's union at the Hacienda Luista sugar plantation in Tareclac province, was shot to death with a M-14 rifle near his home.

Separately, Bayan Muna party coordinator, Francisco Rivers and two other friends were all killed when men in two vans sprayed them with gunfire.

Philippine officials say that they have no clue as to who were the assassins. Bayan Muna's president, Rep. Satur Ocampo charged that it was the military. He said that these murders cannot be separated from a series of killings that have left at least 18 party activists and members dead since September of this year. ■

## VENEZUELAN WORKERS TAKE OVER FACTORIES

From [heikki.sipila@vahoooouos.com](mailto:heikki.sipila@vahoooouos.com)

**CARACAS, October 28, 2005.** At the opening rally for the First Meeting of Latin American Worker Occupied Factories, President Hugo Chavez said that the state is expropriating two more Venezuelan factories on behalf of their workers. He told the hundreds of activists that Latin America is freeing itself from US domination and that "we are **not just recovering these factories, we are recovering our own true sovereignty.**"

There were representatives from 13 other Latin American countries, ministers, senior government officials and parliamentarians in attendance.

Chavez urged the workers to "create effective trade unions. There must not be a repeat of the kind of trade union leadership as was in Venezuela and in other capitalist countries that enriched themselves from the bosses and negotiated away the lives of the workers. Venezuela is approaching a post capitalist society." ■

## Here, There and Everywhere!

By ROD BOWKER

### U.S. ON THE WARPATH IN THE CASPIAN REGION

In an effort to expand its regional security and counter-proliferation in the Caspian region, US officials sponsored a three-day workshop in Baku, Azerbaijan, in early October of this year. This seminar brought together military officials from Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Romania, Turkey, Turkmenistan and Ukraine in order to address the "threat of the People" - a hypothetical theocracy bordering the Caspian region that supposedly "is sponsoring terrorism and has a covert nuclear weapons program." Although the USA and NATO officials were careful not to mention any country, the obvious country that is supposedly threatening US interest there, is Iran. Russia refused to participate in this seminar, as the official statement issued said: "so as not to irritate Iran!"

### US SOLIDIFIES TIES WITH TADJIKISTAN

US Secretary Condoleezza Rice went to Tadjikistan last October and it was a golden opportunity for the White House to solidify even more its relationship with Tadjikistan. During the visit in Dushambe, she met President Emomali Rakhmonov and other top officials and Rice praised the present policy of Tadjikistan in their "democratic strides." She tried hard to allay fears of the Tadjik people regarding the US expanded military presence there and ties, plus the future airport building for US warplanes.

### TURKEY AND ISRAEL HAVE PLANS

Strategic cooperation between Israel and Turkey is seen not only on the agreement for Israel to import 50 million cubic meters of water annually for the next twenty years, but the long term plan is to build a water channel from Turkey to Israel. With Syria between Turkey and Israel, the plans of invading Syria is very real and this plan, promoted by US imperialism in order to make

Israel the police watch dog in the Middle East and, to make certain that Syria is out of the way and thus, Israel will use "water" as the hammer against the Palestinian people, to do their bidding. This is the next step, since Lebanon has already been "cleansed" of Syrian influence. ■

### RUSSIA TESTS WAREHEAD THAT CAN PIERCE U.S. MISSILE SHIELD

From Press Trust of India

Russia has successfully tested a warhead capable of piercing the US missile shield and could renew production of multiple warheads with independent re-entry, banned by the now defunct Soviet-American SALT-2 Treaty. This is a very highly manoeuvrable warhead capable of annihilating the US national missile defence (NMD) currently being developed by the America, according to Komersant newspaper. ■

### SADDAM JUDGES OFFERED ESCAPE TO U.S. AND BRITAIN

The judges and lawyers that are trying Saddam Hussein have been offered new homes in Britain or the United States. They were all told that they will be given new homes and lives with their families, after the trial is over.

Obviously these stooges of US imperialism fear for their lives from the wrath of the Iraqi people.

So much for the propaganda that the Iraqi people will welcome this lynch-trial of Saddam, or believe in the sham and rigged election that took place under the guns of US and British imperialism. ■

### ZIMBABWEAN PRESIDENT DENOUNCES BUSH AND BLAIR

These remarks were made at the Rome Conference last month, marking the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the UN's Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO). He described Bush and Blair as the "unholy men".

His remarks drew anger, but mostly praise from most of the delegates at the conference, when he said: "Is this the world we desire? A world of giants and international terrorists who use now their state muscle in order to intimidate us." ■

## AS I SEE IT

By JERRY MORSE

WASHINGTON: The Republican political shift under President Bush Administration simply promotes an ideology of hatred now against Iran, Syria and common sense. This is high treason, because these policies consist of such crimes as especially affecting the supreme power of the US government.

Thus we see favouritism in filling Supreme Court positions, with obvious guarantees that they will oppose impeachment. Several advisors of the Bush Administration, such as Ken Rove, Scooter Libby and several others are in today's news for illegal acts and law violations. They are now standing before US Grand Juries.

The new reactionary policies now being undertaken by Bush in order to try and camouflage his sagging influence has his Secretary C. Rice carrying her nuclear broom across Central Asia and making certain to sweep the dust over all of those countries, saying that their Constitutions are such that working with the US will be good for them. In this regard and in this dust, is the demand that Iran must not have the right to develop its nuclear power energy plants.

US policy is such that their multinational corporations know that you cannot make money by buying oil, you make money by controlling and then selling the oil reserves of the world.

The dangerous situation of the Bush administration setting up a new clandestine spy network that will operate not only in the USA itself, but all over the world. This in part is to overcome the tarnishing effects of the CIA. ■

### HOW VERY TRUE!

The world is a dangerous  
place, not because of  
those who do evil, but  
because of those who look  
on and do nothing!

ALBERT EINSTEIN



## DID YOU KNOW?

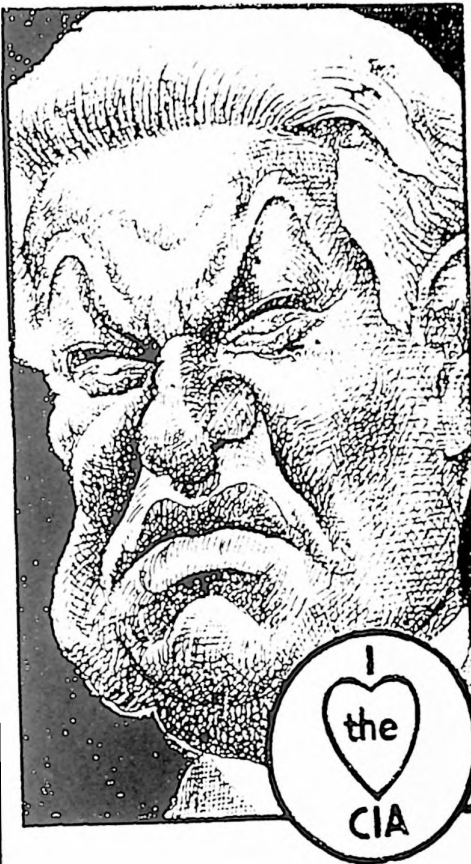
### WHY DO WE WELCOME THESE ROBBER BARONS TO BRITAIN?

This was the headline of the newspaper The Guardian on October 25, 2005.

NSC is printing only a summary.

For a politician who once suggested that capitalism was responsible for more deaths than Hitler, Mayor Ken Livingstone of London has made a complete U-turn by being determined to attract Russia's super wealthy. He is advertising in high-end lifestyle magazines and running press junkets to the West End.

Now Britain has become an offshore depository for Russia's robber barons. Those who plundered the natural wealth of the crumbling Soviet Union during the 1990's "privatization-perestroyka" and they have now ploughed their ill-gained money into London life. Money that should be in Russian pension funds, public salaries and infrastructure is paying here now for private schools, chauffeurs and chefs in southern England. It is estimated that Russia has 27 billionaires and hundreds of paper millionaires. Most of them, it seems, are making their homes in London. Indeed, when the future history of London is written, the early 21<sup>st</sup> century will surely be known as "the Russian Epoch."



The spiritual leader here is Roman Abramovich, the oil and aluminium billionaire and owner of the British Chelsea Football Club. He is joined here by his former business partner and wanted by the Russian police as a defrauder of the Russian region of Samara, Boris Berezovsky. Equally at home, fleeing between Surrey and the city of London are the mineral billionaire Vladimir Potanin, metals magnate Oleg Deripaska, the oil and the gas speculator Chalva Tchigirinski. All of this immense wealth, was given away to these robbers by none other than the drunken Boris Yeltsin, it is also appropriate that Tatyana Dyachenko, daughter of Yeltsin and her husband Valentin Yumashev have also made London their base. ■

## SPECIAL FOR NSC

By JOHN PILGER

A Royal Air Force Officer in England is about to be tried before a military court for refusing to return to duty in Iraq because he deems the war illegal. Malcolm Kendall-Smith is the first British officer to face criminal charges for challenging the legality of

### THE EPIC CRIME THAT DARES NOT SPEAK ITS NAME!

the invasion and occupation. He is not a conscientious objector; he has completed two tours of Iraq and finally concluded that he was breaking the law. His position is supported by international lawyers all over the world, not least by Kofi Annan, the UN Secretary General,

who said in September of 2004: "The USA-led invasion of Iraq was an illegal act that contravenes the UN Charter."

The question of legality deeply concerns the British military brass, who sought Tony Blair's assurance on the eve of the invasion, got it and, as they know now, were lied to. They are right to worry; Britain is a signatory to the treaty that set up the International Criminal Court, which draws its codes from the Geneva Conventions and the 1945 Nuremberg Charter. The latter is very clear: "To initiate a war of aggression...is not only an international crime, it is the supreme international crime, differing only from the other war crimes in that it contains within itself the accumulated evil of the whole."

At the Nuremberg trial of the Nazi leadership, counts one and two. "Conspiracy to wage an aggressive war and waging aggressive war", refer to "the common plan or conspiracy". These are defined as indictment as "the planning, preparation, initiation and waging of wars, which were also wars in violation of international treaties, agreements and also assurances". A wealth of evidence is now available that George Bush, Blair and their advisors did just that. The leaked minutes from the infamous 10 Downing Street meeting in July 2002, alone reveal that Blair and his cabinet knew that it was illegal. The attack that followed, mounted against a defenseless country offering no threat to USA or Britain, has a precedent on Hitler's invasion of the Sudetenland in Czechoslovakia, the lies told to justify both are eerily similar.

The similarity is also striking in the illegal bombing campaign that preceded both. Unknown to most people in Britain and America, British and US warplanes conducted a ferocious bombing campaign against Iraq in the ten months prior to the invasion, hoping that this would provoke Saddam Hussein into supplying an excuse for an invasion. This failed and killed untold hundreds of civilians.

At the Nuremberg Trial, counts three and four referred to "War crimes and crimes against humanity". Here again, there is overwhelming evidence that Blair and Bush committed "violations of the laws or customs of war", including "murder of civilian

populations in occupied territory, murder or ill-treatment of prisoners of war."

In September of this year, Human Rights Watch released an epic study and documents of the systematic nature of torture by the Americans, and how casual it is, even enjoyable. This is a segment from the US Army's 82nd Airborne Division: "On the day off, people would show up all the time. Everyone in our camp knew it, if you wanted to work out your frustrations, you showed up at the PUC (prisoners) tent. In a way it was sport...One day a sergeant shows up and tells a PUC to grab a pole. He told him to bend over and then broke the guy's leg with a mini Louisville Slugger that was a metal (baseball) bat. He was the f---g cook!"

The report also describes how the Iraqi people in Fallujah, the scene of numerous American atrocities, regard the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne as "the **Murdering Maniacs**". Reading it, you realize that the occupying forces in Iraq, as the head of Reuters said recently, "are out of control".

Who will be punished for this? According to Sir Michael Jay, the permanent undersecretary of state who gave evidence before the British Parliamentary Foreign Affairs Committee on June 24, 2003 said: "Iraq was on the agenda of each **British cabinet meeting in the nine months or so until the conflict broke out.**"

How is it possible that in 20 or more British Cabinet meetings, the

Ministers did not learn about Blair's conspiracy with Bush? Or, if they did, how is it possible that they were so comprehensively deceived?"

#### COMMENT:

*All of the above facts and more, are known to Kofi Annan and the UN! Why does not Mr. Annan, the supreme head of that world body start the process against these two war criminals? He has the right and the power! Most countries of the world would support his initiative! What threats hang over Mr. Kofi Annan and the UN?* ■

## SPECIAL FOR NSC

### US OPERATIVES KILLED DETAINEES DURING INTERROGATIONS IN AFGHANISTAN, IRAQ

By MICHAEL OPPERSKALSKJI

The American Civil Liberties Union made public an analyses of new and previously released autopsy and death reports of detainees held in US facilities in Iraq and Afghanistan, many of whom died while being interrogated. These documents graphically expose that the detainees were hooded, gagged,

strangled, beaten with blunt objects, subjected to sleep deprivation and to hot and also extremely cold environmental conditions.

US high-ranking officials who knew about this torture, sat on their hands, and those who created and endorsed these policies must be held accountable. America must stop putting its head in the sand and deal with the torture scandal that has rocked the US military. The documents state that out of 44 deaths in these facilities, **21 were tortured to death!**

As part of the FOIA lawsuit brought about by the ACLU, a US federal judge recently demanded that the US Defence Department to turn over all photographs and videotapes which depicted the terrible abuse of prisoners held at the US at Abu Ghraib.

We should remember that after WWII, the German Army Intelligence and Gestapo "secret police" officials were tried and hung for torturing and murdering resistance and "suspected" resistance prisoners in Nazi occupied Europe.

Does anyone really think that because it is now the United States of America's military and civilian intelligence services during the murdering of resistance and "suspected" resistance prisoners in US occupied Afghanistan and Iraq, that it is any less a crime or that it deserves any less a punishment? ■



Dear readers:

One of the topics that the delegates at the Second World Congress talked about and discussed, was the need to explain and expose different currents that exist and that muddy the waters of the anti-imperialist struggles in the

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world and also the disarray in the Communist movements of the world at present. These different currents are not just disagreements on tactics - many of them are supported and abetted by the secret services of imperialism and are meant to divide and rule.

Below we present the Statement by the Workers' Party of Belgium regarding the formation now of the European Left Party that held its first Congress in Athens, Greece.

The Workers' Party of Belgium was represented at the Second World Congress by its delegate -Jeff Bossuyt

## ON THE EUROPEAN LEFT PARTY

At the end of October the European Left Party held its first Congress. This compels us to clarify our position.

**(1) It has been said over and over again: the collapse of socialism in the USSR and the countries of Eastern Europe has only intensified all of the contradictions of the global capitalist system.**

After the dissolution of the Warsaw Pact, imperialism has launched wars to re-colonize the Third World. NATO has expanded its sphere of action to the whole world and has increased its combat forces. More than ever the United States is

relying on its military superiority to consolidate and to extend its dominance on a global scale. The European Union on its part wants to become the world's most competitive economic power. Under capitalism, this requires that the EU also put in place a corresponding military force. The relative over-production, a real characteristic of the capitalist system, is aggravating and fuelling the structural economic crisis.

The social achievements of Europe's workers are being dismantled rapidly and the class struggle has been reinvigorating everywhere throughout the last few years.

The reactionary forces respond with the imposition of anti-democratic laws and measures to curb trade union rights, in the US as well as the European Union and Japan.

The objective situation puts the preparation of the socialist revolution on the agenda, as it is the only option to liberate the workers and the peoples of the world from capitalist and imperialist exploitation and oppression. Inevitably, this situation is stirring up debate in the ranks of the International Communist Movement. The most important tendency pushes for the revolutionizing of Communist parties and forces.

We also take note, however of the fact that vigorous anti-communist campaigns, that have accompanied the counterrevolution, have affected many Communist Parties. They are not orientating themselves towards their revolutionizing but towards their social-democratization. Like Kautsky on the eve of WW1, they bow for the reality of capitalism and reject Lenin and the revolution.

## (2) A program that fails to go beyond left reformism

The European Left Party was established on May 8, 2004. It comprises of communist, socialist, trotskist and green parties. Behind their hazy verbiage about transformation of capitalism and society, lies a reformist project that runs counter to the principles of Marxism-Leninism. Their socialist revolution theory of "*transformation of capitalism; collective ownership of the productive forces*" or "*going beyond capitalist logic*";- that has always been and still is the dividing

line between communists and social democrats.

Although the European Left Party promises "*another Europe*" and says that it "*will not take the same road as those taken in the 20th century*" or that it is against "*globalization*" - but all of this is without any analyses. They do not realize that Imperialism has put in place in the world, so many measures in order to postpone any violent explosion of the crisis, but, inevitably it will lead again to a revolutionary crisis - as scientific socialism has shown us.

When the European Left Party, repeatedly says that "*another world is possible*", it does not propose anything realistic but the dream of a "*humanized*" capitalism without the "*excesses*" of globalization. What this party presents as original is in fact the modern version of Bernstein's and Kautsky's revisionism, which has already been rehashed several times throughout the last century.

## (3) Anticommunism

Its Manifesto is fuzzy, but the demarcation with "*Stalinism*" is clearly highlighted in the preamble to the Statute. The European Left Party states again and again that "*we cannot follow the same road as was followed in the last 20<sup>th</sup> century*". Does this not mean the complete rejection of Lenin and the Great October Socialist Revolution - without which the Soviet Union would never have seen the light of day? Stalin and the leadership of the CPSU took up the immense challenge to build the first socialist State. The whole world has to recognize the huge economic and social progress of the USSR, which it was able to realize in a few decades. If the Soviet Union had not been able to carry out the immense transformation, the Soviet people would not have been able to withstand the Nazi attacks, and the Red Army would have not been able to defeat Hitler's elite troops. The people of Europe and the world owe their liberation from fascism in the first place to the Soviet Union, It is the Soviet Union and the Communist International that have decisively fanned the furious wind of national liberation that swept throughout the colonized countries. After the war, it is also towards communism that the workers and the masses turned to.

Subsequently, the bourgeoisie had launched a very systematic and intensifying attack against "*Stalinism*", like the spearhead of the "*Cold War*". There was the Marshall Plan and then NATO etc. Their aim was the liquidation of the socialist camp and the world communist movement. The European Left Party is also resorting to anti-Stalinism and it objectively belongs to the same reactionary anti-communist current. It demonstrates cowardice that has as its only objective to gain acceptability in the eyes of the bourgeoisie.

## (4) For the unity of Communists based on Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism

The global bourgeoisie obtained various international organizations to work out and carry out its strategy, coordinate its actions, and to impose its absolute power over them.

Today we have the urgent task to solve the question of our unity amongst Communists.

The European Left Party adds to the paradox. Certain Communist parties in the world are opposed to our plans to organize the much-needed **Communist International**. At the same time, unfortunately, these parties that oppose the Communist International, unite themselves not only in one body of cooperation and coordination, but in a "*super party*", to align themselves with parties that are either openly turn their backs on communism or, never adhered to it.

Whatever the subjective intentions of these parties affiliated to the European Left Party, this project clearly aims to completely divide the Communists and try to lure as many as possible towards a new variety of revisionism and social democracy.

The working class and the people of the world are recovering from the heavy blows that they had to take after the counterrevolutions of 1989-1991. They are opposed to the imperialist wars. New waves of revolutionary class struggles are looming.

**In order to be able to direct them and orient them towards our common goal of socialism, our movement has to find UNITY!**

*This excellent statement was shortened for space reasons only* ■

**BACK TO  
THE FUTURE...  
SOCIALISM!**

