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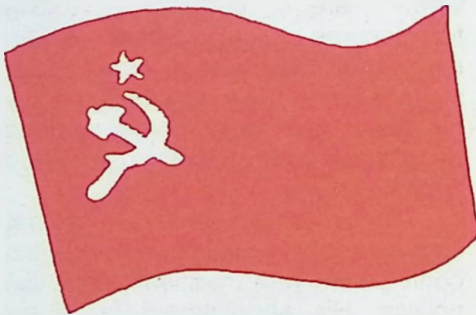
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IN MEMORY OF ALL OUR MEMBERS AND READERS OF NSC WHO PASSED AWAY

To all of their struggles, to their dedication and to their everlasting memory, we publish the two songs that were dear to their hearts and to our hearts, as we remember them.



THE RED FLAG

The people's flag is deepest red.
It's shrouded oft our martyr'd dead.
And ere their limbs grew stiff and cold,
Their hearts' blood dyed it's ev'ry fold

CHORUS

Then raise the scarlet standard high!
Within its shade we'll live or die!
Tho' cowards flinch and traitors sneer,
We'll keep the red flag flying here!

With heads uncovered swear we all
To be it onward till we fall.
Come dungeon dark or gallows grim,
This song shall be our parting hymn.

THE INTERNATIONALE

Arise, ye starvelings from your slumbers!
Arise, ye criminals of want!

For reason of revolt now thunders,
And at last ends the age of cant.
Now, away with all your superstitions,
Servile masses, arise, arise!
We'll change forthwith the old conditions
And spurn the dust to win the prize.

CHORUS

Then comrades, come rally! And the last fight let us face.
The Internationale
Unites the human race!
Then comrades, come rally!
And the last fight let us face.
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FACTS ARE FACTS!

- * Israel forced United Nations to suspend all food distribution to half of Gaza's 1,500,000 million people last month. It stopped all of the UN supply trucks to enter Gaza.
- * Israel has also barred all foreign journalists from entering the Gaza Strip, in a move that the world media condemned Israel as a very serious violation of press freedom.

COMMENT:

Where is the condemnation by China and Russia, who have the UN Veto Power?

Why don't they threaten to break off all diplomatic relations with Israel until they leave all of the occupied lands of Palestinians?

Will these two questions be condemned as anti-Semitic?

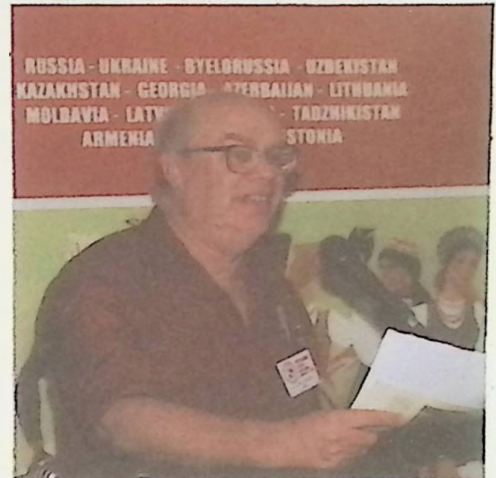
ERRATUM

On Page 41 the middle column heading should have read:
PRESIDENT CHAVEZ THREATENED THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF VENEZUELA
On Page 45 under the heading of
EXPOSE

the figure should have read
30 million US citizens.

SOCIALISM IS BLOWING IN THE WIND!

What Can We Expect from Obama's Presidency?



BY GEORGE GRUENTHAL
Webmaster of NSC

In one sense, there is no doubt that the election of Barack Hussein Obama as President of the United States is historic. As the first Black president, it is clear than no longer can Afro-Americans be told to only aim for what is "realistic" for them. Decades ago, Malcolm X wrote in his autobiography that, when he told his teacher that he wanted to be a lawyer, the teacher told him that he should aim to be something like a carpenter, as becoming a lawyer was not a "realistic" goal for a Black person.

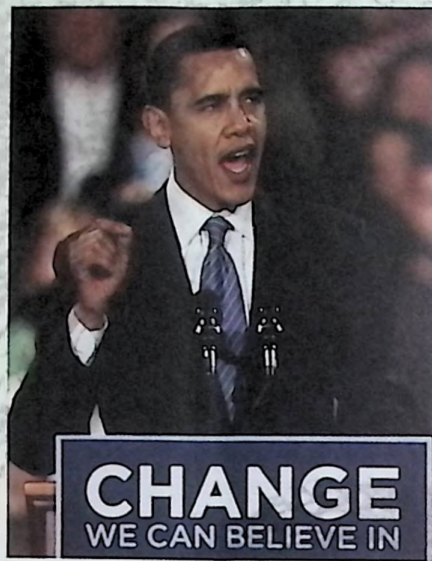
Further, Obama's presidency will mark a change from Bush's style of unbridled unilateral wars of aggression. Bush has made the U.S. government one of the most detested ones for people all over the world, not only in the Middle East and other oppressed and dependent countries, but also among people of its "allies" in Western Europe. Bush has also become one of the most despised presidents among a large section of people in the U.S. In New York City, Obama won by almost 80% of the vote over McCain, who was correctly seen as a continuer of Bush's policies, and in the Bronx, with its overwhelmingly Black and Latino population, Obama won with almost 90% of the vote.

But Obama did not win just because he had broad popular support. He won largely because he was the clear favorite of the main sectors of the monopoly capitalist ruling class. His campaign outspent McCain's by about \$640 million to \$240 million. And this was not just because millions of Afro-Americans and other working people sent in their small contributions (which they did do), but because the big monopolists, the oil companies, auto, real estate and other sectors, gave millions to his campaign.

Also, the majority of the bourgeois media gave their support to Obama. In New York City, not only the *New York Times*, which represents the liberal sector of finance capital and is aimed primarily at the white petty and middle bourgeoisie, supported Obama. So did the *Daily News*, whose main function is to direct bourgeois demagoguery at the working class. Of the large bourgeois newspapers, only the *New York Post*, the mouthpiece of the most reactionary sectors of the ruling class, supported McCain. (Of course, the bourgeois papers totally ignored the campaign of Cynthia McKinney, the progressive Afro-American woman who ran an independent campaign on the Green Party line.) To see the importance of the bourgeois media in elections, one must only recall the universal ridicule that they directed at Howard Dean, knocking him out of the race when he was the leading candidate in the Democratic Primary in 2004, because he took a stance against the war on Iraq.

The elections themselves showed the clear rejection of Bush's policies, not only on the war but also on his giveaways to the rich. Millions of new voters were registered (some 300,000 in New York City alone), the great majority of whom supported Obama. About 95% of Afro-American voters supported Obama, as did almost 70% [67-68%] of Latino voters. White voters in the majority (55%) went for McCain, though white voters in overwhelmingly white states (such as Iowa or New Hampshire) were in the majority for Obama. It was whites in the Afro-American nation in the Black Belt South who voted primarily for McCain.

What does Obama Represent?



In the beginning of the most serious economic crisis in the U.S. (and probably in the world) since the Great Depression, and during the greatest political isolation of the U.S. government at home and abroad, the ruling class is relying on an African-American president who is coming into office under the slogan of "Change We Can Believe In." But Obama's candidacy, particularly since he won nomination at the Democratic Party Convention in August, shows the limits of his proposed change.

First, Obama picked as his running mate Joe Biden, a Democratic Party regular who represents that party's Old Guard. In particular, Biden supported the war on Iraq at its start, and represents decades of experience serving U.S. imperialism.

Second, Obama consciously turned his back on the Afro-American people's movement. This was most clearly seen when he was forced to **twice** repudiate his former pastor, Rev. Jeremiah Wright, who put forward a form of Liberation Theology including using the slogan "God Damn America" (in the same way as, during the Civil Rights movement people spoke of "God Damn Mississippi"). This was reminiscent of the way John Kerry, during his presidential campaign in 2004, was forced to repudiate his correct verdict on the aggressive nature of the Vietnam War. To be a "serious" imperialist candidate in elections in the United States, one must always be prepared to repudiate the truth.

Third, Obama backtracked on his earlier anti-war positions. With

regard to Iraq, he stated: "we must be as careful getting out of Iraq as we were careless getting in." Furthermore, he calls for sending more troops to Afghanistan and even for the need to cross over that country's border with Pakistan in "hot pursuit" of militants, following up on Bush's practice of bombing Pakistani villages.

Fourth, as opposed to taking an "even-handed" position in the Middle East, Obama has pledged to continue unbridled support for the U.S.'s main client in the region, Zionist-apartheid Israel.

Fifth, as part of a bipartisan effort to rescue monopoly capitalism, Obama joined with McCain in pushing through the \$700 billion bailout of the big financial corporations, claiming that this was necessary to revive the economy. He did not make any moves to put in a rescue plan for the millions of people who have already lost their homes or who are currently facing foreclosures, for renters being evicted for inability to pay their rents, for those who have no money to pay for health care, or any other working people who are suffering from the capitalist crisis.

Finally, Obama's cabinet appointments to date have shown his continuation with traditional capitalist politics. His appointment of Hillary Clinton as Secretary of State provides continuity with Bill Clinton's regime. Eric Holder, despite being the first Afro-American to be appointed as Attorney General, was an attorney defending Chiquita Brands, which provided \$1.7 million to Colombian death squads who were killing trade unionists and other civilians. And Adolfo Carrion, the Bronx Borough President and possible nominee for Housing and Urban Development, is known for supporting giveaways of hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars to big private corporations to "develop" the Bronx.

It is no accident that Obama is being put into office now, as the U.S. is entering a severe crisis. Obama will have to preside over large-scale cutbacks in social services in a way that the ruling class thinks will be more palatable to the people than if McCain were president. Obama can say: "We would like to be able to provide affordable health care for all, but we just don't have the money

now." Or "We would like to cut taxes for 95% of the people, but we cannot do that while we have a huge budget deficit." Those who think that Obama will be able to preside over a New Deal type program that provides some immediate relief to the masses of working people are being deluded.

The Tasks of Socialist Revolutionaries Today

In the period leading up to the elections, many genuine Marxist-Leninists and other progressive forces supported Cynthia McKinney's campaign. McKinney was a six-term Democratic Congressperson from Georgia who came to adopt progressive positions, not only calling for the withdrawal of all troops from Iraq and Afghanistan, but for the closing of all US military bases abroad. She supported a single-payer health plan. She called for a genuine investigation of what happened on September 11, 2001, and for the impeachment of George Bush as President. And she called for a Reconstruction of New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina and for the right to return of the overwhelmingly Afro-American population that had lived there. For these positions and others, she faced the overwhelming opposition of the leadership of the Democratic Party, who twice pushed her out of office by supporting her opponent in the Democratic Primary for Congress. Subsequently she broke from the Democratic Party to run as an independent candidate. (For a detailed Marxist-Leninist position on her campaign, see "The Obama and McKinney Campaigns for President" by the Revolutionary Organization of Labor (formerly Ray O Light group) at www.mltranslations.org/US/ROL/ROL48.htm.) Marxist-Leninists supported her candidacy while trying to avoid alienating the large numbers of people, particularly Afro-Americans, who believe in Obama's call for change. We recognize that most people must learn from their own experience what Obama really represents, and there is no doubt that they will learn this.

Many progressive people, whether or not they supported Obama in the elections, are uniting around people's need and hope for change, and are trying to build unity

around a series of demands around people's basic needs, such as for jobs, housing, health care, education, against wars of aggression, etc. As revolutionaries and Marxist-Leninists, we must take part in such coalitions, while helping to steer them away from falling into the trap of tailing behind the Democratic Party or trying to "push the Democratic Party to the left." It is furthermore our task as socialists to make clear that the crisis and wars of aggression are part of the nature of monopoly capitalism. Here we must clearly go beyond the program of a united front to demonstrate that only a socialist revolution can finally abolish crises and imperialist wars.

Here we can draw on the lessons of the October Revolution and socialist construction in the Soviet Union. One of the first acts of the Soviet government in October of 1917 was to withdraw from the inter-imperialist World War I and to issue a Decree on Peace to all the peoples. And at the same time as the entire capitalist world was entrapped in the Great Depression, the Soviet Union abolished unemployment and was developing a planned socialist economy in the first of the great Five-Year Plans that were serving the growing material and cultural needs of the working people.

During the 1930s, when the world was facing the threat of fascism, Georgi Dimitrov called on communists and all progressive people in the U.S. to build a Workers and Farmers Party. Under conditions in the U.S. today, we need to build a party of the multi-national working class and oppressed nations and nationalities.

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NEWS FROM FORMER USSR

TRACKING THE RECENT EVENTS



BY MARIA DONCHENKO

The recent events in South Ossetia have become some kind of an acid test for communists, for many of those who call themselves opposition. White, pink and "red" have joined in unambiguous support of the regime of President and the Prime Minister, in a consolidated outburst of pseudo-patriotism. Even extreme nationalists who had stood furiously against all "Transcaucasian national persons" a week before yet, have suddenly fallen in love with Ossetians. Why is it so?

The CPRF leadership chauvinist position didn't surprise me for a long time, but such ideas have captured a significant part of the left-wing spectrum, too. It becomes

awkward to remind copy-book maxims on international character of communist movement, on necessity to use inter-imperialist contradictions in our own interests. **No way!** Waves of passionate love to bourgeois state swept over many of those who had seemed to be tried-and-true militants.

"We need a small victorious war to stop revolution", the Tsar's minister Plewe had once said. In 2008 the ruling clique needed a small victorious war again. But do working people need it? For example, do public sector employees need it whose salaries are forcibly cut in favour of Tskhinvali restoration? As in 1904-1905, the Tsarist regime has lost the war and has faced the revolution. What has the Medvedev regime acquired? Has he acquired loss of allies? Or NATO warships in the Black Sea? Did he speed up of joining NATO by Georgia- Ukraine?

As a reply we hear a windflow of arguments up to such one that South Ossetia and Abkhazia recognition is next door to the USSR restoration (well, but what about Trans-Dniester? All these three republics were always mentioned together before! Didn't it accord to political conjuncture? Or was there no wish to mar relations with Voronin? Shameful silence is the

reply). Well, let us address history..

In 1990, at the time of the "sovereignty parades" such version had the right to stand – until the Soviet Union existed any movement resisting to its dismantlement was worth support.

But now, 18 years later, the situation is quite different. The Russian Federation is a bourgeois state, the Soviet power remains were annihilated in 1993. ThisState cannot be "friendly" for a communist, for a conscious fighter. But maybe with a new President Russia has at least entered the anti-imperialist path of development, hasn't it? Maybe honest and consistent patriots aspiring to working people's favour have risen to power, haven't they? And it is time for us to cross over from the opposition camp to the regime supporters camp, isn't it? Maybe the housing-maintenance reform is cancelled, salaries are risen up to a decent level, the property stolen from the people is returned back, isn't it? Evidently it is not. But maybe there are many positive changes in the field of foreign policy, aren't there? Maybe it has become self-consistent and independent on orders from Washington, hasn't it? But it is neither! This rhetoric will only sharpen. What we do have in fact are constant and in fact formidable declarations? The border demarcation and transfer of two islands to China in July has gone almost unnoticed. The law on admission of foreign troops to Russian territory adopted by the



Demonstrations were held by young Communists against workers rights violations in Moscow. Maria Donchenko who was a delegate from the Soviet Society for Friendship with Foreign Countries at the International Council Conference in October in Toronto, Canada (she is shown holding a newspaper).

Photos on following pages show young Soviet patriots demonstrating on November 7th in the City of Saransk, while in the city of Kazan a picket was held on November 9-10 and these young Soviet comrades were detained in jail as the photo shows.

These photos show that young Soviet comrades are active and our International Council and NSC are with them in their struggles.

State Duma and signed by Putin a year ago is still in power, and the next military trainings "Torgau" at notorious Mulino rifle-range are not cancelled but only delayed for a year, too.

So, why is Putin-Medvedev regime better and closer to us than Saakashvili? What is the principal difference between them? There is none. But "if stars are being lighted – somebody needs it". In this case it was necessary to make the feathers of former Soviet peoples fly – and it was done. It was done according to a world-old principle "Divide and rule". And communists who would have been to stand as a united front against the war are applauding.

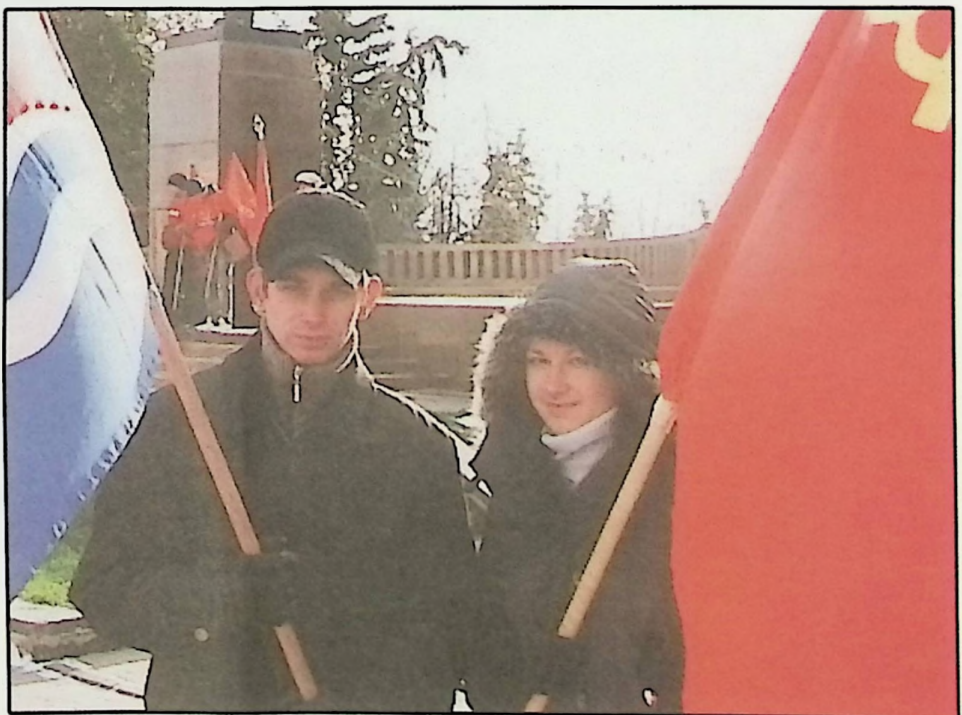
I'd like to mention such an argument characteristic of my "leftist" opponents as peoples' right for self-determination. Hence they forget, maybe deliberately or not, that at the Soviet Union dismantlement both Ossetians and Abkhazians consisted significantly less than 50% of population in their autonomies, and the majority of it was Georgian. During the Soviet era it was of no importance because the borders of autonomies were administrative only. To date this balance has changed as a result of warfare and ethnic clearances. Thus, if you recognize Ossetian and Abkhazian peoples' right for self-determination – why don't you recognize the same right of Georgian people? While supporting in an analogue situation absolutely just slogan "Kosovo is Serbia".

Let alone that the right for self-determination could be completely realized within socialism and that is completely affirmed by the history of two recent decades – not a single state among those formed at the post-Soviet territory (maybe except for Byelorussia) has acquired genuine independence – all of them appeared to enter areas of influence, areas of interest of larger predators. The same destiny is expected for peoples of Kosovo, South Ossetia and Abkhazia.

The communists' position under such conditions should be unambiguous – to stand firmly for peace, against unleashing of aggressive war from both sides, to prevent by all forces fomentation of hostility between peoples in the world masters' interests. To disclose diligently the "patriotic" enthusiasm and to direct the disaffection point against the real enemy, against imperialists and their puppets, in Moscow, in Tbilisi and elsewhere.



These young Communists are the future of Socialism and USSR!





*The Red Flags
were flying and
will always be
held up high by
all those who
struggle for
justice, for
Socialism
and against
Imperialism!*



SOME PRESENT SO-CALLED HISTORIANS IN FORMER USSR ARE OUTRIGHT LIARS!

From <http://www.kp.ru/daily/24199/405105>

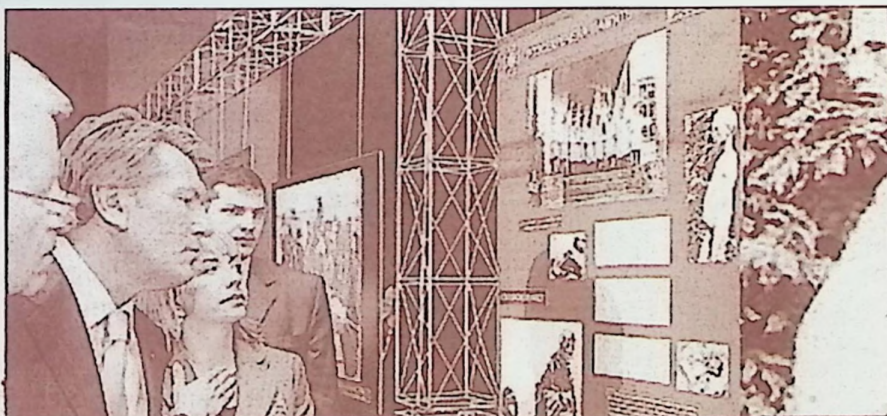
Utilizing former Nazi German Goebels propaganda that was used – “The bigger the lie the more people will believe you if you keep on repeating that lie!” Obviously even some present day European historians and some historians in present Ukraine, Russia and Baltic countries are in this game of lies to [please their internal and foreign masters. Historical truth that is turned into lies becomes the first victim of anti-Soviet propaganda.

Much diatribe has been written and is written since the Great October Revolution against the Soviet Union, Lenin, Stalin, Socialism and Communism. Below we just publish two photographs that speak louder than words could do

Western historians and some of the present-day historians in Russia, Ukraine and Baltic countries are falsifying history, opening falsified historical data museums and filing law suits against present-day capitalist Russia for crimes against humanity – of course with the financial backing and urging of Western imperialism.

Ukrainian President Viktor Yushenko looking at photo exhibits from the Nazi- German propaganda book “The Right View of the Soviets” at a Holodomor Exhibition (1932-1933).

This photograph is from the German Nazi film about Holodomor. Mr. A. Le Temps a journalist took this photo in Buguruslan in 1921 – this was taken 11 years before the so-called Holodomor took place –in 1932!



HAND OF PUTIN BEHIND THE 388-58 VOTE IN THE RUSSIAN DUMA

New York Times in Moscow- November 16, 2008

“A Bill in the Russian Duma extending Russia’s presidency from four to six years as a start was barreled through the Duma with a vote of 388 for and only 58 against. The vote against was by the 5/ CPRF members in the Duma plus one other member.”

Although there was vocal criticism by the CPRF Duma members and some others, but no united action was taken to protest this move by the present regime of Medvedev-Putin, who now gave an unprecedented concentration of power into Putin’s hands.

It is self-evident that Putin’s protégé Medvedev, proposed this measure in the Russian Duma as a political screen to get Putin back into the presidency. Even the New York Times and Washington Post saw through this political fog and quoted Putin’s remark that he made to the Russian press last June in Moscow:

“I think that a four year term in today’s Russia is too short and we must have a five, six, seven or even longer terms for today’s Russian President.”

The Putin-Medvedev members of the Duma have also extended their tenure **from four to five years** and with a pay raise to boot.

Even most Western capitalist governments would think twice before attempting such a travesty of justice, for fear that the electorate would take to the streets in protest!

This attempt by Putin through his crony Medvedev - that he put-in into the presidency - is a sign of danger, not only for the Russian people, but also for the whole of former Soviet Union and the resurrection of the USSR!

**UNITED WE STAND – DIVIDED WE FALL!
BACK TO THE FUTURE! BACK TO THE USSR!**



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**His name and legacy
will live in forever!**

DECEMBER 21, IS THE BIRTHDAY OF STALIN

Dear Comrade Michael Lucas,

On the occasion of celebrating the birth date - 21 December - of Comrade **Iosif Visarionovici Stalin**, on behalf of the Romanian Communist Party (PCR), as a leader also, allow me to bring our homage, profound esteem and admiration for the life and struggle of The Great Stalin. - brilliant strategist and leader, fearless liberator of the people from the fascist occupancy.

Be that his name and great ideals to awake and join us, all communists, in our struggle for the socialism and communism victory, for reconstruction of USSR, our neighbor and always friend - the biggest power in the world, ever.

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USSR WAS KNOWN AS THE MOST READING COUNTRY IN THE WORLD!

"After 15-20 years of capitalism, according to Sociologists, only 8 per cent of families in current Russia read books to their children - **something that was impossible to imagine 15-20 year ago**. But the most depressing point is that 48 per cent of Russians poled now do not read any books at all and, what is also most horrifying, they are not afraid to admit it!

The tendency is that the main priority in reading nowadays for most people, including those with university education, remain "**books for entertainment only**". Less and less people are using libraries; mainly those who are considered to be the weakest social groups that cannot afford buying books, are still using them. Its also rather sad with the home book collections: over 60 per cent of today's Russian families do not have home libraries."

<http://www.rg.ru/2008/11/24/knigi.html>

RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF SOVIET KOMSOMOL HAS BEGUN

FROM NEWSPAPER "MYSL"

Last October 19, 2008 there took place in Moscow a coordinated Youth Conference in order to revive the glorious Komsomol (*The All-Union Lenin Communist Union of Youth*). Many youth organizations took part in this very important conference from Russia, Byelorussia, Ukraine, Tadjikistan Kirghizia and from many other districts of Soviet Union. The Russian media was also present.



Leading this Komsomol Conference was A. S. Batov, First Secretary of the Russian Communist Union of Youth (B) who outlined the necessity of a rebirth of the Komsomol and told the gathering that the present Russian regime is using the tactics of Divide and Rule, by promoting rabid nationalism, chauvinism and separatism – anything in order to not allow the rebirth of the Soviet Komsomol.

S. Batov outlined the contacts that are now established with progressive youth organizations all over the world and how they are working and having success. In uniting the youth to struggle. All delegates reported on their activities, their problems and their successes in many regions of former USSR.

After a full discussion as to the program and objectives of the reborn Komsomol in the present political-conditions in all of the former Soviet Republics, the new Program was adopted unanimously, by all of the delegates to this Komsomol Conference. There was also elected a 7-member Executive Committee to



organize the details and call a Komsomol Congress in the very near future. The Executive Committee is composed of representatives from Russia, Byelorussia, Ukraine and Tadjikistan.

The date set for the Komsomol Congress is March of 2009.

Press Release by CC Russian Communist Union of Youth (B)

I WILL CONTINUE TO DISMEMBER RUSSIA

By VLADIMIR SHKARUPA

Last October the Communists of the city of Mineralniye Vody held a demonstration in front of the V.I. Lenin monument. Already for 15 years we get tether at this spot in order to remember and honor May Day, November 7th and other Soviet holidays and anniversaries and also



to show our support and dedication in the struggles against the present regime. We always have Red Flags flying, pictures of Stalin and slogans such as "Our Home – USSR!" – "Only a Socialist Revolution will save Russia!"

At this time we had banners saying "On October 3-4, 1993 the Supreme Soviet building was bombarded" – we paid homage to the hundreds of Soviet patriots that were killed by the Yeltsin Regime. Another slogan was "Stalin built USSR. Putin is dismembering Russia" – "I will keep on dismembering Russia – Medvedev!"

Let us remember that under the leadership of Stalin and the two Five Year Plans brought up the Soviet Union into a mighty industrial country – second in the whole world!

In 2004, when Putin was going for his second term as president. He said that: "Our Central Bank has over \$73 Billions on hand, it is enough for us to pay for all of the imports." In actual fact Putin was financing production in the US, Germany, Turkey and China - while Russia has to import its goods that we produced in abundance under Socialism!

This means that Stalin- was a great patriot of the USSR- while Putin and Medvedev are enemies of Russia!

Medvedev is continuing on the same path set by Putin and is dismembering Russia!

THE RED FLAGS WERE FLYING IN KIEV ON NOVEMBER 7 – 2008

BY V.A, PRONIN

Things are developing in many different directions in Ukraine and as an example on October 14 the Ukrainian regime did not let the left forces march into Kreshchatyk Square to hold a meeting but the members of the Progressive Socialist Party did manage to do this – and Communists were there also. It was only the Communists that stood and defended the Lenin Monument from being attacked by nationalistic forces and the Banderites. We formed a close circle around the Lenin

Monument and stood solid with our Red Flags flying as well as our revolutionary slogans.

But on October 14, when a larger and more aggressive mob of nationalist bands tried to do to the Lenin Monument what the other less effective mob could not do on October 14, with the help of the present Ukrainian regime's police force, we Communist again gathered in numbers, plus our anti fascist forces gathered and circled the Lenin Monument -we were ready to shed our blood to defend Lenin!

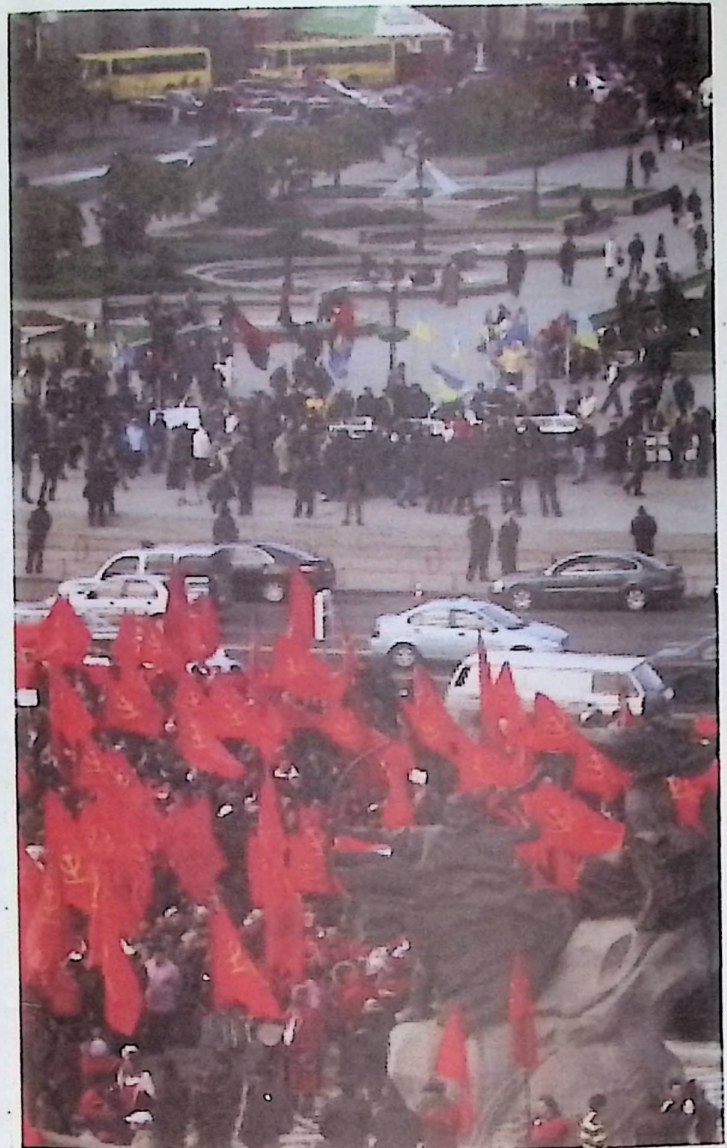
But noticed by their complete absence in defending the Lenin Monument were the members of Vitrenko's so-called Progressive Socialist Party – not one of their members showed up to help us defend Lenin against this Ukrainian nationalist-Banderite attempts that was organized with the connivance of the present Ukrainian nationalist regime.

I am writing this in order for you comrades to understand the reality in Ukraine now as to who is who – no matter what "Marxist phrases" they use to fool the people.

But nevertheless in Kiev on November 7th there took place a large demonstration, and according to the official reports, over 5,000 people took part in this Great October Revolution demonstration. Of course not one member, and not one socialist flag of Vitrenko's party was seen.

In spite of the state television at their disposal plus the state media urging attendance, the nationalists were not able to bring out many people at all. In one of the photos that I've sent you, you can see the small number of these Ukrainian nationalists that showed up.

On the right is a photo showing a segment of the huge demonstration on November 7th in Kiev – a sea of Red Flags. Top of photo shows the small group of Ukrainian nationalist demonstrators with their yellow and blue flags.



Bottom photo sign reads: "Capitalism brought tragedy to Ukraine."

Bottom left: Ukrainian nationalist-fascists and their sign reads: "Death to the Moscow Jewish Communist!"



LONG LIVE THE GREAT OCTOBER SOCIALIST REVOLUTION

By A.A. Maevsky, Secretary of the
CC AUCPB for Ukraine, Moldavia
and Pridnestrovia

In a very analytical and down to earth article. Comrade Maevsky explained the present situation in Ukraine as well as in other former republics of the USSR. At the same time he outlined some of the problems and weaknesses that exist in the work and in a dialectical Marxist way he shows how these weaknesses can be and must be corrected in order to bring the people around the AUCPB and show them the way towards eventual victory over the present traitorous capitalist-nationalist regime.

We are going to dwell on the work of the AUCPB with the Soviet many political prisoners. Comrade Maevsky wrote the following:

" The most important direction of our activity is the work with the political prisoners. Our newspaper "Rabosche-Krestianska Pravda" was very successful in setting up contacts with the political prisoners in Ukraine, as the "Odessa Case" as well as the so-called "NRA" (political prisoners in Russia.) We continued and continue to publish articles and letters of these political prisoners.

In the so-called "Odessa case No.144" – eleven people were criminally charged. These young Komsomols and Communists were accused of trying violently to overthrow the constitutional system and seizing power in Ukraine; besides terrorism, gangsterism, fights and killings. Charges against the real gangsters were dropped after these Komsomols were accused and those unsolved crimes were then put on these Komsomols and Communists as well.

In July of 2004 the Odessa regional court sentenced these Komsomols to extremely lengthy prison terms:

A.Yakovenko and I. Danilov – 14 years. O. Alexseev – 13 years, B. Zinchenko –12 years, A. Gerasimov –11 years, I. Romanov – 10 years, A.Smironov - 8 years, A. Plevo -6 years., E. Semenev and A.

Polsksaya – 3-4 years. Sergei Berdyugin died in prison as a result of brutal torture.

In Moscow, in May of 2003 President Putin and the "HRA Case" where the political prisoners were accused of two bombings against Putin's security and they were also sentenced because they demolished the statue to Czar Nicholas II (*Russia's last Czar*) in Podolsk. The Komsomols such as Nadezhda Raks received 9 years and was recently released because she became blind in jail due to torture, Larisa Romanov- a mother of 2 children) got 6 years, and Oleg Nevsky also received a 6 years jail sentence.

These sentences were severe beyond doubt but the regime had in mind – to frighten the young people who rise up and struggle against this anti-peoples bourgeois regime, and struggle for the revival of Soviet power, socialism and the rebirth of our Soviet Motherland.

Our task and all of our party organizations, supporters and sympathizer is to distribute our Bolshevik press, to set up and keep regular contacts with all these young political prisoners - provide them with moral support, and where possible, with material support, plus demonstrating and demanding their release.

THE CLASS ROOTS AND SOURCES OF THE AGGRESSIVE ACTIONS OF GEORGIA AGAINST SOUTH OSSETIA AND ABKHAZIA AND THE AGGRAVATION OF THE SITUATION IN THE CAUCASUS

FROM PROLETARSKAYA GAZETA - LENINGRAD

Translated by
Rafael Martinez

The national hostility along the boundaries of the territory of Georgia – Abkhazia and Ossetia, that has now reached the level of open military confrontation between the Georgian authorities and the local population of these autonomous regions, began to appear already at the time of the establishment of revisionism in the Soviet Union; these contradictions were prevented from breaking into open conflict with the help of the system of Soviet social-imperialism. The domination of the Soviet social-imperialists in the territory of Abkhazia and South Ossetia was performed through Georgia by the hands of the Georgian bourgeoisie. Therefore the population of these autonomous regions was never particularly fond of the Georgian authorities, as they regarded the latter as exploiters. This situation promoted anti-Georgian sentiments on a mass scale, which at the same time diverted the attention of the population from the central causes and the culprits of both the national and class oppression in the Caucasus, as well as on any other territory of the social-imperialist Soviet Union. These are

the sources that led to the military confrontation of the population of Abkhazia against the Georgian oppressors and the bloody military action in Tskhinval on August 8, 2008.

The worsening of the situation in Abkhazia and South Ossetia gained momentum after the collapse of the Soviet Union. The Georgian bourgeoisie, having acquired independence from the oppression of Soviet social-imperialism, took decisive action to subject the economic potential of the different regions to its interests. Its great-nation interests pushed the chauvinist regime of Zviad Gamsakhurdia into power. Under the excuse of defending the territorial integrity of Georgia, this regime quickly liquidated the autonomy of South Ossetia and Abkhazia by depriving their people of the most basic national rights. Most of all, it was the liquidation of the autonomy that enabled the Georgian chauvinists to harshly suppress any form of discontent of the disenfranchised people of South Ossetia and Abkhazia.

In this situation the peoples of South Ossetia and Abkhazia could not refuse assistance from any foreign state, including that of Russia, because such assistance would be regarded as a direct challenge to the sovereignty of Georgia. The peoples of South Ossetia and Abkhazia had no choice but to stand up in defense of their territories and to decisively withstand the aggression of the Georgian oppressors by de facto declaring their independence from Georgia. From this point of view the interests of the local bourgeoisie and the broad popular masses of South Ossetia and Abkhazia concurred in this particular situation.

After the disintegration of the Soviet Union a number of independent states were formed. Russia happened to be the strongest and most prosperous of those states. Russia was able to even retain the status of an imperialist power, although secondary with respect to other imperialist countries. Moreover, the majority of the former republics of the Soviet Union remained economically dependent on Russia. In particular, economic life in Georgia depended almost exclusively on the distribution of electrical power from Russia. In addition, in a number of underdeveloped regions of the former Soviet Union the economic control of Russian capital remained insurmountable. South Ossetia and Abkhazia belong to this type of regions, where the economic interests of the Russian imperialists and the local bourgeoisie overlapped strongly long before the Georgian bourgeoisie even tried to establish its hegemony in these regions. As a result, in the territories of South Ossetia and Abkhazia the economic interests of the Russian imperialists and the Georgian bourgeoisie clashed and the local bourgeoisies happened to be on the side of the former.

What do the interests of the Russian imperialists in Abkhazia

consist of? Minerals, coal and various metals are extracted from its soil. Abkhazia has significant hydraulic resources relevant to industry. The climatic conditions of Abkhazia allow for citrus and other sub-tropical fruits to grow. Abkhazia has unique and favorable conditions for the development of the tourist



industry. Moreover, the Abkhazian coast stretches 200 kilometers, which has the potential to significantly increase the influence of either Russia or Georgia on the Black Sea, including their military presence.

By comparison, South Ossetia's economic potential and natural resources do not play such a decisive role in explaining the sources of the conflict between the interests of the Russian imperialists and the Georgian bourgeoisie. The territory of South Ossetia stretches over the north of Georgia and is separated from Russia by the mountains of the Caucasus. It is the geographic situation of South Ossetia that could be the main reason for the confrontation between Georgia and Russia for the control of this territory. The presence of the Russian army on the territory of South Ossetia allows the Russian imperialists to more efficiently control the influence of other imperialist countries on Georgian territory

against Iran and the Middle East, where the Russian imperialists have significant economic interests. Therefore the possible presence of Russian armed forces and Special Forces in the territory of South Ossetia, with any legal status, may prevent the Georgian bourgeoisie from placing foreign military bases in the territory of Georgia, which are undoubtedly considered by the Georgian bourgeoisie as a source of profit. Therefore on the territory of South Ossetia the economic interests of the Russian imperialists and the Georgian bourgeoisie clashed head on. The Russian imperialists are interested in preserving its influence on the South Ossetian territory at any cost; this is achieved with the assistance of the pro-Russian South Ossetian regime and population. The Georgian bourgeoisie is heavily invested in expunging Russian influence on the other side of the Great Caucasian Mountains and in cleaning the territory of South Ossetia from the anti-Georgian and pro-Russian rebel population. It is for this reason that the Georgian armed forces, during the time of the aggression of August 2008, seem to have been given the orders to obliterate the population of South Ossetia (more than 30 thousand civilian South Ossetian citizens became refugees, according to the Russian government).

In the period of the dictatorship of the proletariat the land, forest, hydraulic and other natural resources of the USSR belonged to the whole society, i.e. it belonged to all the nations on an equal footing. The peoples of the Soviet Union lived in a united and friendly family, not fighting but helping each other. The borders between national establishments had a formal character and were determined exclusively from the point of view of administrative convenience. As a result North Ossetia (north of the Great Caucasian Mountains) formally belonged to Soviet Russia and South

Ossetia (south of the Great Caucasian Mountains) to Soviet Georgia. Under these conditions the unity of the Ossetian people was preserved.

The aggravation of the situation in the Caucasus around South Ossetia and Abkhazia resonated so widely and suddenly in the international arena that it became even more prominent than the conflict between Kosovo and Serbia. These events generated a swift and open conflict between a number of imperialist powers, especially between the US and Russia. This is understandable, since towards 2008 the territory of Georgia became contentious due to the struggle between the imperialists of the US and Russia for the control over Iran and Azerbaijan (a significant contingent of Russian capital is present in Iran, and Russia and Azerbaijan have long-standing economic ties). The US imperialists do not have an economic presence and influence in Iran. Therefore the US tried to build air and rocket bases in the territory of Georgia with the purpose of using them against Iran in order to destabilize that country, to turn it into a region of high risk for foreign investment and to create the conditions to expel its imperialist rivals from Iran. Moreover, the US imperialists are interested in the control over the transit of oil from Azerbaijan through Georgia and over the oil ports on the Georgian coast; this would allow the US to establish direct control over the Black and Caspian Seas and would turn Georgia into a solid satellite leading to the diminishing of the influence of Russian imperialism in the area.

The leading powers in Western Europe, especially France and Germany, played a shady role in the events described above. What concrete interests did France and Germany pursue in these events? France, Germany and Russia have trade ties with Iran. Therefore they

are not interested in the US using the Georgian territory to put military pressure on Iran. This would enhance the risk factor for Western European and Russian investors. For instance, the head of the French oil company Total stated in July 2008 that because of the aggravation of the geopolitical tension in this region, his company is not planning to invest in the most important Iranian gas bed, in South Pars.

On the other hand, both France and Germany are not interested in further strengthening the positions of the oil and gas industry of Russian imperialism in the world market because the French and the German economies significantly depend on the import of oil and gas, which are to a great extent supplied by Russian oil and gas corporations, and the price for oil and gas has a direct impact on the profits of the capitalists of Western Europe.



In the beginning of July 2008 the head of "Gazprom" (the Russian gas monopoly – *translator's note*) visited Iran and helped negotiations with the president of the country with regard to developing cooperation in the area of oil and gas. This included negotiating Russian involvement in the building of a gas extraction plant in South Pars. According to a

statement of the press office of "Gazprom", both sides agreed to create a joint venture for oil and gas related projects in Iran, Russia and other countries. In addition, the Iranian side put forward the question of the possibility of Russia supplying gas to the northern regions of Iran on a long-term basis.

Iran has the second largest reserves of gas, and a tighter cooperation between Russia and Iran, according to the majority of experts, could allow these countries to determine the gas prices in the world market.

Therefore the imperialists of Western Europe are not interested in the consolidation of the influence of the Russian gas and oil corporations in countries with oil and gas resources in the Caspian area, such as Russia, Iran and Azerbaijan. Azerbaijan's oil flows through Georgian territory. In order not to allow Russia to attain direct control over the transit of gas from Azerbaijan through Georgian territory, Western imperialists managed to place their own observers along the border of South Ossetia, under the banner of the European Community.

As a result, in the territory of Georgia the global interests of a number of imperialist powers clashed and therefore the conflict went beyond the boundaries of a regional conflict. This conflict not only further complicated the situation in the Caucasus but could also spark a world war.

The US imperialists tried to achieve their aggressive plans using the Georgian armed forces. For this purpose they financed the militarization of Georgia, supplied this country with modern weaponry through third countries, trained army personnel for military action with the help of US and other foreign instructors and guaranteed full support to the bourgeois regime in Georgia. The rapid intervention of a

large contingent of the Russian armed forces, which had been prepared for this possibility, ruined US plans for the swift takeover of South Ossetia and Abkhazia by the Georgian army. The Russian armed forces prevented military action against Abkhazia, expelled the Georgian troops from the territory of South Ossetia, defeated the Georgian army to the level that it became unable to fight further and inflicted destructive blows on a number of military objects in Georgia. Soon after the conclusion of military action the bourgeois authorities of Russia declared the independence of the republics of South Ossetia and Abkhazia, who proclaimed their sovereignty fifteen years ago. This gave the possibility to the Russian imperialists of turning its "peacekeeping" military contingent with limited rights and liberty of action into a regular military contingent based upon bilateral agreements with the sovereign republics of Abkhazia and South Ossetia. This strengthened the positions of the Russian imperialists in this region. The Russian imperialists managed to conceal their predatory essence under the propaganda of saviors of the South Ossetian and Abkhazian peoples and their independence. We can only recognize heroism in those soldiers and civilians who died fighting the Georgian aggression, since the bourgeoisie is not able to display selfless actions in defense of other nations.

Ukraine, Israel and other countries supplied modern weaponry, including weapons produced with the participation of Russian military capital, to the Georgian army. Therefore, they did not only expose themselves as loyal servants of the interests of US imperialism, but earned their profit at the expense of the blood and suffering of the civilian population of Abkhazia and South Ossetia.

Alexei Danko

INFORMATION

The Ukrainian-Russian accord on production and scientific-technical cooperation in the area of military production has been in force since 1993. In 2004 a bilateral inter-government agreement was adopted that regulates the export of military goods to third countries. Towards 2005 about 1330 Russian and Ukrainian companies operated within the framework of programs of cooperation of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) under preferential trade conditions.

Despite the fact that the volume of military-technical "cooperation" has diminished over the years, the volume of military trade with Russia accounts for 30% of the total military trade of Ukraine. Even though the two countries happened to be on opposite sides of the conflict, both made money out of the trade of this lethal merchandise. According to the Ukrainian center overseeing the reconversion and disarmament of the armed forces, in 2007 Ukraine earned somewhere between 600 million and one billion US dollars in military trade. In particular, Georgia purchased 10% of the military merchandise traded by Ukraine.

Conclusion: Russian companies also made profits out of the armament of Georgia through "third countries" (in this case through Ukraine).

Ukraine
Proletarian Marxist-Leninist
Organization "Red Commune".

WE CALL UPON ...

The progressive forces of all countries to support the peoples of South Ossetia and Abkhazia in their struggle for independence and to put pressure on the governments of their countries to acknowledge the sovereignty and establish diplomatic ties with the republics of South Ossetia and Abkhazia.

The proletariat of South of Ossetia and Abkhazia to take into account and remember that the local bourgeoisie is also their irreconcilable class enemy and that the unity with this class during the period of struggle for independence was forced and temporary.

To the progressive forces of Georgia, especially the proletariat, to develop active struggle against the aggressive and chauvinist policies of the ruling regime of Georgia and against the location of military bases of imperialist countries in their territory.

To the Russian proletariat, to expose the predatory character of the domestic and foreign policies of the Russian bourgeoisie (for instance, in 1962 the elite forces and army of the social imperialists of the Soviet Union mercilessly opened fire on Novochoerkass workers on strike; in 1999 the Russian imperialists violently suppressed the workers protests in the cellulose plant in Vyborg, Leningrad; the Russian imperialists, in their struggle for the control of the oil of Grozni, unleashed their military might on the civilian population of the Chechen republic) in general and with regards to the oppressed peoples of South Ossetia and Abkhazia. Lead the struggle against the development of Russian chauvinism and violence against the Georgian people.

Dear NSC readers:

So much has been written from all sides of this conflict and its causes and behind the scenes agreements- this is why we publish these analyses from a progressive labor's point of view and of readers of NSC in Leningrad and their newspaper "Proletarskaya Gazeta".

Maybe some NSC readers will not agree with this analyses, but the present situation demands that the regimes of Russia, Ukraine and Georgia be exposed as widely as possible!

Editor of NSC

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

IMPERIALIST U.S. ECONOMY IS IN DEEP CRISIS

Condensed from article by D.E. Lee

One trillion dollars bailout! Now that's some money! You could buy a failed war in Iraq for that amount. In contrast in the USA it would only cost a mere \$55 billions per year to wipe out child poverty and health insurance for over 40,000,000 people plus it can practically wipe out unemployment!

American people are told by the Bush Administration that this bailout by the taxpayers – with no oversight, with no obligations for those multibillionaire Wall Street Bank Executives – is necessary in order to prevent a total collapse of the US capitalist economy! After all, we are all told that our free market, this invisible hand, not controlled by any government regulations, will take care of itself. But these Wall Street rich robber barons have no charity in their hearts for the common people at all. These robber barons of capitalism always tell us common folk that we should not depend on any government handouts, that we should all pull ourselves up by our bootstraps and abide by the Capitalist rules.

And what's in this bailout for the American people?

American people certainly do not need a 9-11 Commission to state the obvious – that this financial meltdown is the result of the absolute greed of Wall Street. This has finally put to rest a number of fallacies that the American people were brought up to believe in:

* One fallacy is that what is good for Wall Street is good for the Main Street. And that increases in work productivity leads automatically to wage increases. If that was true in Capitalism and Wall Street boomed, the average American family would not have witnessed stagnation of the capitalist system or a decline in their standard of living. Capitalism depends solely on making a huge

profit, and if that means cutting wages of the workers, then so be it.

Why should the American people bail out these greedy companies and banks that have been run into the ground, with jobs outsourced, jobs slashed – while these robber barons get rewarded for their failures with trillions in golden parachutes? Who is going to bail out the common American people?

If there is this financial fiasco, then where is all the money coming from the wars that US is involved in and for the huge profits for these multinational corporations producing armaments?

But if the entire system in the US is not reformed, with an eye of bringing economic justice to the people of America and removing this stranglehold that the multinational corporations have on the society – then we have a problem.

COMMENT:

Excellent analyses, but the writer has a problem of projecting a solution to change this situation. Socialism is the answer and this can only be done by the unity of the people in overthrowing the present Imperialist ambitions that more and more are becoming akin to fascism!

Editor of NSC

BUSH PUSHES FOR IRAQ'S OIL

As Bush's power rumbles to an end, he is pushing with increasing urgency, on behalf of his backers-bosses- for an agreement to a very-long term U.S. presence in Iraq and to secure U.S. control over Iraq's oil before he leaves the White House.

It seems that Mr. Obama is also listening and agreeing in order pay back in favors for the many millions that these US Corporations gave him and made certain that he got elected.

Yes, Mr. Obama is their man!

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PRESIDENT OBAMA PICKED A PRO-ISRAEL HARDLINER FOR THE TOP POST

By ALI ABUNIMAH-
The Electronic Intifada

Before Obama was sworn in as President of USA, he has already picked to the very high-level post – as the White House Chief of Staff – Rahm Israel Emanuel – as cited by the New York Times newspaper.

Rahm Emanuel's father helped to smuggle weapons to the Israel Irgun, the Zionist militia of former Prime Minister of Israel, Menachem Begin in the 1940's. This Irgun Zionist terrorist group carried out numerous attacks on the Palestinian civilians, including the bombing of Jerusalem's King David Hotel, which was condemned by the United Nations in 1946.

This Emanuel continued his father's pro-Israel-Zionist tradition of active support for Israel during the 1991 Gulf War, when he helped the Israel Army have their army vehicles near the Lebanon border, when southern Lebanon was still occupied by Israel.

He was the White House political director in the Clinton administration. Emanuel was elected to the US Congress in Chicago in 2002. He was the key figure in getting the tremendous financial help for Obama during the election campaign. Obama was the chief speaker at the pro-Israel Conference last June in Washington, where finances was the man topic.

In the US Congress Emanuel was even far more pro-Israel than President Bush in funneling billions of US tax payers dollars. He even wrote a letter to President Bush in June of 2003, criticizing Bush for "insufficient support for Israel and criticizing Bush for having condemned Israel's policy of assassinating Palestinian political leaders." In July of 2006 he made a speech in the UYDS Congress in support of the resolution that backed Israel bombing of Lebanon and Palestinian territory, which caused thousands of civilian victims.

The truth was told exactly by the Executive Director of the USA National Jewish Democratic Council

told the Fox News that Obama's picking of Emmanuel is: **"just another indication that despite the attempt to say that he is defending Palestinian people – Obama will maintain the Pro-Israel policies of former President Bush!"**

Obama will never be or come up to the stature of the assassinated Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

THE BEIRUT INTERNATIONAL FORUM FOR RESISTANCE- Beirut - January 16-18, 2009

Upon the initiative of the Consultative Center for Studies and Documentation in Beirut, in collaboration with the International Campaign against American and Zionist Occupation (*the Cairo Conference*), the International Anti-Imperialist and People's Solidarity Coordinating Committee (*the Calcutta-India Conference*), the Stop War Campaign (*London*), with the participation of the National Gathering o Support the Choice of Resistance (*Lebanon*), and with the support of other political and social forces signing this call and participating in the Forum's proceedings

Based on the right to resistance as a principle, choice and culture, inspired from its confrontation of both the American and Zionist occupation, in appreciation of its great sacrifices, human heritage, and achievements in defending the right to liberation, freedom, independence, and to contribute to the elimination of the illusion of peoples' oppression and humiliation;

Based on the experiences of the Anti-Imperialist, Solidarity between People defending their legitimate rights and supporting the vulnerable in facing occupation and invasion. Also based on the alternative experiences of refusing the intellectual and cultural stereotyping, refusing of marginalization and wasting rights together with the experiences of production-solidarity networks, and the reorganization of the land and local administrations. And as complement to the Beirut Conference to support Resistance in 2006, the Cairo Conference, the Calcutta Conference, the New Delhi Conference, the International Citizens' Tribunal in Brussels in 2008, the Durban, Mexico, and Colombia Conferences;

Within the sphere of international social forums, the Porto Allegri

Chart, the Alternative Globalization Campaign, the Anti-War Movement – the movements against the Israeli Occupation, in support of the Palestinian people and the Right to Return.

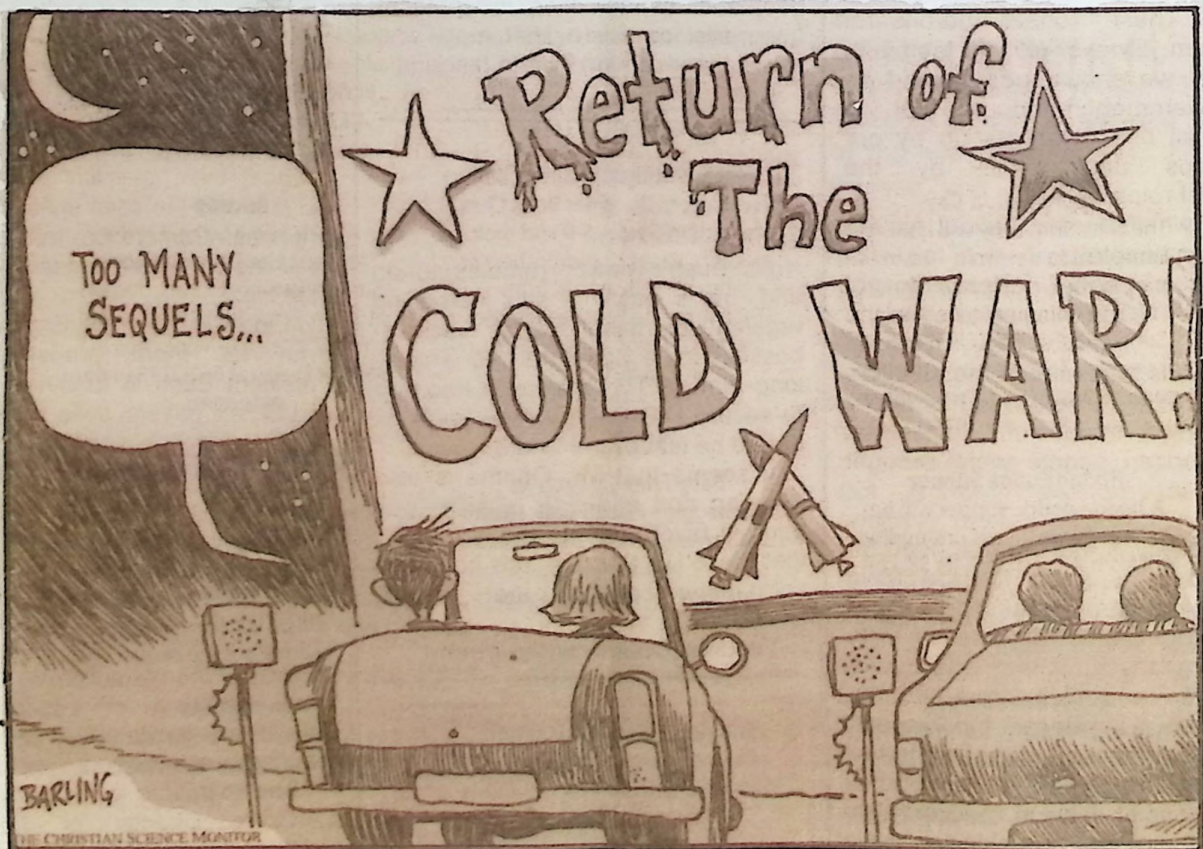
The International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People and Northstar Compass 4-language editions are a signatory to the Call for the Beirut International Forum for Resistance

MASS DEMONSTRATIONS HELD IN ABU KAMAL

From Syrian Arab News Agency

Tens of thousands angry demonstrators last month took to the streets in Abu Kamal city on the Syrian-Iraqi borders, protesting the heinous US attack which claimed the lives of innocent civilians who were working at the al-Sukkariah Farm.

American and Israeli flags were burnt and angry protest slogans were shouted. This attack was launched by the US on the pretext of pursuing members of the al-Qaeda and meant to internationalize the crisis in Iraq so that the occupiers can cover the fact



that they were unable to convince the Iraqi government to sign a proposed security pact with the USA, known as the "Status of Forces Agreement."

The US launched this unprovoked attack to trick Iraq's neighbors into making a hasty decision, which would give the US occupiers a pretext to expand their scope of the Iraq crisis.

Syria has closed all of its cultural and educational centers affiliated with the USA. The domination of the US and international organizations and the current state of affairs, no response was expected from the United Nations.

This shows that the law of the jungle rules the world today – not humanitarianism.

5000 PEOPLE GATHERED IN ISTANBUL, TURKEY

FROM INTO@MLKP.INFO

Textile workers, working in the textile sector that is an important sector in Turkey, and of whom a great majority are employed without insurance and the right of membership in a trade union and debarred from occupational safety and death, gathered last October 26 to hold a Conference in Istanbul. This conference was organized by the trade union Tekstil-Sen and it became a platform, which discussed the problems of the workers and looked for solutions to the economical, democratic and social problems.

In her opening speech, Tekstil-Sen General Secretary Beycan Taskiran talked about the fact that the workers are employed without any insurance and working under terrible unhealthy conditions and the aim of that conference was to start organizing the textile workers into a trade union.

This rally "For the brotherhood of the people and democracy against nationalism, racism and militarism" was planned by 18 organizations, but it was banned by the Turkish state.. But the organizers did call for the meeting and the Turkish police

turned really furious and imposed terror on the city and tried to disrupt the gathered thousands.

Despite that, the 5,000 strong demonstrations took place and demanded the release of their jailed leader and a solution to the Kurdish question.

During this demonstration banners were unfurled and flags, slogans were shouted, such as: "Equality, brotherhood, freedom for the Kurdish nation!" – "The PKK is the people and the people are here"- "Long live the revolutionary solidarity!" and "Murderer Erdogan!"

The demonstrators were forced to disperse after they were viciously attacked by the police, while many people were arrested. After that, the police kept on marching through the city of Izmir and to terrorize the population.

WHAT IS THE FLAW IN THE PEAK OIL ARGUMENT?

Interview with F. Wm. Engdahlom

It's a flawed view from the very beginning to the end. I know about the peak oil view – I myself subscribed to it as a possible explanation for the occupation of Iraq in 2003, because nothing else at that time made any sense.

I wrote a piece about this that was widely debated and earned me quite a bit of hostile mail, called "Confession of an Ex-Peak Oil Believer." The whole peak oil theory rests on the idea that oil is a fossil fuel, which is accepted as a religious dogma by almost every geology department in most of the world.



The results of NATO policies in the world are the same that Hitler tried to achieve. The end will be the same!

The problem is that oil is not a fossil fuel, it's not from the detritus of dead dinosaurs or from algae from under the ocean or bird fossils or what ever fossils you want to take. It's not a biological product. Oil is generated deep down.

If you've ever seen a schematic cutting into the core of the earth of how a volcano erupts, it's like a huge seething cauldron deep down inside the earth's mantle burning constantly. Then there's a fault or a rupture or an alignment of a certain structure near the surface of the earth, and that allows the enormous temperature and pressure to erupt to the surface, like Krakatoa or Mount Etna.

Imagine that that's how oil is created, deep down in the earth – oil is a hydrocarbon, and Soviet scientists have synthetically reproduced oil hydrocarbons in the laboratory at a hundred times the atmospheric pressure at sea level. Oil is constantly being produced, at least from all indications, deep down in the earth, and rather than saying it comes from dead animals that are pressed down in the earth from above, we should start training our geologists to look deeper at some of the fields such as Ghawar in Saudi Arabia, some of these fault structures in the Middle East that gives them such riches of oil.

I was in Iceland not too long ago giving a talk on my book, and the former Foreign Minister of Iceland there told me that the government had commissioned an independent geophysical survey last year of Iceland in terms of the presence of oil. He said that the scientific conclusion was that Iceland is swimming on a sea of oil, that it's a North Sea oil reserve.

Who is it that controls the information we have on oil supplies in the world? Who got the peak oil movement going? It was the intimate decades-long friend of US Vice President Dick Cheney – Matt Simmons from Houston – the billionaire oil tycoon banker!

And who is it that benefits from the \$107 per barrel price of oil today? Well, I don't see any sign that Exxon-Mobil giant is crying on their way to the bank! They are making obscene profits.

And this is acceptable as justifiable!

FASCISTS FORMING PARTY IN BULGARIA, AND IN EUROPE

By DAVID CRONIN – Inter Press Service – Brussels, Belgium, Nov. 13, 2008

A political ideology based on the desire to exterminate Roma Gypsies is emerging in many parts of Europe, a Brussels Conference has been told.

Following many violent attacks on Roma by skinheads and other extremists in Bulgaria, it was announced during last August that the far-right National Guard was being established in some European countries.

The "Anti-Gypsyism" is advocated by its leader in Bulgaria, Vladimir Rasate, can be compared to the anti-Semitism during 1930's in Germany, according to Professor Michael Stewart, of Anthropology Faculty at the University College in London, England. "With the National Guard Party, the disposing of the Roma-Gypsies is seen as basis for a national renewal. This is a new phenomenon now after World War II in Europe that has not existed before. **This is a real danger!**"

Professor Stewart added "When today senior European leaders publicly discuss "solutions to the Roma problem", advocating the use of dynamite, electrified fences, mug shots, fingerprinting of all Gypsy men, women and children, and also deportations, historical parallels inadvertently come to mind!"

The hostility against Roma has been particularly acute in Italy, where the political parties in Prime Minister Berlusconi's ruling coalition have openly proclaimed that all Gypsies are criminals. In May of this year, the Italian government introduced a "security package" which provided for dismantling of Roma Camps and automatic deportation of all Roma who cannot prove that they have a steady job. But the discrimination of hiring Gypsies is so great that practically most of them cannot find employment.

The outright hostility against Roma people in Italy and Bulgaria is "unrivaled by any other European country." The conditions in these Roma camps are extremely in bad

shape and unbelievable living conditions. Roman people constitute in Europe about 15 Million people and are the largest ethnic minority within the 27 countries comprising the European Union.

Livia Jaroka, a Hungarian member of the European Parliament of Roma-Gypsy origin, said that her people "suffer from extreme sub-Saharan Africa type of poverty"

Gabriela Hrabanova, an official of the Czech Ministry of Labour said: "In many of the EU member states, there is nothing going on at the local level, although in documents issued by the EU it looks as if everything is great is being done for the Roma people."

CAPITLISM IS TO BLAME FOR THE FOOD CRISIS

By Bruno Marquis, Quebec, Canada

During 1980's most of the cereal markets were deregulated under the supervision of the World Bank, the USA and the European Union. Cereal surpluses systematically destroyed the farming community and destabilized the national food agriculture of many "developing countries."

The World Bank demanded that the loans required the leveling of the commercial barriers on the imports of basic farm products. This of course led to the dumping of American and European Union surpluses on the Third World countries local markets. It is these measures and other similar ones which led the agricultural producers of these countries into bankruptcy.

For example, Malawi and Zimbabwe had previously cereal surpluses, an Rwanda was practically self-sufficient until 1990, the year that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) ordered the dumping of the United States and the European Union cereal surpluses on their internal market, thus making the small farmers go bankrupt.

In all of Africa and in South and Latin America, these "agricultural structural adjustments" ordered by the IMF and under the supervision of the Bretton Woods Institution and the World Bank – clearly led to the

disappearance of food security. Then all of these countries became wholly dependent on the US controlled World Market, which forced them to increase their imports of commercial cereals and other foods.

The world food crisis does not just come from natural disasters or unpredictable events. It is the result also of the inequitable economic system (*capitalism*), which considers the private interest of companies before the public interests of the population.

This is also the result of powerful imperialist countries which continue to dominate other countries with their "tools" like the World Bank., the IMF and worse still is this World Trade Organization.

We must fight this unbridled capitalist exploitation which leads to such food crisis. We must struggle to eliminate capitalism and imperialism. This needs UNITY of all progressive forces.

Time has long gone for constant talk and debates. Unity is the only answer, before creeping fascism will dominate.

THIS IS THE TIME TO UNITE AND ACT!

From Canadian and U.S. Bolsheviks

With the capitalist system in its financial, economic and political crisis all over the world, the international working class must be led by a Marxist UNITED FRONT!

Such a Front can only be organized, guided and led by Communists who in turn must join together against our common enemy, into a Communist International. The progressive movements all over the world must realize the potential of united action at this time of capitalist-imperialist crisis.

With the crisis in the USA and the real potential decline and fall of the U.S. Empire, this is the moment for those who are real Marxists, Leninists and Stalinists to join together!

We are sending this Appeal to all communist and workers parties all over the world!

TIME HAS COME COMRADES FOR UNITED ACTION!

NEWS, DIGEST, COMMENTS

EXCLUSIVE FOR NSC LETTER THAT NY TIMES WILL NOT PUBLISH

By Naba Hamid

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New Horizon for Women – Iraq

Mr. Friedman'

Today, America is paying the price. The killing agent for America is its arrogance! America does not listen!!! Today you must listen!

Since 2003, America had become stuck in the quicksand in Iraq. America only listens to its own voice. Now is the time to listen to the voices of thoughtful, authentic, neutral Iraqis – Iraqis who live in the battle zones, those who live in what we call the **Red Zone**, not in the safety and fortified world of the Green Zone, the place where the Iraqi government is hiding, this government that was appointed by America.

What has happened in Iraq is tragic, not only for Iraqi citizens, but also for Americans as well. We are all victims. We are all losers. We are all sailing in the same boat, the terrorist's boat. We Iraqis have lost blood, safety and security. America has lost its credibility, accountability and humanity. It is the misuse of American power over vulnerable countries.

America also misused the word "democracy" in the eyes of my people, to us democracy means bullying, death, fear, hunger and anguish. It also means utter tragedy for Iraq. In Iraq and in the whole world, the word "democracy" is equated with terror and bloodshed. We do not want this "democracy". I want that these words of mine will reach the American people, since I'm saying them from my heart. Listen! Please listen! What is happening in Iraq is tragic. Today there are no safety zones in the world. War is everywhere, overt and covert. Ignorance, misconception and the degradation of any human being is the killing agents. They are the weapons of mass destruction to all the human race and to all life on this

globe of ours.

You know very well that there were no Weapons of Mass Destruction in Iraq. You know that Saddam Hussein is not associated with 9/11. The presence of Al-Qaida in Iraq was associated with the footsteps of America in my country since 2003. America created and invented problems for my people and my country.

Today America is fighting viciously to save its faltering economy! The Iraqis are fighting for their country! Today America is drinking from the same sorrowful cup as the Iraqis!

The following phrase is taken from your own article in the NY Times Mr. Friedman!

"Well, you want to see fear. Look into the eyes of Americans who are now seeing their savings wiped out, their companies disappear, their homes foreclosed. We are a different country today! After a decade of the whole world being afraid of too much American power, it is now going to be treated to a world of too little American power, as we turn inwards in order to get our house back in order."

Mr. Friedman!

Listen to what people of Iraq are saying; because America invaded and occupied our country, turning our lives into rubble and destroyed the whole state and nation. We people of Iraq will never forget or forgive the carelessness of Americans in dealing with Iraq. We are calling for reparations and rebuilding of all that was destroyed. Americans killed millions of innocent Iraqis and their blood is more precious to us than your American dollars!

Life is sacred and America destroyed life in Iraq!

Oh yes, Mr. Friedman – you wrote in the same article in NY Times the following:

"I will wait for history for my redemption, but the American people will not. They want nation-building in America right now!"

But Mr. Friedman you were one of the supporters of this cruel war and occupation. Haven't you ever thought out how this will end – and what will

be the consequences of American invasion, occupation and complete devastation? In my speeches over the past five years, I've warned Americans many times, but the Americans do not listen and do not learn. **Now it is the time to listen – please listen!**

Time is come for people of America to play your role over the policies of your US Government and stop the bloody acts perpetrated by the American troops in Iraq. It is your choice to show the Iraqi people your good will! Help the Iraqi people to heal their deep wounds! Your actions now might just save the reputation of America that the policy of the Bush Administration had turned to ashes!

CHILD LABOR IN USA

From Charlotte Observer

Lucero Gayton, not even 15 years of age, when most girls of her age are asleep, she has to go to work at 11 pm and work a 10-hour shift, wielding a sharp knife, cutting of muscles from thousands of chickens that are killed at the Raeford Farms.

Lucero lost her job last month in the largest immigration raid ever conducted in the Carolinas – amongst 331 under age girls that were arrested – but not the owners, that hire cheap labor.

Teenage girls are smuggled from Mexico through the hazardous desert by human smugglers. If they want to change their birth date they have to pay at the US border \$300.

There are no safety rules at this US factory and girls stand side-by-side wielding these sharp knives and have to make at least 20,000 cuts per shift.

In South Carolina many young migrant teenagers die and their parents do not know where they are buried. Migrant boys and girls working in agriculture where safety regulations are not enforced and exploitation of these children is rampant. U.S. employers who always flout any regulatory laws face very few consequences, if at all.

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FEATURE ANALYSES

China on the course of the socialist modernization The main theses

Prof. Zbigniew Wiktor
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Modern China is dragging attention of the entire world because of the size of the Chinese nation having over 1.3 bil. People territory of over 9.5 mil. Sq. km., economic potential, phenomenon of the Chinese civilisation of more than 5 thousand years and also huge pace of the economic development taking place for 30 years. People's Republic of China raises interest also because of its socialist system where the leading ideological and political power is held for 60 years by the Communist Party of China.

China enjoys significant interest also because of the character and scope of the socialist modernisation and socio-economic reforms initiated 30 years ago by the CPC under Deng Xiaoping's leadership. China has decided to open to the outside world and especially flow of huge foreign capital by creating favourable conditions for its development in special zones but under control of the socialist state and legal system. Course of modernization was also expressed in creating mechanisms enabling activation of the domestic capital. It was connected with wider demand by the CPC, that China should be based on their own strength and stand firm on its legs. Possibilities for restoration of the private enterprises were opened what contributed to increase of production and enrichment of the market.

Also at the countryside since 1979 elements of management of the people's communes that allowed quicker development of the agriculture were being introduced. In 1984 people's communes were disbanded and domestic contracts system based on purchasing in conditions of work brigades on land leased by farmers from the state, was introduced. At the same time creation of landed farms was allowed and small market economy preferred by strengthening its work efficiency and supporting various forms of

social ownership in supply and market. Simultaneously the state has reserved monopoly on owning land leased to the farmers for 30 years period.

Modernization and market reforms of the Chinese economy has contributed to release of many production reserves, especially it has initiated use of huge resources of the workforce. Foreign companies achieved huge incomes and possibility of entering huge Chinese market has attracted the world's biggest industrial, trade and services corporations. This process lasts until now. It is estimated that foreign direct investment reached the level of 1,8 bln USD. It has contributed not only to significant change in the Chinese economic structure and saturated it with modern technology but also created dozens of millions of new jobs. New branches of industry were created and not only industry but also other branches of the economy such as management, financial and banking system, administrative system and others were modernized. Opening to the outside world and role of the foreign capital are enormous but one cannot forget that it makes only 6-10% of the investments in China and that determines character of the socialist modernization of the state.

The essence of modernization and reforms initiated by Deng Xiaoping and continued by his successors, was new attitude towards the market. Chinese leader has stated (contrary to his predecessor – Mao Tse Tung) that market does not have to be the alien and hostile category and mechanism for the socialist economy but it can bring huge increase of production and contribute to dynamism and modernization in the socialist economy. This modernization had significant effects not only for practical activities but also influenced theoretical discussion on base thesis of the Marxist political economy and theory of scientific socialism. New categories such as socialist market and socialist market economy (that since 1992 is a constitutional principle of the PRC) were created.

Modernization and Deng Xiaoping's reforms were based on the assumption that Mao Tse Tung's (who had huge deserts in conducting socialist revolution in China and

creating base of the socialism but also wasn't free from numerous mistakes) dogmatism must be given up. Mao Tse Tung implemented equalizing principles of socialism in conditions of historical economic backwardness of China – with quite high pace of development but from the very low initial level, when even extreme poverty was common and its sign – „the iron bowl of rice”. Poverty and want – said Deng Xiaoping – even shared justly cannot be ideals of socialism or communism same as „barracks socialism” promoted by Maoists also on the international level. CPC considered that China is still in the initial stage of the socialism when small economy dominates the countryside and plays significant part in the cities and that it needs to be steered towards fast development under state and legal control and socialist state economy. It has also considered that this aim can be achieved through wide international cooperation with foreign capital and trade relations. In this issue Chinese leadership has used earlier soviet experience from the 20's of the 20th century when W.I. Lenin proposed, after huge destruction during the civil war, new course for the Soviet state – New Economic Policy (NEP), that has put an end to chaos after the revolution, rebuilding of the economy, revival of the international trade and what's the most important prepared the state for realization of new tasks during later period.

Comparison with NEP in the USSR is only partly justified because the USSR as a result of aggravating internal (fighting kulaks) and international contradictions (growth of fascism) its course was reduced and later stopped in late 20's. Contrary to it Chinese NEP lasts for over 30 years and takes place on gigantic unprecedented scale using also favourable international situation.

According to Chinese analysts nowadays and in predictable perspective China and world are not being threatened by any greater military threat. It enables to start huge plans and tasks that are realized with huge success before assumed terms. Until 1990 China has doubled its national income. Another doubling took place until 2000. Plans for 2010 predict another one and until 2020 rising it four times compared to year 2000. As it was mentioned these plans are fulfilled before term. Chinese analysts predict that in 2010 Chinese GDP will

already grow not to 2000 but 3000 USD per capita and prognosis saying that until 2020 it will reach 6000 USD is a realistic one.

Socialist modernization and reforms has caused huge economic growth and also realization of big social plans for the PRC's citizens resulting from Marxist axiology and are defined by social development programmes of the CPC and PRC.

At the same time it has aggravated old and caused new social contradictions, that in opinion of Chinese communists however do not undermine socialism in China. Main contradictions in China are not the class related ones. They can aggravate only temporarily. The main contradictions are related to growing needs of the Chinese society and abilities to satisfy them by still backward production base. That is why Chinese leadership prefers every initiative that contributes to rising level of the economy and strengthening its producing power.

Socialist modernization and market economy are implemented according to certain rules:

1. Socialist has to be adhered to
2. Dictatorship of the people (proletariat) must be sustained
3. Leading role of the CPC must be adhered to
4. Marxist-Leninism, Mao Tse

Tung's ideas, Deng Xiaoping's theory and theory of Three Representations must be adhered to

5. Socialism in China needs to be built according to Chinese specifics with Chinese characteristics, by paying attention to creating harmonious, moderately wealthy society
6. In international relations policy of peace, removing threats of war and opposing hegemony has to be promoted

These rules are also base of the contemporary programme of building socialism in China what was confirmed by the statements and development programme accepted by the 17th Congress of the CPC in October 2007. During that Congress Hu Jintao was reelected General Secretary of the CPC. During session of the All China Assembly (Congress) of the People's Representatives in March 2008 Hu Jintao was also reelected President of the PRC and Chairman of the Central Military Committee. Prime Minister (Chief of the State Council) Wen Jiabao and Chairman (Speaker) of the Permanent Committee of the People's Representatives Assembly also entered the highest leading group.

China's course of socialist modernization is realized not without internal and international antagonistic and un-antagonistic contradictions. These issues are being considered on internal and international background. Nowadays world is the course of fast globalization that gained pace after the fall of „real socialism“ in former USSR and Middle-Eastern Europe. One of the subsections analyses causes of the USSR's and CPSU's fall and how representatives of the Chinese political science perceive it. In first subsection views by the Chinese scientists on globalization and contradictions in modern world are mentioned. United States are at the front of this globalization. They want to make it a form of economic, financial, cultural and firstly political-military domination. At the beginning of the 90's of the 20th century United States proclaimed to be a „world's gendarme“, announcing „new world order“ that strengthens values and aims of the global US hegemony.

Such policy has met resistance from the progressive and free nations of the world, preferring multi-polarism and free cooperation favourable for everyone. US is meeting huge resistance in realizing its aims. United States were discredited politically and militarily in Iraq and Afghanistan. They tend to give NATO global character however new



powers such as the EU (with Germany on the lead) and even Latin America and of course PRC (conducting independent international policy and are increasingly significant player in international relations) are escaping the US grasp.

Significant part of the internal contradictions is devoted to analyse of the China's domestic relations, the key reforms and socialist modernization, state and development of Marxism in China and its adaptation to civilizational and cultural conditions in China. The important substance of the part is an analyze of the class contradictions in China, threat of corruption and changes in structure of the ownership. Other issues mentioned are role and place of China in globalization and regionalization processes, influence of the October revolution on China and seeking its own way of development by the CPC. In final part of the chapter point of view of the prime minister of the PRC on strategy and tactics of building socialism and use of scientific socialism with its attitude to „democratic socialism“ is presented, also the role of state capitalism in the initial stage of the socialism.

The other part of theses is devoted to presentation and analyze of the PRC's political system, its main principles and mechanisms, leading role of the CPC, rules of CPC's cooperation with other political parties, political consultations and democratic dictatorship of the people. In next parts guidelines and changes of the PRC's political system in years 1949-1953 (General Program of the Consulting Conference of China), Chinese constitution from 20 IX 1954, constitution of 17 I 1975 and 4 XII 1982 is presented. It also mentions five amendments to constitution from years 1988-2007. Each of these subsections is connected with short introduction explaining causes and essence of changes. In analyze of this chapter mainly normative-constitutional analyze was used and much attention was given to analyzing People's Congresses elections especially the All China Assembly (Congress) of the People's Representatives, place and role of the national minorities in the PRC.

The next part of main theses is devoted to the analyze of international relations of the China and about Chinas influences on the contemporary world. It presents main

assumptions behind the economic reforms and socialist modernization on various stages of China's development. These issues are presented with context of international relations and above all ideological and political discussions in the international communist movement. The main problem is an analysis of causes of the political and ideological split between CPC and CPSU that later became hostility that influenced also the international relations between the PRC and the USSR and even led to border incidents in late 60's of the past century. This split had its source in revisionism and hegemonism of N. Krushchev and other leaders of the USSR but also dogmatism of Mao Tse Tung that led to dissolution of the socialist states community and deep splits in the international communist movement. It has contributed to final fall of the CPSU and the USSR and socialist European states in 1989-1991.

At the same time in China after Mao Tse Tung's death in 1976 new leadership of the CPC with Deng Xiaoping at its head contributed to renovation of the CPC and PRC based on principles of opening, socialist zis mentioned in following parts of this work. They analyze main CPC's programme, political, system, ideological and economical principles that were formed by Deng Xiaoping, Jiang Zemin, Hu Jintao, Wen Jiabao and other theoreticians and politicians until nowadays – that means until XVII Congress of the CPC in October 2007 and until critical evaluation of the economic and social situation that was made by the All China Assembly (Congress) of the People's Representatives in March 2008.

China's development until 2020 and 2050 and perspectives of socialism's development not only in China but on the entire world are presented. It is also a contribution to the discussion on some theoretical Marxist thesis such as periodical character of building socialism, perspectives of the socialist state, possibilities of restoring socialism, its revival and development as a result of huge development of the PRC.

The experience of building of socialism with the Chinese characteristics and the theoretical development of Marxism – Leninism by the Chinese Marxists and communists needs deeper studies in the communist movement and in the Marxist centers of the world. It must

too be also overcome “Eurocentring” to practice the Marxism. Because the modern world changes in the direction to China, India, Asia, Pacific – areas and s.c. Third World. The socialist proletarian revolution is possible in New York, Toronto, London, Paris, Berlin and once more in Moscow and Warsaw, but the great spark (“new spark”) will come from Beijing, Shanghai, Calcutta, Africa, Latin America. This direction and main contradictions are the base of modern and contemporary (continued of formers) dialectics of revolutionary working and communist movement in the world of the XXI century.

COMMENT:

The above feature article is by Professor Zbigniew Wiktor who wrote many articles plus a book on China which is just published in Poland. He has studied and researched the present Chinese economic growth and development from his Marxist perspective and feels that the future model of Socialism is the Chinese model.

As a member of the Editorial Board of NSC I would like to differ on some points. One point comes to mind now. On November 21st in some Canadian media there was a report that stated the following – whether its true is to be proven, but as the old saying goes: “Where there's smoke, there's fire!”

“Chinese carmakers SAIC and DONFENG have plans to buy out General Motors and Chrysler now that these carmakers are supposedly bankrupt and begging for \$\$\$\$ bail out. This was reported by China's own “21st Century Business Herald”, a business paper in China, which boasts of over three million daily readers.

A takeover of overseas auto makers would fit perfectly into China's plans and could export Made in China Cars that are now the mainstay of employment for a large section of US and Canadian workforce.

Is this Marxism? Is this the road towards Communism?

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FRIENDSHIP NEWS

THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN TORONTO, CANADA



By PROFESSOR
ZBIGNIEW WIKTOR - POLAND

In the month of October, 2008 there was organized an International Conference by the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet Peoples and Northstar Compass journal. There were representatives from Canada, USA, Russia, Chile, India, Czech Republic, Turkey, Africa, Poland and Sri Lanka, representing different peace, party, and trade unions in the struggle against imperialism.

The main organizer of the Conference was Michael Lucas, Chairman of the International Council and Editor of Northstar Compass journal. Some people might question the existence of this organization since 1991 there is no longer the USSR after Yeltsin and his revisionists and traitors that followed dismembered the USSR and started on the road to build capitalism.

This Conference is another step since the First World Congress was held in 2001 to set up the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People, and then the Second World Congress in 2005, which was followed by conferences and other events, all dedicated to tell the truth about the dismemberment of the UDSR and Socialism, not only in the former Soviet Union, but in other

former Socialist countries in Europe.

THE CRISIS IN RUSSIA-

The two delegates from Russia—Dr. Vladimir Chechentsev and Maria Donchenko from the Soviet Society for Friendship with Foreign Countries and the Russian Edition of Northstar Compass explained the situation in the life of the people, the hardships, with industries ceasing to exist, millions of workers out of work, very large emigration outside of Russia and other former Republics, all trying to find work. The standard of living has plummeted sharply while the corruption is rampant.

The prestige of even Russia has disappeared and in its place 15 countries are struggling to exist, while US imperialism has spread its claws and involved many of these former Soviet republics into NATO and the European Union. The ethnic clashes, the bloodshed amongst the former Soviet people is all instigated by US supported internal reactionary forces as well as by the outside elements that want to exploit the rich natural resources of the former USSR.

Putin and Medvedev represent the interests of the rich oligarchs and their foreign masters. Russia lost over one million of its people. These oligarchs that sell of the natural resources, bank all of their profits into offshore banks, like Abramoviz who has palaces and property in France, Spain, owns a soccer team in England – and is worth over 900 billion dollars. This is corruption and the Russian regime is involved in this robbery.

More and more Soviet people are remembering how it was under Socialism, the cooperation with China and other countries of the world. The capitalist economic crisis is getting worse and the people of Russia are suffering.

THE CRISIS IN EUROPE AND IN THE THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES

The same crisis is happening in European countries, which after the fall of their "real socialism" have been absorbed and now exploited in the European Union. Professor Svoboda and Minar from the Czech

Slav Committee in Prague explained and enlarged on this economic problem as well as the crisis in former Yugoslavia as explained by Frank Trampus. The countries of Europe like Poland, Slovakia, Romania, Bulgaria, Albania and former Yugoslavia have now become semi-colonies of Imperialism.

The delegates from India, Senegal, Turkey, Chile, Philippines reported on the crisis in the economy, civil strife, the terror by government and the unstable situation in the economy, difficulties in struggles and assassinations that are common in these struggles.

Delegates discussed the crisis inside imperialist countries, touched upon the elections in America and the absolute need for unity amongst the anti-imperialist forces all over the globe

In this situation in the world as was discussed by all the delegates present at this Conference, there were many Resolutions proposed and discussed and then adopted. Amongst them was a resolution to be sent out – an Appeal that was adopted unanimously regarding the absolute necessity to establish a Communist International.

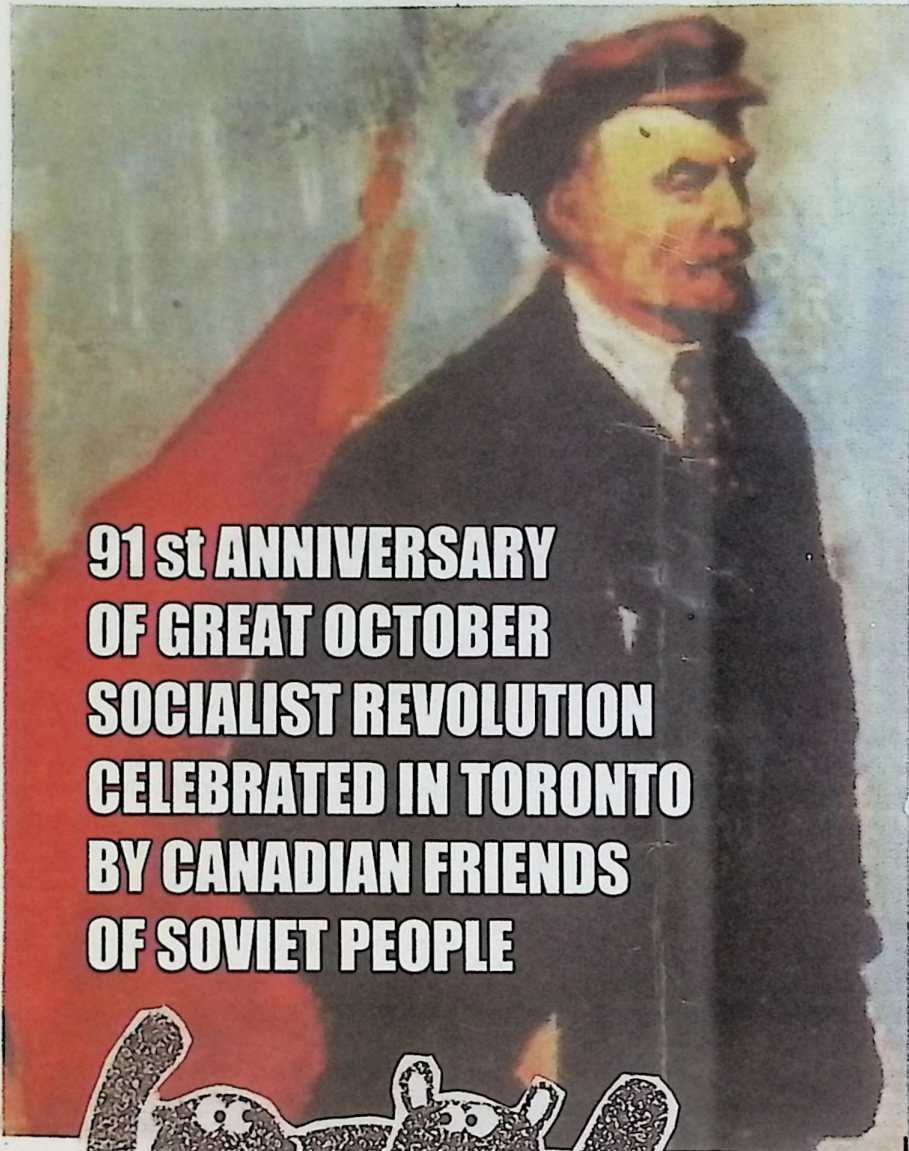
The policy and the influence of China and its dynamic development will have some influence on the anti-imperialist struggles all over the world.

I am certain that the decisions made at this important Conference will go a long way towards our goal of helping our Soviet comrades in their struggles for the resurrection of the USSR and Socialism and also the growing struggles in intensity against Imperialism.

Unfortunately we had to cut this very important article practically in half due to space reasons only.

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Photographs by Mike Celik

*At the left is the
Official logo
of the Canada-USSR
Association
as well as of the
CFSP.*





This 91st Anniversary event in Toronto brought in many new people - like Soviet immigrants to Canada who wished to join the work of the Canadian Friends of Soviet People and subscribe to Northstar Compass, English or Russian editions. They are patriots of USSR and Socialism and left present day former USSR and its bourgeois regimes.



There were speeches, music, singing, raffle prizes, and even one Soviet comrade who looked like Lenin!





There are hundreds of Soviet immigrants from many former Soviet republics in Canada who could not stand the present regime of Putin-Mededevev and former Gorbachev policies of anti-Socialism, anti-Leninism and anti-Stalinism.

They have established their newspaper websites on the Internet; they are joining the Canadian Friends of Soviet People and helping to spread the truth about the USSR, Lenin, Stalin and Socialism.

The Friendship House in Toronto is "A corner of USSR in Canada!" You can feel the happiness and the joy of these Soviet patriots who together with other Canadians are striving to have the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics be reborn.

Tether we shall carry on the glorious traditions established in Canada and in other countries in 1918 – the "Hands Off Russia Committee".



SPECIAL FOR NSC

HOW US SECRET SERVICES USE "PSYOPS"

"The U.S. Psychological Operations (PSYOPS) are planned operations to convey to the general public information and indicators to foreign audiences in order to influence their emotions, motives, objective reasoning and ultimately the behavior of foreign governments, organization, groups and individuals. PSYOPS are a very vital part of the broad range of U.S. diplomatic, informational, military and economic activities."

The USA Pentagon does not just utilize **psyops** during wartime, they also use them against friendly nations during peace time to **"inform and influence"**, as well as to lower **"adversary morale"** and **"create evidence"** and dissatisfaction within the ranks.

US imperialism uses three categories of **psyops**:

(1) Strategic psyops – which include the international information activities conducted by US government agencies, such as USAID, National Endowment for Democracy, the US State Department, CIA and others, to influence foreign attitudes, perceptions and behavior favorable to the goals and objectives of the US in time of peace and conflicts.

(2) Operational psyops – which are military operations conducted even during peacetime to promote an effective military campaign and strategy.

(3) Tactical psyops – that support tactical military missions against opposing forces.

The role of US Embassies in foreign countries is exemplified just by this one example how U.S. Ambassador Brownfield acted in Venezuela by setting up and generously funding the many **"American Corners"**. These **CORNERS** are partnerships set up without the country's official approval. Where US propaganda is spread in

these locations through internet, through available free books, magazines and documentary films and DVDs produced by the CIA. These **"Corners"** are used as if they are the **"initiatives of the local population"** and this US FBI-CIA guides their activities.

These **"corner"** are closely monitored by US Embassy secret services and names and contacts are established and money keeps flowing all the time.

These corners are now operating in Russia, Ukraine, Bulgaria, Romania, former Yugoslavia and other countries in Africa and South America.

If the government of these countries complains then the whole Pentagon, CIA, FBI and US Embassies go into overdrive to attack these countries that there is no freedom of expression, no democracy, that these are peoples organizations, that the US government has nothing to do with these developments, etc. etc.

HOW YOU TELL ON YOURSELF

By Unknown Author

You tell on yourself by the friends you seek,
By the very manner in which you speak;
By the way you employ your leisure time,
By the way you make use of dollar and dime.

You tell what you are by the things you wear,
By the spirit in which your burdens you bear;
By the kind of things at which you laugh,
By the records you play on the phonograph.

You tell what you are by the way you walk,
By the things on which you delight to talk;
By the manner in which you bear defeat,
By so simple a thing as how you eat.

By the books you choose from the well-filled shelf,
In these ways and more you tell on yourself;
So there's really no particle of sense,
In an effort to keep-up a false pretense.

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FREEDOMFEST

By FRANK RAY DAVIS

DEPRESSION WITH A HAPPY ENDING

Do I remember the Great Depression? Oof! It landed right in the middle of my informative years, with a resounding whack on the backside of me and other working Americans.

It started like the present one (*which is more politely or hypocritically called "recession"*) with a failure of a bank in Vienna, Austria. Then the dominoes started falling. Wall Street super-inflated stocks bit the dust. Stocks and bonds salesmen diving under the wheels of New York subways became routine, like dog-bites-man journalism. American companies fired workers by the millions. Republican President Hoover took time out once in a while from his excursions to assure frantic Americans that "*prosperity is just around the corner.*"

Wages sank through the floor. My first job after graduation was waiting on tables in a restaurant 12 hours a day for \$7 plus more or less non-existent tips. My fellow graduate Lester Halverson landed a factory job at \$5 per week, and he went around chortling, "*Boy, oh boy, now I'm set for the rest of my life.*" The 50% plus of men in my town were frantically looking for a job would have envied him.

Deflation went wild, and I bought hamburger meat for 10 cents a pound. A loaf of bread cost about a dime. Haircuts were 25 cents, cigarettes for 15 cents. A 3-bedroom apartment on the main street in my town rented for \$30 a month. \$400 covered the first year in College – and I lived in a basement and cooked my own meals with food for 75 cents a week.

President Roosevelt headed a valiant fight against the Depression with borrowed money for nine dreary years.

Then World War II exploded on us, and the national debt exploded also. But the monster Depression was kicked back into the shadows and wartime prosperity burst forth

like a rosy dawn.

A half-century of supposed prosperity and wars hot and cold – and borrowing, borrowing, borrowing – ticked off. America was the envy of the world, and its Bonds sold like cold drinks on a hot day.

So now we know by experience of how to cure a depression. **Right?** (1) Reduce prices- (2) Drum up and start wars someplace on the earth- (3) Drink the blood of our grandchildren, right? **WRONG!**

In the first place was the Great Depression ever really cured? Wasn't it really just shoed off with Band-Aids and Aspirins?

Besides, Herbert Hoover's depression and Bush Jr's depression are not the same strain of Beast. Hoover's primitive capitalism – if you could not sell your product for 25 cents, you cut the price. But in Bush's capitalism-imperialism producers know only how to cause artificial shortages.

So how about a nice war? Sorry, no go. In Roosevelt's time, war production was a labor-intensive operation. Now it's technology-intensive, so we'd lose even more prosperity than we'd gain.

So, what's wrong with passing a few Trillions of \$\$\$ in loans along to our future generations?

Not much if we've really discovered the secret of bottomless wells. For America has now borrowed more \$\$\$ than it can possibly ever repay, and the lenders and bond buyers of the world are not too stupid not to catch on.

So that brings us smack against an idea that anyone in a rut (*unfortunately that's most of us*) dreads even to think about a **NEW ECONOMIC SYSTEM**. Not a further ban-aid solution or an aspirin remedy, but a **NEW** system. A system based on people, not super-profits. A system that lifts people up rather than smacking them down. A system where you help and cooperate with your fellow Earthlings, rather than compete with them and pick their pockets to enrich a hoggish instinct.

Mighty capitalist pundits of course laugh at this simple suggestion. But Jesus wouldn't. Nor Karl Marx – or millions of others who though with their heads and hearts, not with their wallets.

Obama seems a tireless young

man who will work hard to patch up the bulk of capitalism and try to get it seaworthy again. But considering what he has to work with – and against - he cannot launch anything more than a wheel-spinning operation.

A new and better world can be coming. But only it is pushed on stage in a united effort by people willing to think new thoughts, to face up to new ways, to act, to join together with other people, to organize, to push and to pressure, to demonstrate and then to win.

Yes you, as a member of our American society, you are as good as any other member. You, with your friends, relatives, neighbors, co-workers and fellow Americans can make a better tomorrow happen for us and help other people of the world to do the same.

LET US ALL DO IT!

"If those in charge of our society – politicians, corporate executives, the owners of press and television – can influence and dominate our ideas, they will be secure in their power. They will not need soldiers to patrol the streets. We will then control ourselves."

HOWARD ZINN – Author –
historian

FREEDOM TO ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS





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THE REAL GOAL OF ISRAEL'S GAZA BLOCKADE

The latest tightening of Israel's chokehold on Gaza – ending all supplies – has produced immediate and shocking consequences for Palestinian Gaza's 1.5 million inhabitants. This has forced the shutting down of Gaza's only power station – creating blackout that forced Palestinians to use candles onto the streets in protest. There is also a water and sanitation crisis looming. There is also now a financial blockade by the Israel's Central Bank Hapoalim, because the Bank issued a statement to all banks that Gaza is an enemy entity.

This blockade had been pursued relentlessly as a collective punishment of Gaza, despite the fact that the Fourth Geneva Convention classifies such treatment of civilians as a war crime.

The Israel government, according to the Jerusalem Post is talking about using the strategy to obliterate all Gaza villages in an attempt to stop the rocket launches as protests, is an echo of discredited Israeli tactics used in South Lebanon during the war in 2006.

All of these moves by Israel and with the backing of Western powers to use unrelenting force against Gaza.

When will the UN and other countries say to Israel that ENOUGH IS ENOUGH?

HUNGER AMONG U.S. CHILDREN SKYROCKETS IN 2007



Over 691,000 U.S. Children went hungry in America during 2007, while close to one in eight Americans struggled to feed themselves, even before this year's sharp economic downturn, according to the U.S. Agricultural Department report issued last month.

Families with the highest rates of hunger were headed by growing number of single mothers.

There are 36.2 Million adults and children that struggled with hunger daily. That is over 12.2% of Americans who did not have the money or assistance to feed their families.

These findings should be heeded by President-elect Obama, as stated by James Weill, president of the Food Research and Action Center – an anti-hunger group in the USA.

According to this Food Research and Action Center findings are:

- *Single mothers account for 30.2 percent
- *Black - American households account for 22.2 percent.
- *Hispanic households account for 20.1 percent
- * The hest prevalence of hunger is in State of Mississippi, New Mexico, Texas and Arkansas.

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RELIGION & MAFIA

In Italy now, according to Italian Interior Minister Roberto Maroni, Italian shopkeepers pay about \$380 millions per day to the Mafia protection rackets and loan sharks. The economic crisis now makes the Mafia more dangerous they threaten to use the economic crisis to strengthen their position.

There are four biggest Mafias holding power in Italy and they have a turnover of over \$200 Billion and profits over \$110 Billion. According to the Italian Interior Ministry, this is about 3 per cent of the total Italian GDP!

Just a few examples of the profits earned by the Mafia:

*Building sites have to pay the Mafia \$15,000 per month to avoid sabotage.

*Supermarkets pay \$7,000 per month.

*Small shops pay about \$750 per month as protection money.

According to the Italian Interior Ministry, there are stomach-churning tales of the Mafia in the food industry – from shady butchers repackaging rotten salami and meat from diseased livestock - to bakeries using unsafe fuel for their baking ovens – in many cases burning wood from coffins after the bodies were exhumed!

From other newspaper sources looking into the growing Mafiosi influence in Italy and the role of some of the Roman Catholic Church priests – here is just one example: The Mafiosi Clan Chiefs go to the same Church and confession booth as the ones that they rob of protection money. They pray in the same church, they get the blessings by the priest in the same church – they confess to the same priest in the same church and then – when they go out of the church – it's business as usual. God help those that do not pay up the protection racket money!

Everything is forgiven on Sundays by the Church and God - and both the guilty Mafiosi and the innocent become one in the eyes of the Church!

Of course some money thus obtained somehow find it's way into the Church collection boxes!

OBITUARY

JERRY MORSE PASSED AWAY

Jerry Morse who was 87 years, passed away after a short illness on November 8, 2008 in Parrsboro, Nova Scotia, Canada. He is survived by his wife Lilo, his daughter Maria, and his son Paul and the grandchildren.

Jerry was not only a World War Two veteran, who served overseas in many capacities, but he was also a peace activist who struggled all of his life for the betterment not only of Canadians, but people of the whole world.

He was an active member of the Executive of the Canada-USSR Association, the Canadian Friends of Soviet People and took part in demonstrations and work of the progressive movement in Canada and of the Veterans for Peace many activities.

Jerry will be remembered by readers in 78 countries of the world where his many articles were published in Northstar Compass, which is the official publication of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People in English, French, Russian and Spanish Editions.

When Jerry attended the many Friendship Congresses and events that were held, he was never at a loss for words, ideas and suggestions that were very much appreciated by everyone.

Jerry was not only progressive, not only a defender of the working class in Canada, Jerry was a true internationalist and struggled all of his life against imperialism and against the U.S. New World Order!

You will always be remembered and honored by us for your dedication to humankind!

On behalf of the -
Canadian Friends of Soviet People
Northstar Compass journal
Executive Committee of the
International Council for Friendship
and Solidarity with Soviet People

Michael Lucas, Chairman and Editor



TOP – Executive Toronto Branch – Canada-USSR Association with Jerry Morse 5th from right (hand on chin) BELOW – laying a wreath in Toronto Cenotaph. Jerry Morse on left - Doug Adams on the right.



CLAIRE-DOELER-LEECH

Claire was born in Winnipeg, Canada and was a very active and ardent Communist all of her life. She will be remembered all across Canada by many comrades and friends, particularly in Winnipeg and Toronto.

In 1942 she met and married Horst Doerler, an active member of the Communist Party of Canada. A daughter Ellen was born, but the marriage ended after a few years.

Claire was very active in the progressive movements. She became a Youth Leader at Camp Naivelt, organized by the United Jewish People's Order. In 1948

UJPO arranged a trip via London to Poland to help the orphaned Jewish children.

She also traveled with her daughter to Prague and was interviewed for a broadcast to Canada. She also attended the World Youth Festival. She then made her home in England and married Bill Bland (*who died in 2001*) and then her second daughter Eve was born.

While at the WFDY Youth Festival in Bucharest, Romania she met Jim Leech (*Editor of the Canadian Tribune*) whom she already knew in Toronto. Many years later Jim left Toronto for England and eventually married Claire.



Claire received her PhD in 1969 at the Faculty of Education at the London School of Economics (LSE) and taught classes at the University of London.

A large gathering of friends and comrades attended her funeral...and said farewell to Claire by proudly singing the "Red Flag" and the "International."

Jim and Claire while in Canada were members of the Canada-USSR Association and active in its activities.

Sergei Bezkorvany
London, England

Enclosed please find a donation of \$300 towards the work of NSC – this worthy magazine that I read constantly.

QUOTES

"The point of public relations in a capitalist society and the slogans like "support our troops" is that they don't mean anything. That's the whole point of good propaganda. You want to create a slogan that nobody's going to be against, and everybody's going to be for. Nobody knows what it means, because it doesn't mean anything. Its crucial value is that it diverts your attention from a question that does mean something: "Do you support our government's policy? That's the one you're not allowed to talk about."

NOAM CHOMSKY

EXPOSE

SECRETS OF THE CIA AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING

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"The CIA is a state-sponsored terrorists association. You don't look at people as human beings. They are nothing but pieces of the chessboard."

-Verne Lyon, former CIA agent in revealing documentary- Secret of the CIA.

"Five former CIA agents describe their initial pride and enthusiasm at serving their nation, but turned to anguish and remorse, as they realized that they were actually subverting democracy and killing innocent civilians, all in the name of "national security" and promoting foreign policy agendas."

Former CIA members such as: A Notre Dame football star, an aerospace engineering senior at the Iowa State University, an attractive high school graduate, an Olympic shooting champion, and a young patriot all were recruited by the CIA at a young age. These five brave individuals risk retaliation now in revealing these stories of their gradual disillusionment and finally defection from the CIA, as they eventually became convinced beyond a shadow of a doubt that they were neither serving democracy, nor the people of their country.

The shooting champion describes of being put in charge of overthrowing a democratically elected government of Guatemala. The patriot relates his deep remorse for his direct responsibility in the deaths of numerous innocent people for which he can never make amends. The pretty high school girl graduate describes how her initial addiction to power and intrigue turned to disgust and horror.

This powerful documentary is a rare remarkable look at the results of the US unbridled secrecy and the lengths to which the US government will go to achieve questionable foreign policy goals.

Dear President Obama:

We are willing to send you a copy of this video – that is if you have no \$\$\$ after spending those millions of corporate donations you received. Just let us know!

NSC readers can also order this documentary video at: amazon.com "Secrets of the CIA"

DID YOU KNOW?

The United States of America has 15 Spy Agencies and under President Bush they were all placed under one directorship. But these 15 spy agencies are under one name now – the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. Its Director is Dr. Thomasingar.

CIA is used in promotion so that you would think that there is only one spy agency in the USA.

When the American politicians talk about the CIA budget, they are really deceiving the people of America and the world. These budgets are so enormous that even most US Congressmen do not know the exact figures of billions spent on these 15 spy agencies.

The largest of these 15 spy agencies, the National Security Agency (NSA) which is spread all over the globe and its mission is to listen in on ALL communications and to gather information. There is NO form of communications in the world that is safe from them.

They listen to all of the embassies, military communications, your fax and e-mails, business secrets and all other coded and ordinary communications.

Just because you do not see them, don't assume that they are not hearing you!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM MINNESOTA
USA

THE BAILOUT SCAM

First it was Wall Street Bankers. Now it's the Big Three Automakers. Who will be coming for a handout and a free lunch next? The powerful US Lobbying Industry?

The USA government is willing to let the St. Paul Ford Twin City Assembly Plant and two thousand jobs go down the river, because there was no money to save this one plant, and now the US taxpayers are being told to bail out the entire auto industry.

Obviously the capitalist free enterprise has failed. Why should the US tax payers' bail out the Big Three, when in a few months the price of each of the Big Three's stocks will be less than one dollar a share?

There should be together all stakeholders and to finally produce in the US quality products which are environmentally friendly...not to mention affordable for the people.

**Capitalism has not worked;
Socialism will!**

These Big Three Automakers –

that made **BILLIONS IN PROFITS** on the backs of North American workers - while these profits were invested in quest for cheap labour abroad and resources overseas.

I don't think the US politicians should even consider turning over one penny to these greedy corporations without seeing their financial books – including their overseas bank accounts.

What these US taxpayers finance - these US taxpayers should own!

Nationalization under public ownership is the only solution to the problems of the auto industry!

The time has come to put People, Jobs and Environment before Corporate Profits!

Alan. L. Maki

FROM
FINLAND

Dear friends:

I read the reports of the International Council Conference and I am very happy that it was a success in our common struggles. I want to thank all those comrades

that came, because they are dedicated, they believe in Marx, Lenin and Stalin and are struggling to help the Soviet people in their struggles for the rebirth of the Soviet Union and Socialism. The future for humanity is Marxism-Leninism – otherwise humanity can be destroyed by rampant imperialism.

I must again point out that Northstar Compass is very important for all of us, it gives us power to struggle and to exist. The latest issue I speak to the people about the articles, because people want to know the truth and to see the truth in front of their eyes.

Living in Europe for 40 years, I think that Denmark or France would be the country most suitable to hold the next World Congress in!

I feel that the delegates at the International Council Conference agree that the USSR was building Socialism under the leadership of Lenin and Stalin from 1917 to 1953. If we do not agree or recognize this – then why should we be together? People who like revisionism are not striving for the rebirth of the USSR, and that is why there are so many so-called Communist parties all over the world and that is why they cannot get under one roof, into one party and accent fully the ideology of

**IS THIS
WHAT'S
WAITING FOR
AMERICANS
DURING THIS
ECONOMIC
RECESSION,
MR. OBAMA?**

Photo was taken in 1930s and shows a soup line in front of the America Dream Poster!
From New Worker newspaper, England



Marx-Lenin and Stalin!

Therefore the value and importance of Stalin cannot ever be overlooked, debunked, smeared, lied about – Stalin will be Stalin and we will follow Stalin forever!

We need UNITY above everything else, and those who do not want unity against capitalism-imperialism and revisionism – are our enemies.

This Krushvevite lie that there was a Personality Cult of Stalin – there was love of Stalin because he was a PERSONALITY that even his enemies recognized!

Communist parties cannot go far until they follow the principles of Marx-Engels, Lenin and Stalin and based all of their work on the principle of the dictatorship of the proletariat and on BOLSHEVISM in the work of Communists.

Enclosed please find \$20 Euros to help in your work in Northstar Compass.

Best of health to all comrades involved in publishing the 4 Editions of NSC!

ALI

Condensed for space reasons only.

THESE CAPITALIST SOOTH-SAYERS HAVE NO SHAME...

BY ALAN MAKI

Before I say anything else, I want to say something to all of my U.S. progressive friends on the left, and those more than the left, who were so adamant that we should all fall in line and give our uncritical support to Obama; and then go on to say in the face of Obama lining up what is obviously a pro-war, anti-democratic, anti-labor U.S. White House, completely complicit in the repressive measures we have seen, ranging from taking away our signs from those attending the Obama election campaign rallies – saying, “End the wars now!” to “We want health care not warfare, single-payer universal health care now!”, to remaining silent as black-suited police riot squads attacked people who were peacefully demonstrating their concerns during both the

Republican and Democratic National Conventions.

Where are you now when things like this are being published? What has happened to your voices now that you know that the economic facts were intentionally skewed and hidden from the American people, and we were lied to about the U.S. economy by Obama and the Democrats, the same way Bush lied about the wars in Iraq and in Afghanistan. You must think that we are fools when you sang “Give Obama a chance!” Where is the fight-back that you promised? What has happened to the struggle for peace and social and economic justice that you promised to participate in “after Obama gets elected?”

By not responding to these problems, you obviously have given up any hope for real progress like struggling for universal health care!

Some of you who call yourself left-wing and progressive wrote so eloquently and passionately and condemned those of us who knew what Obama is for and therefore we did not want to participate in this Obama hysteria; but now you remain silent as these capitalist sooth-sayers ply their political trade again, under the guise of “liberalism”, “progressivism” and “socialism.”

Some leaders of the US trade union movement wrote to Obama that; “We are with you!” Are they with Obama in driving down the standard of living for the entire working class? If Obama gets away with his support for Trillion Dollars scheme to bail out the big corporations and banks, the working people in the United States will be no better off than any poverty-wrecked country in Asia, Africa or Latin America.

The capitalist ruling class created this economic problem as a result of stealing the wealth created by the working class.

Obama will not and cannot solve this problem, since he supports the present system that has created this problem in the first place!

To solve this problem, you must change the system – period!

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FROM NEW JERSEY
USA

Dear Northstar Compass:

I am writing in regards to the October/November NSC and the article by Galina Savchenko: “War is Happening in my Motherland”? Galina can be certain that there are communists here in America who will by any means necessary fight to protect her Motherland and the scum of NATO, the poisonous strains of degenerate American capitalism-imperialism-fascism – and it shall be absolutely annihilated.

All communists, socialists the world over will unite to defend the Soviet Motherland. The Soviet people, once again, will deliver a crushing blow to foreign invaders and the internal traitors.

It seems that capitalist and fascist aggressors desire another punishing reminder of their failures in the past to conquer the USSR. The technology now in the 21st Century is available.

It's a lesson that Mr. Saakashvili, with his bloody nose, should be a lesson to American imperialism.

Who is next?

Ivan Ivanovich

FROM FINLAND

Dear comrades:

I want to wish Northstar Compass comrades the best of the coming New Year 2009, and may it produce a storm of protests against NATO, against imperialism and against the internal enemies of Socialism, to Lenin, Stalin and to Soviet Union.

Back to the teachings of Lenin and Stalin! Back to Socialism and USSR!

Enclosed is 25 Euros for your future work.

Comradely yours ALI

DID YOU KNOW?

The highest salary of the rulers in Russia now is 14,500 times bigger than the average workers?

According to newspaper “Trud”

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