

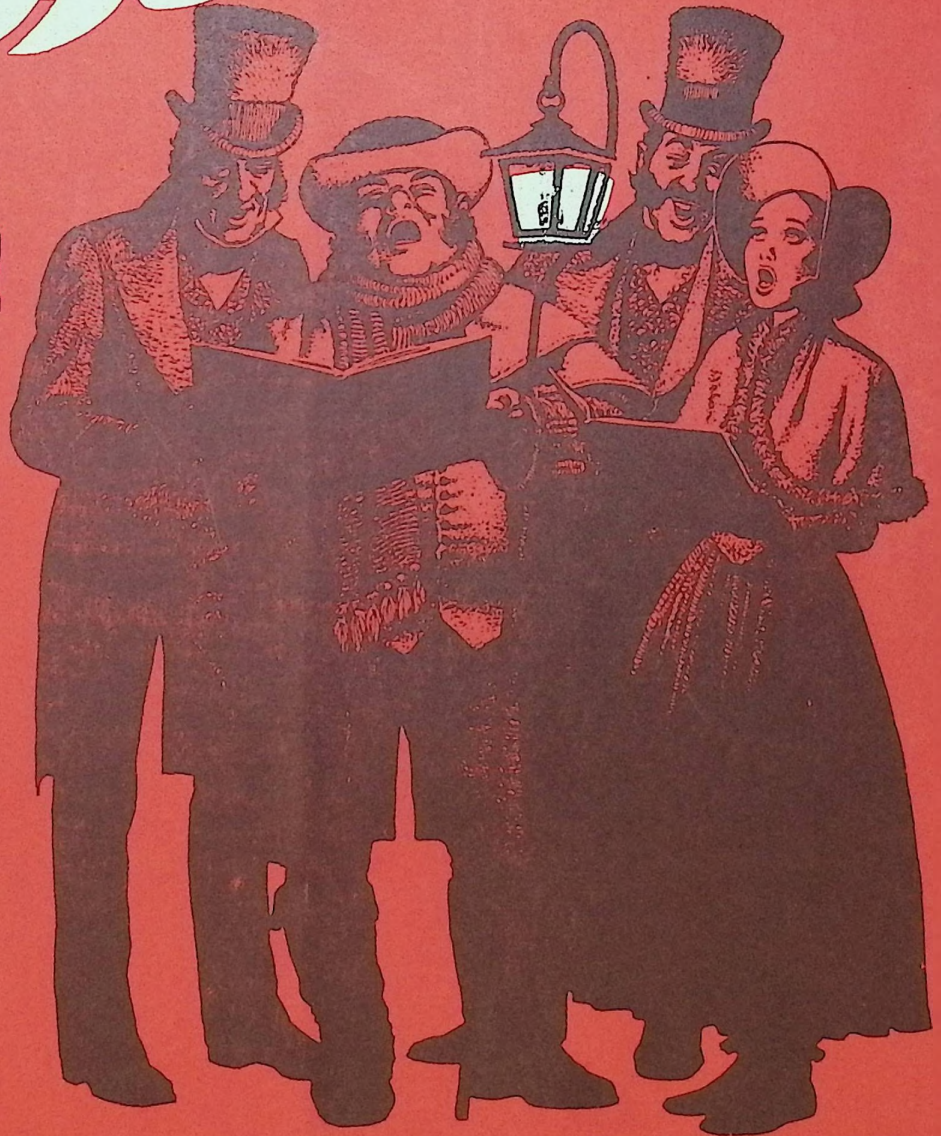


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ELECTIONS IN RUSSIA - DUMA AND PRESIDENTIAL

BY OLEG SHENIN, Chairman of the
Union of Communist Parties - CPSU

Dear readers:

Below we give a condensed version of an important policy speech that was made on October 2, 1999 to a meeting of representatives of way over twenty parties, organizations and others that constitute this political union. Oleg Shennin is now also the Chairman of the International Committee "For Union and Brotherhood of Peoples". Keep in mind that these remarks were meant in forging a much needed UNITED FRONT BLOCK for the December Duma elections and the forthcoming presidential elections in July of year 2000.

In 1999, as in the past 100 years, in this world of ours there is ruling contemporary ultra-imperialism, while all of the former Soviet Republics, excluding only one, more and more rapidly are sinking into the quagmire and the hands of capitalism.

The internal situation on the territories of USSR shows the polarization of classes in society. The situation in all the regions is getting worse and worse with each passing day. Now, practically near the southern borders of the Soviet Union there are local conflicts and wars. Our society was shaken by the bomb blasts in our cities lately, with hundreds of lives lost. These terrorist attacks are not incidental, but planned and coordinated with the civil strife on the southern borders of the Soviet Union.

About these important questions we talked already at the First Congress of the people of the Caucasus, which was held in the capital of Kabardino-Balgarii Nalchike at the end of last September. As was to be expected, the daily Russian "democratic" press completely ignored this very important meeting that pointed out the potential of serious conflicts in the Caucasus.

In the statement issued by the UNO "About development of peoples resources in 1999", Russia was in 71st place, together with countries such as Samoa, Lebanon, Rumania and others. In this list Byelorussia is in 60th place...the exception as I mentioned before.

United Nations Organization itself declared that by the elimination of Socialism and coming into Capitalism "the situation became very grave for Soviet people. The death rate in former USSR is staggering, with men dying at an early age to lack of medicines, nutritious food and other ills of capitalism."

Even according to the official Government Statistics, in the first half of 1999 there were over 52 million people in poverty - which is more than twice than in 1998.

Under the slogans of bourgeois democracy the situation has given birth to a large comprador capitalist class sponsored by the present regime.

Under this condition we are ending 1999 and coming into the millennium of year 2000,



the year of elections in many former Soviet republics. On October 10th in Kazakhstan, there were scandalous elections, now in Ukraine and in Georgia on October 31...and in mostly all the former republics. The elections to the Russian Duma are on December 19 while in March of year 2000 parliamentary elections will be held in Kirghizia. The election process shall end with the presidential elections in year 2000 in Russia.

Judging, the Communists gained a victory...over 40% of all the votes. The Communist Party in South Ossetia had a majority and the chairman of the Supreme Soviet there is the First Secretary of the Communist Party, comrade S.Y. Kochiev. The Communist Party of Byelorussia has its representatives in the parliament, including its First Secretary V.V.Chikin. This then proves (if we're able to take advantage of it) that Communists now have some examples on which to base their future success and take advantage of the bourgeois parliamentary election system.

But let us not be naive, the present capitalist regime and

their foreign masters are also looking very closely at the results that I have mentioned. As a result, these opportunists in power are forming all sorts of "election blocks" trying and sometimes succeeding in dismembering the unity amongst all the Communists by having their agents and provocateurs inside these movements.

That is why it is imperative, looking at these machinations, falsification and outright attempted killings to unite in these coming elections. Also, these bourgeois opportunists and their foreign masters are asking themselves as to how to disorganize more than 30 thousand Russians in the Crimea, over 700,000 Russians living in the Caucasus, and other thousands of Russian living all over the land of the Soviet Union.

V.I.Lenin warned us even in 1916 as to the machinations of all the bourgeoisie during elections.

How are we as Communists coming prepared to contest these elections? Are we united and are we following the unified decision that all of us made at the XXXI Congress of the Union of Communist Parties-CPSU...to go into elections as **One Unified Front**, not only in Russia but in all former Soviet republics? Unfortunately this idea that was unanimously adopted by ALL parties at that Congress did not become realized!

The decision which was adopted unanimously by all the participants of the UCP-CPSU on June 12...unfortunately did not produce the results that the tragic situation in Russia demands.

The last time we approached the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Russian Federation and also the Russian Communist Workers Party was in the middle of August. Unfortunately, all the ideological differences - and

above all, the political ambitions of the leadership of these parties prevented this unified front.

This unfortunate disunity, whether we like it or not, shall be reflected also in other former Soviet Republics. The so-called Liberals are consolidating their forces and forming unified blocks against the left forces. The tactics now is to fool the people by setting up blocks that pretend that they are "left" while in essence they are social democratic, the same forces that are in power in Western Europe who gleefully agreed to bomb Yugoslavia in the name of "peace".

Unfortunately, and this is a paradox, that the most numerous groups-blocks going into the elections are of the left. Thus, on the left, there are many columns, sections, divisions, fronts, in total there are 6 Election Blocks instead of one united front. Of course, this situation shall bring up the split in anti-regime votes. Even though the popularity ratings for Yeltsin is at 1% and according to the Governments' own gallop poll, more than 80% are against privatization and want to return to a socialist society. Only about 3% of those polled stated that they are better off now than they were under Socialism.

What a tremendous public feelings that the Communists can or could exploit by a unified front! This is very well understood by the present reactionary regime and all their foreign masters. One of the most vile and bitter anti-Communist said: "It is necessary now to combine an election front that will represent the will of a majority of people. It is also obvious that a majority of Russian people are those that are protesting the present conditions. Let us be realistic, let's look into the eyes for truth. If we are able to attach ourselves to this

wave of potential protesters, we shall be the winners!"

Let us learn from our enemies...our disunity is a great gain for the reactionary forces, since they have the power of finances, media, resources and foreign backing.

Today, it's not only the communists, but also liberal-radicals who also clearly classify that their enemy is the unity between such as Primakov, Kuzhkov and others who already are promising the left forces some part in their government if they win.



If we are to listen closely to the rhetoric of these left-centrists, then in their public speeches they're practically no different than the communists. These former supporters of Yeltsin's regime, now, during the election campaign are using the Communist slogans, plus calling the present clique a "regime" and other slogans meant to full the electorate. They promote on the media that it is they, the "centrists" who will get things going again economically. That is also why, through consistent barrage on the media, over 47% of those polled said that they want to see in the position of president, not a political figure but a economic figure! Thus, unfortunately, under such heavy barrage of misinformation there is a real possibility of many numbers of votes switching from the left to the centrists. This is due to no unity by Communists and thus no unified election block. □

SPECIAL REPORT

FROM
PCE(r)
SPAIN

We have received your letters plus issues of Northstar Compass and the Appeal for an International Council. We are informing you that we agree with the Call and we certainly appreciate the three books that NSC has published : "Next to Stalin", "Secret Documents" plus "The Lie of the Lenin Testament". We have found these books extremely interesting and especially the Secret Documents book. We consider that these documents have a great political and historical value. We did not know about their existence and therefore we are going to translate them into Spanish in order to be able to study them. We want to translate parts of the books and want your permission to translate them and publish them in Castilian, the official language of Spain. It is very necessary to let the Spanish people know about all these documents - as a way to combat the ongoing manipulation and falseness spread by imperialist media and the revisionists against Stalin's work and figure etc. We cannot deny that all of these vicious anti-Communist campaigns (most of the times launched in tight collaboration with the Trotskyites) have produced some effects, also in our country. For that reason we consider it necessary to fight them and the documents contained in your books are very useful for that.

We have put NSC on our mailing list and are sending you our publication **Resistencia**. Any comments, criticism or observations would be very welcome. NSC for us is a very valuable source of information about what is currently hap-

pening in the former USSR. In the September issue we published an extract from an interview with Nina Andreeva which was in the Northstar Compass.

Enclosed herein is our translation of the Call into Castilian (Spanish), in case you do not have done it already.

We see that the list of the signatories to the Call increases all the time, this is a very good sign. For us it is of the greatest interest to participate in this coming International Conference for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People.



Dear comrade Lucas (Lukach)!

We know that Mate Zalka(Lukach) was your close relative. We know this historic figure, although in Spain he is remembered as the hero, General Lukach. He was one of the two Hungarian generals who fought in Spain with the rank part in the offensive as a Gen-

eral. We know by the book "La solidaridad de los pueblos con la Republica Espanola".(The solidarity of the peoples with the Spanish Republic, published in Castilian in 1974 by Progress Editions, Moscow) that he was a writer, that he was a prisoner in Russia when the Great October Socialist Revolution triumphed and after that, he joined the revolutionary Russian people and as commander of a unit of the Red Army combated till the end of the civil war (1919-22). We also know that he left Moscow in October 1936 towards Spain under the name of Pal Lukach. He first commanded the 12th International Brigade and, later on, the 45th Division of the Republican Army. He took

eral in 1937 in the Aragon Front. On June 11th, in the evening, on the eve of the offensive, a projectile of the Fascist artillery ended with the life of General Lukach as he was inspecting the front line

COMMUNIST PARTY OF SPAIN (R)

International Relations

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ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS BOYCOTT THE POPE'S MASS

With Pope John Paul II globetrotting escapades going on, it is healthy to see that not everyone is taken in by this Ambassador of Capitalism and Imperialism's very ideologically planned and orchestrated journeys into practically each country. Can you imagine the billions being spent, both by the Vatican and by the countries where he visits with his very large entourage.

The visit to Georgia, where the president is Shevernadze, the former Foreign Minister of USSR, a member of the former CC CPSU and an outright traitor-nationalist who welcomed the Pontiff. Now, as a born-again Christian, he welcomes the Pope with open arms, hoping that the Georgian Roman Catholics will all stop struggling for their economic rights in a country where unemployment is devastating the peoples life.



JANK SKARZINSKI / AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

An aide places Pope John Paul II's cap on his head yesterday as the pontiff begins celebrating mass in Tbilisi.

The Orthodox Church faithful obeyed the religious leaders' orders and boycotted a rally for Pope John Paul II. Shevernadze in a moment of candor said: "I thank John Paul II for making this historic political visit!" Knowing full well that the Eastern Orthodox Church which has some 300 million members and comprises the churches which have broken away from the clutches of the Vatican already in 1054, nevertheless this Pope has undertaken the task of trying to convert everyone in this world to be a good Roman Catholic, including even all Hindus, Islamic Fundamentalists, Protestants, Hebrews and many other sects. He is the modern day Cortez, Ponce De Leon and other explorers of Europe who traveled to countries and tried to conquer them for the Holy Church...with fire and sword and led of all the people, by priests at their headlong dash in order to butcher the "unfaithful" in the name of the Lord!

Pope John Paul II does it more sophisticatedly now, by ideological subversion, fined-

tuned over years of practice.

Someone asked a very worthwhile question: "Could not those billions of dollars spent in trying to Roman Catholicize the world, whether people want it or not, could not all those billions be spent to make life easier for the people that are starving to death and dying from curable diseases? People want to live decently now on the earth, not await the nebulous after life!"

HOW TRUE! *Karl Mark was right when he said that religion is the opium of the people!* □

U.S. Owes U.N. \$1 billion!

According to US Ambassador to United Nations Organizations, Richard Holdbrooke, the USA is the largest debtor nation in the world to UN which says that U.S. owes not \$1 billion, but \$1 billion 100 million! The U.S. losses its vote on January 1,2000 if it does not pay up. Holbrooke stated that "this would be an embarrassment to our world leadership and our global interests will be weakened in telling other countries how to behave without putting our money behind our advocacy."

He then ended his statement with: "The U.N. must undergo a major clean-up!"

COMMENT

The double-dealing and outright falsehoods are the hallmark of US policy makers. US uses UN for its own world occupation attempts; and uses UN finances to bankroll the so-called UN peacekeepers". US also US the United Nations to force its policies on them through economic and political pressures, and, if those fail, then it uses the UN for military interventions. □

NEWS FROM THE SOVIET UNION

CHECHINYA

What's the position of Communists to this tragedy?

Below we publish excerpts from the newspaper "Sickle and Hammer", organ of the Northern Osetia All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks.

In August of 1999 the war in Chechniya broke out, when groups of trained Chechen fighters, armed to the teeth stormed Dagestan from inside the Chechen territory.

Dagestan as part of Russian Republic and an autonomous Republic in the Soviet Union, suffered untold tragedy and over 20,000 of its citizens fled from the attack of the Chechens.

The Caucasus is a rich region, it is also the bridge which ties central Russia to Ukraine and West and Eastern Asia, Black and Caspian Seas. It is a region of many languages and many races, amongst whom live the so-called "repressed minorities". Nearly all newspapers in former Soviet Union classified these attacks as terrorist. But this label was proven to be wrong. These are not only terrorists, but well trained, armed and highly motivated by foreign observers and trainers. It is NOT a local struggle with a bunch of terrorists whose aim is robbery or whatever...there are many thousands of foreign trained fighters, well versed in the latest technological warfare.

The war is with a regular army of Chechens with foreign advisors and foreign - led over 10,000 regular soldiers.

There is very much proof that they are all well financed from Arabia by billionaire Ben Laden. According to the British sources there was raised billions to finance this war, on behalf of Muslin Fundamentalists and Western oil interests.

Its the USA who is the main organizer, supporter and also financial backer of this war. Because of the intercontinental rockets are still in the hands of the present regime of Russia, USA is now biding its time by instigating local internal conflicts in this region which is a vital part of the defense strategy of the Soviet Union...besides the riches that still are hidden underground - gas and oil, much coveted by USA Imperialism.

Chechens, during World War Two were all deported to new territory since they were in their majority helping Hitler and killing the Red Army soldiers/airmen who tried to liberate them. This was a necessary move by the Soviet State and was meant to resettle these people whom otherwise would have suffered annihilation if they were left in the war zone and -with their help to the German Nazis would have resulted in heavy casualties by the Red Army, who had to defend themselves daily, not only against all the Germans, but against the nationalistic - led leaders of the Chechen population. In these resettlements there were only 13 deaths from mainly illnesses...not the thousands as all the German SS

propaganda and also now US propaganda claims.

The basic idea behind these conflicts (as in other locations) is the full surge of trying to make this region an Islamic Fundamentalist Republic, stretching right across the southern borders and reaching into Asia minor...religious fanaticism dogma as it is now being practiced in Afghanistan. Back to the middle ages and even worse...back to the dark ages.

Also, the terrorist bombings in Moscow, Leningrad, Volgodonets and other cities is an organized campaign to destabilize, to get the Soviet people into a nationalistic mood, to have this local conflict spread all over Russia ...then to have some local nation like Chechens, appeal to NATO for help and here you have the format of Yugoslavia!

The present Russian bourgeois leadership wants to defeat this Chechen aggression, thinking stupidly that this will be all...not even realizing that Western Imperialism will start other local conflicts in order to break up Russia as they managed to temporarily to do so in Yugoslavia.

Looking back at all the internal ethnic conflicts such as in Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan and others...this is the policy of divide and rule, and in these ethnic wars the Yeltsin regime is to blame also. During the Soviet times there were no conflicts in this region, and if some started they certainly were dealt with according to the Soviet Constitution. In the Caucasus, according to the AUCPB figures, there are only 200 rich families now, due to the market economy, who control over 80% of all the wealth.

It is absolutely certain, that

USA and NATO, at the first opportunity, shall send their forces into any part of former USSR where they feel they can accomplish what they did in Yugoslavia.

That is why the need for UNITY amongst the Communist and peoples organizations is desperately needed, before it is too late! □

Elections in Ukraine

The first round saw President Kuchma in the lead while Simonenko of the Communist Party of Ukraine was a close second. Other candidates fell by the way side, including left-wing candidates such as Nataliya Vitrenko who was nearly assassinated during this election campaign. The projection on Monday, November 1 was that Kuchma had 41% while Simonenko had 22%.

Even bourgeois writers such as Geoffrey York of the Toronto Globe and Mail said: "The left-wing parties damaged their chances by failing to agree on a single candidate who could unite the opposition. The left opposition to Kuchma has remained fragmented throughout the campaign with 13 candidates listed on the ballot."

Now the results are official...Leonid Kuchma, the present reactionary Ukrainian nationalist has won again for another 5 years!

Doesn't this prove that the present left-wing candidates (former communist members) representing their parties were more interested in their gaining seats in the parliament, with all of its perks than the necessity of a UNITED FRONT to defeat the present bourgeois



regime that has made the life of Ukrainian people unbearable!

We just hope that the Russian comrades that are vying for the Duma seats this month shall draw the proper lesson and realistic conclusion from this Ukrainian example...in time for the presidential elections in July of year 2000!

We publish a photograph, taken by Reuters-photo in Kiev and, maybe we could do our own photo captions: "*No, my dear lady... lighting candles in church and praying shall not change the political situation in Ukraine. It would be better if you went into the street with millions of other Ukrainians, then Ukraine would join the family of nations that was the Soviet Union!*" □

Not in Lithuania!

Over 3,000 students and teachers held a large demonstration in front of the Vilnius Parliamentary building on October 22, where they protested the

present government's cuts in education spending.

The students now receive just around \$25 per month and the government is going to cut it again by about 13% in the next year.

They voiced their loud opinions to the press as to how better it was during Soviet times when students received very substantial monetary help plus other amenities. With these cuts to education there's thousands of students that do not go to school, not to speak of Universities.

All this is due to the reactionary bourgeois government that took over in 1990 with the blessing and pushing of that traitor Gorbachev! □

FROM NEWSPAPER
**PROLETARSKAYA
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LATVIAN FASCISM

The bourgeois regime in Latvia has now shown its fascist character. The country is under a heavy political repres-

sion, permeated with fascist ideology. The working class shrank and now does not present any real threat to the regime and thus struggle against fascism.

A case in point is the arrest of V.Kononov who during the Great Patriotic War was head of the Latvian Partisan Movement and now is charged with "genocide" against the fascist powers that were ruling Latvia then under Fascism.

The Red Partisans liquidated the Fascist detachments which were helping Hitler's army of occupation. These local Fascist Latvian thugs murdered their own people, plus instigating pogroms against any nationality that was not "pure" Latvian. These elements were the Latvian Fascists who did even formed their SS Divisions to fight the Red Army units and even Western Allies. For liquidating these fascist elements, therefore Commander V.Kononov is now in jail awaiting a sentence of death.

Like their predecessors, modern day Latvian regime has opted out to join NATO and is now bootlicking shamelessly and fulfilling every demand of NATO. These traitors do not understand that NATO is not interested in Latvians and only in getting bases for eventual military attack against Russia. Latvian workers are now beginning to understand as to how they were fooled and now they find themselves in a very untenable situation.

Anti-NATO committees are now being formed all across Latvia but being arrested and beaten by the present police of Latvian bourgeois regime. Now the Latvian bourgeoisie is again trying to cooperate with the Russian bourgeoisie in order to calm the volatile situa-

tion that is daily growing in effectiveness. Therefore, the present regime is now inviting Russian provocateurs to infiltrate these committees and thus provoke heavy clashes to eventually try and dismember their effectiveness.

But for the Latvian working class, any bourgeoisie, be it Latvian or Russian is the enemy to struggle against. The Latvian regime calls all these protests the work of "Russian speaking" population and not of the pure Latvians. This is meant only to sow discord and closeness of the struggles of the Latvian and Russian workers.

The work of Marxists-Leninists in this situation is clearly very complicated. The need for Internationalism in these anti-NATO struggles is imperative...class struggles are not only local but international. □

FELIX
GORELIK



Workers of the World...

In a back room of an inconspicuous cafe in West Berlin, the local communists met with the Chief Editor of Cuban newspaper "Granma". The Cuban, a middle age man with features of the Cuban native people that were found there by Columbus - showed to be a great speaker-orator. For more than one hour he talked about Cuba, the Island of Freedom-

not even once looking at his notes, while a tall German chap in glasses was translating into German from Spanish. Amongst the audience there was a young mother with her baby, who was so engrossed in the words of the Cuban comrade that it took her time to notice that the baby was hungry, and without further ado, she breast-fed the baby there and then. Here everyone realized the meaning of the words by the Cuban comrade, that USA is trying desperately to bring Cuba on its knees and to abandon building a socialist society.

At that moment I thought about a good article in the Ukrainian weekly newspaper "Facts". To Ukraine there returned another batch of 180 Ukrainian children, together with some of their Mothers, who were in Cuba for 70 days getting treatment for the Chernobyl disaster radiation. Over 17,000 Ukrainian children were looked after by Cuba - overlooking the tremendous problems Cuba has, the lack of even abundance of food, fruits and other products, medicine and equipment. This is in spite of the fact that the present Ukrainian bourgeois regime, with its president Kuchma, a former communist, who now hates all the Communists, even those that help the Ukrainian children get their health back!

This brotherly help of Cuban people towards Ukrainian children should act as an example of Internationalism! Now the understanding and use of the words "friendship of peoples" or "proletarian internationalism" is being torn out of the language in the present media, of the so-called "independent press" of this Ukraine and other former Soviet republics that constituted the USSR. We

must look at the question of "nationalism" as it is practiced today and "internationalism". What is the difference?

The idea of proletarian internationalism, as is known, was first brought to life by Marx, Engels and followed by Lenin and Stalin. The nationalist sickness is always used by the bourgeoisie in order to divide the working class, bring them far away from the class struggle. The working class in different countries has different exploiters of their labour, but the workers have common aims which demand unity and solidarity. The bourgeois in all countries unites in order to fight any revolutionary movement or possible unity amongst the workers. This is how it was during the Paris Commune and the Great October Revolution. In this respect that is why the ruling bourgeois class helped Hitler, then after the defeat in 1945, the ruling class established NATO, then it was attacks on any country that dared to oppose this policy, such as Yugoslavia.

It is only at the time when the working class is able to show its unity internationally that it can fight and defeat nationalism. History showed us that this internationalist solidarity worked when the organization "Hands Off Russia Committees" were established in USA, Canada, France, England and other countries - it helped to defeat the intervention during the Civil War in the USSR. When the USSR got on its feet, the Soviet Union became the great power and stood as a friend of the working people and also the liberation movements.

By defeating Western backed Hitler Nazi war machine, Soviet soldiers liberated many countries of Europe. Only in

liberating Poland, the Red Army lost over 600,000 soldiers! People of China, Cuba, Vietnam, also North Korea and many other countries cannot forget the sincere internationalism and all the help given by the Soviet people.

Of course this international help was given in spite of tremendous post-war shortages, besides the dearest of them all was the loss of their sons in this internationalist help. As our peoples truth says: "Die yourself, but help your comrades."

The unity and friendship of peoples was the cornerstone of the USSR with its over 100 nationalities and nations. Then how was it possible to disunite this unified peoples friendship? Imperialism was able to utilize this poison - **nationalism**.

If during the life of Soviet Union this "nationalism" was looked upon as a vice, then today this was turned into proclamation as "patriotism"! The radio, daily TV, newspapers, leaflets, books, and school books glorify known nationalists-fascists, such as Mazepa, Petlura, Bandera and the cutthroats of the OUN and UPA whose arms are covered with peoples blood up to their armpits. In Western Ukraine now there exists the "Congress of Ukrainian Nationalists". What have they in common with internationalism?

The love of ones language, land where you were born, and culture - of course these are necessary attributes of any people. But, if this love of ones language, culture becomes to used as egoism, self-lover, then this egoism demands superiority, chosen race theories are then brought into play and nationalism is then nurtured and promoted, which leads to

degrading other nationalities, culture and then this leads to try to eliminate from any participation of others, this nationalism then becomes the ruling elite, the ruling class, while other nationalities become servants for the exploitation of this chosen race.

You see these slogans being promoted in the media and in leaflets all over the country: "We were all, slaves!" "USSR robbed Ukraine!", "USSR was an Empire!" All this is vile lies, that even Western reactionaries do not believe, although they keep silent.

These present nationalists who are in power in Ukraine are robbing the country blind, filling their own pockets and for their egoistic ambitions they have brought the Ukraine people to near catastrophe. They proclaimed and proclaim daily that "If Ukraine will be independent, we shall live like people in France. The "patriotism" of these nationalists is nothing but wolves in sheep's clothing.

Real patriotism is never based on nationalism, but on love of the people of all race and color. Humanism is where the interests of individualism are subordinated to the interests of all people. The best known patriots were great revolutionaries, people like V.I.Lenin, J.V. Stalin, dedicated Bolsheviks. One of the representatives of the internationalism, Felix Dzezshinsky, wrote letters from the Tsar's prisons, where he was interned for 11 years and 20 years struggle underground: 'I started to dislike capital-riches as soon as I learned to love the people. I saw and I see, that all of the working class is suffering, and this suffering saddens me deeply and arouses in me, to give up everything for my-

self and dedicate my life to be together with the working class and its liberation."

Yes, selfishness, egoism - is the basis for nationalism, hatred of other people, aiming at the restoration of capitalism and exploitation. Humanism is the bases of patriotism, internationalism and the ideals of communism.

This poison of nationalism has unfortunately even imbedded itself in many communist parties. Why then is the Zyuganov leadership in the CPRF took off from the masthead of its newspaper "Pravda" the slogan by Marx and Engels in the "Communist Manifesto" of Workers of the World Unite! Why did the Communist Party of Ukraine allow into its leadership people who call themselves "national communists", who are against the Russian language - which is the mother tongue of over 50% of the people of Ukraine.

No retreat from struggles against nationalism! Only in unity and solidarity the workers of all nationalities can struggle and help each other to struggle against Capitalism!

Again the slogan must ring out all over the whole world: "Workers of the World Unite!"

Tremendous thanks for the movement to help resurrect the Soviet Union was undertaken as its mission by the publication of "Northstar Compass" which is gaining more and more readers, is quoted more and more in different countries of the world and its influence is growing steadily.

Today I would like to appeal to leadership of the largest Communist Party in the world in China: "Do you remember, what help the USSR gave you during your revolution and the help to build up China? Then today start helping the devas-

tated people of the Soviet Union and their practically devastated Communist Parties! Give us a helping hand and give a helping hand to the heroic people of Cuba and North Korea which being strangled by a blockade of US Imperialism! Do not wait until the Imperial-

ists of USA come to your borders with weapons already tested on the territory of the Soviet Union, Yugoslavia and other dismembered countries of the world!"

NO TO NATIONALISM!
YES TO
INTERNATIONALISM! □

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

From the

Slav Committee of Czech Republic

IMPEACHMENT

We bring a suit against -

1. Javier Solana, Chairman of the Council and Secretary General of NATO,
2. General Wesley Clark, Commander in Chief of the Military Forces of NATO in Europe,
3. William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America,
4. Madelaine Albright, Secretary of State of USA,
5. William Cohen, Secretary of Defense of USA,
6. Tony Blair, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and North Ireland,
7. Robin Cook, Minister of Foreign Affairs of UK,
8. George Robertson, Minister of Defense of UK,
9. Gernard Schroder, Federal Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany,
10. Joschka Fisher, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany,
11. Rudolph Scharping, Minister of Defense of the Federal Republic of Germany,

because

As the prominent representatives of NATO and its leading

member states in Brussels, Washington, London and Berlin striving for the weakening and to smash the integrity of the territorial and sovereignty of the Republic of Yugoslavia and, an absolute control of the whole territory of the Balkan peninsula as their sphere of interest, they instigated and supported hostility and outright violence between individual nationalities of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, which resulted in the doom of her territorial integrity, they actively supported the separatist aims of the Albania minority in Kosovo-Metodija and terroristic activities of the Kosovo Liberation Army, they planned, prepared, instigated and finally ordered on March 24, 1999 and were carrying out up to the beginning of June 1999 the armed air force offensive against the territory of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, smashing towns and other civilian housing developments by bombing, they caused deaths and casualties of thousands of civil citizens and destroyed or damaged the sources, property and the system of economic, social, cultural, healthcare institutions

that were essential for functioning of the society, by way of this they caused a humanitarian catastrophe to the civilians on the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, strong enough to inflict at least partial; annihilation of the national and ethnic groups that were living on this territory and consequently they then occupied militarily Kosovo-Metodija with the aim to break this territory away from the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia

By doing this, they defied

The United Nations Charter, article 2, paragraph 3-7, the UNO General Assembly resolution on the definition of aggression, dated December 14/74, Washington Treaty of April 4, 1949, article 5-6, the Covenant on preventing and punishing the genocide of December 9, 1948, the Principle of the International Law recognized the Charter of the Nuremberg Tribunal and its verdict, which were approved by the General Assembly in 1950, as well as other norms of the International Humanitarian and War Law.

The remonstrance

Since the beginning of 1990s governments of leading NATO states, United States of America, Federal Republic of Germany and United Kingdom of Great Britain and North Ireland have followed the aim to divide the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia into smaller parts and to provoke tension and violence between them. As a result of this and with the said governments active and giving direct support to the independent states of Slovenia, Croatia, Macedonia and Bosnia-Herzegovina were established - mostly after bloody conflicts and ethnic purges.

Out of initially 25 million Federal State population, now

only a 10 million state remains, consisting of Serbia and Cerna Gora. When so divided, the country lost her original economic strength and political influence. The Slavic nations were in this space substantially weakened. The powers of NATO by their interference with the internal affairs of Yugoslavia and, by supporting the separatist tendencies of some national and ethnic groups which established independent states, substantially strengthen their own political, military and economic influence in the Balkan peninsula. This space - the US states that they are defending their own interests there - is an important platform for NATO aggression against Eastern Europe and Middle Asia. The NATO states already in the past years overtly and brutally violated the principle of not interference with the internal affairs of foreign states as expressed in the Charter of UNO and in other documents of the world organization.

The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia is a member of the UNO, but she is not a member of NATO. According to the Charter of the UNO, only the Security Council of UNO can decide any military operation could be undertaken, only if they are essential for keeping or reclaiming international peace and security. However, the UNO Security Council never decided about admissibility of such actions against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

According to the Washington Treaty, which explicitly indicated as a defense treaty, it is possible to assert individual or mutual; self defense only in a case of a military attack against one or more treaty signatories. But the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia had never undertaken any military attacks against one or more treaty signatories. Also, Fed-

eral Republic of Yugoslavia has never undertaken a military attack against any of the nineteen member states of NATO and never was she the cause of any military deeds incompatible with the aims of the United Nations Organization.

On the contrary, the representatives of NATO already during 1998 were aiming to destroy the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. That agitation was the leadership, economic and military threat above all during the talks in French Rambouillet, when the Yugoslav leadership was offered a choice - to agree to a military occupation of the country or to wait for a damning military strike.

In the same period of time, the representatives of NATO, its member states, were extending all support and separatist of the Kosovo Albanians. They supported the resistance of these Albanians against the organ of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and a mass exodus into the neighboring countries. Due to the direct support by NATO to the so-called Kosovo Liberation Army, which was trained and armed abroad. In the region of Kosovo-Metodija this army launched many attacks against the state organs of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, against the Serbian population and those Albanians who did not support its activities. With these activities the NATO representative violated the principle of not interfering in the internal affairs of a sovereign state and the principle of inadmissibility of using force and the threat of force in relations between the states.

At variance with the Charter of UNO and the Washington Treaty, Secretary General of NATO Javier Solana issued on March 24th, 1999 a mandate for the Commander in Chief of the NATO armed forces, General Wesley Clark to start the air

force operational bombing against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. In this aggressive war, following states took part: first of all the USA, UK and FRG, further on Italy, France, Spain, the Netherlands, Hungary, Croatia, Macedonia and other member and none member States of Europe.

Bombing that was carried out by NATO bombers that were taking off airfields of neighboring countries or the navy vessels, eventually led to the launching of missiles from earth or naval bases. This continued uninterrupted up to the beginning of June when the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia accepted the stipulated conditions by NATO.

According to foreign observed, the air force struck first all civil targets on the territory of FRY. These attacks resulted in deaths or casualties in the thousands civilians, including women, children and elderly people. During these attacks the healthcare system practically broke down, with no medicines and impossibility of transport, medical facilities, including hospitals and specialized medical homes were completely destroyed or very seriously damaged.

Thousands of upon thousands of apartments were destroyed and thousand people were left homeless, without supply of drinking water or electricity. Hundreds of schools and education facilities were destroyed. The air raids damaged practically all cultural and historical monuments, museums, churches, monasteries and other religious objects.

The bombers started to bomb the TV and radio transmitters and stations, plus civil administration building and supply depots that gave out food. Agricultural producing enterprises were demolished, acres of forest were burned out by bombing. Millions suffered and are suffering even now.

The air raids hit refineries and stores where chemical and oil were stored, thus causing contamination of water and soil, which flowed into the Danube River. Thus hundreds of rivers and lakes are not fully or partially contaminated. The environment is damaged now is a health hazard. The bombers used ammunition coated with reduced uranium, which causes cancer and disease.

This barbaric bombing by the NATO states air forces has caused in the FRY as humanitarian catastrophe that has forced hundreds of thousands human beings to leave their homes and take shelter in the neighboring states.

Thus NATO has committed an international crime of aggression, according to the definitions approved by the UNO General Assembly itself in December of 1947. They are guilty of international crimes and genocide and this shall affect the future generations not only in Federal Republic of Yugoslavia but also in the neighboring countries.

Though the occupation of Kosovo is a reality after the air raids ended, this territory is governed by the civil and military representatives of NATO states (excluding Russia). During the past months these NATO civil-military representatives admitted almost in unison that they are dis-

mantling many agencies that were put there all by the FRY, instituting the German mark as the official currency and formed new administration, police and political apparatus and trying to convince the world that the KLA is disbanded. Even though this is a temporary occupation of the territory of Yugoslavia as a consequence of the military attack against a foreign state, it is being considered an aggression in the sense of the International Law.

The aggressive war that the NATO committed against Yugoslavia is a crime against the international peace and in accordance with the International Law it inherits responsibility of all persons who committed it. This aggression cannot be vindicated by any political, economic, military or other reasoning. Any advantage or profit that were gained through this aggression must not be acknowledged lawful.

Signed by the Slav Committee of the Czech Republic

Prof. Ing. B. Chvala, Dr. Sc
Chairman

Many other organizations have signed this document. It was presented in October in Berlin, Germany by the Czech delegation and unanimously adopted by the Conference. □

Upsurge in Philippine Urban Mass Movement

By Felipe Tagabalita

Things are going well with you and the editorial board of Northstar Compass. Things are going well for the people's movement here in the Philippines. This September was especially good. As you know, September 21, 1999 was the

27th anniversary of martial law. Protests were held on that day in various parts of the country to mark the 27th anniversary of martial law.

Around 20,000 protestors attended the three-hour program at the Liwasang Bonifacio in Manila, while at least 130,000 participated in various other mass actions nationwide, including 40,000 in Bacolod City, 50,000 in General Santos City, 10,000 in the Bicol region and close to 10,000 in Central Mindanao. Meanwhile crippling transport strikes were held in Panay, Negros and both Southern and Northern Mindanao.

These protests are part of a series of protests that have rocked the country in the last year. This year there were major countrywide protests against the Visiting Forces Agreement earlier in the year, protests during President Estrada's state of the nation address, protests against the government campaign for charter change, etc. While it would not be correct to say that the rectification movement in the urban areas is now complete, in truth it can be said that the urban mass movement has now recovered from much of the doldrums brought about by the series of leftist and rightist errors in the late 1980s and early 1990s. In fact, the situation is starting to resemble the early 1980s. The urban protest movement picked up around 1981 after almost a decade of martial law. It eventually led to the toppling of the Marcos dictatorship. Like then a much broader united front has become possible.

The victory of the Ejercito Estrada clique in the last national elections had for its recent backdrop the huge crisis in Asia starting late 1997 and its more long-term backdrop the reconstitution of the Philippine ruling class after the fall of the Marcos dictatorship.

When Marcos fell in 1986 as a result of a combination of a popular uprising and military coup, the whole system did not fall. The revolutionary movement at that time was powerful enough to overthrow Marcos but not the whole ruling system, nor who was to replace Marcos. Cory Aquino was no democrat. She was a member of the largest landed family in the Philippines, the Cojuangcos. In fact, her estranged cousin Eduardo Cojuangco was one of the central figures of the Marcos dictatorship. Anyway, Aquino rode upon this wave to the presidential palace playing on the fact that her husband Benigno Aquino had been murdered by Marcos. Behind her hiding were sections of the previous administration. In effect, Aquino functioned in this role of winding down the revolutionary upsurge of the early 1980s in a façade of democracy. The old electoral games could not however return in their old form. The old relations within the ruling class had been shattered by martial law. The post Marcos period would witness instead contests between sections of the ruling class all in some

way previously connected to the Marcoses. General Ramos, a cousin of Marcos, and head of the Philippine Constabulary, the most odious section of the reactionary military during martial law, succeeded Aquino. He led the coup against Marcos to save his own skin. After him came Estrada, a long time crony of Marcos, backed by Lucio Tan and Eduardo Cojuangco, the two riches cronies of the Marcoses, and closely tied to Mrs. Marcos herself.

The assentation of Estrada represents the essential return of the Marcos people. Estrada was elected on the slogan of "Erap para sa Mahirap" ("Erap for the poor"). Estrada, also popularly called Erap, was a longtime movie actor whose typical role was a toughguy robinhood. He played on this image, the money of Tan and Cojuangco, and US support to gain the presidency.

Even before his oath, he already called for Marcos' burial in the cemetery of national heroes. Once in power, he has been cutting a deal with the Marcos family to gain back some of the absconded funds for himself, using his power to reward his friends, especially Tan and Cojuangco, reinventing the US military through the Visiting Forces Agreement, attempting to change the constitution, and increasing human rights abuses. As a result, his popular support has collapsed.

The protests of September 21 were spearheaded by a broad coalition called the September 21 committee at the core of which are militant organizations like BAYAN (New Patriotic Alliance) and KMU (May First Movement) but also including two bishops, a senator, and a dean. These are indeed interesting times. □

FEATURE ANALYSES

THE DOGMA OF RELIGION

By Edward A. Nol
Montelibre newspaper, USA

Religion, religious belief, that is, has been with us probably since human beings began using the earliest forms of language. After all, to believe in something we need words or symbols to describe it or to communicate about it. A belief cannot be seen or otherwise perceived. Only the behavioral and verbal manifestations can be observed.

Even Socrates, some 2500 years ago recognized that all belief systems originate with the need to ward off fears, by imagining a personal entity, a good spirit of some kind, which could be held responsible for the mysterious, the unpredictable, the disastrous and the deadly. This spirit then could be served, worshipped

and given offerings to, in order to cajole him or her into looking with favour on the worshiper. As was repeated for probably 3 millions of years, the various gods were bestowed by their believers with very human qualities, moods and moodswings. They could be grateful, destroying and creating. But in some ways they were different from us mortals, they were all powerful, immortal and always right.

And for millennia, these aspects of our godheads, which required total and unquestioned obedience have been used by clever and unscrupulous people, sometimes called servants of god, to demand and enforce obedience to them, the intermediary between the

groveling mortal and the exalted ones "up there". And as we all know, as a result of that obedience, millions upon millions of people have died in bloody crusades, holly wars, inquisitions and other horrors.

Since the demand for obedience, usually acceded to by the uneducated, this would confer sometimes enormous powers on the clergy (of all ilk) the service of god or gods was often engaged in by those for whom having power was the most desirable goal in life. Of course, obtaining concrete evidence that the god was a fraud, a figment of someone's imagination must be made as difficult as possible. Therefore the education of the young must in all times be in the hands of the religious, so that inculcation and indoctrination can be begun early and continued forever.

Yet there will be someone who will note that the *emperor has no clothes on* and be honest enough to say so. Apostates and unbelievers are still in some religious environments punished and even put to death. This would certainly put the "fear of the Lord" in a person and would yet be another method to ensure obedience. Nowadays most torture and killing is not done in the name of some god although it helps if that particular god is on one's side in the cause one is pursuing.

PEOPLE ARE URGED TO BE DEPENDENT

Once ignorance of the mythical aspect of the deity is assured, the pious are encouraged to enjoy and become dependent on the "good feeling" being in god's presence, the warm fuzzies of the church community, the sense of significance in the "age old" traditions and the security of the "permanence" (for ever

and ever, amen) if not on the promise to live forever in a place better than this one. The key word here is "dependent". As addicts are compulsively dependent on their "fix" of whatever kind, so the devout believer could simply not conceive of the idea that he might be able to do without. His or her devotion is observed and copied by all their children (although not by all) and the continuity is assured. (90% to 95% of young adults belong to the religious denomination of their parents, or identify with it).

The minister or priest is a "pastor", or a shepherd. The congregation is the flock. Again dependency has succeeded in enslaving peoples' lives, minds and bodies. As sheep, we are led to be sheared and sheared up as mutton. How long did it take to abolish slavery? To accord the right to vote to women? To ensure equal voting rights?

It was always the religiously dependent to hold up and to slow down the progressive movements of the world. Who are the most vocal in defending the death penalty? Who are against the Equal Rights Amendment in the USA? Against at least to obtain equal status regardless of ethnicity? Do you remember the infamous "Christian Reconstruction"? It was to put unruly children to death is one of their devout beliefs.

The dependence is equal to the allegiance to any other absolutism. Where there is no doubt about one's righteousness, ignorance reigns and dependence follows.

Lets us be on the alert! □

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AS I SEE IT!

By JERRY MORSE

Multinational corporate power and their insidious media propaganda sometimes gets unraveled, as was reported by the Canadian national newspaper *The Globe and Mail*. The laws of capitalism which are supposed to control the actions in all company or corporation mergers and or acquisitions, takeovers etc. etc., which allows them to be listed on Stock Exchanges...are always broken and nothing is done about it. Millions of shares are shown to have been bought and sold, based on the "Insider Information", and millions of dollars are made illegally by these Free Market criminals.

These clean-cut, stalwart, upstanding citizens, decision makers for the good and welfare of countries where they operate, are envied by different Mafiosi all over the world, including now unfortunately even in Russia.

The lesson is very plain: the Free Market system is filled only by crooks. These crooks do not care for any laws, constitutions of any country in which they operate. They are the agenda boys of the corporate world. They manipulate through international organizations, such as World Trade Organization, OPEC, EU, IMF, World Bank and other methods are also used to criminalize not only the stock and bond sales, but they protect themselves by establishing military blocks.

We all know that they refuse Test Ban Treaties, but they make certain that most other countries disband and also disarm...only Uncle Sam has the right to "liberate, protect and exploit" the rest of the world.

What do you think they will do for you dear friends in Moscow, Leningrad, Minsk or Kiev?

By the way...why are Stock Exchanges operating in Socialist China? Can some one answer this question?

NEW YORK, USA-

Free Market Systems! Corporate co-operation! Profits! Shareholders! Damage control before safety! When air planes fall from the skies, who's to blame?

Workers do not design airplanes, they only build them. Corporation and their engineers do. The Unions fight for safety standards, but workers are injured while planes roll off assembly lines. Many have crashed because of many design flaws brought on by cost-saving and also production cut-backs in order to make the profit picture to the shareholders look good.

Wires strung through-out aircraft structures based solely on making available much more space for seats. Workers hang the wires and do what they are told to do. When union members complain about the safety and potential danger in the structure and when they went on strike, they were told to keep their mouth shut!

There are cut backs on inspections at the 767 planes. The information is hidden and when tragedy strikes as it did in the ocean off the Nantucket Sound, the pro- damage control whiz kids are let loose to plaster the media with false stories and trying to desperately blame all this on "pilot error" or "will of God"! It's a question of cutting costs, cutting labour costs to a minimum so that the shareholders can reap bigger dividends.

The idea is to fly the passenger planes until the metal becomes so brittle, engines fall while the dividends soar. Let insurance companies make a bundle; and reduce pilots and crews; make them work longer hours...then blame the quality

of the work done by the workers and their unions.

One of the main policies of every Free Market System is "Cover your ass."

ISLAMABAD-PAKISTAN

With the military take-over in Pakistan, these stooges of Capitalism, are supported in global con-games such as tax evasion, theft of over \$100 million dollars, plus military purchases and laundering of billions into Western banks...and when caught, they receive very quickly a "Back Off Accounting".

The Sharif's government now faces audits from USA,, EU, WTO and IMF.

This audit is only after Capitalism's comptrollers pay special bonuses to themselves and then relegate such crooks into safe havens, with festival annuities and media song-birds whitewashing their past sins to make them come out as pure virgins.

MOSCOW

On October 19th, representatives of the Group of 7 (using Yeltsin's as the 8th ball) declared: "We are looking at international crime, corruption, terrorism on behalf of the world's people!" This is of course for the International Financiers benefit only. They projected that for the year 2000 the futures in oil, real estate, corn, wheat...and of course vacations at taxpayers expense, along with the arms sales projection, will be very profitable.

The next venue of the meeting shall be on a big yacht over the new oil fields in the Persian Gulf.

SPECIAL FOR NORTHSTAR COMPASS

DID YOU KNOW:

*US Corporations like Star-buck, Transworld Airlines, Microsoft, Boeing aircraft manufacturers plus many other corporations in the USA, all use prison labour.

*Corrections Corporations of America, the nations largest private jail company, was dubbed "the best stock to buy in the 90's by one top investment firm.

*At the moment there are over 1, 7 million prisoners in jail in the United States - more than many top industrial countries combined. Over 70% of the jail population in the US jails are people of colour.

*Assembly lines in the garment manufacturer of CMT Blues looks like any other assembly line in the garment industry, except that these workers are stood over by private armed guards.

* In addition to companies exploiting prison labour, there are 18 or so prison corporations that wholly control about 100,000 prison beds across the country. The Correction Corporation of America that is based in Nashville, USA operate prison systems in USA, Puerto Rico, Australia, United Kingdom and now is about to open up this private jail monopoly business, of all places, in South Africa!

*More than seventy US firms utilize the jail population and exploit them. The tie-in between private businesses and the governmental institutions is so close that you cannot distinguish one from the other.

OH YES, AMERICAN THE "DEMOCRATIC" EXAMPLE! □