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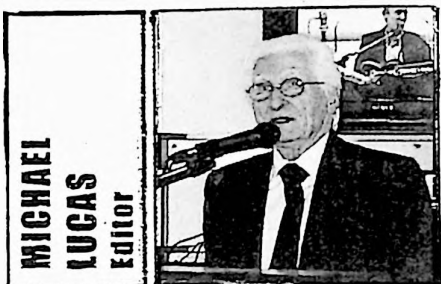
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# PUTIN'S VICTORY IS OLIGARCHS DELIGHT

The results of this month's Russian parliamentary election have proven again and again, that without a unified progressive force, you cannot defeat this New Russian Czar, who played his winning card by scaring the Russian people, that if he is not elected, the situation will be **BARDAK – CHAOS** in the country.

Although his United Russia party, by hook or crook got a majority of seats in the Russian Duma, the battle isn't over by any means for the people of Russia, and after that, for all the people of former Soviet Union.

I'm just quoting some facts and reports by Western journalists about the terrible breaches of the law and outright falsehoods that were perpetrated during this so-called "democratic" election.

\*There were 11 political parties running in this election, including Putin's baby, the United Russia and also the Communist Party of the Russian Federation that plays footsie-tootsie with Czar Putin (a revisionist party)

\*CNN and other observers reported that the privately owned TV stations had Putin on the air over 81% in all available time.

\*Even his so-called foe (not communist or even socialist figure) Chess champion Kasparov, who is running in 2008 for President, was arrested at a protest meeting and then released just before the election.

\*According to the CNN, Oleg Orlov who heads the Russian human rights group: "He was savagely beaten up by Putin's sponsored young hoods, of the organization "Ours", along with two Moscow TV journalists who were covering the opposition meeting"

\* Even the rightwing "Organization for Security and Co-operation in

Europe" had abandoned its election observers there, citing restrictions, dangerous and volatile situation for its official election observers.

\*All opposition parties charged that they were physically harassed by Putin's authorities as they spoke or tried to see their members. Many opposition leaders were arrested in Moscow and Leningrad (St. Petersburg).

\*Russian election monitoring agency GOLOS, stated that it had received thousands of complaints of irregularities; Putin's young goons and physical attacks at polling stations; pressure put on employees of companies and students in hostels to vote for Putin's United Russia party.

\*Vote rigging, ballot boxes stuffed with ballots for United Russia, and physical intimidation even inside the polling stations.

\* The Communist Party of Russian Federation is challenging the results at the Supreme Court of Russia, charging that there were such violations that cannot be accepted in any civilized country.

These are just some comments that were gathered from the capitalist media itself, which cannot be called left wing or progressive, even though they support Mr. Putin.

The so-called Russian "prosperity" is mainly for the newly rich robbery class and, all of it is based on the oil and gas money plus outright robbery of other natural resources.

According to interviews by many foreign correspondents during and after this Russian parliamentary

elections – here are just snippets of what the Russian people stated:

-These new and elite expensive condos, restaurants and foreign cars, are not for the majority of Russian people but for the newly rich ruling class.

- Many people expressed the need for the rebirth of the USSR and Socialism.

- Most Russian people expressed great disgust at the three-ring circus that was created around Putin before and during the election.

- This Petro-dollar economy is just a mirage and it was not created by Putin as his Western highly-paid advertising and promotional gurus splash all over the Russian media every day. The aim is to promote Putin as the New Czar that will make Russia a Greater Russia as was under the tyranny of the Czars.

Putin's support as promoted by his controlled daily media and his Western media cohorts, is just a mirage that he has "overwhelming popular support". It is nothing but a pressured and wholesale swearing of allegiance by the paid government employees, an orchestrated chorus of paid politicians and performing artists. On top of all this, Western journalists have exposed the unbelievable and scandalous state-sponsored "petitions" by the truck load, asking Putin to stay in power and become the savior of Russia,

Despite all of this cleverly induced Putin's election frenzy in the daily media, the economic crisis and the murder rate has increased dramatically since Putin was put into

power. Life expectancy is even lower than in the poor third world countries.

On top of all of this is the unbelievable corruption in the state and private apparatus, plus the present Oligarchs that are just running wild. This one example will suffice: Last month in London (GB) at an auction, a so-called "Russian" Oligarch paid **\$17,000,000 US dollars** to buy a Faberge sculpted Egg!

Even some Western capitalist millionaires would not be able to do this! Where did all of those millions come from Mr. Putin? Is this just one of a number of Oligarchs that is supporting your election campaign?

Mr. Putin made this statement after the election: **"I have a moral; mandate to stay in power. In March of 2008 I will run to be Prime Minister."**

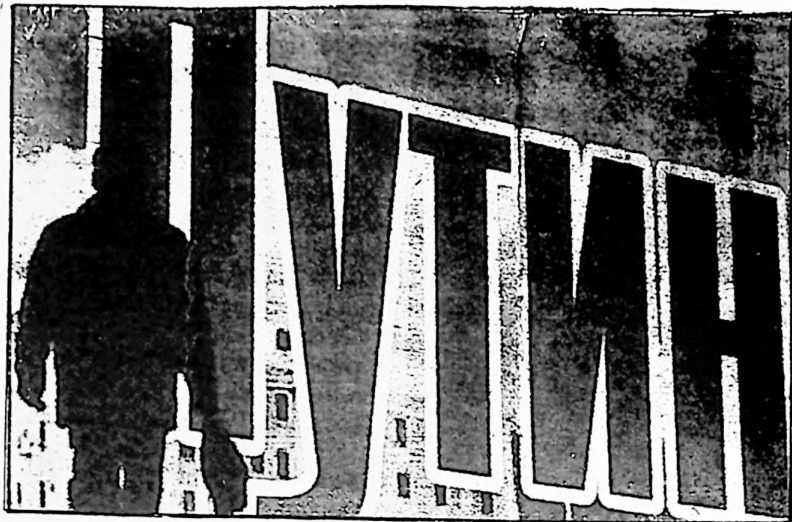
To us as friends of Soviet People since 1918, sometimes it is very hard to understand and to believe as to why there is no unity against an enemy -**that everyone agrees is the enemy!** There is a desperate need for unity amongst the scores of communist parties that exist there at the moment.

Words without deeds cannot produce results, no matter how much these revisionists do quote Marx and Lenin!

**ONWARD TOWARDS UNITY OF WORDS AND DEEDS!**

## **WHY NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> HOLIDAY WAS RENAMED ?**

Although the Soviet people did and do celebrate the November 7th as the holiday of the Great October Socialist Revolution, as is reported in this issue of NSC – maybe not everyone of our readers knows that this day was renamed as *"National Unity Day"*. This was done already in 2005 in order to eliminate the great significance of the October Socialist Revolution from the minds of the younger generation. The reason given by the present bourgeois regime was to *"give this holiday historical significance by tying it to*



*This Putin election sign in Moscow is over 14 ft high!*

*the 1612 expulsion by Russia of Polish and Cossack troops who briefly seized Moscow at that time"*

This renaming was done for two very specific political reasons:

- (1) Eliminate from the minds of the people the great political and historical significance of the Great October Socialist Revolution.*
- (2) Build and nurture Russian nationalism amongst the younger generation.*

The starting point was the law adopted in order to forbid any November 7<sup>th</sup> celebration being held by Soviet people, Communist and anti-present regime protestors from demonstrating on the Red Square.

Maybe some of the NSC readers noticed in the daily media that on November 7, the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution, the thousands of Soviet people had to hold this event away from the Red Square. But the present regime's sponsored, supported, funded and promoted youth organization was allowed to march in the Red Square and Mr. Putin with his sponsored and groomed young followers placed a wreath to the 17<sup>th</sup> century liberators, but not to the greatest event that took place for all of humanity – the 1917 October Revolution.

How things are heading under Mr. Putin's tutelage is the following fact – a white supremacist from Texas, USA, Preston Wiginton, 43, was in Moscow to urge the over 5,000 Russian nationalists to build a strong Nationalist Russia. When they marched along the Moscow River the

signs read *"Russians- stand up! and "Russia above all!"* plus other Nazi-sounding slogans used in Hitler's Nazi Germany.

Although the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration was a huge success, with representatives of world Communist and Workers Parties marching together with the Soviet people, the desperate need for Communist Unity in former Soviet Union is still a dream, as unfortunately is also the international unity that must be achieved soon, before fascism starts to make headway as the only viable salvation for the US imperialism and its absolute controller, the US multinational corporate power.

The last question that must be asked of Mr. Putin's Russia is: ***"Why did Moscow authorities give permission for these outright Nazi Groups and their fascist salutes to march unopposed in Moscow?"***

Forgive me dear readers, but there is another question that must be asked of Gennady Zyuganov, the leader of the Communist Party of the

*Russian young nationalist hoods supporting Putin in Moscow marched and gave Nazi salutes*



# NEWS FROM FORMER USSR

Russian Federation whose party organized the celebration both in Minsk and in Moscow:

*"Your invitation on the occasion of the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the October Revolution is great, very well done and full of Marxist ideological thoughts – but, as one reader of NSC in Moscow said: "The words of Zyuganov do not match the deeds of the CPRF!"*

As a member of the ruling Russian Duma parliament, is CPRF taking a stand of condemnation of this fascist threat that is raising its ugly head on the streets of many Russian cities?

We are certain that the future struggle against the present Russian capitalist-nationalist regime demands **UNITY ABOVE ALL!**

When will this opportunism, this cancer and personal ambitions amongst some of the communist leadership in the former USSR and in other countries, cease and wake up to this dangerous reality that capitalism, followed by imperialism will always take the final fatal step and become fascism?

As friends of Socialism and of the Soviet Union since 1918, we certainly do have the right to express our opinions! As Lenin said: **"Socialist Democracy must come from below, not from the leadership at the top!"**

Or, do many of the present leaders of the Communist parties think that now they are even smarter than V. I. Lenin ?

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## OVER 50,000 MARCH ON THE 90<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE OCTOBER REVOLUTION

People of all professions and of all ages marched on this glorious day in the history of the Soviet Union. Again the fact was positively confirmed over and over again that our youth has rallied to the march of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation. But as the official Russian media had tried to put forth that on this Tverskaya Square in Moscow, only old people marched, but it was sufficient to glance at the faces of the rows upon rows of marchers in order to be again convinced that the official state propaganda was cloaked in lies.

It is a sad state of affairs that President Putin and his cohorts do not allow the people to march in the Red Square where the Lenin Mausoleum is situated.

83 Communist and Workers Parties of the world participated in this demonstration. The leaders of the Communist Parties, among them, more than 30 Deputies to the European Parliament and National Parliament, and representative of 14 ruling parties stood in the first row of the marchers.

Songs of the few hundred Italian Communists in Moscow for the participation on this holiday – from "Bandera Rossa" to "Katyusha" reverberated above the marchers from the beginning of the demonstration right up to its conclusion. Everyone in unison also joined together in singing the "International".

This was different from the November 7th march last year, when dogs were set upon the marchers and to force them onto the sidewalks. Apparently Putin did not want any bad publicity in front of the European Parliamentarians or maybe the entire Moscow police force would not be

able to handle such a mass crowd of people.

In impotent rage the State-run TV stations having shown only a 5-second clip of the demonstration tried to downplay this mass demonstration. They interviewed foreign guests, a woman in western clothes and complaining that the demonstration made her late for a movie date. Then another man in an expensive limousine telling the TV camera that these marchers should be made to march in Moscow.

## SLAV PARLIAMENTARY UNION HQ OPENED UP IN MINSK

From BELTA

The headquarters of the International Public Association "Slavic Parliamentary Union" was opened up in Minsk, Byelorussia on November 19, 2007.

Sergei Kostyan, President of the Slavic Parliamentary Union and member of the Belarus National Assembly presided at the opening. The decision to set this headquarters up in Minsk was taken at last 9th Slavic Congress held in 2005.

He said that the goals are to: *"Foster understanding between Slavic Nations, develop laws aimed at promoting and enforcing economic, educational and cultural ties. We should do our best to preserve the Slavic civilization and should not let the Slavic nations be split!"*

This Union represents parliaments of Byelorussia, Russia, Ukraine, Moldova, Poland, Bulgaria, Serbia, Czech Republic, Bosnia and Hercegovina, Slovenia and Macedonia. Amazing by their absence are the two Slavic people, the Croatians and the Slovaks – both who were allies of Nazi Germany during World War II.

The next VII Session will take place in Mogilev, Byelorussia in mid-May 2008.

# 90<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IN KIEV, UKRAINE

BY VLADIMIR PRONIN

The celebration of the Great October Socialist Revolution tradition which now was marred by the present Ukrainian regime barring us from marching on the main Kreshchatik Blvd. to the monument to Lenin in Kiev. This was done in collusion with the present regime and the Kiev authorities, together with the leadership of the present fascist-nationalists, then they did everything possible to sabotage the meaning of this 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event. The

"reason" they publicly gave was that the authorities did not want any battles between us (*thousand strong*) and the nationalistic demonstrators whose number was about 50 people! The authorities brought in an army of internal troops, commandos and also rapid response battle-ready troops of Internal Security of Ukraine.

In spite of this provocation, in spite of the bitter cold and also in spite that this was a **working day** (since the November 7<sup>th</sup> Holiday was outlawed even by former Leonid Kuchma in year 2000) there were thousands of people, the likes that was not seen in Kiev for a long time. We had to change our route from the walls of the legendary "Arsenal" to the European Square where a mass meeting took place.

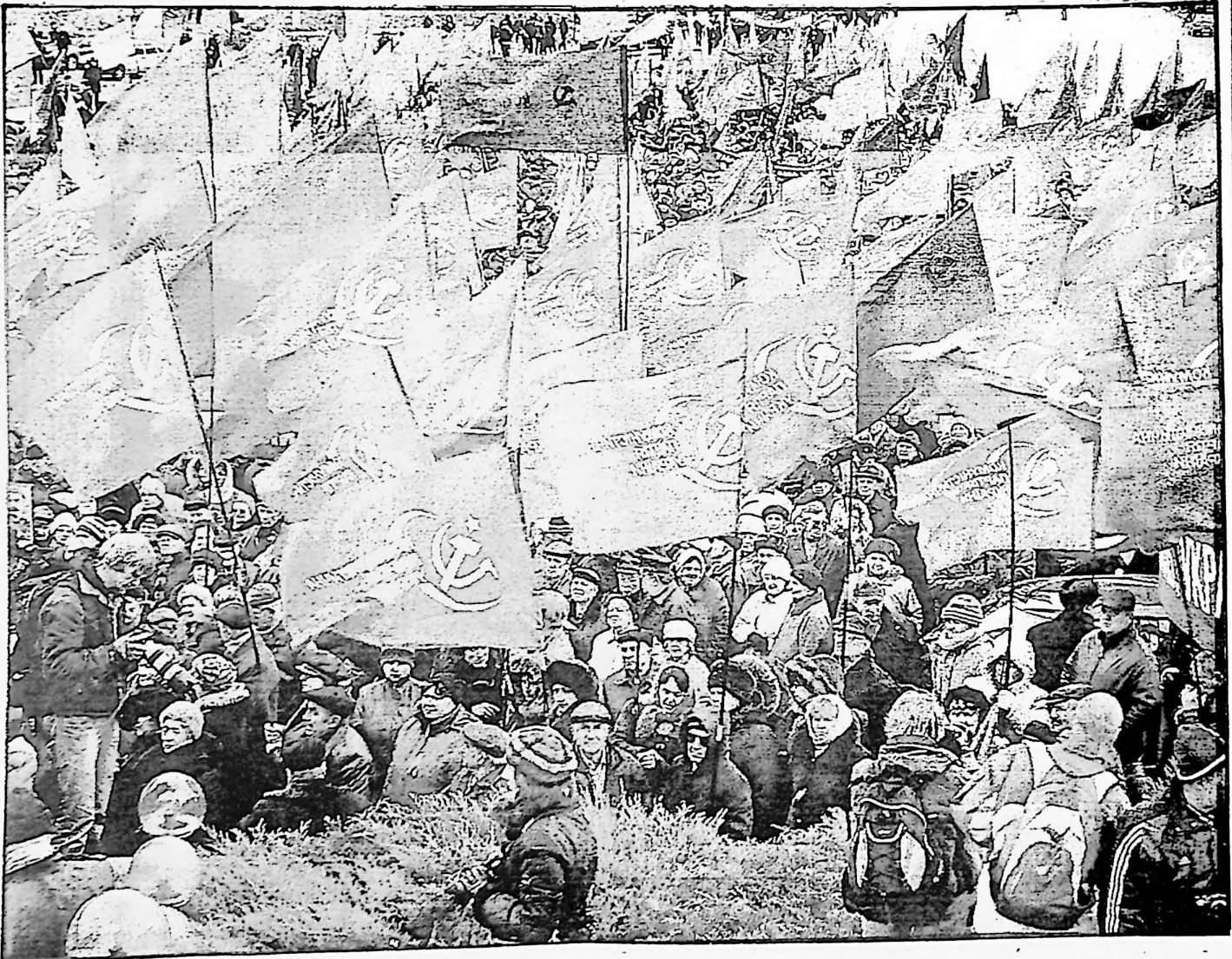
In front of the marchers were the Communist Youth, dressed in uniforms of the Revolutionary Sailors and Red Revolutionary soldiers of

1917. These marches carried a sea of red flags, portraits of Lenin, Stalin and Dzerzhinski, while signs and slogans were "*Peace to the world!*" "*Power to the Soviets!*", "*The Ideals of Great October are alive and will live!*", "*Down with Capitalism!*", "*The future is in another Revolution!*", "*We are against OUN-UPA and NATO!*", plus other revolutionary slogans.

The speakers were communists and non-party people, workers, farmers, representatives of the working and progressive intelligencia from Kiev and other cities, plus representatives of the Socialist parties. All demanded the ousting of President Yushenko, to struggle against the campaign to rehabilitate and recognize as hero-veterans these Hitler's helpers of OUN-UPA as veterans.

At the end of this 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting, the head of CC Communist Party of Ukraine, Peter Simonenko asked for unity of all the people to

*An unbelievable sea of Red Flags and Hammer and Sickle could be seen in this Moscow demonstration.*





struggle against the creeping neo-fascism in the Ukraine. "A New Socialist Revolution is ahead of us. We will have unity of our brothers and sisters as we had before." He concluded.

This human manifestation adopted a "Plea to the Workers of Ukraine" in which it called for higher

revolutionary activity of the workers to struggle against the nationalist, quasi-fascism that is being promoted, abetted and financed by the government of President Yushenko. The workers must struggle and demand the lowering of taxes and the price gouging on every day goods. Workers should not ask

the exploiters but organize and stop these private capitalist robbers in their tracks. This can only be accomplished by a united working class and the urgent need for the formation of ... **A LEFT UNITED FRONT IN UKRAINE, HEADED BY COMMUNISTS!**



## PUTIN AND FORTCOMING ELECTIONS IN 2008

From Russian Reform Monitor-  
Washington

President Putin of Russia has reiterated that he will leave office when his presidential term expires in 2008, but "I will continue to play a role in the Russian domestic affairs, maybe as Prime Minister."

Just in case some of NSC readers feel that Putin is the right man for Russia, you should see in some video footage on CNN, Putin trying his best to become the next Czar of Great Russia - with all the trappings being installed even now in the Kremlin - such as personal guards dressed in uniforms as they were during the last Czars time, plus the luxury that even some Kings would envy.

In case the NSC reader might think that this is just NSC's attitude, here is the direct quote from Russian State Duma Speaker, Boris Gryzlov, who is the appointed Head of the pro-Kremlin "United Russia Party." His statement was published in the government newspaper "Rossiiskaja Gazeta" which wrote: "**Vladimir Putin will remain a national leader regardless of the office he will be holding. The leader is and must be and will be Vladimir Putin!**"

### COMMENT:

*Is there any need to comment? This is the present Russian "democratic" process. Unity oh unity of the progressive forces, where are you?*

## VENEZUELA AND BELARUS WILL ABOLISH ALL VISA REQUIREMENTS

This visa abolishment will be for the service and diplomatic personal passport holders. According to Andre Popov, the spokesperson for the Byelorussian Foreign Ministry, this will be done within 1-2 months. Other measures to ease the interchange between Belarus and Venezuela are in the works for the future interchanges.

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## MOUNTING TRAGEDIES IN CAPITALIST UKRAINE

**DONETSK, UKRAINE** -A methane blast in the coal mine killed 63 miners and injured scores more. 360 miners that were trapped in this mine at more than 1,000 meters deep had to struggle against a raging fire.

This tragic accident again and again highlights the tragedy of the present privatized mines that lack even elementary standard safety features. Ukraine now has some of the most dangerous mines in the world, forced to working at high speed and, since most of these mines are foreign owned, they are not responsible for any safety regulations that might still exist.

There are no trade unions allowed in these mines and, many of the so-called leaders of those that still have a trade union, are bought by the management.

When will these exploited coal miners in Ukraine again realize as to the tremendous safety standards that they had under Socialism and the high esteem that the whole country held them at?

## STATEMENT BY THE "FOR THE UNION AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE UNION"

MINSK, BELARUS

Dear reader:

*Before printing the Statement by this party in Byelorussia, maybe some of our readers and friends in former USSR might not agree with this party or their policy, but, it is done in order that our readers in the world will know the different currents existing in the communist and progressive movements, and the hard task of unifying them to struggle against the common enemy. Editor*

## THE ANTAGONISTIC POLICIES OF THE U.S. AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF BELARUS!

The Ministry of Finance of the United States adopted a law for freezing all the assets of the Byelorussian gas company "Belneftehym". This policy by US

imperialism has presented great hardships for the people, and this is done specifically so that the policy of Belarus should change in order to comply with US imperialist policy. Belarus will not bend to the wishes of this US New World Order! There is also the demand that Belarus change its human rights policies. This demand is done in order to obscure the human rights violation by the US itself internally and also to cover the attacks on Yugoslavia, Iraq, Afghanistan and other countries.

Also, Byelorussia is under attack by the present Russian oligarchs and compradors as well as by the USA in these joint attacks. This attack is to curtail the import of gas and oil, the Russian capitalist oligarchs are thus helping US imperialism in all of these attacks and the curtailment of shipments.

We are charging that most of the present Byelorussian government ruling apparatus is sabotaging the plans of President Lukashenko, undermining his efforts, as well, these elements are supporting the "Belarus opposition forces" and propagandizing these anti-Belarus policies outside the borders of Byelorussia. These elements are also demanding sanctions against Byelorussia. They seem to be getting financial and other support, both from the present Russian oligarchs and from US imperialism.

This situation demands from the people of Belarus and from the Belarus Government itself to be more attune to this danger, both from the external and internal enemies.

We vehemently protest against this policy by the enemies of Belarus, by external and internal enemies, as well as the sabotage by the present Russian government and their Russian oligarchs.

We demand the establishment of normal and friendly relations between Byelorussia and the USA.

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# NO UNITY WITH ANY ENEMIES OF THE USSR

By VLADIMIR SHKARUPA  
Secretary of the Mineralny Vody  
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On November 7, 2007 in the Mineralny Vody, at the monument dedicated to the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution, there gathered over 100 people with signs and banners that read: "The ideas of the Great October are undefeatable", "Our home is the USSR!", "Russia can be saved only by a Socialist Revolution", "No Unity with enemies of the USSR!" plus portraits of Stalin. At the beginning of the meeting all of the participants sang the International and at the closing of the meeting, they all sang the Hymn of the Soviet Union. The following Resolution was adopted:

"We the participants of this meeting are stating that the Great October Socialist Revolution – this is the greatest event in the history of mankind – this was the spark that started the process of the elimination of the exploitation of man by man.

Ninety Years ago our people got off their knees, overthrew the hated Czar, chased out the capitalist exploiting class and started to build socialism. In the middle of 1930's we were reaching Socialism and then eliminated private property and our people started to receive free education, jobs, health care, holidays and a new life was beginning to benefit the people by industrialization. Culture started to expand and collectivization was producing its rewards of plenty of goods for all of the people.

We the participants of this meeting condemn the attempt that was made to not recognize November 7<sup>th</sup> as the Day of the Great October Socialist Revolution – this is an outright provocation against the people of this country. There cannot be any unity with the present bourgeois state, and no unity between the wealthy and the poor and, no unity with this present illegal state apparatus! No unity with the enemies of the USSR!

We know that only another socialist revolution will save Russia. We know that there is no other alternative."



OUR HOME IS THE USSR!

Vladimir Shkarupa opening the meeting at the Lenin Memorial



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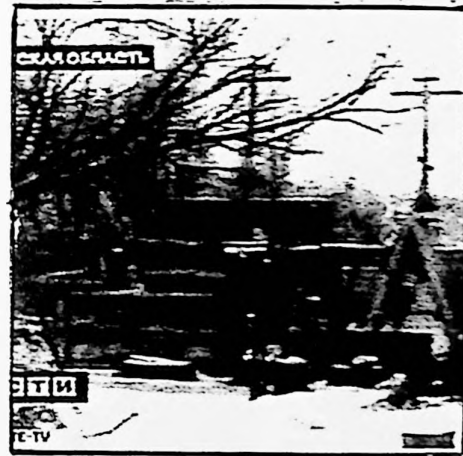
Twenty Nine religious fanatics are hold up in a Penza Cave in Eastern Russia, including a 16 month old baby and other children awaiting Doomsday that will come in May of 2008.

This religious sect is threatening to blow themselves up if the authorities try to storm the cave. The leader of this sect always sleeps in a coffin.

Of course the Russian Orthodox Church immediately came to their defense, saying that they are ordinary good Christians and blaming the former Communists of USSR for banning religion and thus the thirst for religious expression is on now, and, that this should be allowed since God will look after everyone!

The leader of these fanatics is a former traffic cop and he claims that he is Jesus. These followers never worked, never let their children to school and these members were not even allowed to speak to their relatives. The question is as how did they live and where were the authorities as far as children and school was concerned?

As of the publishing date of this issue of NSC, these fanatics are still in the cave, have guns, dynamite and food. The authorities have surrounded the cave but refuse to do anything to save the children.



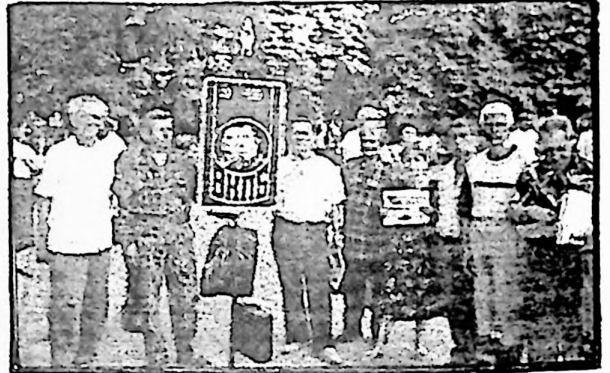
\* Because of the terrible economic conditions in Russia now and Western pornographic agencies that are officially being allowed to work in Russia now under this new Czar, according to Moscow press, there

are over 10,000 willing women to be sold as Brides, and are awaiting Western men to take them away.  
 \* The present Russian authorities now allow all of these Western

porno businesses to advertise over the Internet – here is just one sample: "See the sexiest Russian naked girls on the Internet" and the Internet site is given..

**QUESTION:** Where are now the leaders of former Union of Soviet Friendship Societies that visited Canada? Reader of NSC

## STRUGGLES ARE ONGOING ALL OVER FORMER USSR



These are photos from the Bolshevik Press about the struggles and pickets, demos and activities against the present regime of Putin.

In future NSC issues the photos will be in full color!



# INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## CHAVEZ WILL CONTINUE ON THE ROAD TO SOCIALISM

After a close vote in the Venezuela election, President Hugo Chavez said that he will continue to raise the banner of Socialism. He cited that about 3 million people that abstained from voting did not say "NO" and we are going to convince them that this future project is for them also.

Chavez stressed that Venezuela is going on to make the social reforms and will bring this task again to the people.

President Chavez concluded with these words: "We didn't fail with this proposal, nor do we have to find another. The proposal is there, and it is positive, even for those that voted against it."

## AN INTERNATIONAL CITIZENS TRIBUNAL ON CRIMES BY THE ISRAEL ARMY

By MICHAEL OPPERSKALSKI

The deeds committed by the Israeli Army and its secret services in Lebanon, as in the occupation of the Palestinian territories, constitute a violent affront to the universal human conscience. These are criminal acts, as many people feel instinctively. They are different from the acts that take place in all armed conflicts committed by the aggressor as well as by the aggressed. But feeling is not enough. The facts must be established and they must be assessed by the light of existing international law. This should be done with the detachment and rigor of a process that excludes any prior conclusions, the results of which will concern all people of good will.

The international community is not an autonomous political or judicial body. It is but a summation of positions adopted by a certain number of governments. In many situations it has proved incapable of

applying existing law by distancing itself from geopolitical or ideological contingencies. This impunity has covered up the numerous war crimes and also crimes against humanity committed since the end of the Second World War.

The unilateral attitude of the United States, like the double-speak of many European Governments, make it necessary for those defending the law to take the place of the failed political powers. The US administration is against any questioning of Israel's role in acts committed in Lebanon as well as in the occupied Palestinian territories. Germany, Great Britain, Finland and France refuse to support a request formulated at the UN Human Rights Council to investigate the use by the Israeli armed forces of arms that are prohibited by international law. The systematic disinformation practiced by the overwhelming majority of the media deprives the Western public from opinion-balanced information. All this justified an initiative by the citizens themselves.

This initiative must aim at being of the same high quality as the tribunal initiated by Bertrand Russell during the Vietnam War. It should be carried out with the same rigor, the same credibility and the same concern to go beyond divisions which have no place when it is the question of the rights of people. It must bring together highly qualified experts and personalities who are universally recognized for their moral authority. It must not limit itself into a restricted circle. For this reason I believe it should not follow in the footsteps of similar initiatives taken in the past, whatever the quality that such work has achieved in the past.

For this reason we propose that a preparatory committee be set up as soon as possible to carry out all the tasks necessary for launching this initiative. We ask our active participation in creating this preparatory committee.

***We asked to be part of this very important initiative as the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People.***

## HISTORIC ELECTION WIN FOR AUSTRALIAN LABOUR MOVEMENT

From The Guardian newspaper

The decisive election victory in Australia saw the outright defeat of the John Howard Government and also the personal defeat for John Howard himself, in his electoral district. This was a great victory for an army of workers who had one thought only – to kick out of office the Howard government and elect a government headed by Kevin Rudd.

This election defeat that killed his government, was described in many of the newspapers as the "meanest, the most miserable, the most self absorbed of any Commonwealth government to blight Australia in living memory."

In many respects this election result was more a vote against Howard himself than for the ALP party, which saw their popularity reach 53.75% of the vote count.

This was also a great support for the Australian Indigenous population, because the former Australian Minister of Indigenous Affairs, Mal Brough, who had sent in troops and police into Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory, was soundly defeated.

## HUNGARIAN WITCH-HUNT IS ON NOW

From The Hungarian Communist Workers' Party

We, the undersigned parties note with deep concern that the Hungarian State Court is now threatening to imprison the entire leadership of the Hungarian Communist Workers' Party for having committed "libel in a public place."

Our conviction is that putting political leaders on trial and banning their parties is the work of dictatorships, not democracies. The action of the Hungarian authorities violates all democratic norms.

We strongly condemn the political persecution directed by the judicial authorities against the HCWP, as a part of its anti-communist witch-hunt against Communists in Europe and

against all those who fight against the massive privatizations of all hospitals, schools and the cutting down of social expenditures and other forms of the present neo-liberal policy.

We call for international solidarity in defense of the legal and political rights of the HWCP.

We demand an immediate stop of this judicial process against the leaders of the Hungarian Communists!

**The International Council and the Editorial Board of NSC has sent a letter of protest to the Hungarian Government in Budapest.**

## US WARHAWK WANTS TO ATTACK IRAN

Former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, John Bolton said the following to the world media:

*"US should destroy Iran's nuclear sites and bring our allies, Japan, Australia and Israel into NATO!"* He also said *"That it is possible that Israel will launch the attack against Iran, but it would be much better at the start of the conflict if the US bombed Iran and then Israel could not be branded as an aggressor."*

This was from a speech given in Toronto, Canada on Nov. 17, 2007.

## ISRAEL IS THE WORST COLONIAL REGIME

By JEAN ZIEGLER, UN Special Envoy

**NEW YORK (PIC)** – Jean Ziegler, the UN Special Elected Envoy - castigated the Israeli occupation and described it as the only *"colonial régime"* which refuses to abide by any international law. He called on the United Nations to adopt an effective policy forcing Israel to respect human rights and the Geneva Convention.

*"The Israeli occupation is a colonial regime and an illegal military occupation from the UN's point of view, it continues to annex more Palestinian lands, and thus the Israeli occupation is the worst in the history of colonialism"* Ziegler stated in a New York TV interview.

This occupation is causing wide-



spread starvation, physical and psychological oppression to the Palestinian people, and there is growing Palestinian resistance which questions the European Union's complicity and help to the Israeli occupation forces, and also the question as to why is the US government giving funds and protecting this Israeli occupation.

Mr. Ziegler also described the EU countries as completely *"hypocritical"* because they refused the results of Absolutely democratic elections in the Palestinian lands, which was under the supervision of the EU and even they declared unanimously that Hamas was the absolute winner of that election. Gaza strip with its 1.5 million Palestinian people is now a huge prison camp as the result of the Israeli siege imposed on it.

UN and EU has now imposed a reduction in fuel supplies to the Palestinians because Israel and its US lobby, and with the US approval, that the Gaza Strip is now *"hostile entity"* and this statement was also approved by the European Union and the UN!

## HUGE PROTEST MARCH HELD IN LJUBJANA IN FORMER YUGOSLAVIA

Over 70,000 protestors took to the streets in the capital of Slovenija last November 17<sup>th</sup>. Protesting were pensioners, trade unionists and students, left-wing activists and communists and the anti-war movements, who marched together demanding higher salaries for the

workers.

Even though the average wage is supposed to be about 1200 Euros per month, over 75% of the workers do not even come near this. They get a very miserable 350-400 Euros per month.

Slovenia has now the distinction of having the highest inflation rate in the European Union. This was caused by it joining the European Union. There are over 20% of Slovenian population of 2 million people that live in abject poverty. The food prices and electricity skyrocketed over 30% in 2007.

Protestors also protested against the right-wing neo-fascist Prime Minister of Slovenija, Janez Jansa, who was one of the chief organizers of smuggling weapons to Croatia and Bosnia in 1991-1994. His cohorts, the war profiteers had broken the international law and the UN embargo of weapons trade in former Yugoslavia.

Death to fascism – freedom to the people! Fight for solidarity and socialism!

Revolutionary Bureau of Slovenian Communist Committee

Rudolf Baloh

## Iberian-American Summit

**To Unmask the Reactionary Regimes,  
To Not Believe in Siren Songs,  
To Not Fall into Illusions**

In a few days the so-called "Iberian-American Summit" will take place in Chile, when the various leaders of the governments of so-called Ibero-America will shake hands. Among others, the Spanish monarchists, the fascist Uribe of Colombia, those who speak to the left "to the gallery" but rule for the monopolies, for the right-wing, such as the government of M. Bachelet in our country or Lula in Brazil, will attend. There will also be present those who represent democratic

forces, for national sovereignty and for the granting of social demands of a popular character, such as are the governments of Cuba, Venezuela, Bolivia and Ecuador. Each of these will use the "Summit" in their own way, and according to their interests.

The truth is that in the last decades there have been hundreds of "summits" and meetings which, besides spending the resources created by the workers and peoples of their respective countries, at best have only served to make nice sounding statements and to show that there is national and social inequality within our countries, the majority of times so glaringly represented.

Among the "participants" will be some whose regimes are a

monument to all that is anti-democratic, that is fascist; such as that of Uribe of Colombia, a country in which a dirty war against the workers and popular movement is taking place, where the State apparatuses, together with the drug trafficking assassins, murder trade union and social leaders; the numbers of these murders are so high that they are more than in the thousands and one does not know exactly how many there are. There will also be representatives of the Spanish monarchy, which was imposed by blood and fire by the fascist Francisco Franco and which today, from its golden throne, oppresses the communists, workers and peoples of Spain.

We must demand that in Colombia the assassinations of

popular and revolutionary leaders be stopped, we demand freedom for Francisco Caraballo, leader of the Communist Party of Colombia (Marxist-Leninist) and commander of the Popular Army of Liberation EPL and of all political prisoners, that in Spain Fina García be immediately set free; she is a member of the Communist Party of Spain (reconstituted) who has spent 24 years in prison and has completed "her" sentence and who is in a serious state of health, and freedom to all political prisoners. We must urgently show our solidarity with the anti-monarchy demonstrators in Catalonia, who have been violently repressed by the Spanish State apparatus, as well as with the fighters of the heroic Basque people who are seeking their self-determination.

## EVEN 90 YEARS AFTER OCTOBER REVOLUTION OF 1917, MARK SCARES THE DAYLIGHTS OUT OF THE BOURGEOISE, IMF, NATO, WB, ZIONISM AND IMPERIALISM !



Although there is sufficient material to fill pages for solidarity with the countless popular struggles, in practically all the countries whose governments will be at the Iberian-American Summit, we name two of the most urgent, but this does not mean that we do not remember all the others, such as the hunger strike being carried out by representatives of the Mapuche people, imprisoned by the capitalist State and for the

imperialists in Chile, which the neo-liberals of the Concertation, headed by M. Bachelet, administer with so much care.

We call on the genuine progressives, patriots and revolutionaries to unmask the "Iberian-American Summit", to sow no kind of illusions in it, to work for the brotherhood of the peoples, for the coordination of the workers and

popular struggles against the common imperialist enemy, to trust in our own forces, the only guarantee of national and social liberation for our peoples.

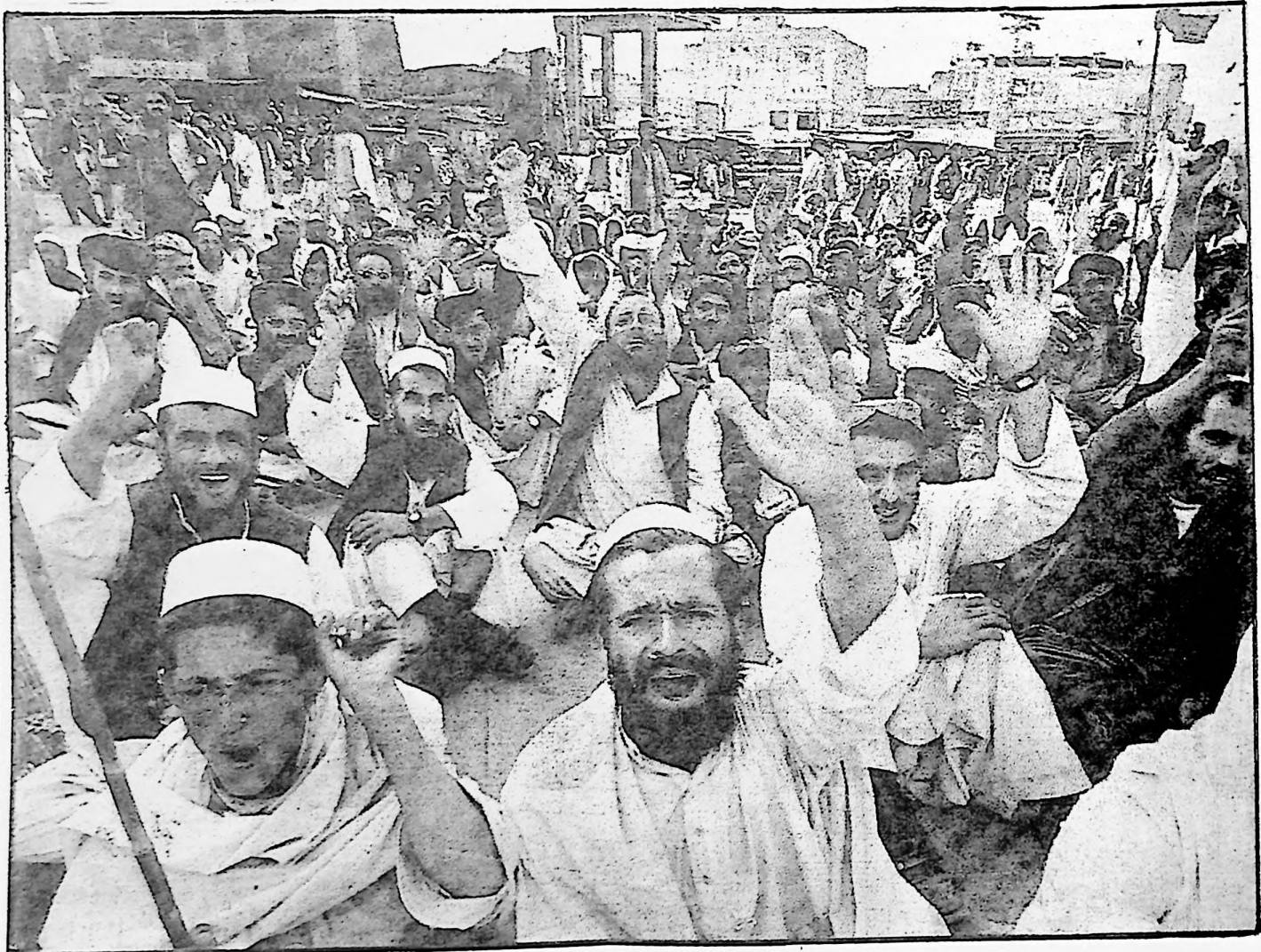
**Political Secretariat of the Central Committee of the Chilean Communist Party (Proletarian Action) PC (AP)**

Santiago, Chile, November 6, 2007

**ANTI IMPERIALIST STRUGGLE NEEDS WORLD-WIDE UNITY OF ALL FORCES!**

## **PEOPLES SOLIDARITY AND DETERMINATION IN PAKISTAN FORCED MUSHARAF TO RESIGN AS GENERAL OF PAKISTAN ARMY!**

THE NEXT STEP NOW IS TO MAKE HIM RESIGN AS PRESIDENT – A PUPPET OF US IMPERIALISM!



## FEATURE ANALYSES

# RUSSIAN ELECTIONS

Published in the *Solidair Newspaper*, Belgium, in Dutch

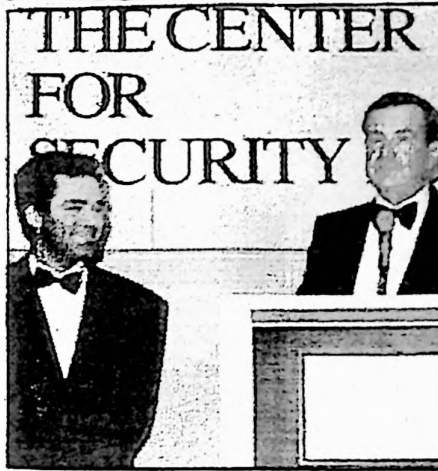
The elections in Russia this month for the new Parliament, Putin won the "election" with 63% of the votes. The pro-American opposition of politicians close to Kasparov failed to gain any ground, but the Communists did.

### KASPAROV: BUSH'S PUPPET

According to the Belgian media, Gary Kasparov is the Pillar of the struggle for "democracy" in Russia. The former chess world champion decided back in 1991 to leave behind his chess game and go into politics. Kasparov became a member of the Center for Security Policy, an organization under the leadership of the ex-CIA Director James Woolsey. That same year he received from the extreme right-wing American Lobby group the "Keeper of the Flame Award". This was for his contribution to the American security through engagement for a very strong (American) Army and promotion of democracy in Russia. In this Center, next to Kasparov are Richard Perle (the author of the Iraq War), Clarke Judge (speech writer for Ronald Reagan), Philip Merrill (ex-assistant of the General Secretary of NATO) Edwin Feulner (chairman of the Heritage Foundation) and other Pentagon bosses.

Regular articles by Kasparov were always published in the Wall Street Journal, but they did not include a political program by Kasparov, only that: "Putin is a fascist dictator, he destroyed democracy in Russia. That's why the West is also responsible, and even President Bush calls President Putin his friend. Democracy in Russia became impossible after the selling of Yukos."

Khodorowsky was the boss of this Petrol Giant Yukos, which did not



Kasparov (left) receives diploma of the Center for Security Policy

pay any taxes and he smuggled his dodgy profits into Western Banks, until he was arrested for tax evasion. Then there is Berezovsky, the Russian media magnate who financed the election campaign of Boris Yeltsin. But he ran away to London, England from where he finances the "opposition."

(These "Oligarchs" also have dual Russian and Israel citizenship, plus now even British citizenship - Editor)

But these persons are hated in Russia because they enriched themselves scandalously. In the meantime the ordinary people cannot pay their heating bills from their miserable salaries. Putin finally decided to get rid of these individuals and now the US Pentagon sees them as weaklings, since they are no longer useful.

The tactics of Kasparov was to provoke a struggle between a couple hundreds of his followers and police in front of the Western TV cameras and style himself as a "martyr for democracy". His hope was to declare that election invalid and to provoke an "Orange Revolution" like the one that happened in Ukraine.

### PRESIDENT PUTIN - AN OIL SUPPLIER

Ten years ago the price of a barrel of oil in the world market was \$10 dollars per barrel, today it is \$100 dollars per barrel. The export of expensive gas and oil in the hands of Putin, is his overall success now. The Russian economy grew by 7%

annually. Putin paid off all of the Russian debts. The companies of these "Oligarchs" like Berezowsky and Chodorowsky were confiscated, and by doing this (of course much too late and only under pressure by the people - Editor) Putin managed to cool off the Russian people's anger and thus save the present Russian capitalist regime. The oil concern Yukos fell into the hands of the Russian government (where it should have been in the first place - Editor.)

The rough anti-Communism of former Boris Yeltsin no longer appeals to the Russian people. The population has lost all of their savings in the privatization frenzy of 1992 and the devaluation of the ruble in 1998. The public opinion turned against the West and Putin adjusted his image to be more palatable to the people. He protested against the plans of US to place the missiles in Poland and the Czech Republic. No matter how Putin flexes his muscles in the media, his main role is that of a supplier of natural resources, gas and oil to the highest bidder, be it the USA, Europe, China or Japan.

Putin is not interested in building a national industry. Not a single large factory, machinery construction or electronic enterprise was built. The former industrial might of former Soviet Union is dying out, if not dead already. The high revenues the capitalist class now receives from these oil and gas exports does not benefit the population.

The difference in income between the 10% of the poorest and the 10% of the richest has grown under Putin over 18 times. Russia now has to import over 50% of its daily foodstuffs! But President Putin now invests the oil and gas revenues into the "Stabilization Fund" that buys shares in all of the stock markets in the West.

Can you imagine that President Putin even suggested to President Bush that, instead of US missiles being installed in Poland and the Czech Republic, America could use the Russian anti-missile system on Gabalin - Azerbaijan!!

That would suite the USA perfectly in their preparations for war against the neighboring Iran. This policy of seeing eye - to - eye with the US can be seen by the fact that last September Russia and America held

together an extensively very large military exercise in the Pacific Ocean. US and RUSSIA jointly tested their artillery, helicopters and assault techniques (*not against each other, since they both are allies – Editor*) Putin and Bush agreed to hold such exercises annually.

**Can you imagine Cuba and US holding joint military attack-planning exercises together? Editor!**

## TWO SORTS OF COMMUNISTS

They are largely ignored by the media, but they do exist in Russia now as the left opposition. Last November there was a strike of dockworkers and workers at the Ford car factory in Leningrad, demanding a pay rise. President Putin had abolished the national celebration of November 7<sup>th</sup>, the day of the Great October Socialist Revolution and made it an ordinary working day. But despite this, over 30,000 Muscovites went into the streets on November 7<sup>th</sup>, and also despite the bitter cold, they met next to statue of Marx and words "Lenin" and "Marx" were met with huge applause and cheering. The communist grass roots are there and agree with this holiday and what it stands for. They all demanded nationalization and that private capital should be abolished from the present power structures. The power should be given to the people (*the Soviets*) of workers.

Gennady Zyuganov (CPRF) has deeply disappointed the protesters by promising that all of this can be achieved very easily through the method of winning future elections. Zyuganov is saving Putin's regime and offers to join him in "**the Government of National Interests**".

The Russian Communist Workers Party (*Viktor Tiulkin*) unlike Zyuganov, is based on the idea of the class struggle by the workers, not begging from those in power, but to give the workers an opportunity to achieve their interests through their own struggles.

## WHAT WERE THE RESULTS OF THIS ELECTION IN RUSSIA?

Putin's party "United Russia"	63.1%
Zyuganov's party "CP"	11.5%
Zhirinovskiy party Lib.-Dem.	9.4%
Mironov's party "Fair Russia"	7.6%

It's good to remember that parties that do not enjoy the approval of Mr. Putin, were excluded from taking part in the election, under many various pretences.

### COMMENT:

*This was a good analyses of the election that took place in Russia this month and, we reprinted it to give our readers a perspective from Belgium. This was sent to us by Jef Bossuyt, member of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People.*

*Readers of NSC know that there are of course many more Communist parties in Russia (27 by the last count) not just the two communist parties that are mentioned in this article. Most of them do not believe that Putin's capitalist regime will allow a change of the government even though by chance the Communists would win the election.*

*The weakness of the CPRF and also to a certain extent is the RCWP, in that they concentrate only on Russia in name and work. In fact they have GIVEN UP to work in other former Soviet Republics.*

*There is at the moment only two Communist Parties that carry on the work of being active in most of the former 15 Soviet Republics. The main one is the All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks, headed by Nina Andreeva, who are active in all of the form Soviet Republics and, who are not afraid to mention and give credit to Stalin. Coming in lately is the Communist Party of the Soviet Union headed by Oleg Sherin, who will be running for President in 2008. There are a few other small splinter groups also who do not dump dirt on the name of J.V. Stalin.*

*Unfortunately, for years now I read the official press of Zyuganov and Tiulkin, but Stalin's name is never ever mentioned. Why?*

**I think that the readers of NSC know by now as to why!**

*Editor of NSC*

## TO ALL NSC READERS

In the January issue there will be a full report and photos of the Anti-Imperialist International Conference that was held in Kolkata, India by our delegate, Sonia Boshko.

## THERE ARE 9.5 MILLION PEOPLE IN PRISON IN THE WORLD now!

The prison population had risen in 73% of the countries – but it has risen more than 81% in the United States of America.

*From the book by Luigi Cariglio*

## FREEDOM FOR ALL THE POLITICAL PRISONERS FROM MEXICO TO PALESTINE, FROM CANADA, TO PHILIPPINES, USA, RUSSIA, UKRAINE !

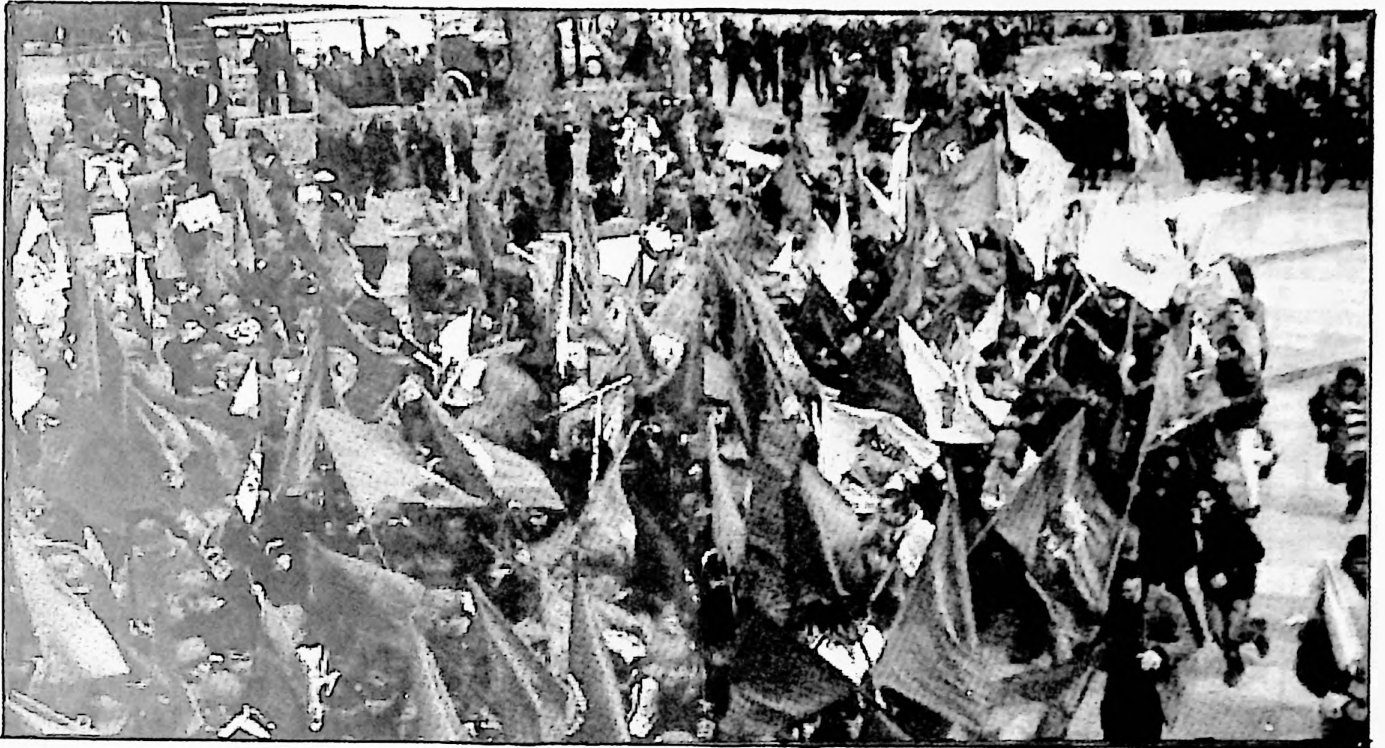
Since 9/11 the courts, laws, jails, military and para-military are increasingly used to suppress, dissent by calling them terrorists, criminals, revolutionaries – in order to hide the real reason for the incarceration of political prisoners and prisoners of war – the repression of people's active resistance and revolutionary struggles.

The US led global "war on terror" the incarceration of those engaged in the struggles or national liberation, justice and a better social system for the people, the US government decided that these people must be silenced at all cost.

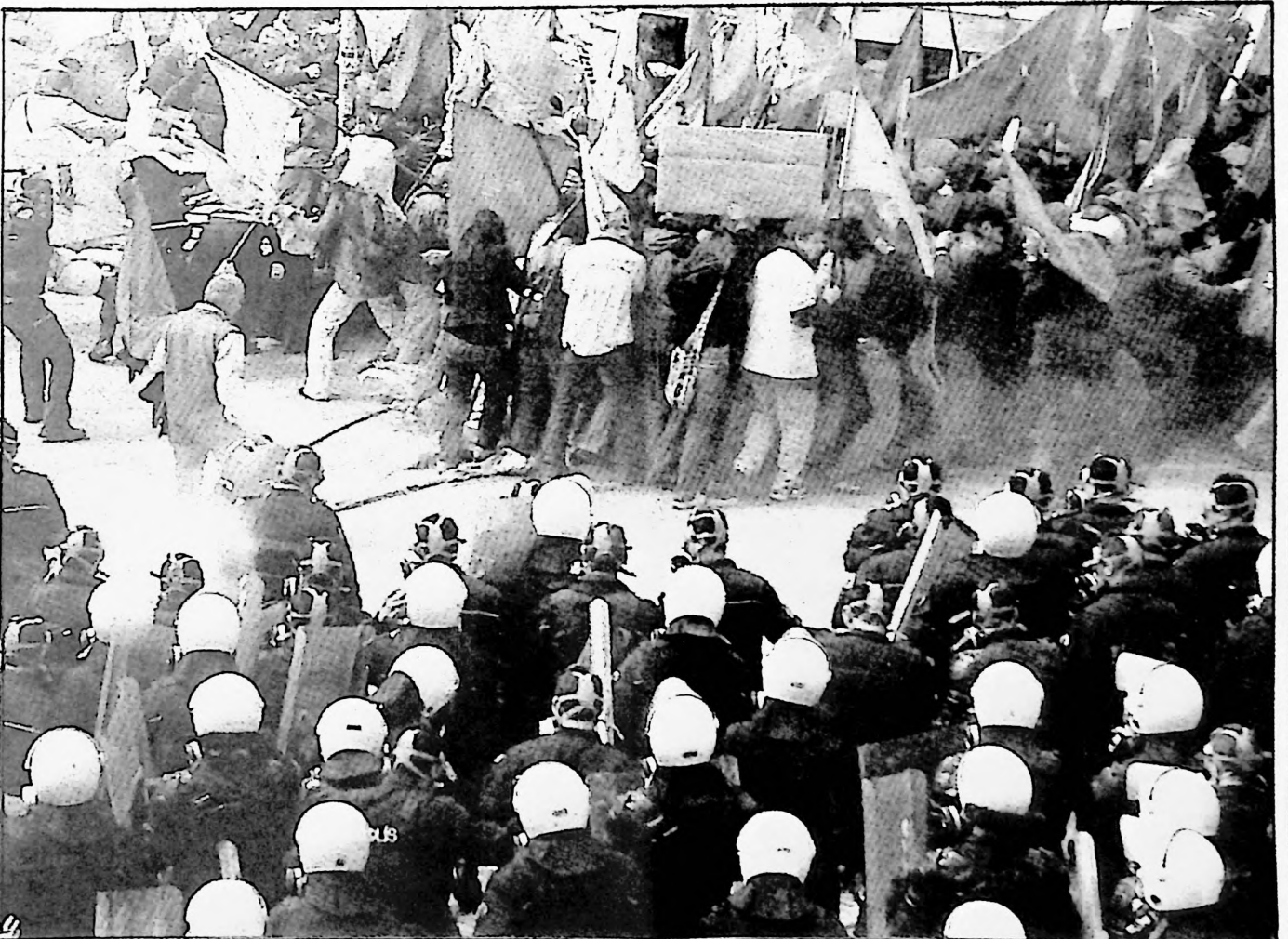
Therefore there is a great need for international solidarity campaign and protests to free all of these patriots who are struggling not only on behalf of their people, but also on behalf of all mankind!







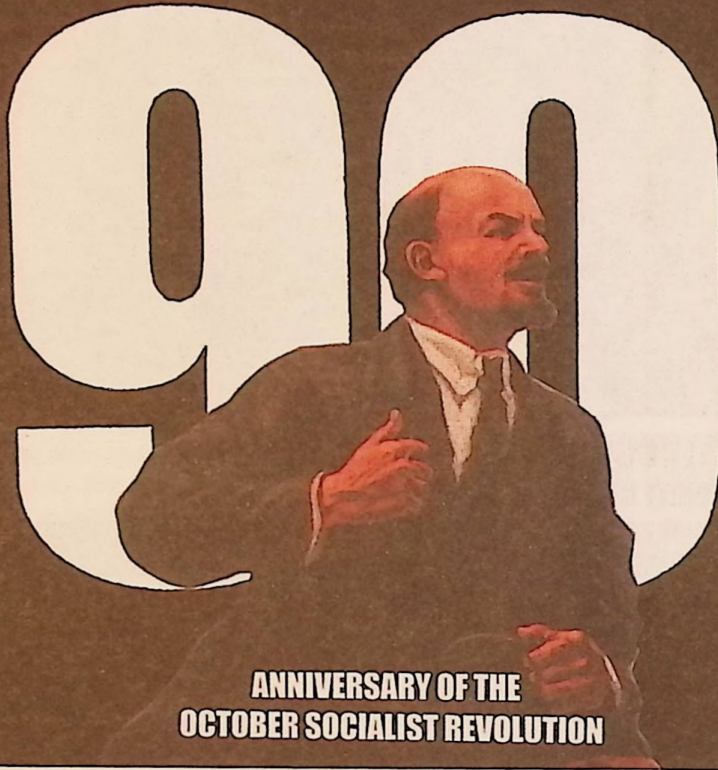
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The Canadian Friends of Soviet People and Northstar Compass journal together celebrated the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution in Toronto on

Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at the Friendship House.

The members and readers gathered to see a documentary video about the events leading to the



Michael Lucas, Editor of NSC and Chairman of International Council



Ramon O. Grajo, m International Board

October Revolution, which included historical footage that most of the people gathered did not see before. Before the program began there were revolutionary Soviet music and songs being played in the Carpathian Ballroom.

Michael Lucas, Editor of NSC welcomed the guests and read greetings sent to us on this occasion. He then introduced Frank Trampus, Chairman of the Toronto Branch of the CFSP who spoke briefly and this was followed by the main speaker, Ramon O. Grajo, who gave a historical overview of the October Revolution, its meaning to the whole world, its successes, its heroism in saving the world from German fascism and as a bulwark for peace. He also analyzed the reasons for the temporary demise of the USSR due

Part of the audience listening to the program





Member of the  
of NSC



Abdiev Maksout, PhD, born in  
Kazakhstan, a trained Scientist



Frank Trampus, Chairman of the Toronto CFSP  
and Llyod Redstone, member of NSC Editorial Board,

to internal revisionism in the service of US imperialism.

Abdiev Maksout, PhD who came from Kazakhstan spoke as what the Soviet Union meant to the people of Kazakhstan and what they had under Socialism, which they now lost under capitalism.

The hall was decorated with many historical photographs of 1917-1918 and also with revolutionary slogans.

After a very enjoyable buffet meal and many proposed toast to the Great October Revolution, we had entertainment, amongst which was a very young and talented violinist Nitharsiga Thavapalan.

Helen Lucas the Financial Secretary thanked all the members and friends for the very generous donation of over \$400 for the CFSP and NSC to.



Violinist Nitharsjaga Thavapalan  
- parents from Sri Lanka



Helen Lucas, Financial  
Secretary of NSC, CFSP and  
International Council

*The members and friends could not all fit into this photograph*



# NEWS, DIGEST, COMMENTS

## GROWING WAVE OF LABOUR STRIKES ALL ACROSS EUROPE

Hungarian railway workers staged a strike which affected all local and international traffic. They were joined by bus drivers, teachers and electrical workers. Around 10,000 workers and anti-government protestors rallied outside Hungary's Parliament buildings in Budapest.

BBC trade union workers voted overwhelmingly to strike to protest the loss of over 2,500 jobs.

Dutch Secondary School students went on protest strike in 37 different localities. They protested the pointless assignments taking over 1,040 hours of school per year plus extra activities. Over 1,000 school students participated in Amsterdam.

Police are accused of using truncheons when they attacked the students.

Polish bus drivers went on strike in protest against the demand by private owners that workers must buy this company which would mean a tremendous profit for the private owners.

Low paid Irish bus drivers went on strike because they have no pension or sick benefits. They are amongst the lowest paid workers in Ireland.

Irish classroom assistants also went on strike.

Thousands of Egyptian tax workers went on strike over wage parity.

Over 1,000 South African trade union workers went on strike to protest unbearable working conditions.

**CUBAN MEDICAL MISSION** in Guatemala received the "Father Manolo Maquieira Human Rights Award" for its work in this Central American nation.

## MILITANT BLACK RIDERS LIBERATION PARTY

From newspaper *TURNING POINT*  
Published in the Unites States

The new generation of Black Panthers (the Black Riders Liberation Party) led over 500 people in a frontal confrontation against the Ku Klux Klan, and their offshoot, the Minutemen and their racist police bodyguards. The Black Riders won a powerful victory in this battle in a revolutionary struggle to free the Black people from the evil forces of white racism, capitalism and domestic American imperialism. We stopped those white racists and their supporters.

Black people in Los Angeles and throughout the country have admired and praised the Black Rider's efforts to instill a sense of African pride in our people, who have been robbed of their dignity and identity by some racist whites. Our aim now is to change the negative Black on Black confrontations as promoted by the American power structure.



**FOR REVOLUTION AGAINST  
CAPITALISM TO BE A SUCCESS,  
THE FLAG MUST BE RED!**

We are also known for protecting our people against police terror with video cameras to defend ourselves against lies by the police when in court. We also train ourselves to be vigilant and ready against attacks and provocations.

**All power to the people!  
Free the SF 8 and all political prisoners!**

## SOUTH AFRICAN POOR DOUBLED IN TEN YEARS

The number of South Africans living on less than \$1 a day has doubled in a decade since shortly after the end of Apartheid. The South African Institute of Race Relations survey said that over 4.2 million people are now living on \$1 a day. This is up 1.9 million since 1996, two years after the first all-race elections took place.

Unemployment is now over 26 per cent in the country. Inequality is also increasing in the white population, but is dramatically increasing in the Black population.

The governing African National Congress is going to choose a new President, but the South African Trade Unions are backing the former Deputy Prime Minister Jacob Zuma. He has criticized the present President Thabo Mbeki and his government for not doing enough to reduce poverty in the country.

### COMMENT:

*Are you listening Sir Nelson Mandela? Instead of officiating at ceremonies of many monuments being built to you by the British Commonwealth and giving well-paid lectures all over the world - maybe you could use your "prestige" to help the South African people!*

## A SOUTH AFRICAN LIKE SCENARIO IS THE END OF ISRAEL - EHUD OLMERT

By Aluf Benn, David Lsabdua, Barak Ravid and Shmuel Rosner, Haaretz Correspondents and AP

At the end of the meeting in Annapolis between the Palestinians and Israel, Prime Minister Ehud

Olmert said that; " *Israel must have a two-state solution, or Israel is finished!*"

That was a very interesting interview that Olmert gave to Haaretz and it shows that we must fight any attempt for a two-state solution. We were saying this for years now, but it is nice to hear it being confirmed from the mouth of your enemy.

Prime Minister Olmert stated the following: "*If the date comes that the two-state solution collapsed, and we face a South African style struggle for equal voting rights (also for the Palestinians in the territories) then as soon as that happens, the State of Israel is finished.*" He told this the day the Annapolis Conference was finished.

*"The Jewish organizations, which were our power base in America, will be the first to come out against us, because they will say that they cannot support a state that does not support democracy and equal voting rights for all of its residence Annapolis is not a turning point, but it is a point that can be of assistance."*

## Revolutionary Democracy

September 2007 issue of Indian Marxist-Leninist journal Revolutionary Democracy is now available.

The issue is over 200 pages long and, besides articles on the situation in India, contains a large number of articles of theoretical and historical importance for readers internationally. These include:

**\*On the British Road to Socialism, by J.V. Stalin**

**\*On Dimitrov, Vijay Singh**

**\*60th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Greek Democratic Army, Communist Party of Greece 1918-1955**

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## 120 US WAR VETS COMMIT SUICIDE EACH WEEK

From PORTSIDE.ORG

Since these wars began and US troops are involved, these staggering statistics and alarming flood of reports, the US Department of Defense has managed to keep what has clearly become an epidemic of deaths, beneath the radar of any public scrutiny and knowledge by systematically concealing these horrendous statistics about soldier suicides.

The White House has done everything by burying these reports off the official casualty lists and they list these suicides in the category under the heading "accidental non-combat deaths" and they also do outright lying to the parents or to wives and families of these dead soldiers.

Ironically the US Department of Veteran Affairs dutifully rubber stamp these lies and keep lying to everyone that these US soldiers are killing themselves not because of combat experiences in Iraq and Afghanistan, but because they have "personal problems."

Pentagon has managed to hoodwink and put up smokescreen because suicide makes people so uncomfortable.

The contradiction between religious doctrine and secular law has left suicide in some kind of nether space. For years we were told that suicide bombers are fanatics as Bush glibly said not too long ago: "Many terrorists in the East are followers of the same murderous ideology that took the lives of our citizens at 9/11!" No one ever mentions that these people in Iraq and Afghanistan are fighting the foreign invader, not the liberator.

Consider this fact, as reported by Veteran Affairs statistics alone: Over 25% of the US Army enlistees and over 50% of US reservists who have come back from these invasion wars, with very serious mental health

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issues. Why? They certainly did see that they were not welcomed as liberators, plus the carnage, death and racism has left its mark on them forever.

Just do consider the following documented statistics of the US war veterans-

\*Almost 6,000,000 US war veterans and their families are without any health care at all.

\*New York Times newspaper reported that although US veterans comprise only about 11% of US adult population, they make up over 26% of the homeless people.

Do you wonder about the trauma they experienced in Iraq and Afghanistan and, then coming home and with no health insurance and no jobs to be had!

**What the hell do you expect Mr. George Bush?**

Just do a math test here dear readers:

In 2005, there were 6,256 American soldiers that committed suicide. The same year, there were documented suicide bombers in Iraq and Afghanistan of only 130 documented suicide deaths. That's a ratio of 50 to 1. Who is it that is creating more suicides?

## DID YOU KNOW?

## THE SKYDIVING U.S. DOLLAR

By ANA LUCIA GELABERT-Cuban  
American Political Prisoner

Prelude to the skydiving of US imperialism, no doubt the USA's former ability from 1970 on - when President Nixon took the US dollar off the Gold Standard - to irresponsibly print US "False Currency" in US \$ trillions, then force the rest of the world to accept it, at cannon points, as the most favorable exchange currency, played a big role in the USA's ability to outspend the USSR in everything, which helped the US to win the Cold War.

Not that revisionism inside the Soviet Union and treachery, weren't there also. But the economic factor

was vital! The Soviet ruble was always backed by Gold, so the Soviet people had to pay, sometimes in some lack of mass consumer goods, then there was the cost of the Arms Race and Space Exploration. Whereas the USA only had to print this worthless paper money, without sacrificing their populations' living standards.

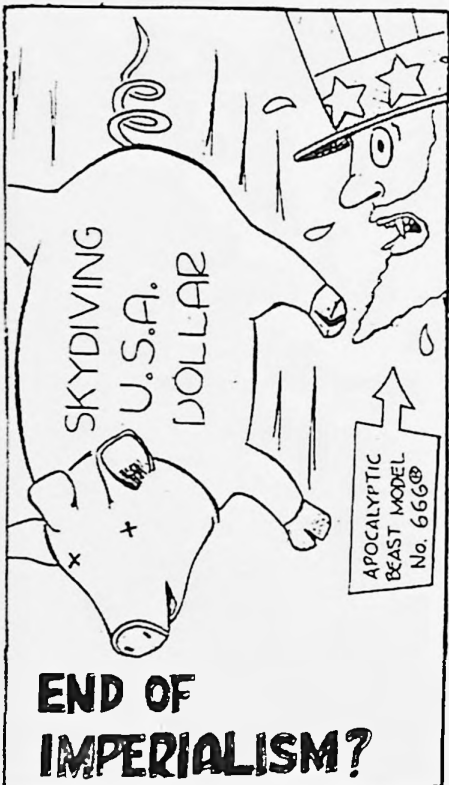
Which soon no longer maybe the case.

Excellent!

### ATTEMPT ON MY LIFE

A week ago (November 16<sup>th</sup> or November 17<sup>th</sup>) I cannot remember for sure. The best I can tell, a female lieutenant guard in this jail and 2 male sergeants, tried to "disappear" me by locking me up in a secluded room and not telling anyone about it.

The next shift found me unconscious on the floor, some 4-5 hours later, when they made the head-count and this showed that I was missing: technically I was "an escapee" that could be shot; or even "a successful escapee" never to be found again.



What prompted this attempt on me is still unclear to me, though someone "in power" surely knows.

About one and a half months ago I was again denied parole: a 3-year set-off, which considering that I am already 69 years of age in this prison

since 1984, this shows that Texas has no intention to release me alive!

**So be it! VENCEREMOS!**

But also about a month ago, I had a "teleconferencecall" with a Houston Attorney. Bob Wicoff - that my criminal case - an armed confrontation with the Houston police - which they provoked, in which only I was wounded at this demonstration - and nearly killed - was amongst some 190 prosecutions, that now are under investigation, for gross fabrication of evidence.

This was prompted by the investigation into a sexual assault case (*rape*) where after 27 years in a prison, Texas had to free a completely innocent man: the DNA was manipulated and it was found that this man was innocent!

Really it should be thousands of cases in which the crime lab "testified falsely". But only 190 cases are under scrutiny, and my case is amongst them.

Perhaps this explains the harassment against me - all of a sudden one disciplinary action after another, here in this TDCJ - and last week's murder attempt. There'll be others!

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## Stephen Harper's foreign policy and the Canadian imperialism in Afghanistan

Since the Speech from the Throne of Stephen Harper and his electoral victory of January 23, 2006, Canada openly follows US international politics and strategies regarding Middle East and Central Asia. Stephen Harper and his government mobilized, on the Afghan ground, more than 2 400 soldiers (a real military arsenal!), hundreds of governmental representatives and the NGO. We must not forget that

Harper voted a special budget to renew the arsenal of the Canadian Army.

Since the fall of the Taliban regime in October, 2001, the sovereign people of Afghanistan are ruled by the Muppet government of Hamid Karzaï, the man of Washington, and by warlords that work for their own accounts. Stephen Harper and his minority government did exactly what former Jean Chrétien's liberal government have done in 2001, sending troops and military material to Afghanistan while Canadian public opinion was against such a mission. After the so-called attempts against the United States, it's the liberal government of George W. Bush to send Canadian troops to Afghanistan. Six years later, the conservative government continues to apply this politic with a higher degree of aggressiveness.

After a while, the successive liberal governments of Jean Chrétien and Paul Martin did not want to send troops any more on the Afghan ground, invoking the increasing of the administrative expenditures.



Obviously, by sending troops to Afghanistan in October, 2001, this government opened doors to a politic that leads to the continuance of the occupation in this area. This politic was part of a pure strategy of intervention and imperialism. If there is a right-wing that approves such a politic in Canada, there is also an imperialist left (which boast of being for social progress and the "improvement" of the women and childrens condition in the Middle East and in Central Asia) that approve this intervention. Among this political left, certain feminist movements, many communities and political circles

(such as the NDP) and some community groups and unions indirectly support Harper's politics by favouring UNO's Blue Berets presence on the Afghan ground. All the political parties in the Parliament of Ottawa approve indirectly this occupation. To prove it, we just have to say that neither the Liberal Party of Canada, nor the New Democratic Party (NDP) or the Bloc Québécois made real pressures to force Harper's government to revise its imperialist politics. Harper's politics are the pure continuance of that of the previous liberal government. No one in Canada or in Quebec, among the reformists of both the right and the left, seems to care! Why? Because these two tendencies support the capitalist system at various levels. The first ones are for ultra-liberal politics and the others for politics that are moderated by State capitalism. Dialectally, the left-wing depends on the right-wing and the political right depends on the political left. Both needs their opposite to exist! In the name of progress, the left needs the right to apply the new colonisation politics in Central Asia.

With the Conservatives, a lot of money was invested in the army, because it was one of Mr Harper's priorities. We can be sure that the Liberals would have done the same thing if they had been re-elected. Canada cannot leave Afghanistan without its US neighbour's permission. Neither England nor Russia or France continued to occupy this territory. Canada was the one whom Uncle Sam appointed to make dirty work!

### **Why are we sending more troops in Afghanistan?**

For Stephen Harper, the time has come for Canada, ally of the United States, to take its place under the sun. More soldiers, governmental executives and NGO in Afghanistan means more privileges in the new colonization of this country. We must not forget, as Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels demonstrated it, that the Britains of the XIX<sup>th</sup> century played a major role in the colonization of Afghanistan, paving the way for the colonisers of the XX<sup>th</sup> century. Britains failed to modernize this country constituted by a mosaic of various clans divided by their languages, their religions and a geography characterized by high

mountains and vast deserts. The tribe of Pachtouns (which was the majority clan in 2000 with 41 % of the population of Afghanistan), the tribe of Durranis, the tribe of Ghildzis, the tribe of the Tajiks and the tribe of the Uzbeks inhabits this country which is not a nation, but a galaxy of people with no real economic and social unity. "Afghanistan" is a purely poetic term to designate different tribes and states, and not a real country. Afghanistan can not be considered as a nation because, in its territory, there is no central economic relations which connect tribes and clans. If there is a State, it's an artificial one which doesn't connect all the levies and the clans within a centralized government and in an official parliament<sup>1</sup>.

As Friedrich Engels explains in his book "Colonialism in Asia" (a collection of articles written together with Karl Marx from 1853 to 1857), the geographic position of Afghanistan and the particular character of Afghan people confer this country a political and strategic importance<sup>2</sup>. The United States understood it very well as they have support Afghan tribes in their fight against the Soviets during the first war of Afghanistan (1979-1989)<sup>3</sup>. For the Canadian government, the military activity of our troops have more importance than Canada's so-called "humanitarian" mission. What Harper really wants is to get some power in this zone of Central Asia in order to establish a gas pipeline that will serve USA and their friends. Without a doubt, Canada is not the only country that have such a project in this zone. Like the United States and England, Israel, China, Germany, Italy and Russia want to gain influence and power in this strategic zone.

Stephen Harper wants to give Canada an important role in the reorganization of Middle East and Central Asia geopolitical cards, because the invasion of Afghanistan (in October, 2001) and the invasion of Iraq (in March, 2003) are both part of a new power game. The war for oil is still a reality and it will stay a "current event" for quite a long time! Neither in Haiti nor in Afghanistan the implication of Canada is a matter of humanitarian aim. The Haitian question enables Canadian government to fool Canadian people, Quebecers and to the rest of the world. By concrete actions, Canada

should make the proof that it really has humanitarian values and not only imperialistic ones.

Mr Harper had openly pro-Israeli position in the Lebanon crisis of July, 2006. He did not hesitate to condemn pro-Iranian Hezbollah without opening even the door to the dialogues for both parties. At this occasion, his minority government really showed the alignment of Canadian politics to those of the United States. For Stephen Harper, Hezbollah was nothing less than a terrorist organization while everyone knows, now, that Hezbollah is a political, social and military organisation which fights for the rights of the Palestinian people. In the next months and in the next years, Mr Harper is going to support more and more Israel in his imperialist politics in the Middle East. In Canada, the Afghan question will remain for a long time, because our country will not withdraw from this region of the globe for a while.

### **Conclusion**

Stephen Harper has imperialist ambitions which are close to those of the United States. In 2010 or 2011, if the Conservatives are re-elected as a majority government, we will see a total alignment of the Canadian politics in those of the US government, no matter if this government is a Republican or a Democratic one. Today, Harper's government is minority and he has to share power with the Liberals, the Neo-Democrats and Gilles Duceppe's party. These three parties do not share the enthusiasm of the Conservatives for the politics of intervention. Nevertheless, they are parts of the power, and this power serves the interests of financial groups. Obviously, the Bloc québécois is an exception, because this party doesn't fight to gain power in Ottawa. Stephen Harper did not say his last word! He will have to work hard in order to seduce our powerful neighbours for the "good" of us all. Maybe Mr Harper will lead Canada in a long war which will cost the life of several Canadians and a lot of money that could be used in projects much more constructive than imposing our mercantile values on people who do not want it at all.

***By Jeanne Corbin Collective of the city of Quebec***

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## UNION OF AFRICAN WORKERS – SENEGAL

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The announcement by A. Wade of a draft law to reduce the salaries of government workers arises in the context of generalized discontent, of difficulties for the workers to make ends meet and of rampant famine among the peasantry. This also follows from the promise of the international donors to grant credits to the Wade regime, after the Club of Paris very sharply warned the government about its archaic and loose managing of public monies.

This measure may appear as a populist response to the social demand of the poorest people, but above all it is a pledge of good will to the donors, who benefit from the billions expected by the international institutions. At the same time, such a

measure allows Wade to maintain the extravagant life style of the government on the backs of the population. With such a decision, Wade brings us back to 1993, when under the structural adjustment programs (SAP), Diouf proposed the Sakho-Loum plan to cut salaries of government workers by 15%, under the pretext of avoiding any devaluation of the Central African Franc (CFA). Everyone knows that this is what happened. Some months later, in 1994, the CFA was devaluated.

The question of solidarity is always important for the workers and their families and neighbors. Rather it is the state that is not seriously playing its role. For, while the population is suffering, the government, and Wade in particular, is carelessly spending the country's money: the "repair" of the presidential airplane cost more than 20 billion [more than \$40 million US],

the continuous trips with the whole governmental team (7.5 billion [\$15 million US] a year, according to Aid Transparency), the organization of parties, the innumerable pilgrimages, the bribes of millions, the airplane tickets to Mecca, etc.

Add to these the untimely and staggering increases of salaries of the top officials (ministers, judges, territorial administration, mayors, etc.), the donations of all kinds. Let us also remember the SUVs cars bought carelessly for the representatives of the National Assembly and those that will certainly go for the Senators. The news of the purchase of a new airplane at the cost of 60 billion [\$120 million US] is largely justified by the Minister of Information. Let us remember that a minister costs more than 41 million [over \$90,000 US] a year, and a state minister 44 million [over \$80,000 US]. A minister who has been removed continues to receive his salary for 6 months. Under Wade all the institutions have seen their budgets increase exorbitantly between 2000 and 2007:

- The Presidency from 4.4 billion to 55 billion;





- The Prime Minister from 4.6 billion to 39 billion;
- The National Assembly from 5.3 billion to 9 billion;
- The Economic Council (CRAES) from 385 million to 3 billion.

And everyone knows that with the creation of the Senate, it would not be less than 3 billion.

This extravagant life style of the regime can only provoke a large deficit in the public finances. Besides, no one can forget the fortune of 40 billion [\$80 million US] embezzled, according to Wade, by his former prime minister, Idrissa Seck, about which today he prefers to keep silent.

For all these reasons the cut in salaries recommended by Wade is unacceptable. The RTA-S rejects it and calls on the popular masses to organize resistance against this measure under the slogans of: "Don't touch my salary!" and "Reduce the life style of the government!" around the following demands:

**RÉEW DAÑ KOY PENCOO,  
KEN DU KO PÀCCOO!  
A Country Should Be Run  
with Democracy, Not  
Nepotism!**

*This is how the police act in  
Senegal demonstrations!*



## IN MEMORIUM

### LYGIA PRESTES (1913 – 2007)

Lygia Prestes, a brave Brazilian communist militant, died last September 28, at 94 years of age. She was the youngest sister of Luiz Carlos Prestes, former General-Secretary of the PCB. Comrade Lygia and her mother, Leocadia Prestes (1874-1943), played an important role in the struggle against Nazi-fascism, participating actively in the International Campaign - that was joined by the H. Barbusse Committee against the War and Fascism in France, and held mass rallies in Spain - for the freedom of Luiz Carlos Prestes and other Brazilian political prisoners during the fascist-inspired dictatorship of Getúlio

Vargas. At that time, the German communist militant and Luiz Prestes's companion, Olga Benario Prestes, pregnant with their daughter Anita, was deported to Germany by the Vargas's dictatorship and imprisoned by the Nazis, and she gave birth in a Nazi prison. Europe, including the confrontation with the Gestapo, Hitler's political police - for the freedom of Olga and the little Anita. They were successful in setting free the 2-year old Anita in 1938, but Olga was murdered by the Nazis at a prison camp in 1942. During World War II, Leocadia, Lygia and Anita lived in Mexico, where Leocadia died in 1943, not having the opportunity of seeing the victory of the Soviet Union. Lygia lived many years in the Soviet Union, and she was a convinced communist. In the last few years, we had the honor and happiness of making her acquaintanceship and of exchanging points of view. We are witnesses to her firm principles, her political consciousness, her enthusiasm in the history of the struggle for freedom and for socialism.

In the name of the CeCAC comrades, we pay her our respectful homage.

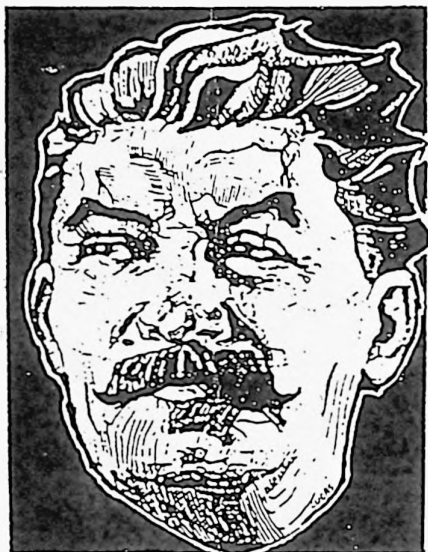
**Lygia Prestes, presente!**

Marco Antonio V. dos Santos,  
Chairman of CeCAC - Brazil

## PAGES FROM THE PAST

### STALIN'S SECRET POGROM ?

By ERIC WALBER



If the readers of Northstar Compass are in the mood for some gregarious propaganda of the Cold War variety (on this the 90th Anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution –Editor) read the 530-page book entitled “Stalin’s Secret Pogrom” (The Postwar Inquisition of the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committees) edited by Rubenstein

and Naumov 2001 – this could pique your interest. After reading the work. its easy to conclude that the book is little more than an anti-Soviet, anti-Stalin hatchet job, masquerading as objective scholarship in which omissions in this book are of far greater importance than the inclusions. Even the title of the book is a blatant lie, since one needs to read the contents, put out by the bourgeois propagandists themselves no less, to see that the defendants were put on trial for, amongst other things, slanderously accusing the Soviet Government of practicing anti-Semitism. It was not a trial or pogrom against the Jews for being Jews, it was a trial of Zionist Jews who accused the Soviet Government, among other things of being anti-Semitic. The Soviet Government always punished any anti-Semitism and unfounded accusations of the same, not promoting it!

*(By the latest information from our comrades in the leading Communist Parties of Russia and other former Soviet Republics– it has been exposed now that although Trotsky had written this accusation, it was not made known until now. Why? Trotsky and his followers accused Stalin in particular of taking an active part and condoning the Holocaust against the Jews, together with*

*Hitler! History had proven these lies wrong because the Soviet Union severely punished anti-Semitism. But the present leadership of Mr. Putin of course will keep absolutely mum on this accusation – it is of course now in the interest of US imperialism and also of Israeli Imperialism to renew these lies, especially on this the 90th Anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution. Editor of NSC)*

The deceptive aspect of the title of this book is also evident in the fact that Stalin is hardly ever mentioned throughout the whole 530 pages and the entire text. There is an implicit, but unproven assumption, that Stalin is behind the curtains, somewhere there puling strings, when absolutely no evidence of any is given and he never even makes an appearance in this whole drama!

The facts with respect to the book’s contents are relatively very straightforward.

During World War II Stalin and the CC CPSU approved a Committee of Jews to aid in the anti-fascist cause by enlisting the support, primarily financial, from Jews throughout the world. Two of the leading members of this Committee, Mikhoels and Fefer actually made a trip to the United States in 1943 and met with influential American Jews and other potential financial backers. Despite the committee’s justifiable creation, damning evidence came to light after he Great Patriotic War was over, that these men and 13 other members of this Committee conveyed classified information regarding the Soviet Union’s economy, industrial potential, military know-how and culture to the US and other foreign agents that were engaged in espionage inside the Soviet Union. These Committee members offered the US Jewish leaders to create after the war a Jewish Republic in Crimea, so that the Zionists and Imperialism could use this as a “beachhead” to dismember the Soviet Union in the coming Cold War, to spread nationalistic propaganda and accuse the Soviet Union and the CC CPSU of being anti-Semitic, thus transforming this Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee into a viable center of nationalistic activities in which Zionist propaganda sought to shift the allegiance of Soviet Jews from the Soviet Union to Israel etc.

### THIS IS THE CROWD RULING AMERICA!

Actual quotes from US media

*“We should invade their countries, kill their leaders and convert them to Christianity. We did punish Hitler and his top officers. We carpet-bombed German cities; we killed civilians. That’s war. And this is war against the Taliban. Their Mohammed said “to kill everyone who doesn’t smell bad and does not answer to the name Mohamed.”*

Bailey Smith

*“For the first time ever, everything that we started is in place for the Battle of Armageddon and the Second Coming of Christ.”*

Former President Ronald Reagan

*“George Bush was not elected by a majority of the American people, he was appointed by the Almighty.*

Lt. General William Boykin

*“God told me to strike at al Qaida and I struck them, and then he instructed me to strike at Saddam Hussein, which I did, and now I am determined to solve the problems in the Middle East. If you help me, I will act, and if not, the elections will come and I will have to focus on them. This crusade, this war on terrorism is going to take a while.”*

George W. Bush, US President

This book's failings are particularly noteworthy.

**FIRST:** nearly the entire work in this book focused on one denial of guilt after another by the 15 defendants, despite the fact that they had already confessed to multiple crimes years earlier during the preliminary investigations, and also with many foreign correspondents were present at the trial. But readers are not allowed to read these confessions and would never ever know that they existed, were it not for the fact that the examining officers kept referring to them and the defendants giving lame excuses for having admitted to the confessions contained there and their signatures affixed to these confessions.

**SECOND:** believe it or not, the readers of this book are not even given access to the indictment prior to reading the transcript. Did you ever try to read a trial transcript without even knowing what the trial was all about, or what the defendants were accused of having done? Talk about the mental strain. These editors try to mask their intentional duplicity by tossing the following ridiculous footnote on page 75:

*"The indictment was a 45-page document and recounted a full list of crimes ascribed to the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee as a whole and to individuals in particular. The text of the indictment, dated March 31, 1953, can be found in the archives of General Volkogonov in the manuscript division of the US Library of Congress, Washington, DC."*

**Imagine!** The reader of this book is supposed to search out the indictment for himself, assuming that it can even be found. These Editors

could not have found space to a 45-page indictment, which goes to the heart of the trial, but they found space for hundreds of pages for the defendant's denials, justifications and obfuscations? It is quite apparent that these Editors did not want the readers to know the full particulars of what the defendants were accused of having committed. They were too busy trying to make the Soviet Government appear to be anti-Semitic and suppressive.

**FINALLY:** and particularly very egregious, is the fact that the 42 Volumes of Soviet Preliminary Investigation materials that were available, but never revealed, in which the evidence against, and the confessions of the defendants are very clearly exposed. Almost none of this is presented to the reader of course, for obvious reasons, even though, it is repeatedly referred to by the defendants and by the presiding Soviet Trial Judge and officers. These Editors had absolutely **NO INTENTION** of presenting any or all of the data corroborating the defendant's guilt! They were far more interested in making sure that the readers only read the repeated denials in the trial itself.

Interestingly enough, although the book reeks with denials, there is very conclusive evidence that is not denied by the accused as they confess to particular acts and also, they did testify and incriminated each other. This was much to the Editors chagrin and dismay.

In light of all of this, and the fact that this book was very well funded by a whole series of capitalist foundations, its central message is fully understandable. That this book will never ever win a prize for neutrality or objectivity is manifest.

Europe will overcome the growing social crisis by creating the new world – or it will collapse. For the European nations, acceptance of the "American way of life" means suicide.

In the increasingly merciless global economic war between the most powerful multinational corporations, social institutions become an instrument used to assure "stable development" of the capitalist order. Everything is in the game: the entire institutional mechanism has to develop in accordance with the growing demands imposed by the interest on the assets. It is not true that "politics ceased to depend on economy in a classic way", as Habermas claims, but, on the contrary, it is entirely controlled by the logic of economic relations in an attempt to turn the society into a producing-consuming camp within which the reasoning and behaviour of people would be entirely subdued to the existential interest of the capital. The state becomes the vehicle for "introduction" into a society of the basic relationship logic as a supreme principle for the organizing of social life, so that "efficiency" (once "righteousness") becomes the key political principle. "Superstructure" becomes the means that should make the logic of basic relations become a driving force of the entire social life and play an active part in its dehumanization. Its activity primarily goes for "planning the future" as an active impact for increasing the certainty for survival of the established order. With the descending of the superstructure towards the base, the circle has been closed: the state becomes a totalizing *ratio* of the huge capital that needs to integrate the society (primarily to preserve "social peace") and enable stable development of capitalism. In insisting on "the introduction of elements of superstructure into the base" there is the intention to prove that reason has won over chaos (the so-called "organized capitalism"). In fact, "reason" has become a form of manifestation of the irrational processes of capitalist reproduction. The basic support of "reason" becomes the instrumentalized (destructive) *ratio* turned into a vehicle for development (science,

## FEATURE ANALYSES

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# BASIS OF CONTEMPORARY CRITICAL THEORY OF CAPITALISM

Excerpts from the book "A New World Is Possible" by  
Dunja and Ljubodrag Simonovic- Belgrade 2007

technique, organization, etc.) and protection (economic, police, ideological and other forms of repression) of the established order. Its sterilization has been successfully performed; it has been cleansed of all "value-related prejudices" and has become a blind and efficient vehicle for control over man. It is about the so-called "technical mind" that has accepted contemporary forms of technological planning, applying them (adapted and improved) to human behaviour planning. In that sense, the very political make up of the society, the way politics is carried out, becomes more and more separated from the people and accepts the logic of technocratic efficiency as a basis for establishing a "rational" social order. However, the attempt to constitute a society, set within the tumult of global events, based on "reason", is like attempting to reinforce the walls of one apartment in a building that is falling down. The stability of each separate capitalist society depends on the stability of the global capitalist order. If its foundations are in crisis, with "rational measures", which means through integration of the society under the sponsorship of the state, the crisis can only be alleviated (a so-called "controlled crisis"), its blows can be received less painfully, but the crisis cannot be solved. The "rational policy" of the most developed capitalist states is limited to the building of a sort of breakwater that blocks the waves of crisis and makes them spill over those less capable (the least developed countries) to resist the crisis.

The capitalist *ratio* is the means for destruction of the critical mind that enables a vision of the future and a possibility for building the free world based on reason. Instead of being oriented towards creation of social relations where man would have a chance to be a man and to provide for his own existence, reason becomes an extended arm of the economic (profit-oriented) strategy which tends to transform all social relations into segments of its own development. Destruction of mind by the entertainment industry, in which sports have a key role, is an integral part of the process of destruction of "traditional humanity" and the creation of the "new man" reduced to

a robotized freak. The capitalist totalizing of the world implies degeneration of the man by imposing the "one-dimensional" (Marcuse) way of thinking which requires: a positivist attitude towards the world; instrumentalization of everything and of everyone; quantitative dimension; mysticism in a "spectacular" package; progressivism based on the absolutized principle of performance, which in turn is based on the absolutized principle of profit... It is a way of thinking which abolishes not only the essence (freedom, justice) but also the existence (biological survival, nature), which means that it is of a fatalistic nature. At the same time, an idealized image of the classical and of the medieval periods becomes the foundation for development of an idea of transcendence that becomes a vehicle for annulling the visionary mind and the idea of a future. Christian (and almost all the other) churches are natural allies of capital, which attempts to destroy the self-conscious of the modern man (citizen) as a constituent subject of a civil society and the creator of his own world. Christianity and other apocalyptic religions contribute to a development of the awareness that the destruction of the world is unavoidable. It is one thing to preach such ideologies in a situation where there is no real threat of global destruction, as it used to be in the medieval period, and something completely different when such a threat becomes more and more real.

Manipulation moves from an ideological to a psychological level. Consciousness has been "outgrown" – the sub-conscious matters. Both the advertising industry and the political (ideological) sphere operate based on that principle. All efforts are being invested to keep man from understanding his own tragic position in the world where destructive nothingness rules. It is media terror dominated by the entertainment industry and advertisement video

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clips – which create distorted mirrors where man can only see "his own" degenerated image. Capitalism systematically destroys man's ability and need to raise essential questions about his own (social) existence, as well as his potential to answer them. Almost the entire media space is controlled by those who destroy life and marginalize the essential, while attributing a crucial dimension to the marginal. "Sensational affairs", "historical matches", media "star" shows, "spectacular" Hollywood films and TV soap operas – become the vehicles for averting people's attention from the issues which determine the survival of mankind or its idiotization. Blocking reason and giving vent to the man's repressed being, his growing discontent, fear, anxiety and insemination of man by the ruling spirit of capitalism wherefrom the "positive man" is to be born – this is the essence of the "spectacle". Therefore the growing importance of sport. Psychological manipulation in it is based on the Lucretius's maxim *panem et circenses* innovated in a capitalist manner: the less bread there is, the more abundant bloody games there are. The growing discontent of the oppressed is burning in stadiums – those fire-stakes of capitalism. Sport is a spectacular form in which destructive capitalist irrationalism emerges – based upon the absolute principle of performance (profit) and upon the capitalistically mutated Social Darwinist principle. If existential and humanist (mind-related) criteria are taken as an overall goal, it is clear that longing to break records leads towards the self-destruction of man, and towards the destruction of his cultural being: "progress" becomes a way of obtaining legitimacy for destructive sport practices. Only when the tendencies of development of sport, are adequately perceived can its essence – namely, its destructive character – be understood. One of the key tasks of sport is to eliminate visionary consciousness. It represents an educational model that recognizes its own outcome in the present way of living elevated to the level of a mythic phenomenon. Sport is one of the most usable ways for transforming man's life-creating energy into destructive practice. "Sportivization" of society has become one of the key forms of

capitalist totalizing of the world. In the same way the Nazi Olympic Games were used to disguise the real intentions of the Nazis, contemporary sport is being used to conceal the existential "match" between the West and the rest of the world, in which there are no winners and losers, but only the exterminated and those left alive.

The story of the "American dream" is over. The assassinations of Martin Luther King, John Lennon and numerous other people who fought for a humane world have clearly demonstrated that the notion of "a better society" represented the greatest threat to the ruling capitalist groups because it provided a possibility for the development of a political platform that could direct the growing discontent of the oppressed towards the creation of a new (righteous) world. The major goal of the capitalist propaganda machinery is to kill the people's hope that the future is possible and that fighting for it does make sense. Capitalism is not to blame for the people's growing discontent, but those "irresponsible" politicians who promised a "happy" future are. The "vision of the future" becomes a commodity that is being sold to people through TV shows by nullifying their need to fantasize about freedom and justice. This commodity glorifies (destructive) technique thus creating the illusion of the "progressive nature of capitalism". Scientists are "concerned" with what will happen to the planet in 5 million years from now but show no interest in what will happen to humanity within the next hundred years. Instead of reliance on the "American dream", which was till recently used by the capitalist propaganda machinery for integration of citizens into the ruling order, the main vehicle for strengthening the global capitalist dictatorship today is the intimidation of citizens with the "terrorist threat".

Ideologists of capitalism represent life as if nothing serious was going on – as if the world were not on the very edge of total ruin. The bourgeois critique of capitalism is not directed against capitalism but against the very critique that tends to raise essential issues, primarily the issue related to the trend of development of capitalism – which is a precondition for determining its

essence. Their "critique" of capitalism is in fact directed at the very critical thought which advocates the superseding of capitalism and the creation of the new world. Bourgeois theoreticians treat capitalism as a non-historical order, meaning, as a given fact which cannot be questioned. From this position result statements on the "necessity" of capitalist globalization, based on the interest of multinational corporations and the annihilation of life, which fail to mention the unavoidable fall of capitalism as one of the historical stages of the development of mankind. Coca Cola intellectuals, by definition, use the expression "communism" while talking about the USSR and other countries of "real-socialism" – intending to "prove" that "communism failed" and to repudiate the Marxist critique of capitalism and the idea of a future. In their ideological blindness they fail to notice that while criticizing Marx they actually employ his own historical concept, only adjusted to the requirements of preservation of capitalism. Francis Fukuyama in his book *"The End of History and the Last Man"* finds that the main reason for the failure of "communism" in the East is related to the fact that this order was based on "social justice": struggle for social justice becomes an anti-existential principle. Long before Fukuyama, this notion was "assessed" by Auguste Comte, and by his follower Pierre de Coubertin: the struggle of the oppressed for freedom and justice hinders "progress" – incarnated in the bourgeoisie – which means that it jeopardizes the very survival of mankind. Fukuyama's critique of the former "communist" societies remains limited to rejection based upon an intention to create a rationally founded economic order that serves the fulfilment of human needs – which would enable man to overcome the increasingly deep existential crisis generated by capitalism. His theory, too, points out the leading tendencies in the development of Western political thought: things are no longer being placed on an essential level, but onto a purely existential level. This means that all vehicles that provide a possibility for the survival of capitalism are legitimate – at the

price of erasing the emancipating legacy of civil society and of "traditional humanity". For Marx socialism is a transitional phase between capitalism and communism – which represents the ultimate superseding of capitalism and the beginning of the real history of mankind. This means that (re) establishing capitalism is not possible if communism was previously achieved. The dimensions of the bourgeois theory's absurdity can be perceived in the context of the notion that declares capitalism to be "post-communism"! At the same time, theoreticians such as Habermas speak about "late capitalism" that is of a completely different nature from that of the capitalism Marx is dealing with. It achieves those characteristics Marx attributed to socialism, which means that "late capitalism" implements Marx's idea of "socialism". Horkheimer treats his own analyses in *"Dialectic of Enlightenment"* as a purely academic stance. His attitude towards sport indicates that he sterilizes the critical, change-aspiring charge when dealing with the concrete political sphere, thus crafting entirely arbitrary structures in order to preserve the ideological vault of capitalism, which appears in sport in a condensed form. As for the Heidegger's *Sorge*, it is of an abstract nature for it relates to the abstract "world" and the abstract "man". The focus should, instead, be on the concrete concern of the concrete man, meaning the man who lives in the capitalist world where destruction prevails. It is no longer man's fear that he has to face his own unavoidable, natural death, but the anxiety that he has to confront the increasingly realistic possibility of destruction of life on Earth, and consequently of mankind itself. In the first case, the concern remains in the sphere of necessity; in the second case the concern is related to the sphere of freedom: man cannot avoid his own death, but he is in a position to prevent the destruction of humankind and to create a human world. In this context the issue of death and extinction can be broached. Death does not have to mean extinction if man leaves behind him his opus for which he will be remembered, meaning an opus that eventually contributes to the survival

of mankind. In the context of the natural (life) cycle, death is a precondition for the birth of new life – it is life-creating. The essence of the capitalist death is the destruction of mechanical nature and of technical form, which is also the destruction of man and life, and consequently of the death-birth chain which creates life. Capitalism has not only deprived man of his spiritual homeland (*Heimatlosigkeit*), but also of his vital environment through the annihilation of nature and of man as biological being; it does not only deprive man of his human essence, but questions his survival. Capitalism has "blended" the existential and the essential concern: struggle for survival becomes struggle for freedom, and struggle for freedom turns into struggle for survival.

The so called "leftist thought" did not adequately respond to the development of capitalism. It invested most of its energy into a futile dispute about the past – instead of directing its focus towards the future and uniting its efforts to criticize capitalism as a life-annulling order. Instead of designing contemporary notions that would enable the creation of a political concept that would be a road sign for the radical fight with capitalism as a destructive order, it continues to use the conceptual tool set created by Marx and Engels, "swept away" by capitalism long ago, as well as Hegel's (Marx's) dialectic, which can be taken for the starting point for the critique of capitalism only conditionally – for its (historical) pyramid of freedom is based upon existential certainty. The capitalist train did not halt in the station in which, according to Marx, it should have been stopped (by means of the socialist revolution), and it continued to move – dragging the entirety of humankind towards the abyss. The theory of the so-called "scientific socialism", which is an ideological match to the theory of capitalism as the "end of history", insists on the absolute performance principle and, in that context, on quantitative indicators of "progress" – thus hopelessly drowning in the muddy waters of capitalism. It is not by chance that sport (as well as the other repressive forms of physical exercise), meaning the ideology of "record-mania", was granted such

importance in Soviet society. Deprived of its humanist essence, Marx's idea of socialism was transformed into Stalinist practice in the East; in the West many "communist parties", taking the dogma of "realized socialism" in the USSR for granted, transformed the Soviet practice into the "idea of socialism" that should be longed for. The offered "project of the future" is still based on the notion that capitalism is an unjust, not a destructive order. The most important task of the global anti-capitalist movement is not only to liberate humanity from oppression, but to prevent its annihilation. Therefore awareness of the consequences of the development of capitalism represents a *conditio sine qua non* of the struggle against capitalism.

Struggle for the survival of life and, in that context, the fight against capitalism open a possibility for the creation of a wide political movement that will surpass the classical class divisions and class struggle, but also open a possibility for the dilution of the fight against capitalism by directing the change-aspiring energy towards "ecological projects" that remain limited to the hopeless curing of the consequences of capitalism and its "improvement". Capitalism has "solved" the conflict between determinism and freedom; between "objective potentials" for revolution and revolutionary voluntarism – by destroying the emancipating (cultural) heritage of humanity, man as a biological being and nature. The only real (existential and essential) solution would be an overall war of humankind against capitalism, which implies using every means that might bring about its destruction. This fight would be not

only defensive, liberating, or revolutionary, but a fight that has never been fought before: a fight for the survival of mankind and for the preservation of life on Earth. Having in mind the intensity of global destruction, it becomes obvious that communism is not merely a libertarian possibility, as it is for Marx, but an existential necessity.

The "positive side" of capitalist globalization is that it inevitably generates the international anti-globalist movement that, in time, will develop into a more radical international anti-capitalist front. From confrontation with the existing world, it will develop into the struggle for the new world. Marx's exclamation from the "*Communist Manifesto*": "Proletarians of all countries unite!" – becomes a libertarian end existential cry of awakened and fully aware humankind. Mass anti-globalist rallies are important, but only if they make up a part of the day-to-day fight against capitalism. If not, they become a part of the political circus and lead the change-aspiring energies astray. The issue of political struggle is primarily organizational. Individual forms of confrontation are not irrelevant, however, though they are not sufficient for essential achievements. If organized struggle is lacking, their impact remains as limited as that of stones thrown into a rising river – which only unified efforts can overpower. Organized struggle does not mean the domination of man by organization, if it is based upon self-initiative and if each individual is aware of the fact that the fight for survival of mankind is the issue. It is a challenge compared to which all other issues in dispute become almost insignificant. Among those discussing the "workers issue", some are unhappy with the conformist behaviour of a considerable part of the working class in the most developed countries. However, that results from its position in the society. That it is not "terminated" as a political subject in the fight against capitalism confirms in the best way the "concern" of the capitalists for the creation of working class (self) conscious and for prevention of its political engagement. In fact, the workers' discontent is growing and so the forms to confront it are

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increasingly merciless. The "consumer society" has not only exhausted its own potential for integrating workers into the capitalist world, but it is, itself, disintegrating, and, consequently, the walls of the concentration camp – in which a majority of workers are still kept – are falling down. Regarding American "democracy", US citizens never had an opportunity to hear the truth about one single issue on which their freedom and destiny depend, and never, as emancipated citizens, took part in defining and implementing the strategy of social development. They live in a world that is a total lie and never had an opportunity for real choice. What will happen when the fence comes down – in a society where no democratic institutions exist to offer the possibility to articulate people's discontent over the achievement of general social goals?

The prevailing philosophy does not identify the confirmation of the authenticity of its positions in life, but only in philosophy – and so on *ad infinitum*. It becomes an institutionalized reason alienated from man and thus a vehicle for averting man's attentions from making key vital decisions – which only assists the ruling order. A phenomenological conceptual vault becomes the way to the creation of the virtual conscious in people's minds and of the destruction of man's reasonable relation to the world. The right issue can only be the concrete historical issue. Today, it is the issue of survival. "Traditional" philosophical issues can be discussed exclusively in the context of this basic historical (existential) issue. Otherwise, they turn into the creation of a labyrinth where the reason capable of revealing the destructive tendencies of capitalist development, preventing annihilation of life and winning the cause for a humane world, should disappear. One of the most important tasks of critical theory is to liberate the mind from "traditional" philosophy – which diverts the attention of reason away from concrete existential and essential issues, the solutions of which require radical confrontation with the ruling order and the creation of a new society – which is a privilege of "philosophers" (now reduced to intellectual technicians) and a means for suppressing man's

libertarian struggle: the struggle for freedom (survival) becomes "non-reasonable" activity and consequently loses the legitimacy of an authentic change-aspiring practice. Political engagement indicates the true nature of philosophy – which is just a snail's shell in which a capitalistically degenerated reason is hiding. It mediates between man and the world facilitating the annihilation of life and of man as reasonable being. The truth is not a suprahistorical fact reachable through science and philosophy alienated from man. It has always been concretely historical, as is, also, the struggle to achieve it: today the truth is survival, and the way to reach it is the struggle for survival. This is the concrete basis of the "will to power" of contemporary man and the criteria for determining the appropriateness of political action.

Critical theory does not hide behind philosophical "objectivism" but has a clear value-based political orientation: it invests efforts for the annihilation of capitalism and is based upon man's right to life and freedom. It does not attempt to create a new philosophy, but tends to abolish philosophy as a separate sphere that mediates between man and the world and to implement the emancipating legacy of modern society symbolically expressed in the guiding principles of the French Revolution: *Liberté, Egalité, Fraternité*. In classical German philosophy, which shaped the self-consciousness of modern man, the notion of reason was related to the notion of freedom. Today reason is not only the basic precondition for freedom, but also for existence: the struggle for reason becomes the struggle for survival.

The critical theory of capitalism should be modernized through the introduction of new notions, having in mind the fact that the trend of the development of capitalism also influences the critique of it. Two key notions should become the basis for the creation of the contemporary critical theory of capitalism: the capitalist destruction of life and, opposed to it, the life-creating human practice. They are dialectically opposed: the totalitarian capitalist destruction of life leads to an integration of humankind based

upon a totalizing life-creating practice. If in the past it was still possible to claim that no clear starting point for the foundation and development of the critical theory of society existed, today the increasingly dramatic annihilation of life, meaning the ecocide nature of capitalism, does represent the unifying starting point for both critical thought and change-aspiring (political) practice. This is related to the subjective nature of freedom and to the transformation of the objective potential of freedom, established within civil society, into a realistic potential for the liberation of man. The real significance of struggle is not in achieving some superhuman goal, but in the development of human potential and of the society as a brotherhood community of emancipated individuals who are capable of directly managing their own (social) life. It is not a task for an abstract man, but for every man. Humanity is endangered, for the life of each individual man is directly endangered. Historically, man had a chance to achieve his own humanity through the struggle against tyranny; today, he has a chance to achieve his own humanity, and a chance to survive thereby – by fighting against the ruling life-annihilating order. The readiness to sacrifice his own life for freedom becomes the readiness to offer his life for the survival of humankind.

The capitalist maelstrom of death transforms everything that man created – social institutions, technique, science, economy, education, medicine, art, religion, sport, media – into a vehicle for the operating of capital, which means for the annihilation of life. No social sphere remains man's ally. There is no one else from whom he could seek help but other men: sociability is an existential imperative. Only now, when he has been left alone in his struggle against capitalism, has man the opportunity to express his own human values, to become the true Man and to transform the world into a community of free people. The most extensive and the most dramatic battle ever fought is in progress: either man will triumph over capitalism, preserve life on this planet and create the world compatible with his own image – or he will be annihilated.

# AS I SEE IT

By JERRY MORSE

WASHINGTON, DC: Mayflower Hotel

"NEVER ARGUE WITH THE CAPTAIN" was the maxim from the days of the square-rigged sailing ships. Women were not allowed on the vessels (*Bad Luck*): so leave them on shore. Times do change.

Last October 27<sup>th</sup>, US Admiral M.G. Mullen, Chairman of this "US SHIP OF STATE", manned by the US Joint Chiefs of Staff launched his first public speech at the Center for the New American Security, and the theme of his speech was, to involve more civilians into the military decisions for the New World Order.

"So tonight I invite you to answer some tough questions and help the US Military for this 21<sup>st</sup> Century" said the Admiral. These questions were leaked out to the media. I am here quoting only a few of them:

- 1: How can a violent extremist movement that targets the international globalized world be effectively eliminated in both the short and long term?
- 2: How can the manufacture and distribution of weapons of mass destruction be prevented in going into the hands of undemocratic regimes be eliminated?
- 3: How can the US Military be sufficiently capable to deter aggressive actions by nations like N. Korea, Iran and others?
- 4: How can China and Russia be engaged to stop their growing influence in some parts of the world?
- 5: How can we be assured that vital resources like oil and water be controlled for the benefit of US and others?
- 6: How can our military play its vital role to guarantee stability for these resources to be available for us?
- 7: How can we do all of this and still remain captains of the global resources?

## VERY SIMPLY ADMIRAL!

Bring on board all those criminals of the Military-Industrial, Financial Complex, who started these illegal wars in Afghanistan, Iraq, who destroyed the US Constitution,

tortured captives, plundered and broad-sided worldwide all human rights - then make them "walk the plank" and then **SCUTTLE THIS VIAL PIRATE U.S. SHIP OF STATE!**

After all this, use all of those hundreds of billions of taxpayers money spent on building this New World Order and the New American Security, and thus benefit the American people and humankind!

Aye, Aye Captain!

**NO ARGUMENT THERE!**

## FREEDOMFEST

BY FRANK RAY CHARLES

### HIS HIGHNESS LAYS 'EM LOW:

"Why don't you shut up!" demanded His Royal Highness, the King of Spain, to the commoner named Hugo Chavez of Venezuela, who kept interrupting the proceedings of the Latin-American Summit Conference, to keep the record straight, as he saw it.

I can't help wondering, though, Considering that Hugo Chavez got his job from more than 63% of the Venezuela's voters, while His Royal Highness get his job from the bloody paws of former Dictator Franco, who should be telling who to shut up?

**AIMS FOR ARMS-MAKERS:** After mortgaging us and our grandchildren for millions of tons of kill power, we Americans now have security, we have protection from our enemies. Hurray and Halleluyah!

But, ah, there still remains a problem. Do our enemies have protection from us?

### HUG A TREE NOT A BUSH:

Abraham Lincoln, with no profit for himself, freed the American slaves. George Washington worked his slaves on his dope (*tobacco*) plantations to become the richest man in the American Colonies. I'll give you just one guess as to which President Dubya Bush most admires.

**OPIUMS NEW FRONTIERS:** Karl

Marx saw religion as the opiate of the people. Nowadays, plain dope is the opiate of the people. Wonder if Karl would view this as an upper or a downer.

**PRACTICAL SUGGESTION:** Dope addiction is a form of suicide. So for anyone taking this way of returning to Mother Earth, here's a substance that's both quicker and cheaper - rat poison!

**QUOTS OF NOTE:** "Jesus was about justice. But if we sit idly by when our brothers and sisters are struggling, than we are not Christians as we pretend to be."

*Rev. Hudson Barksdale*

"The opposition between science and religion comes from the perversion of the thought, when religion tries to respond to daily problems that only real scientific knowledge can solve."

*Philosopher Luis Viloro*

## WHAT IS THE US NATIONAL DEBT?

**Like a ticking time bomb, the US national debt is an explosion waiting to happen. It's expanding by about \$1.4 billion a day - or nearly \$1 million a minute. What's that mean to you? It means almost \$30,000 in debt for each US man, woman and child and infant!**

*The Associated Press*

**HEY, MR BUSH!  
US SOLDIERS DEATHS IN IRAQ  
NOW NUMBER  
3,882!**

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hundreds of wounded,  
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psychologically  
traumatized!  
DO YOU CARE?!**



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM  
**US FRIENDS OF SOVIET PEOPLE**  
NEW YORK, NY, USA

Dear comrades:

Enclosed please find a donation of \$100 towards the \$30,000 NSC Sustaining Fund. As we wrote before, we will fulfill our promise of \$600 towards NSC. We need NSC more than ever now, and we are proud of the fact that we now have an English, French, Russian and Spanish editions!

For Peace, Socialism and a rebirth of the USSR!

Dr. Angelo D. Angelo  
Director of the  
US Friends of Soviet People

FROM MUKACHEVO  
**CARPATHIAN REGION OF**  
**UKRAINE**

Dear comrades!

We like to thank you very much for having published our articles and photographs about the protests we held in Odessa in your previous NSC issue.

Am sending you the statement of the AUCPB about the Ukrainian nationalist OUN-UPA that were helping Nazi Germany. We hope that you will be able to publish some of them so that the readers of NSC all over the world will know about these bandits-fascists in Ukraine and their followers who are now promoting the spread of fascism in present day Ukraine.

With great respect to you comrades!

A. Majevsy, Secretary of CC  
AUCPB and Editor  
newspaper Rabocha-  
Krestjanska Pravda

FROM IRKUTSK  
**RUSSIA**

Dear comrades:

I came across your website page for Northstar Compass and I was amazed and shaken that I and my school friends never knew that you friends of the Soviet people in Canada were in existence since

1918 when the "Hands Off Russia Committee" was formed.

Now my classmates have one evening set aside per month when we read NSC on the Internet and discuss its contents.

In appreciation for such devoted friends, we're sending you an old poster that was printed in the 1920's which shows who was to be trusted to carry on the revolution as opposed to what now is practically forgotten.

Let the red star shine bright!

Liudmila Borovetska  
Irkutsk

FROM WROCLAW  
**POLAND**

Dear comrade Michael Lucas:

I am sending you and the comrades my good wishes from Poland. Just lately I've sent you my Manuscript of my prepared book about contemporary China in this globalized world, but unfortunately in Polish but I know that you read Polish.



My main thesis is China – the People's Republic of China to my knowledge is a socialist state, it is building and transforming the economy, but also the political relations of socialism. But, because it was historically a very backward country, it remains now in a transition period from capitalism to socialism, but it is led by the Communist Party of China.

The CPC has not abandoned socialism and communism, but is building a program attuned to the internal and international situation. The main problem of transition period is the ongoing struggle between capitalism and socialism. We should support the Communist forces in China.

Sincerely yours  
Professor Zbigniew Wiktor

Professor Wiktor was teaching at a University in China and spent time in research and now his book is ready for publication.

FROM KIEV  
**UKRAINE**

Dear comrades:

Am sending you material and photographs of the celebration of the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Great October Revolution that took place in Kiev.

You comrades and you as the Editor should know, that your work is very highly valued here and in many countries of the world, already for 16 years of dedication to keep on publishing this excellent journal, now in four languages. This support of socialism and our struggles here at home will be remembered and honored by our grandchildren.

It is not hard to present yourself as a fighter of the revolutionary struggles when Communists are in power, or when the revolutionary upsurge is gaining strength day by day and, all sort of people are joining this struggle. But, when there is danger, when there are defeats, it takes special courage and dedication to keep on going in struggling against the enemies inside the communist movement and outside! This shows real dedication, which you comrades have! We are with you in this struggle for the resurrection of Socialism and of the USSR!

We have chosen this glorious road and we shall go on unto victory!

Vladimir Pronin

**WE WANT TO PRINT FUTURE NSC  
ISSUES IN FULL COLOUR!  
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**FROM SEVASTAPOL  
UKRAINE**

Dear Michael and Editorial Board:

Reading NSC all the time I notice that you get many hate mails from the US and viruses that sometimes wreck your computer. I have a suggestion for you – translate the article I'm sending you – "Pyndosy – who are they?"

I'm certain that after reading that article, these reactionary elements will not send you anymore hate mail.

Sincerely yours  
Konstantin Kolontae

*This article will be translated and will be published in the January issue. Below we publish a copy of 2 election posters from Ukraine by small ultra-nationalistic parties that take part in the election in Ukraine. They are hate-mongers against anything that is Russian and in actual fact these elements are fascists – having lots of money to publish this vile propaganda.*

*"Make love, you dark eyebrows, but not with the Muscovites" (Moskalami)*

Taras Shevchenko

*Remember! You will be turned into a Muscovite (Moskal)*

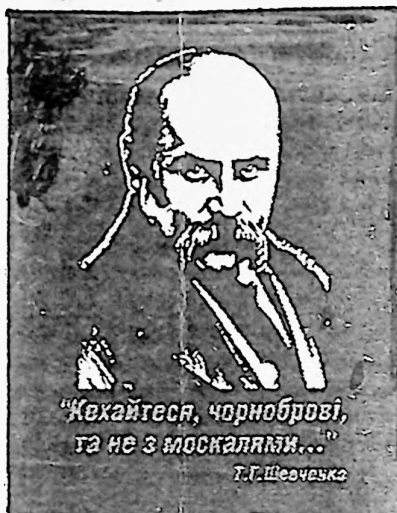
**FROM BRIGHTON  
ENGLAND**

Dear Editorial Board:

I read NSC regularly, both in hard copy and on the Internet and it is a great publication. If there is in one thing that I would like to point out is the following weakness that should be remedied as quickly as possible!

As good as your coverage is of the former Soviet Union, there is not too much news about what the Soviet Society for Friendship with Foreign Countries is doing. Why?

Readers of NSC I'm certain would appreciate reading their opinions about the worsening conditions in former USSR! That Soviet Friendship Society is a partner of NSC and they should have an in-depth article in each issue of NSC from their perspective and about their activities. It would be useful if they



**THE PRESENT UKRAINIAN  
REGIME IS NATIONALIST,  
RACIST AND QUASI-FASCIST!**

expressed their opinion about the lack of unity amongst the scores of communist parties that are growing in numbers!

Comradely yours

Andrew Whitmore  
*We will pass this along to our comrades in Moscow.*

**FROM UZHGOROD  
UKRAINE**

Dear friends:

We tried to get in touch with the Russian Edition of NSC to send a copy for us to get subscription but no reply. Can you help us so that we can correspond with them in Moscow? We want to establish also a Friendship Society here.

In friendship –  
Larisa Balog

**NEW RECORDINGS OF  
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Irina Malenko from N. Ireland sent us CD's of songs that were re-recorded by Soviet patriots. We have put them on tapes and they are available to our readers. The quality is excellent and you will be uplifted by the sheer patriotism of these songs, and melodies that helped the USSR build Socialism and win the Revolution, win the Civil War and defeat fascism in the Great Patriotic War.

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FROM GATESVILLE, TX  
USA

Dear comrade Lucas and all of the collective of NSC:

Many congratulations on NSC's 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Yes. It's something to crow about indeed! A very remarkable achievement, amidst the seemingly insurmountable hurdles. And now in Russian, French, Spanish, besides the English edition!

All of you comrades deserve recognition!

Enclosed in an article "Guess What? It's All About Oil!"

Ana Luca Gelabert

UNIVERSITY OF PERADENIYA  
SRI LANKA

Dear friends:

We acknowledge with our sincere thanks the receipt of your publication NSC to our Library collection. We hope that the future cooperation will continue. Again many thanks.

Senior Assistant Librarian  
Periodicals / Exchange

FROM SANTIAGO  
CHILE

Dear comrades:

We are happy that you have sent us so many Soviet books and other materials.

Enclosed please find our article for NSC that will help in the discussion about the capitalist intrigues and the class struggles and what we can learn from them. We must start an ideological offensive in order to struggle against the massive ideological subterfuge in all of the capitalist media

We must analyze in a Marxist way the propaganda on TV, on radio, on the Internet and in the press, movies and even war games and all of the tools that imperialism uses to brainwash the people.

We are sending you an old Hungarian Communist Party magazine of 1953 that shows vividly the hundreds of thousands of people mourning the death of Stalin.

But in 1956 the Hungarian bloody counter revolution took place – which shows that true and dedicated Communists must always be vigilant. This magazine was from my

grandfather and I kept it ever since.

Comradely yours  
Carlo Opalka Tapia

This article is being translated and will be in NSC and with this letter we are publishing the cover and the photo of the mourners in Hungary on the death of Stalin in 1953.

Dear readers:

This monthly Hungarian magazine "Bulletin Hongrois" of 1953 was received by us from a school where some students are associated with our comrades in Sandiago, Chile, who publish the Spanish Edition of NSC.

Knowing the reactionary publicity in the West that all Hungarias were anti-Soviet and especially anti-Stalin – we publish without any comments the photographs that show the hundreds of thousands people on the streets, in parliament, in the work places that stood in homage to Stalin when his death was broadcast to the whole world.

**Millions of people cannot be forced to gather and express their grief at the death of Stalin.**

BULLETIN  
HONGROIS

