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EDITORIAL

DISCUSSION ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS FOR FRIENDSHIP AND SOLIDARITY WITH SOVIET PEOPLE



To the Organizing Committee:

Dear comrades:

After we (PCE(r)) received the "Proposed Statutes for the International Council" and the proposed Agenda for the "World Congress" that will be held in 2001, and having thoroughly read the aforementioned documents, we do not consider it necessary to add anything as regards questions related to the organization of the event, since you have already taken into account all these questions. We are conscious of the difficulties that the project of the Congress brings about, since in it you try to harmonize very different, and on some occasions—even opposed situations, ideas and wills. Due to all these reasons we appreciate very much the effort of synthesis that you have made. However, in your proposals there are other questions that effect the *political contents* and that we consider that they should be discussed previously if we want to avoid that the "United Front" is support to the cause of the re-establishment of socialism in the USSR may end up reduced to an artificial set-up without any content. What we mean by this is the fact that we have missed in the Statutes of the Council some reference to the disastrous role played by the *Krushchevite and Brezhnevite mob*; besides, we have been astonished by the part of the Statutes where it is stated that "it must be clear that the

participants in the Congress must not use this venue for ideological debates about how the Soviet people must achieve their resurrection or what kind of Socialism must be achieved by them. These two questions must be decided by the Soviet people themselves".

We consider that in the same way as the Great October Socialist Revolution in Russia was, in Stalin's own words: "before all, a revolution of an international character, of a world character", the process of capitalist restoration in the USSR and of the destruction of the socialist field also had and still has deep consequences for the revolutionary and communist cause in all the world. To put a single practical example, the confusion and the demoralization provoked among the world masses by that process is something that is still very strongly felt when the communists begin to work among them and to combat against this is requiring many efforts. For all these reasons we believe that nowadays **the debate** to clarify what has happened in the former USSR, as well as in the whole of the International Communist Movement, is something that is completely necessary in order, precisely, to advance firmly towards the socialist revolution. Besides, it is obvious that this question is not something exclusive of the Soviet people but, on the contrary, it effects **the communists of the whole world**.

The cause of socialism in the former USSR is, effectively, also **our own cause**. For this reason we do not understand why we cannot make any statement on the character that this "socialism" must have. For us there is only **one type of socialism** for Russia as well as for the rest of countries. In the Political Report approved two years ago by our IV Congress we stated: "*There cannot be any other way of construction of socialism than the one that was showed long time ago by Marx and Engels, which is determined by the nature and contradictions of the capitalist system that rules the world, by the immanent laws of this system that lead, through the class struggle, to the establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat over the bourgeoisie, to the establishment of the State property or of all the people and to the socially planned economy, with which are settled the foundations for the suppression of the economic laws of the market and the reactionary ideology and culture*". That is to say, when we speak about "*the restoration of socialism in former USSR*" we are referring to the socialism that was rightly put into practice by Lenin and Stalin in accordance with the circumstances of the epoch and without excluding the inevitable mistakes; of course, what we are not ready to support in any way is a return to false "socialism" of the revisionists like Nikita Krushchev, Leonid Brezhnev and the present Zyuganov, whose disastrous consequences are so well-known.

On the pages of "Northstar Compass" we find that on some occasions there have appeared articles in which the very Soviet communists assume the responsibility for "*remaining silent*" in the Brezhnev epoch and in which they state that the task of reorganizing all the communist ranks comes through breaking all ties with revisionism.

Therefore, you will understand that the above mentioned express proposal of not speaking about all that has happened in the USSR in

the last decades and its incidence in the present and the future has worried us very much and, in some ways, has reminded us of the "old times" in which the critical opinions were considered as "attacks against socialism" by the revisionist leaders of the former USSR and, as a real consequence, everybody should merely witness silently - and even applaud - the process of destruction of the work of Lenin and Stalin at the hands of the bandits Krushchev, Brezhnev and Gorbachev. For all these reasons, the fact of pretending to come back to that accomplice "silence" and to that false "unanimity" can only serve once more to the introduction within the communist movement of all kind of opportunist deviations and aberrations under the name of "socialism". Besides, that type of conciliatory attitude towards revisionism that seems to come out of that point of the Statutes is something we, as well as any other communist, will never be able to accept.

We share the idea about the open character that the Council must have towards all kind of progressive and revolutionary organizations; however, you must understand that we will be participating as a Communist Party and this compels us not to renounce to all these questions that for us have a character of principles. For that reason, and also bearing in mind the experience that we have accumulated in previous projects of associations, we want to state the following:

1. Contrary to what has been expressly stated in the project of Statutes, we think that the future International Council is precisely the most adequate forum to tackle such important questions as the above mentioned ones. We agree with the fact that, given the scarce time available at the Congress, such debate will have to be limited in its length but not regarding its content.
2. We believe that it would be necessary to make clear the kind of socialism whose future establishment in the USSR we must

support unreservedly. We consider that if we want to support truly the revolutionary process in Russia we have to put at the order of the day not the conciliation of the false formal unity that lacks any principles in the struggle against the revisionists and the rest of the agents of Russian imperialism and of the imperialism of other countries. We don't know any other way of doing this.

3. It is absolutely necessary to make clear that the support to the Soviet people and also to the re-establishment of socialism in former USSR must not serve as a pretext to cover up the imperialist plans of the new Russian bourgeoisie. It becomes therefore, indispensable to all of us to mark the boundaries clearly between the revolutionary movement and its capitalist enemies, both in Russia and in the rest of the world. Only upon this basis the movement of support and solidarity with the establishment of the true and only socialism in the former USSR will be able to develop and also strengthen.

4. Of course, everything that we have stated here is an opinion of our Party and, therefore, is open to discussion and debate. Precisely, due to its character of proposals and because we are

sure that there will be other parties and organizations that may express themselves in the same terms, and in order to avoid misunderstandings, we consider it to be convenient that the Organizing Committee make some type of declaration on principles in which all of the questions that we have pointed out will be made clear or, at least, will be elaborated as proposals to be debated in the Congress as a particular motion.

To finish, we reiterate once more our deep interest in taking part actively in the project of the Organizing Committee for an International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People as well as in the World Congress in year 2001; in this aim you can count on all the help that we can provide from our own modest resources and forces.

Communist Party of Spain
(reconstituted)
International Relations Commission

COMMENT

The only Socialism that the World Congress will be asked to support in the USSR is the kind that was practiced under V.I. Lenin and J.V. Stalin!

THERE IS NO OTHER KIND! ■

**RAY
STEVENSON**



We published above in full a letter received from the Communist Party of Spain that we find to be singularly explicit and of great value, regarding the forthcoming World Congress we are hosting next year. The forthrightness and in depth character of the letter is to be welcomed.

There are obvious and very

STATEMENT

in response to our Friends and Comrades of the Communist Party of Spain (reconstructed)

meaningful areas of agreement and suggested purposes including the following: "the cause of Socialism in the former USSR is effectively **OUR OWN CAUSE.**" In 1992, our "Council of Canadian Friends of Soviet People" established Northstar Compass journal precisely because not only had we for many generations de-

fended the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics but we as CFSP promoted friendship and interchanges of all sorts with them. More importantly the shattering events of the deliberate destruction of the USSR confronted Canada and the people of the world with unprecedented and vicious control and domination by the Transnational Corporate powers, politically, economically, militarily and also culturally under unlimited expansionism. That very new, qualitatively different situation came under the new, enhanced technology of "instant communication" as "freedom and democracy", trumped up and alleged "The Soviet Socialist" horrors and crimes, in short, the 1990's version of Hitler's "Big Lie". The people of the world have seen and felt the terrifying results of this unipolar world of reaction and exploitation, which is led by the United States of America. Internationally and in a more or less fragmented way the working class and people fought back, often under confused, divided and even apathetic leadership. A centre of concentration of all of international corporate power to remove forever their feared and despised "spectre, haunting all the world" Marxist-Leninist socialism has been within the boundaries of the USSR.

But the TNC unipolar assault on the peoples has not stopped there. Instead it has intensified world-wide where ever working class and people's resistance has developed. From Yugoslavia to Indonesia, to Sudan, to Rwanda, to East Timor, to Seattle, and Washington and European cities, to Colombia and Latin and South America...even to the lawns of Vancouver University and Ontario's Parliament in Canada...in fact everywhere state brutality, violence, wars and murderous mayhem rains down on the heads of everyone who resists. We join with our Spanish friends in total condemnation of this deadly state of affairs that flows from the destruction of Soviet Socialism and the Soviet State as was practiced before 1953. We know and agree

that such is the result of both internal corruption and destruction from the "Cold War" subversion and massive interference in the internal affairs of the USSR. We also know that a central weapon in that long, vicious process is the device of the "division of labour" and the creation of confusion in the ranks of the working classes and their allies of all countries and nations. We agree that basic to the reversal of the current state of TNC attacks in the class struggle, the works and leadership of the masters, Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin must be resurrected, brought to the working class and people to provide a basic platform and program to ensure the defeat of TNC domination, and the ultimate, eventual destruction. In our view that is the central over riding task confronting each and every Communist party in the world. What must be determined and also substantial agreement sought in relation to the forthcoming Congress we are hosting...is whether or not unrestricted debates and airing of all the multi-faceted ideological problems that we all know exist is to become the substance of discussion and exchanges there. We are firmly convinced that to hold forth such a perspective is unrealistic and in fact potentially dangerous to the purposes we hold in common.

Our position in this regard is once again based on the simple fact that this is **not a Congress restricted to the varying views of various Communist Parties. We remain convinced that the task of leading the struggles of the Soviet people to the restoration of Soviet socialism cannot come from our Congress and any effort to resolve varying national analyzed and ideological variations... or even sharp differences...that may be present at that Congress, would create a negative result.**

In full knowledge of the efforts and temporary successes of the TNC forces to use the "division of labour world wide" as their primary means of defeating or thwarting the efforts of working

people to develop friendship and solidarity with our Soviet working class friends and political forces, we are convinced that the forthcoming World Congress can and must play a positive and constructive role. But we are equally convinced that if there are illusions that the Congress can either establish or lay the basis for some kind of a new "Communist International" based on previous experiences we would be wrong and misleading and we would be seen as pre-empting the role of Communist Parties whose main political task it is to mobilize the working class both nationally and to develop international support and also assistance to our Soviet friends. We believe that it is possible in so doing that they will strengthen their historic roles in providing leadership and strategic and tactical direction in the struggle than can be won only by the working class and its allies.

The role of this Congress that we will host on September 21-22-23, 2001 in Canada is therefore more modest...but we also believe that it is of paramount importance...**the task of the development of international solidarity and friendship in every way we find possible and within our modest means.** The World Congress we maintain must aim at precisely such goals and ends. In no way does such reject, contradict or revise the essential elements of the science of Marxism-Leninism. In fact, we are convinced it can only strengthen and enhance the Marxist-Leninist theory and practice in the deadly struggle to end the vicious divisions of labour and people that underpin **all the TNC activities.**

The massive mobilization of the working class and people nationally and internationally to effect the reversal of the blood-soaked actions of the TNC's in their unipolar programs of exploitation and death dealing requires new and profound clarity, strategic and tactical designs and purposes...all designed to fulfill the requirements of what is in fact a new, very distinct phase of a "globalized" class struggle. The

forging of new bonds of international friendship and solidarity among and between the working classes and peoples of all the national states is an essential building block in that process. In fact the working class is now confronted with the defense and sustaining of what may still remain of value within the various nation states of the world, now

endangered by the TNC corporate powers. Mutual solidarity and support, mutual respect and friendship to safeguard the peoples from these super-exploiting and world war makers is the new agenda erected before the international working class by the emergence of the Transnational Corporate "Globalization". Our World Congress will lend every

assistance to that process. The long term strategic aims of our class and people remains, crystal clear, immensely difficult of realization and to bring to real life:

WORKERS OF ALL COUNTRIES UNITE: YOU HAVE A WORLD TO WIN: YOU HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE BUT YOUR TNC CHAINS!!!

NEWS FROM THE SOVIET UNION

FROM NEWSPAPER
VOICE OF A COMMUNIST
MOSCOW

LIQUIDATION AND REBIRTH OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF KAZAKHSTAN

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Chairman of CC CPK

In the history of communist and workers parties it is very difficult to compare all other Communist parties as to what really transpired in Kazakhstan. The present contemporary history of the Communist Party of Kazakhstan (CPSU) showed that not only was it not ready to defend the gains of socialism but, it refused to defend itself against the onslaught of anti-Communists and rabid anti-Sovieters. The main reason was that in positions of power there were elements, well hidden enemies who were ready to compromise, leave the field of battle and gave excuses that they were "only by chance members of the Communist Party of Kazakhstan." The dedicated Communists who were in lesser governmental posts were fired and anyone that showed any dedication was very soon replaced with more compatible elements. These dedicated Communists did not see the real death danger for the CPSU or socialism, since they truly believed in the CC CPK. It took our Communists years to understand what

transpired from this very new Kazakhstan "socialism with a human face" and to understand as to what they lost when USSR was dismembered.

When Yeltsin in August of 1991 succeeded in a counterrevolution, the former leader of the Communist party of Kazakhstan immediately changed his political tune and started speaking with a different tongue. In all of his daily speeches and interviews he said: "I am now ready to agree that we need capitalism, but with a human face which. I have seen capitalism with my own eyes, but I never saw socialism with my own eyes yet." He started to use phrases of anti-communists, like "Red-Brown Shirts", "The hardheaded Kazakh communists", "USSR- this is Imperialism" and called upon all the media to: "not let communism raise its head again" etc. etc. It was this same former First Secretary of CC CPK who was made President and he headed the work of the liquidation of the Communist Party of Kazakhstan which was established in 1920.

The new Constitution of the party was discussed in September of 1991 and there were 21 out of 28 delegates that demanded that the communist party must be saved and its name not to ever be changed and not to be disbanded. It looked as if the healthy forces would win this first battle. Thereupon spoke the former First Secretary of the Communist Party of Kazakhstan, N.Nazarbaev, who told the delegates: "I willingly left the Politburo of the CC CPSU and resigned as First Secretary of CC

CPK." I raised in the party and demanded that the Communist Party of Kazakhstan should not leave the CPSU!

But Nazarbaev agitated that there should be a new party, that it does not matter what name it carries. Nazarbaev already had his people in place in all national, regional, city and town committees and this was unknown to most of the Central Committee of the CPK.

After this barrage of propaganda, the delegates at the Congress caved in and agreed to set up a new "Socialist Party".

This was a social-democratic oriented party, having nothing in common with Marxism-Leninism. This party did not last long since it was only a temporary tool to liquidate the original Communist Party and then to disband also this pseudo "Socialist Party".

This then gave the opportunity to the healthy forces to resurrect the glorious Communist Party of Kazakhstan. They held open air meetings in spite of police actions and terror. After only three months of the party's liquidation, the party was alive and doing its work amongst the masses of the people. The new party had to go to the Supreme Court many times in order to fight for its legalization after the edict of outlawing the original communist party. It took us three years of court battles to register our party and to have the first ban overturned.

But even with our legal battle won, the regime started a vicious anti-Communist campaign in the country, using all well known figures who became CPSU turncoats to carry out their vicious attacks.

The director of strategic stud-

ies, A. Bisenbaev, in his daily well publicized articles in the Kazakh mass media called for: "Today...the main task is to stifle and choke the Communist Party of Kazakhstan and liquidate any roots of communism in the country." More and more often the regime demanded: "We must eliminate and obliterate all communists...I am afraid of this mass to come into our life...!"

We were shocked (but we should not have been) that the whole apparatus around Nazarbaev was composed of the most rabid anti-Sovieters and anti-Communists. We had to fight and struggle daily in order to defend our party all over Kazakhstan. They forced our party to reregister all clubs, all committees...this constant disrupting method forced us to take measures that could be used much better in order to do our party work amongst the people.

One of our active members of the CC Bureau, M. Ismaelov was jailed for over a year in this "sovereign" Kazakhstan.

We are the only party in Kazakhstan that is fighting the present regime. It is not easy for us as Communists to work under these conditions. In the last two elections we see that the people of Kazakhstan are under no illusion as to what is happening and they are supporting the Communist Party. We see a great influx of new members and a large percent of them are young people.

That day is not far off when Kazakh people shall be building socialism together with our brothers and sisters in the other former Soviet Republics. ■

FROM
WORKERS-FARMERS PRAVDA
UKRAINE



LATVIAN FASCISM

In May of this year it was 10 years from that tragic day, when the Supreme Soviet of the Latvian Republic under great pressure of the West sponsored Latvian pro-fascist lobby, adopted the declaration to break away from the USSR. It was during May of 1990 that the Latvian neo-Nazis of the "Peoples Front of Latvia", who through demagogy and falsehoods under the cover of "communists" started on the road to fascism.

This year, 55 years after the Great Patriotic War, Latvia is the most reactionary of the three former Baltic republics which is forcibly rewriting the history of World War 2.

The prime example of this campaign is the outright rehabilitation and compensation given to all the 200,000 veterans of the infamous fascist legion "Vaffen SS" composed of these Latvian cutthroats who were the shock troops used by Hitler to fight the Red Army, the Latvian patriots and also the Allied Forces in the life and death struggle with Fascism.

Today the present Latvian regime has declared these fascists "heroes of the nation" and receiving all the benefits accorded to veterans. These Latvian fascist "heroes" have constant parades in the center of Riga and these "veterans" are now forming young fascist groups, marching through the streets of Latvia as did their "godfathers" in Germany during 1930s! They sing nazi songs and all the trappings and display racist slogans of former "Hitler Youth". Meanwhile, the Soviet war veterans during the celebrations of the Day of Victory are forced to meet underground!

Over 48% of the population of Latvia are non-Latvians and are now declared and treated as second class citizens. Today this is outright Apartheid as was practiced South Africa. Latvia is now

divided by law into citizens and non-citizens. The Russian population in Latvia is suffering and is treated now as was the Negro population in the United States during 1920s. The policy is complete genocide against the Russian speaking Latvians, most of them were born in Latvia. Russians, reaching pension age, receive much lower pensions than those who are Latvian.

The economic situation is horrendous and this is why all of the Latvian economic structures are owned and based on the economy of USA and Britain. The daily policy of terror against communists and activists in the workers movements is unprecedented and they are forced to work underground. All former "Heroes of the Soviet Union", "Partisans" who fought against fascism are now hounded, jailed and even murdered. Although over 63% of Latvians themselves expressed that they are against Latvia being part of NATO, the reactionary forces under the protection of imperialist countries are able to govern and push through this anti-peoples membership in NATO.

The present President of Latvia Vairis Vikke Freinerg, lived all of her life in England, but was made nevertheless President of Latvia.

It is very interesting (although not unexpected) that the present Ukrainian nationalist regime of President Kuchma is the biggest supporter of this Latvian fascist-racist regime.

Glory to the Soviet veterans and Communists!

Down with Latvian nationalist-fascist band!

D. Voroshilov
19 years old student - Kiev ■

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CHAIN REACTION TERRORISM

FELIX GORELIK



Russia is shaken up. On all TV screens we see burned bodies, terribly injured people - victims of a barbarous bomb blast in the underpass of Moscow Metro near the busy Pushkin Square in August of this year. Over 390 victims, bombed out apartments in

Moscow and Volgodolsk where some more bodies were added to the carnage. According to a survey taken, close to 90% of people want the state to liquidate the Chechen terrorists, since all are practically convinced that it is the work of Chechen terrorists. This was a ready-made event to give prestige to Mr. Putin when he announced that he will liquidate all of the Chechen terrorists. But this terrorist act is just one of many that were perpetrated on the Russian population since the late 1980's. Of course we cannot condone or forgive the terrorist at-

tacks on the Russian people, the killing in Chechnya, started under the slogan of "independence" for the *"Ichkeria Republic"*. On this terrorism in Chechnya Yeltsin and Putin perpetrated a thousand times more terror. More than 100,000 people killed, 800,000 refugees - not to forget the bombed-out and devastated city of Grozny. This is the real aftermath of two Chechen wars, the aim being to proclaim the *"Ichkeria Republic,"* plus the attacks by Chechnya against Dagestan. But Yeltsin, Putin and all of the *"democrats"* cry about *"terrorism"* but keep quiet about the real cause of this conflict. The root cause of terrorism is not in the *"Vachabitah"*, or not even the work of Muslim Fundamentalists.

We could also suggest, that the members of the former CPSU, General Dudaev and Colonel in former Soviet Army Maskhadov, never even thought that they will be the leaders of the Chechen terrorists! This also did not come into the head of the instructor of the Regional Young Communist League Shamil Basaev...the present three leaders of this terrible bloody conflict. The terrorism in Chechnya is just one of many conflicts that is engulfing the former Soviet Union at the end of 1980's, during the reign of Gorbachev. Let us also remember the bloody pogroms in cities of Sumgait, Baku, Nagorn Karabah, Fergana and other regions of Central Asia, costing hundreds of thousands lives during these wars and civil strife. This bloody sand storm was also the result of Gorbachev's *"perestroika"* aimed in liquidating the cohesiveness of the CPSU and the restoration of capitalism and finally the liquidation of the USSR!

USSR, formed under the guidance of V.I. Lenin achieved a unique position as a land of mul-

tinational cohesion, rights, development and industrial might that was hated by world imperialism and enemies of socialism. There was no terrorism during the time of Soviet Union...the basis of conflicts had been eliminated completely.

Then what happened that there began the growth of chain reaction of terrorism? It was the insidious growth of secret cancerous cells inside the CPSU under the leadership of Gorbachev. In the center of CPSU as in all other republics, these malignant cancerous cells of reactionary opportunism, came to power as the elder leading comrades who were dedicated to communism and internationalism passed away. Nationalism was used as the key to personal ambitions by the *"elite"* in order to grab the state structure into their hands and thus become the exploiting class. The ambitions and bourgeois plans were being covered by a whole system of lies, which was helping the hidden counterrevolutionary forces. These traitors who were responsible for the liquidation of the USSR and also the restoration of capitalism, we can correctly call them terrorists! They shot the Soviet people in the back, befuddled them with poisonous lies. This is the political, ideological and economic terrorism - this the meaning of the *"reforms"* started by Gorbachev, then followed by the *"reforms"* of Yeltsin! In order to fool the Soviet people who were unfortunately *"asleep"* during this counterrevolution - the USSR was called an *"Evil Empire"*, the Soviet workers state was then called *"totalitarian"*, the propaganda of the *"rights of individuals"*, and the benefits of the *"market economy"*. There was a split inside the CPSU and then its total liquidation made it much easier for these traitors to take

power. These are the real reasons that brought on bloody conflicts and terrorism unto the territory of the USSR. The genocide of the Russian and other nationalities are the direct results of wild capitalism and unbelievable robbery of the riches of the former USSR.

Over 600,000 killed, millions of refugees as a result of nationalist conflicts, all of this was caused by the so-called *"democratization"* of Gorbachev, is this not terrorism? One trillion 200 billion dollars is the loss as a result of the *"privatization"* of Gaidar-Chubais - all in the name of private enterprise - is this not economic terrorism?

The bombings in Moscow and other cities has other godfathers of imperialism - Reagan, Bush, Clinton, Kohl, Blair etc... who now do not hide their glee about the downfall of the USSR and socialism during the *"Cold War"* era. Undermining the USSR, imperialism today secretly is supporting all separatism, in order to make Russia even weaker than it is, so that the brotherly people shall not try to unite again.

The terrorist bombings by unknown terrorists, helped Putin to be perceived as a Knight on a White Horse to gain his presidential throne. But we must look deeper into the real cause of this tragedy: who are the ones that caused this hurricane to descend upon the Soviet people, and why is Russia today so weak that it cannot end this terrorism?

Bowing our heads to the victims of this terror, we cannot allow ourselves to be fooled by the TV and media campaign about the *"Chechen footsteps"* because the leaders of this *"democratic"* mass media are desperately trying to take the peoples minds off the real cause of the mass terror - **the gravediggers of the USSR!** ■

CATASTROPHE OF THE UKRAINIAN VILLAGE

A ghost is threading over all of the Ukraine. It is the ghost of hunger, of unemployment and devastation. After the industrial

might of Ukraine was privatized and practically devastated, as per the decisions of the International Monetary Fund, president Kuchma has now sharpened his ax on the Ukrainian village.

Today it is only a remembrance of how the collective farm and state farm villages of Ukraine used to look like, before these "reforms" came about. Year after year the Soviet Ukrainian village grew, developed in both productivity, culture and good living conditions. Even with drought or frosts, the Ukrainian village farms did not take second place to any other country. The village farms had 100% health care and medicines. It had as much produce as it needed of sugar, eggs, bread, fruits and satisfied 90% of their meat requirements.

This gives the lie to the present "democrats" that all of the collective farms were not profitable. Even in 1990 when already the winds of "reformism" were blowing over the Ukraine, there were only 0.2% of collective farms that did not show profit or were not self-sustaining. The villages were being improved with water supplies, electricity, gas and other necessities as were the norm for cities. The ongoing construction of needed schools, hospitals, cultural clubs, building of pensioners retirement homes and many other structures were everywhere to be seen.

The "reforms" inside of these past 10 years brought the villages into a catastrophic situation which was felt by the towns and cities alike. After Kuchma was "elected" for the second term, the price of bread jumped again by two times, even before this jump it rose four times. Because of these inflationary prices on the products, there is hunger, death and sicknesses since the people must pay enormous rent for their dwelling, thus the food has to be scrimped upon. The costs have dramatically risen on all communal services and the production of foods is at an all time low.

The Ukraine's own governmental guidelines state that it takes

261.1 Hryven per month to subsist. Compare this to that of a high school teacher who makes only 130-150 Hryven per month! But what if he or she has children? This shows that an average consumer must make certain to cut his food consumption by 1/3 of milk, meat, fruits... if you compare this to 1970! For the absolute majority of Ukrainians this situation presents terrible hardships. All this is caused by the diminishing productivity of products to live on. This situation is not by chance! In 1999 Ukraine produced 2 times less wheat and meat than it did in 1990. Over 14,00,000 cows were slaughtered - 45% pigs, 67% sheep. Today close to 85% of all the individual farms are not profitable and cannot guarantee the needs of the people. But this is just the beginning of a catastrophe. Genocide has already started. From 1991 to 1995 in Ukraine, the village population lost over 515,000 people. In over 3000 districts of Ukraine there wasn't born even one child!. There are 300 villages which have been taken off the map of Ukraine! Besides all this, over 25% of arable land is not being worked upon - that is 11 million hectares in total!

What is the cause of this catastrophe? The imposition of wild capitalism on the people has undercut the collective and state farm production and brought on the scene the rich latifundists, parasites. On the orders of the IMF the Ukraine village collective and state farms are to be liquidated. Ukraine must be the importer, not exporter of food...all from the West!

The demand of market economy is for the privatization of all lands-this is the order of the day. The privatized farms cannot buy machinery, gas, oil, parts or all the necessary services as was the norm on the collective farms. The building of tractors in Ukraine dropped by 30% to 80%. This is done in order that Ukraine imports and buys American or Western farm surplus machinery which capitalism cannot sell in

their own countries. That is why most of the land is not utilized, not farmed, not cultivated, because the "individual farmers" cannot afford to upkeep or buy the machinery that is needed.

That is why Ukraine last year lost millions of dollars in lost productivity...very beneficial to IMF to lend on credit money and implements to Ukraine.

The Ukrainian government divided all of the collective and state farms into little "pies" They issued "certificates" for these small "pies" and if the individual farmer cannot make a go of it, these certificates are bought up by rich latifundists, most of them from the West and they rent or sell these "pies" of land. Thus, all the Ukrainian former collective and state farmers are now being forced to be servants on the lands bought up by the rich latifundists. Kuchma is bent on carrying out this land reform, since land is a product to be bought and sold!

These Kuchma "reforms" are bringing the country not forward, but backward to the land owners and the Ukrainian farmers are to be serfs which can be hired or fired or starve!

Kuchma's right-hand man, P.Gayducko made this statement: "The village farmers do not need machinery, their two hands should be sufficient, not modern technology!"

Present Ukrainian bourgeois government does not see (or does not want to see for obvious reasons) that the farmers in the USA, Germany, France or England are being supported by their governments and also subsidized by close to 40%.

By liquidating all of the collective and state farms, Kuchma is bent of getting rid of the last remnants of socialism. The future of the farms and villages and even cities in Ukraine is not very bright.

COMMENT

We condensed this well written article due to space limitations.

STEPS TOWARDS UNITY!

On July 15th in Moscow there took place a founding conference, initiated by the Union of Communist Parties-CPSU. In the main-Conference report Oleg Shenin gave an analyses of the present communist movement, its future and also the tasks of the new party. In part, Oleg Shenin in detail dwelt on the important work of J.V.Stalin and called upon everyone to give a rebuff to the anti-Stalinists. "It was Stalin, like no one else after Lenin that was able to defeat the internal and external international capital. He had the

Oleg Shenin Leader of the Union of Communist Parties-CPSU



power of will and such great proletarian steadfastness that all the enemies of socialism and of the development of the world's people cannot forgive him even now. The collective understanding of the majority of communist parties in the world gives credit, that after the death of Stalin, Krushchev sold all these values out and started the process of debasing Marxism-Leninism both internally and all over the world, which brought the disintegration of the Soviet Union, the temporary collapse of socialism and also the weakening of world communist movement."

Characterizing the social basis of the party, Oleg Shenin took a stand against those leaders that state that the "impoverishment of the masses will in itself bring on a socialist revolution". Hunger defeats all political activism, said Shenin. The working man becomes a fighter when he sees his actions producing results, and this fighting spirit is developed if a person is working. The vanguard of the struggle for socialism cannot become only the "elder proletariat" working in physical work, but it must also go hand in hand with those whom we call the intelligencia-

"Proletariat of mental work" (Marx). "Engineering proletariat" (Lenin). Both of these important detachments are today's contemporary working class.

The Conference elected the leading organs and adopted a Constitution. ■

ACTIVITY OF THE MOVEMENT OF CITIZENS OF USSR

in defense of sovereign rites of Soviet people

Even though our numbers are small, we, the citizens of USSR who are informed and dedicated have done much to inform and agitate the Soviet people of what must be done in order to rise unto a political stage.

We, basing ourselves on the

62nd article of the Constitution of USSR which was adopted in 1977, which urges all of its citizens to defend the Soviet state, regardless of any given situation. Well, we are doing this constantly - whatever is possible to do against the present occupied USSR. ■

Now it is exactly five years since the dedicated Soviet people gathered on the October Square in Moscow to demand the unification of Soviet people who were forcibly divided. But who was it that proclaimed this unity? It was done by the citizens of USSR, who are the real representatives of the Soviet State, even though we are now in a very catastrophic situation.

In October of 1995 there took place the first Conference of Citizens of USSR, which adopted a significant document, having a historical meaning: Declaration of the rights of Soviet citizens to unite and again have a sovereign country.

This document declares that the Soviet people are here, that the USSR Constitution is legal since there was not held a plebiscite where the people voted to abolish the Soviet Constitution. The process arrived at the Belovezh Agreement (*by the three traitors- the heads of Russia, Byelorussia and Ukraine - Editor*) is illegal under international and also Soviet law.

In December of 1997 the Plenum of our Congress sent letters of protest to all the Soviet republics as well as to the United Nations Organization in New York where the question of the genocide of Soviet people was fully documented and the role of USA and NATO in this.

The Council of Citizens of USSR plus the Bolshevik Platform of CPSU was one of the first peoples movement that was organized on the territory of the USSR. Unfortunately the present situation is not in our favour. We must understand and work as Citizens of the USSR. This maybe our last resource, and if we do not utilize this opportunity, our future generation will say: it is those same people, who in mass sold out their country. This could be the final act of the present "revolutionary" ride and we must all be aware of this danger. ■

TO THE HERO CITY, GIVE BACK ITS NAME - STALINGRAD



From the newspaper "Surmountable Stalingrad" published in Rostov on the Don on the 55th Anniversary of the Second World, the fight to give back the city its historical name is heating up. Below we publish the demand in this regard sent to the authorities.

Stalingrad! The name of this city on the Volga was on the lips of all Soviet people as one of the greatest battles of the Great Patriotic War, not only for us Soviets, but also for the whole world! Mankind with trepidation listened to the reports about this titanic struggle, while Japan and Turkey at that time were ready to rush in their armies to help Hitler in case of Hitler's victory.

Stalingrad became the symbol of determination, heroism, dedication not only for the part of the Red Army men and its commanders, but of the whole of Soviet people. During this gigantic battle Germany lost its 4th Army, Italian and Rumanian tank brigades. The Red Army captured 96,000 enemy

soldiers and officers, plus generals and Field Marshal Paulus. The enemy lost well over 1,500,000 soldiers.

This was the turning point of the whole of Second World War.

Stalingrad became the glory symbol all the world, with scores of cities being renamed Stalingrad as well as streets and avenues.

At the Battle of Stalingrad, on the Mamayev Hill we lost 479,000 Red Army men and officers in this horrific struggle.

The steps taken by the revisionists to rename the city to Volgograd is an affront to all of our comrades who perished defending us and the entire world. It wasn't to Volgograd but to the City of Stalingrad that President Roosevelt sent the Honor Scroll, stating that the Stalingrad City and the Stalingrad Battle was an epic battle and the turning point of the Second World War. Even King of England wrote: *"To the citizens of Stalingrad as a sign of deep appreciation by the British people!"*

We appeal to all officers and men, to all people to demand the return of the name of Stalingrad to this Hero City!

The citizens of the city, veterans, all public organizations, progressive peoples movements appealed and demanded from the Volgograd City Council on which there is a large communist majority from the Communist Party of Russian Federation (CPRF) but the city council refused to even acknowledge that they received these protests!

Presidium of War Veterans of the Altai District and peoples organizations ■

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**MICHAEL
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Editor



Some background material is taken from the newspaper "Vpered-Forward"- organ of the Bolsheviks of Byelorussia.

Since we started publishing NSC over 9 years ago we perused hundreds of newspapers, journals and read untold number of letters from our comrades in former Soviet Union...the question of unifying the countless Communist and Workers parties was always in our articles in one manner or another! The question of this UNITY unfortunately today is as it was 9 years ago, both internally and externally in the former USSR and also internationally, though countless meetings, seminars, world gatherings were held.

What is it that prevents this unity being achieved? In this article we would like to deal with different attitudes to this elusive UNITY!

The parties and movements in former USSR that have signed our "Call" for an International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People and who are ready to participate in the World Congress to be held on September 21-22-23, 2001 in Toronto, Canada...all profess the need to resurrect the Soviet Union and Socialism in one form or another, and, they're calling for one CPSU to be the vanguard for this resurrection of the USSR. But, here's where the similarities end. **Why?**

Here we would like to present just one argument which says that **"the time is not right for unity!"** and the reasons given by the All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks. In their policy statement (abridged for space reasons) as presented at the Conference of

WHEN IS IT A GOOD TIME TO UNITE?

leaders of the Russian Communist Workers Party, Russian Party of Communists, Russian Communist Party-CPSU and observers from the AUCPB. What the reason was for no participation at this meeting by the Union of Communist Parties-CPSU (headed by Oleg Shenin) or the CPSU- (headed by Victor Anpilov) we do not know. That is of course very unfortunate. Below we are reprinting the position of the AUCPB in a very condensed form.

*The AUCPB in the last while has been and is under great persecution from the present regime and has been since 1996. We have seen the murder of some its top leaders in many regions across former USSR. The AUCPB has also been physically barred from meetings of different communist party gatherings and even physically escorted off the speakers platform and prevented from speaking.

*The question of unity must be looked at from the point as to when, with whom and how is this unity to take place? There are many communists and there are "communists" whose actions indirectly or directly help the present bourgeois regime.

*There are some communist parties whose position mirrors that of the present capitalist regime regarding Stalin.

*In order to decide the question of unity in deeds not only in slogans, we must agree on all of these basic questions first of all:

-what is the social and political situation in our country;

-what is the composition of the class strength of the masses that are fighting for full control of the state;

-what is the character of the revolutionary masses and their revolutionary knowledge and also its dedication;

-what is the social composition of the masses now in this process;

-what is the feeling, the aim and the necessity for unity of the organizing leadership of all the parties and the potential for a socialist uprising;

-what is the present revolutionary position, the authority and also the practical knowledge of the leadership of each party.

In the last while there seems to be a forced attempt at unity which to us is either very unrealistic or also adventuristic.

Our suggestion (AUCPB) is to set up first of all a Coordinating Committee that can and will settle all of the above questions and then proceed methodically step by step in achieving unity.

The working class sees this very clearly and that is why there is such a flow back and forth between different communist and workers parties and their attitude to all Communists in general, not only to Zyuganov and the CPRF.

As is very well known, in politics there are no lasting friends, but only lasting political interests. Therefore, overlooking the very bad attitude to the AUCPB by some left parties, we are suggesting again to all of us to work together in deeds, then this will ultimately lead to unity."

There is an old saying that "All roads leading to hell are paved with good intentions!"

Ten years is a long time to be without unity! These ten years have given the bourgeoisie the time needed to sink in their roots deeply!

Ten years of discussions, re-criminations and outright attacks against one another goes to only serve the present bourgeois government and their overseas backers very well.

Ten years was long enough to understand that there is only one Marxism-Leninism and the need for only one dedicated Communist Party to lead the working class to socialism.

Ten years of debating as to who is a better Marxist than Marx himself is absolutely unforgivable and the future Soviet generations will note this fact very clearly.

Therefore, the need for an International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People is very urgent at this time of extreme danger from globalization, headed by US imperialism.

The coming World Congress in 2001 shall be the venue where the truth of UNITY of all friends of Soviet people and of socialism shall be then achieved when the coming International Council shall be elected to carry on the work that was started long ago in 1918 by the "Hands Off Russia Committees"!

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

N. GARIFULINNA

FROM NEWSPAPER

"GALITSKY COMMUNIST"
INTERVIEWED OLEG SHENIN,
CHAIRMAN ON UCP-CPSU

Q: ...not during presidential election, nor even during the parliamentary elections was there a real possibility to form a strong coalition of the left and patriotic forces. What is the main reason?

A: The main reason was the singular efforts of the CPRF leadership, not wanting to bring closer to itself those left parties who have less members, but are carrying out much more of Marxist-Leninist program in their work. The CPRF does not want to find ways and opportunities to gather around itself those who are now in political reality closer to the CPRF which continue to call itself "communist".

During the March 26th elec-

tions, Zyuganov received 22 million votes, while in year 1996 the CPRF received over 30 million votes!

We must analyze this drop in votes correctly as to why it was that the CPRF lost influence and so many votes. Even in 1996 when Zyuganov was a candidate of the patriotic forces, he lost the election. It was necessary even then to think about what candidate to put up in year 2000 and to prepare this candidate.

But the CPRF forces and their behind the scenes friends stated that there is only one candidate in Russia and one leader. More than that, all other potential candidates were kicked out or expelled from the CPRF and this mixed up the whole process of a unified opposition to the present régime. No sooner a left candidate comes on the scene that can unite all left forces, the leadership of the CPRF starts the attack against him or them. Thus they cut down all potential candidates.

These CPRF elements always state that..."if there shall be honest elections, if there shall not be falsification by the present régime..." all of this is utopia promoted by the present bourgeois regime. Besides, this new constitution was wholeheartedly supported by the CPRF in the Duma, and thus it was passed through. And in this atmosphere, when the criminal enemies are in the governing bourgeois state, do they really expect a nice "clean and civilized election" to take place? There are non-such and there shall not be one either in the future!

If the party is going to take part in elections and try in this way to influence the present regime, this party must not lose sight of all of its Marxist-Leninist principals and not propose some "New Marxism" or some "New Leninism". A party of this sort has long ceased to be a communist party, because it is riddled throughout by opportunism, revisionism and other ills.

Q: Why is it that in some parties now there is a tendency to have a double standard for ordinary

Communist members and the party leadership? While the membership must be disciplined and carry the party line, while the leaders do whatever they want.

A: There is criticism in the party organizations as usual. But, regarding the CC of CPRF, this is the fraction that is in the Russian Duma and it seems that there is no criticism allowed on this Central Committee members at all. How can the leadership of the CPRF work amongst the masses when all their leaders spend most of their time sitting in the Duma? I cannot understand as to what communist work these members can do locally in their electoral districts when they all sit in Moscow?

Q: The sickness of sovereignty (bordering on nationalism-Editor) has taken a hold of the society, including even some communist parties and their leadership. How can we explain this cancerous growth of many communist parties and movements?

A: These words sound wild, but unfortunately it is a contemporary reality and there are subjective reasons for this. This is explained in part by the world attitude of their leaders and their attempts to revise Marxism-Leninism in order to fit their new outlook.

But, if we talk as to what must be done to eliminate this cancerous growth, I am certain that **WE MUST NOW IMMEDIATELY UNITE INTO ONE UNITED COMMUNIST PARTY**. The basis for this unity exists now. There are leaders of many communist parties, there are many communist members who call for a unified Communist Party.

We already have started this process. But it is not a very easy road ahead for this elusive unity. If we are real Communists and want the party to be alive, to have authority, to have dedication and that the teachings of Marxism-Leninism be our guiding light, not only in constant discussions, but brought into reality...we must organize and form such a united party now! If we do not do so soon, then the Communist move-

ment in Russia and in the USSR shall be set back scores of years.

There are more and more people that fully understand this necessity...the question is not of having quantity but **QUALITY!** We must point out that the road we are setting upon shall not be

open to all those who want to join! When the CPRF formed its fraction in the Russian Duma, immediately there enlisted themselves in it all of the party functionaries of former CPSU. Now the Duma CPRF fraction is composed entirely of these former

party functionaries. But...where were all of these former leaders of the CPSU when the party was made illegal? These people are never again going to be accepted into the future unified CPSU!

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**GALINA
SAVCHENKO**



"NORTHSTAR COMPASS" is in its 9th anniversary! The dedication of this journal to the ideals of Lenin and Stalin is shown also because it has informed us, the Soviet people, with the present friends in many countries of the world, who understand, that to defend the Soviet Union today - means to defend the planet from the main enemy of this world civilization - American expansionism and the far-reaching NATO bloc.

Through NSC I got to know one of correspondents from USA, Ana Gelabert, a political prisoner who writes in NSC and many thanks for her letters and drawings that she sends out regularly.

Today, the communist movement in Russia and also Ukraine is living through not the best of times. The Communists unfortunately were not able to head the ferment in the working class and become its much needed vanguard. And the working class in Ukraine cannot be pleased with itself that of not being able to defend the Soviet factories or the mine shafts as did the workers of the newsprint combine in the Leningrad district; these workers did not allow the foreign owner to take over this complex and thus this SKB complex remained Soviet!

The miners of Ukraine think that as a sign of protest against these robbers of peoples wealth

REVOLUTIONARY SITUATION EXISTS BUT THERE ARE NO REVOLUTIONARIES...

and livelihood, is just to march with lighted torches, or to douse themselves with gasoline and set themselves on fire, or for months to stand under the walls of Supreme Soviet or Cabinet Ministers, begging that they should be paid their wages from these robbers! Today, Ukraine is in first place in the world in deaths of miners due to the very extreme unsafe working conditions!

Yes, it was 9 years of struggle. But unfortunately not one of the left orientated political parties that are existing was not able to organize real struggles against the capitalization and colonialism of our country, but instead, they are organizing and trying to build all of their struggles around the so-called "honorable" elections and sinking into an illusion about

the real possibility to attain state power with just the the help of "parliamentary majority".

Because of this, from the tribune of the V(XXIII) Congress of the Communist Party of Ukraine, the General Secretary of the New Communist Party of Yugoslavia, Branko Kitanovich reproached the CPU with: "There is a revolutionary situation here, but there are no revolutionaries!"

Right on, comrade Kitanovich! By parliamentary means international imperialism and its vanguard - Zionism will never ever give up power to the people, even though the people shall vote in their majority for the Communists!

On August 25th the membership of "Movement fir USSR" and the Bolsheviks of Kiev went to dem-

Galina Savchenko at the demostration in front of the industrial complex "Arsenal", appealing to workers for an armed struggle.

Photo by Sapharov R. Farukh ogly.



onstrate in front of the Russian Embassy in Kiev and showed their grief at the terrible tragedy of the 118 sailors dying an agonizing death in the submarine "Kursk".

What a scandalous injustice! Those, who dismembered and also dispersed the peoples of USSR and are now liquidating our Motherland with tragedies such as in the Barents Sea,- A.Yakovlev, M.Gorbachev, B.Yeltsin, L. Krawchuk, L.Kuchma. B.Berezovsky and others, are living and getting fat, multiplying themselves, while the sailors-heroes are at the bottom of the sea...

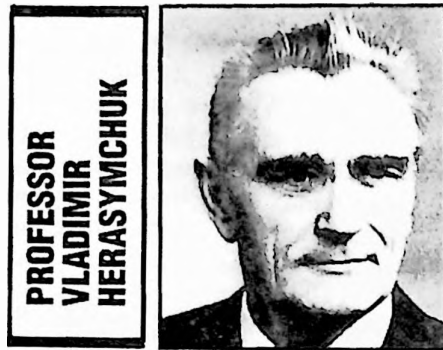
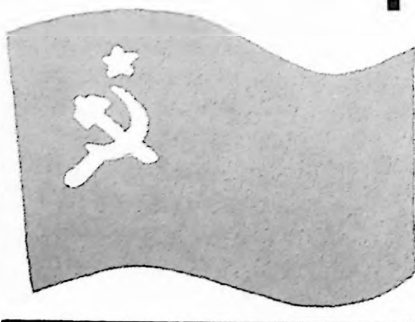
When I hear, how president of Ukraine Leonid Kuchma reports to his "older brother" -IMF that, in Ukraine their is not now functioning even one collective farm, ***I have the right to appeal to the people to arm themselves.***

When I see, how Ukrainian youth is being "Snikerized" and the "made in USA" TV films and programs deride all the heroes of the Civil War and of the Great Patriotic War, ***I have the right to appeal to the people to arm themselves.***

When I see how they're giving medals and honors to the Chief Prosecutor of Ukraine, M.Potrebenko, those who should be sitting in jail and on trial for their lives, ***I have the right to call upon the people for an armed uprising.***

And when I see, how these political cannibals tramp down and besmirch and daily rob our Great country-the victor, which is now wallowing in the quagmire of "humanitarian" dirt as a loser, I have the right to appeal:

"WORKERS, IT IS TIME TO EXCHANGE THE RED FLAGS IN YOUR HANDS FOR GUNS!" ■



**PROFESSOR
VLADIMIR
HERASYMCHUK**

In one of our previous issues of NSC we discussed the question, that the Bolsheviks always supported the "National Idea" But we understand this question not as it is being understood now by Kuchma and his present bourgeois nationalists. *The "national idea" first of all is the equality of all citizens, irrespective of their nationality, colour or religion and the guarantee that everyone in the national groups has the social and national freedom to flower.* As history has shown us, this can only be achieved under socialism and only by eliminating completely the bourgeois ideology of inequality. A person cannot be free if another is under national, social and cultural subjugation.

Our present bourgeois nationalist Ukrainian government, when talking about the "national idea or identity" is talking now only about forcing nationalism upon all the people. It's a sad fact that the "national idea or identity" as preached by Kuchma and his regime is in fact anti-national! This policy has brought Ukraine into an abyss of ruin and in fact has turned Ukraine into a colony of the West. During all the years of Krachuk-Kuchma bourgeois regimes, the population of Ukraine has decreased from 52.1 millions to 48 million people. It is predicted by experts that unless the present genocidal situation does not change, by year 2005 the loss of population will reach 8 million! The plan of Western imperialism is to depopulate all the peoples of former republics of USSR is now coming into realization.

This Kuchma "national identity" - is in actual fact genocide. There

AGAIN ABOUT THE NATIONAL IDEA

are situations now, as happened to a school teacher in Mariupolya, who was fired because she refused to teach the children false history of Ukraine, to love the country and to hate Russians.

Does this not scare you, you the present nationalist leaders to hear such words? But you have already alienated the people and their love of their country. Look at these photographs that came from the newspaper "Kommunist". What feelings do you feel are going through the mind of this former Ukrainian collective farmer about your so-called "national identity". This Mikola Opanasiuk, a former well-to-do collective farmer in the village of Lysivka, Zhitomir region is now a "Pan-Mr"! But because of the present bourgeois reforms in the name of "national identity" he had to give up his tractor, combine and even his horse and now has just a scythe! What kind of "national idea-identity" can he have? What kind "national identity" and feelings can these coal miners have now after the unemployment, mass of unpaid wages and flouting of laws guaranteeing the rights for all the people?

You, Mafiosi bourgeois leaders want these begging children to feel and think about the "national ideals and identity"?! It is useless to wait for these children to feel and to now support the Krawchuk-Kuchma policies of "national ideals"!

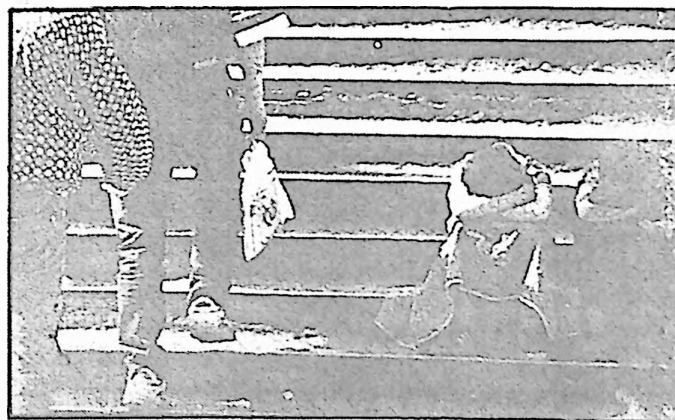
We categorically throw out the blame against Communists that it is they who do not want to save the Motherland or care about its "national identity". Karl Marx in the Communist Manifesto wrote: *"Workers have no Motherland.*

You cannot take from them what they do not have." National and International feelings do not ever counterpose each other out...they compliment each other, but its break up becomes absurd.

In conclusion, I would like to touch upon the favorite Ukrainian nationalist argument that Communists threatened and do not allow the Ukrainian language and culture to flourish, and that they banished and did not allow the works of Taras Shevchenko and Lesia Ukrainka to be known and-published. How can these bourgeois lie so openly? One of the first edicts of V.I.Lenin was a directive that monuments and history must be preserved in all the Soviet republics. These present Ukrainian nationalists have a lot to learn from the Soviet times. In front of me is an 8th grade school book that was published in Soviet Ukraine in 1953. Over 100 pages in this literature school book is devoted to Shevchenko, not to mention the richness of illustrations, printing, binding and quality of paper. These present bourgeois Ukrainian leaders have a lot to learn!

What absolute falsehood that the Soviets barred the use of Ukrainian language. Before the Great October Revolution (1917) the Czars did bar the language as did the Polish gentry and as they did with all progressive writers, including Russians. This was done in 1720 by Peter 1 and in 1863 by Valuev who gave an edict that no religious or educational books are to be published in Ukrainian. But why is this fabrication aimed at the Bolsheviks?

The Bolsheviks organized the working class in order to do away with this inequality of the people, to abolish Czarism, to liquidate this *"Prison of nations"*. *"The abolishment of national oppression, - wrote Joseph V. Stalin, - brought about the national flowering of its cultures, to feelings of brotherhood and internationalism and the feeling of building socialism."* The party of Bolsheviks set itself the task, first of all to help the rebirth of the nationalities, its



TOP:
Farming in present Ukraine. Back to 1800's!
MIDDLE:
Coal miners wait for their pay 8 to 11 months.
BOTTOM:
Street children everywhere begging!

culture, language and to stand on their own feet, to build schools, theaters and other cultural institutions meant to have the culture grow and flourish in their own languages.

Today, the only way to proceed with the cultural and economic development is to have complete unity amongst all of the Soviet people and to go forward towards communism. □

APPEAL BY THE RUSSIAN MOVEMENT IN UKRAINE

to all Deputies, citizens and political parties / movements

From newspaper

"Radianska Volyn" Ukraine

In Ukraine there is an artificial campaign to promote misunderstanding between Ukrainian and Russian population who are living there. Two brotherly peoples who lived in harmony through all of their history are now by an official artificially orchestrated campaign to put the two brotherly peoples at loggerheads!

Russian and Ukrainian people want to live in peace, understanding and with no borders between them. The main culprits that are agitating Ukrainians against Russians are the Western Galician Ukrainian nationalists and extremists. This is a very miserable lot of nationalists who are now in all posts of local, regional, city and territorial government and are forcefully trying to implement a foreign ideology upon the people who for centuries lived together in harmony.

With the mass media in their hands and the political tribunal at their disposal, they are falsifying all the history of the Russian people and the Ukrainian people who are blood brother Slav people. They now promote the "new" Ukrainian nationalist heroes who served fascism and reaction, such as infamous Mazeppa, Petlura and Bandera. The uniate church is being promoted and fabulous financial help is flowing in order to get the majority of Ukrainian people to be Catholics and not Orthodox. The Russian language is being besmirched and attacked.

The Lvov, Ivano-Frankovsk and Ternopol region of Ukraine, getting billions in help from Kiev do not give tax dollars back while the rest of Ukraine is being forced to support these Ukrainian nationalist-fascists. Through their fifth column in Kiev government, these Western nationalists are calling the political tune for the whole of the country.

We, the Ukrainians and Russians living in Eastern Ukraine are in the majority and should not allow ourselves to be ruled by these fanatics. We cannot allow these Banderites to split the two Slavic brotherly peoples.

We appeal to all, to those who care about the future of our country, to give a sound rebuff to these extremists and to launch all over Ukraine a campaign to solidify the friendship between Russians and Ukrainians or those

Ukrainians whose mother tongue is Russian for many generations, as this was already done by the Donetsk region who were successful in bringing in Russian as one of the official languages of Ukraine.

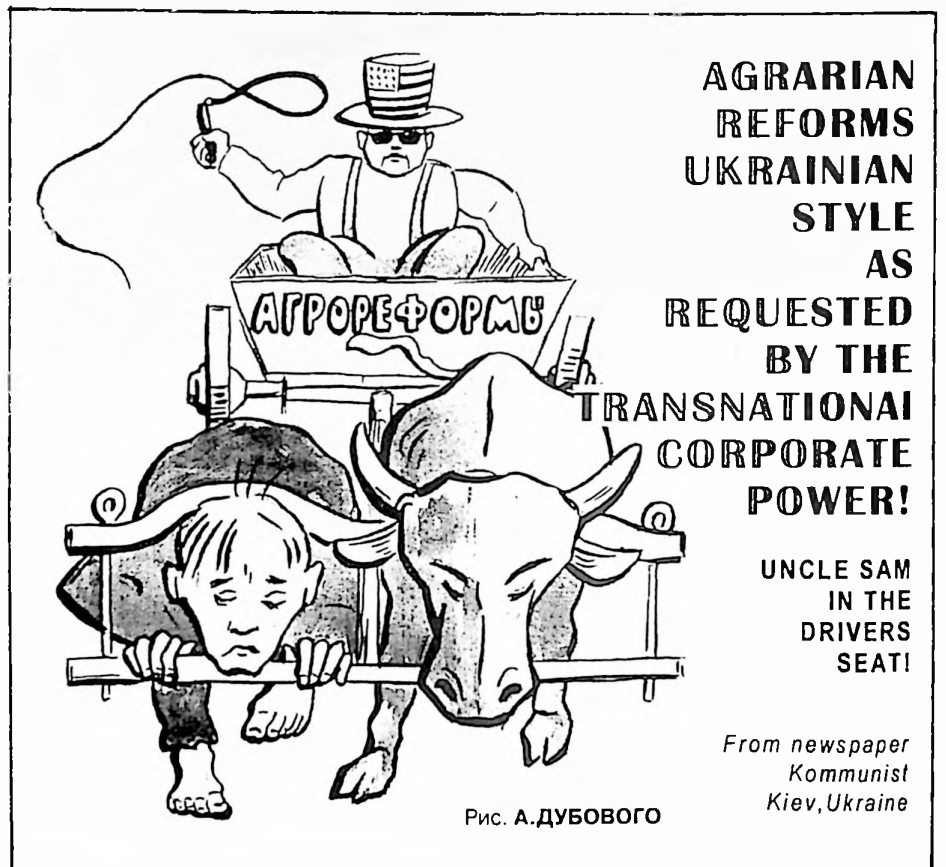
"Yes!" - to the unity of brotherly peoples.

"No!" - to national chauvinism and extremism!

V.Slobozhanin



Demonstrations are ongoing! Unity of actions are coming.



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

NEWS FROM THE CZECH REPUBLIC

The newspaper "Hospodarske Noviny" (Economic News) reported that there was concern as to the growing opposition to the meeting of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank (WB) that took place in Prague on September 25-26 of this year. Groups of young people from the organization "Initiative Against Economic Globalization" (INPEG) conducted a vigorous campaign called "55 YEARS IS ENOUGH".

The name is a reference to the number of years that have elapsed since the founding of the IMF and WB. The demonstrators were peaceful and have tried not to confront the authorities. The demonstrators handed out leaflets and held symbolic soccer matches to demonstrate the unfair exploitation of the third world countries by the multinational corporations with IMF and also the WB assistance. These were taking place in Jan Palach and old town squares in downtown Prague.

The IMF and WB was attended by 18,000 delegates and up to 50,000 protesters, mostly from countries abroad. All the Prague residents were advised by the authorities to stock up on medicines and other essentials and schools were also closed and parents told to take their children out of the city for the duration of this gathering. The Interior Ministry called out the army in order to quell demonstrations. The Czech president Havel's spokesperson Martin Krafl invited representatives of the two opposition parties to resolve a heated dispute over the agenda for this meeting. President Havel in his speech did not mention colonial exploitation and its inherent results at the meeting held on September 23rd. The demonstrations culminated with the mass attendance for the "Global Day of Action Against

Capitalism" which was held on September 26th in Prague.

In another news item the Communist Party of Bohemia and Moravia (KSCM) which has over 130,000 members, is looking forward to the next election to get at least 30% of the vote. This compares favorably with the 20% that the ruling Social Democrats received in the last election. The apparent popularity of the KSCM is leading various attempts at suppressing this new drive to the left.

A 22-year old Editor of the Internet newspaper format in Prague "Pochodem" (Torch) has been charged with calling for the return of the dictatorship of the proletariat. He has now also been charged with calling for the denationalization of all the privatized holdings through a revolution and armed insurrection if necessary. This young Czech Communist was charged under a statute used in the past to prosecute neo-Nazis and could face a maximum of eight years if convicted. Calls for outlawing of the KSCM and other progressive parties are also being heard. The latest such call came from the Znojensko region of the Czech Republic in a form of a personal letter to the Czech President Havel, from a Czech anti-Communist organization that goes under the name of "Znojmo" ■

MONGOLIA'S ORPHANS!

A French Canadian nun, Marc LaPorte who runs the "Save The Children" in Mongolia said in an interview: "Before the transition from Mongolian socialism to capitalism, there were no street children in all of Mongolia, but when socialism collapsed here the homelessness and poverty became a way of life. Under socialism every Mongolian child went to school, went to a summer camp, and had a home. But since 1990 this social net collapsed and

has been swept away.

In Mongolia 36% of the population is under poverty level, which means \$12 per month in income. There is also the fact that over 20% of the population is extremely poor and it's from this group where we recruit our street children. There are over 5,000 children that live in the streets in the capital of Ulan Bator. Over 25% of the parents leave their children due to the extreme hardships. The fact was that since under socialism there were no social problems to deal with, consequently there was no need for social workers."

COMMENT

Isn't capitalism and privatization grand? Just ask all those foreign nuns and the agencies or much better, ask all the children of the streets! These facts are based on the publication "Newsday" of July 26, 2000. ■

REVOLUTIONARY GREETINGS FROM SINGAPORE, MALAYSIA

Dear comrades:

Subscribing to NSC we also support the Call for an International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People.

Selvarajoo Thamilanpan
Revolutionary Peoples Movement ■

FROM
SCINTILLA RASSEGNA
MARXISTA-LENINISTA
ITALY

To the Organizing Committee
for an International Council:

Dear comrades:

The editorial board of SCINTILLA (*Marxist-Leninist Review*) has decided to sign the forwarded "Call" for an International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People and to participate in the World Congress in year 2001 in Toronto.

We are convinced that the Congress will be a very important moment for the coordination of all

the help to the working class and peoples of former USSR against imperialist bourgeoisie and reactionary forces both internally and internationally. All the facts demonstrate that the idea of "assault" is back with the working class and is growing more and more.

Despite the temporary defeat of Socialism, produced by the revisionist forces (*from Krushchev to Brezhnev and on to Gorbachev*) the proletariat and the oppressed people will be capable to rise and march against the capitalists powers in order to defeat it.

Our task is to encourage this process, to defend the working class from its enemies, and for the reconstruction of Socialism.

We suggest that you publish a Manifesto about the upcoming World Congress. We also think that the Internet site should be in English, French and Spanish in order to obtain the maximum world-wide Internet propaganda value. The site should be managed by the Organizing Committee and then by the Executive Committee elected at the Congress. The magazine that shall be published should publish articles of the organizations that are taking part.

Long live the United Front
against imperialism and fascism!
Long live Lenin and Stalin!

La Redazione di Scintilla ■

complex, with tens of thousands of top scientists and technicians. Each of these weapons on average is twenty to thirty times more powerful than the weapons that killed about 250,000 people in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. US taxpayers have spent more than \$5.5 trillion on all these weapons, and they pay over \$25 billion a year to sustain and to operate the nuclear weapons complex.

Even if all the talked about UN Strategic Accords are implemented (*which is doubtful*) US plans to maintain more than 10,000 nuclear warheads in various stages of operations in many countries around the world. One US Trident missile will be five times the size of the arsenals of all other countries of the world combined. One US Trident missile carries about the same firepower, as all the guns and all the bombs that were exploded in **ALL THE WARS** in history.

Ten years after the Cold War was supposed to be over, the US spends \$280 billions on a defense budget that dwarfs that of any possible foe, and is more than the defense spending of the next top eight nations combined. ■

How much DETERRENCE is ENOUGH? ENOUGH?

FROM
LALKAR NEWSPAPER
ENGLAND

"The United States has the most sophisticated and expensive arsenal in the world, with more than 12,000 nuclear weapons of nine different designs, refined through 1,030 nuclear tests, conducted over 47 years, and maintained by an elaborate scientific

NATO PREPARING A NEW MILITARY STRIKE IN THE BALKANS

By GREGORY ELICH

Quietly, NATO is laying plans for a new military strike against Yugoslavia. On August 13-15, CIA Director George Tenet visited Bulgaria. In a series of extraordinary meetings, Tenet met Bulgarian President Petur Stoyanov, as well as Prime Minister, Interior Minister and Defense Minister. Officially, the purpose of Tenet's visit was to discuss the problem of organized crime and narcotics. However, Tenet spent a combined total of only 20 minutes at the

headquarters of the National Security Service and the National Service for Combating Organized Crime. Diplomatic sources here revealed that the proposed oil transit pipeline from the Caspian Sea was also a topic of discussion.

The driving motivation for Tenet's visit, though, was to discuss Yugoslavia. According to an unnamed diplomatic source, the expected Montenegrin secession from Yugoslavia proper topped



the agenda. Following the meeting between Tenet and Major General Dimo Gyaurov, Director of Bulgarian National Intelligence Service, a public statement was issued which only stressed their "commonality of interests". Reports in the Bulgarian press revealed that various options were discussed with Bulgaria's president and prime minister. Tenet's preferred option is the removal of the Yugoslav government, either as a result of that country's elec-

tion on September 24, or by a NATO military assault that would install a Puppet government. Another scenario would follow the predicted secession of Montenegro from Yugoslavia. If open warfare breaks out over Montenegro's secession, then the United States plans to wage a full-scale war against Yugoslavia, as it did in Spring of 1999. Sofia's Monitor reported that the "CIA coup machine" is now forming. "A strike against Belgrade is imminent," it adds, and "Bulgaria will serve as a base."

The Italian Army command recently signed a lease contract to conduct training exercises beginning in October of this year at the Koren training ground, which is near Kaskovo in southeast Bulgaria. The French Army command also signed a similar agreement, in which French soldiers and also tanks will train at the Novo Selo grounds in central Bulgaria from October 11 to December 12. Talks are also underway with the U.S. military to lease the large Shabla training grounds in Northeastern Bulgaria.

Scheduled to take place following the election in Yugoslavia, the training exercises could serve as a quick launching pad for NATO's planned military strike. It was recently announced that the British aircraft carrier HMS Invincible is to be redeployed to the Adriatic over the next few months in support of any potential conflict over Montenegro.

Military force is only one component of the West's destabilization campaign, there are many, many others such as:

*1998 President Clinton during the bombing of Yugoslavia instructed the CIA to topple the Yugoslav government by funding secretly any opposition groups...to act as moles in the Yugoslav government and military.

*US offered a \$5 million reward for the capture of President Milosevic.

*Assassination of Yugoslav government officials are still ongoing, including the Defense Minister Pavle Bulatovic.

*During the war against Yugoslavia a US missile struck President Milosevic's home at 3.10 AM. The Pentagon spokesman Ken Bacon was quick to announce that "we are not targeting President Milosevic." At 3.10 AM it was an attempt at assassination, there is no doubt about it.

*Many foreign and local assassination squads, trained in the West, were caught smuggling explosives and guns into Yugoslavia.

*Following the Bosnian war the leader of the comando "Spider Group", Petrusic had organized 180 Bosnian Serbs (all pro-West mercenaries) to fight for Mobutu Sese Seku in Zaire, Africa. This was organized by the French intelligence and it became known that Petrusic was a bodyguard for French president Mitterand. This group infiltrated into the Serb Army, supplying the French intelligence and guiding NATO warplanes to their targets.

*The so-called "Serbian Liberation Army," funded and trained in the West was arrested at the border. Their task and main aim was to assassinate Milosevic and restore the monarchy.

*At the end of July 2000, a squad of four Dutch commandos were apprehended when trying to cross into Serbian territory from Montenegro. Their given job was to kidnap Milosevic and if successful, they could have collected \$30 million.

*US and NATO have set up many different organizations to undermine the Republic of Yugoslavia. Organizations such as the National Endowment for Democracy; George Soros' Open Society Institute; and the National Democratic Institute. They are all well funded and have access to anything they want from NATO secret services.

*Britain has set up "The New Serbian Forum" and it invites all Serbian professionals and academics to Hungary on a regular basis to discuss with British and all Central European "experts" to design "a blueprint for the post-Milosevic society".

*The Overseas "Private Invest-

ment Corporation (OPIC)" on July 26, 2000 inaugurated an investment fund managed by the "Soros Private Funds Management". Then there is also the "Southeast Europe Equity Financial Fund". Soros spelled it out as to what is meant by all these funds: "U.S. investment will create rich investment opportunities and I am happy to put my money where IMF puts theirs. There is money to be made here!"

President Milosevic and the ruling coalition enjoy considerable popular support in Yugoslavia and, many Western analysts admit that they are likely to emerge victorious in the September 24th election. This might set in motion, probably within a few months a NATO strike launched from Bulgaria which will be meant to overthrow the legally elected government of Yugoslavia. If the coup fails, then Montenegro could declare independence, setting in motion a rapid chain of events that would lead to a second all out war by NATO against Yugoslavia. The war in 1999 brought immense suffering to the Balkans. The next war promises to be catastrophic.

With many thanks to
KOMINFORM, Helsinki, Finland

COMMENT

Some readers might disagree with our comments, since the article is self-explanatory. Nevertheless we must state that this danger could develop into a Third World War and it should act as a catalyst for **UNITY** amongst the progressive forces in the world for action. It should also sink very deep into the consciousness of all the Soviet communist and workers parties that **UNITY** between them is of paramount importance...since what is happening and will happen in Yugoslavia is just a prelude what Russia and former Soviet Republics can expect. It is just a tragedy that the leadership of the land of Dimitroff (Bulgaria) have sold their rotten souls for 30 pieces of silver!

NEWS DIGEST COMMENT

From the Belly of the Beast

FROM "NO TO WTO" TO "NO TO CHINA"...THE US WORKING CLASS TAKES A STEP BACKWARD IN WASHINGTON, DC

By RAY O LIGHT

In the weeks following the powerful anti-WTO protests in Seattle and Washington, we observed that, "On November 30, 1999, for the first time in 50 years, a significant section of organized labor in the USA demonstrated opposition to all important international policies of the US ruling class."

As Mumia Abu-Jamal, the imprisoned Afro-American international anti-imperialist fighter, observed, "The battle of Seattle was a crucial one, but...it is merely a beginning, not an end."

We posed the following conclusion in December of 1999:

"For the proletarian revolutionary cause one significant question is, will the working class of the USA be won to the side of Clinton and US imperialism on the basis of protectionism, legalism, and also great-nation chauvinism? Or will the US workers continue the journey, only just begun, away from the fatal embrace of their own imperialists and into the arms of their brothers and sisters of all lands - the international proletariat?" ("No to WTO! The US Working Class Takes a Step Forward in Seattle")

April 9th began a "week of action" in Washington, D.C. to carry forward the anti-corporate momentum launched in Seattle. Union members joined in a "Jubilee 2000" rally on that day that called for debt relief for the oppressed nations being crushed under their debt to imperialist countries and groupings, the international banks and finance capital. The week's mobilization ended with the April

16th-17th Mobilization for Global Justice march and rally of protest by 30,000 people against the oppressive imperialist policies of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, whose delegates were meeting in Washington, D.C. This was a similar opportunity to protest to the one provided in Seattle the previous November by the WTO.

But John Sweeney, AFL-CIO President, and the other "labor lieutenants" of the capitalist class on the AFL-CIO Executive Council had carried out a major miseducation and mobilization campaign amongst the organized sector of the US working class for the April 12th, 2000 demonstration against China's entry into WTO under the slogan: "No Blank Check for China!"

It was precisely this anti-China mobilization that worried the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU), the union whose political strike in coordination with the Seattle anti-WTO protests has been the highlight of that historic event, shutting down the Seattle docks and ports up and down the West Coast. The old CIO union, with its militant left-wing tradition, held its convention immediately right after the April events. In a Resolution entitled, "The ILWU, China, and Human Rights", the ILWU warned: "The fight over trade with China should not overshadow or sidetrack the momentum built by Seattle protest over globalization and the corporate-led domination of workers worldwide..."

One of the few articles that has even gently exposed the AFL-CIO

leadership's betrayal of the US working class on this issue, was "The WTO, not China, Threatens US workers" by Anuradja Mittal and Peter Rosset of "Food First." They pointed out that, "It is not China joining the WTO that hurts American workers, it is the WTO itself." (Covert Action Quarterly, Spring-Summer 2000). They assert that, "While China should have the same right as any other nation to join the WTO, we should recognize that the WTO is bad for people everywhere, whether Chinese, American Mexican, or Indian." Mottal and Rosset conclude that, "The American labor movement and also the environmental movements need to give up their single country bashing."

In reality, it is the US-led banks and the multinationals which are harming the US and also the Chinese workers and will be able to harm the Chinese workers more now than their state has been accepted into WTO! Faithful servants of US imperialism that they are, Sweeney and his ilk demagogically called for "No Blank Check for China!" instead of "No Blank Check for International Banks and Multinational Corporations"... the message that had emerged from Seattle.

Using this ruse, Sweeney et al helped US imperialism to rally US workers against China on the basis of great nation chauvinism, anti-communism, and protectionism. In this way the US workers were maneuvered into shifting from outright opposition to WTO (their post-Seattle position) into a position of really defending the "integrity of WTO" from corruption by China!! This allowed Mr. Sweeney to return to his original pre-Seattle position of support for the Clinton-Gore-Bush US imperialist position in favor of WTO - "Just give labor a seat at the table - please!"

The AFL-CIO's April 12th, 2000 China-bashing demonstration diverted the 15,000 US organized workers away from the debt relief demonstration of April 9th and the much more anti-imperialist, anti-

monopolist demonstration against the World Bank-IMF on April 16th. Thus it broke them away from their new allies discovered in Seattle. And also broke the momentum which the participation of significant sections of organized labor on April 9th and especially April 16th would have represented.

More importantly, the April 12th "No Blank Check for China" demonstration successfully pitted the US section of the international working class against the Chinese section of the class plus all the rest of the international working class, once again making the US working class an ally of its own worst enemy - imperialism, headed by US imperialism.

Sweeney et al were able to use the anti-WTO, anti-Clinton momentum of the Seattle spirits to rally the workers to the great nation chauvinist projectionist position ("anti-China") on April 12th, objectively weakening the international working class opposition to WTO, and paving the way to a US imperialist victory (pro WTO) on May 24th! The "Republicans" in Congress were now strong enough to pass the May 24th resolution, on behalf of US imperialism, providing Permanent Normal Trade Relations to China. Thus the demonstration accomplished the exact opposite of what the workers intended!!!

On May 24th, by a vote of 237 to 197 the US Congress passed an important bill to provide China with the "Permanent Normalized Trade Relations" (PNTR). The

dominant section of US finance capital strongly desired the passage of this bill as evidenced by the bipartisan agreement of both the Republican and Democrats in the House where 73 Democrats provided the clear margin of victory. If this wasn't clear enough, "After the vote was taken that afternoon on May 24th, members of both parties left the House chamber and joined corporate lobbyists at separate fund-raisers that the two parties had conveniently scheduled for that same evening. The Republicans raised \$14 million from Who's Who of Corporate America, while the Democrats scored a record \$26.5 million from the same cash cows. In fact, the Democrats one-night total was more money than the entire 1991 Clinton campaign raised. That's what eight years of loyalty to Wall Street can deliver." (Hightower Lowdown", June 2000, his emphasis).

Even more striking was the unqualified support for the bill from both the current and the next President of the USA, i.e. Clinton along with Al Gore and George W. Bush. With the "Republican" duopoly's stranglehold on the Presidency, they effectively removed the "foreign trade" issue from any referendum of the people through the ballot box. (Of course, both Buchanan and even Nader provide the protectionist electoral "alternative" that still leads back to support of US imperialism.) In this set up deal, with few exceptions, they have

had the collaboration of the AFL-CIO's top leadership.

The momentum the working class members of the AFL-CIO and their newfound allies built up in the anti-WTO protests in Seattle, Sweeney and the dominant section of the AFL-CIO bureaucracy have been able to remain solidly behind Gore-Clinton and US imperialism. How did they accomplish this? In a word - "China-bashing".

Last December we observed: "This still relatively privileged section of the USA working class has discovered allies among environmentalists, anarchist youth, anti-imperialist national minority workers, and representatives of trade unions from other countries whom they cheered and marched with. Now that their eyes have begun to open, the task of the workers vanguard in the USA is to help deepen all these alliances while concentrating on solidarity among the international working class as the focal point of the alliance." As Marx taught, where the capitalists are better organized and united than the working class, they win. Where the working class is more united and organized than the capitalists - we win. April 12th and May 24th once again demonstrated the profound correctness of Karl Marx. The only way for the WTO-IMF-World Bank and imperialist onslaught against the world's peoples to be stopped remains:

WORKERS OF THE WORLD AND OPPRESSED PEOPLES UNITE!

Media Silence Cloaks U.S.-Backed Coup in Ukraine

Washington is deeply involved in a full-scale coup d'etat in Ukraine, the second biggest former Soviet Republic. But not a word of these events have appeared in any major U.S. news report.

Early on the morning of Febru-

ary 8, 2000 right-wing deputies and state security forces seized the main hall of the Ukrainian Parliament (the Rada) as armed police commandos surrounded the building. This struggle began on January 21, when deputies loyal to U.S. backed President Kuchma held an extralegal gathering in a

non-government building at the same time as the official Rada session was in progress. They illegally constituted themselves as the New Parliament. They voted to oust parliament speaker Tkachenko and deputy speaker Martyniuk. Ukraine now has two

rival parliaments.

Kuchma has been accused of falsifying the results of last November elections (as NSC had reported). These charges were borne out by all the European Union electoral observers

"Kuchma is trying to make a coup to gain absolute power," said Socialist Party leader Olexander Moroz. "He is acting on behalf of powerful private groups that support him. Since Kuchma got the presidency, his supporters became extremely rich.

Former U.S. Attorney General and founder of the International Action Centre, Ramsay Clark, has said: "Like the war in Yugoslavia, the attempted presidential coup in Ukraine is part of the NATO/Pentagon drive to the East, which carries great danger for all humanity. The U.S. corporate media, which so obediently repeated Pentagon/State Department lies about Kosovo, appears to have imposed an information blockade on the events in Ukraine and the U.S. involvement there. We must break that blockade. The democratic forces in Ukraine deserve the support of anti-war and justice-loving people of this country and around the world."

Peter Simonenko who calls for Ukraine to withdraw from the IMF was the runner up in the presidential election with 38% of the

vote. The opposition legislators from the Communist, Socialist, Progressive Socialist, Peasant and Slavic Parties all oppose Kuchma's plans to bring Ukraine into NATO.

Since the fall of the Soviet Union, IMF-imposed budget cuts have shut down major industries across Ukraine, causing widespread hunger. In Soviet times Ukraine was considered the breadbasket of the USSR and even of Europe. A report from Ukraine in February 24th issue of New York Review of Books, says most people there feel "it is a great misfortune that the Soviet Union no longer exists."

The coup in Ukraine coincides with other moves by the U.S. in Eastern Europe. Three opponents of Byelorussia President Alexander Lukashenko met with U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbot in Washington. A Reuters's dispatch reported ominously "The U.S. has poor relations with Byelorussia, which is seen as the least reformed of the newly formed CIS independent states."

Ukrainian opposition leaders warned that if Ukraine joins NATO it would become a base for war against Byelorussia. Such a confrontation would inevitably involve Russia as well. U.S. strategist Zbigniew Brzezinsky described Ukraine as a "military platform"

for NATO's expansion to the East.

General Wesley Clark, NATO Supreme Allied Commander Europe, visited Kiev last February 8, to discuss problems of NATO and Ukraine and to report on Ukrainian forces in Kosovo, Yugoslavia. He discussed some aspects of preparation for the NATO Council. For the first time ever in the history of NATO, the NATO Council will meet outside of NATO member states, specifically it met on March 1-2 in Kiev. The Ukraine-NATO Commission also met in Kiev.

From "Press for Conversion" #40.

All of the above facts should be the glue to cement the unity of the political left of Ukraine into a mighty force to fight this approaching fascist danger. Why hasn't this unity happened yet?

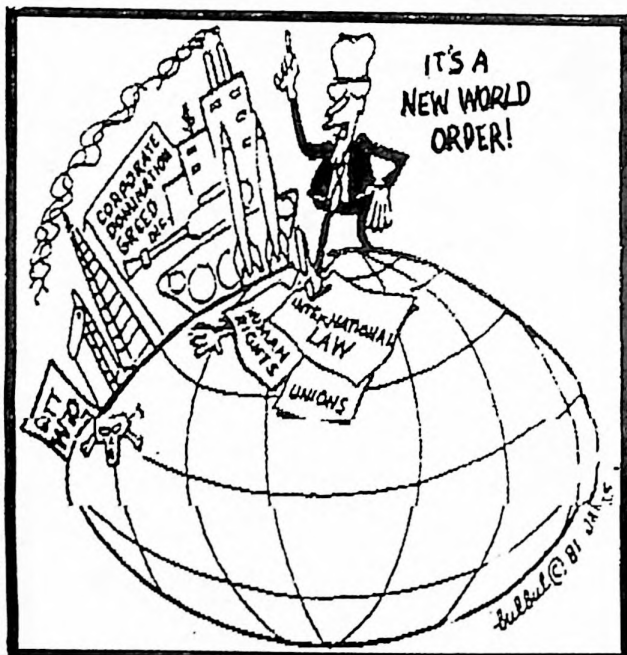
2ND WORLD MEETING OF FRIENDSHIP AND SOLIDARITY WITH CUBA Havana, November 10- 14, 2000

This Second World Congress is being called by the Cuban Institute of Friendship with the Peoples (CAP) and in Canada there is an Ad Hoc Committee, Steelworkers of Toronto which is organizing the Canadian contingent to this meeting.

The agenda will cover such topics as: Cuban Foreign Policy; Human rights and democracy; Relations between Cuba and USA; Cuban economy and perspectives; Fight against the blockade; Information and misinformation on Cuban reality and Exchange of experiences about solidarity work.

Information regarding costs and lodgings etc. can be had by getting in touch with the

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OPEN FORUM

BEWARE UNCLE SAM BEARING GIFTS

By ANA LUCIA GELABERT

In the wake of Elian Gonzalez return home, we Cubans face a possible rapprochement with our "good neighbour" the USA and what impact such may have on the sovereign and revolutionary Republic of Cuba: abbreviated as "The ROC".

Of course, revolutionary Cuba welcomes a complete normalization of affairs with the USA, today as much as in 1959, or 1898 or 1789 for that matter, as long as relations are conducted on equitable basis, with no strings attached to undermine our sovereignty.

It is the USA which, since before it was officially the USA, whilst purporting to be a good neighbour has perpetrated the unthinkable to try to annex Cuba whether by trickery or by force. To control and manipulate her economy so as to turn her into a pliant subject and ultimately another state of Gringotlan. "The Ripe Fruit" policy, so coined by president Jefferson 15 years before the birth of Karl Marx.

The current U.S. overtures to "normalize" relations with Cuba must be viewed in this light.

It is nothing like the U.S. Bourgeoisie had sudden conscience pangs on the harmful effects their genocide blockade of 40 years - the longest ever in the history of the world - had on the population of Cuba, especially on the most humble sectors not having relatives in the USA, and especially since 1989, after the Warsaw Pact was disbanded. And which in 1993 provoked the complete collapse of Cuba's economy.

But the exact opposite: that despite the worst genocide attempts by U.S. imperialism to strangle Cuba into submission,

and despite U.S. State Department agents practicing worldwide blackmail and armtwisting to coerce Cuba's clients to stop doing business with Cuba, despite their ongoing mercenary planes spraying Cuba's crops and cattle with biogerm weapons and, despite Wall Street's price manipulations and dumping to depress the price of Cuba's products on the world markets, despite all of that and more, Cuba's economy is bouncing back with a vengeance.

Proving two facts: one, that little Cuba (*meaning all of Latin America*) is able to function perfectly well without the USA and, second but not least, that socialism indeed works.

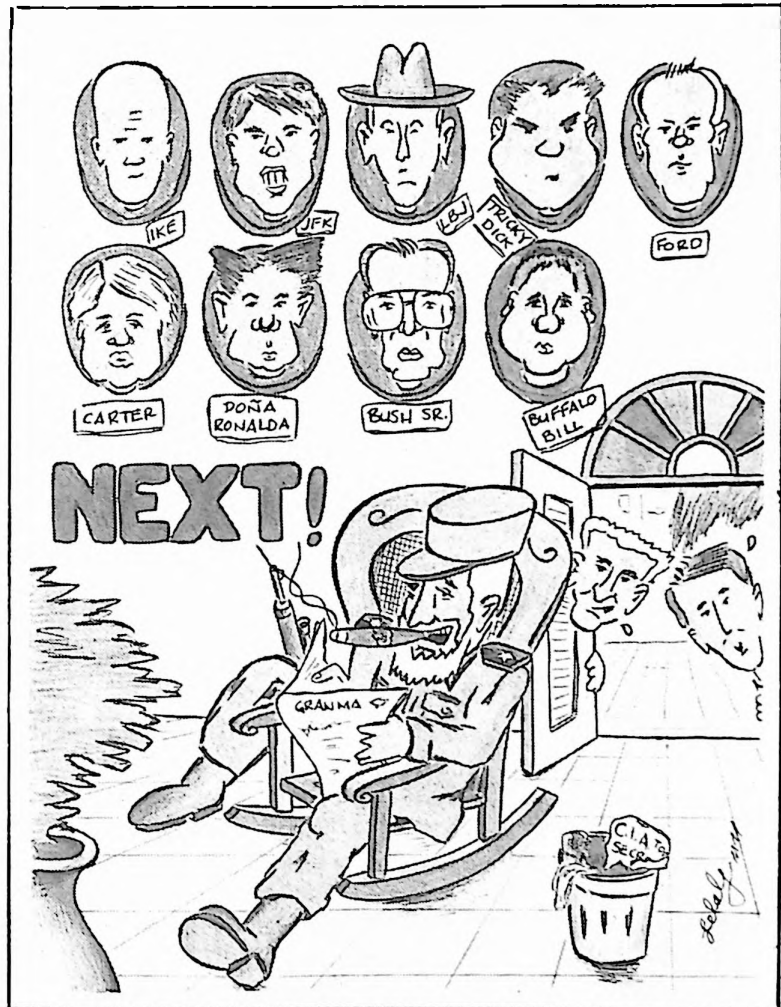
Because it would be impossible for Cuba to have survived such an onslaught by such a powerful and

nearby enemy, whilst preserving education, health care employment and conquests under any other system.

Precisely that is what worries the callous, inept, corrupt, decadent and genocidal Masonic elite now misruling the USA, with their "boring and insipid" tweedledees and tweedledums: Cuba's bouncing back from the "special period", despite all out U.S. efforts to annihilate her.

So like the ancient Greeks, unable to subdue Troy, the Gringo establishment now bears the normalization of relations as "gift" to us Cubans. Whilst loading the "gift" with hidden strings and hooks to reign us in.

Poor Gringos. After more than three centuries attempting to annex us into their "paradise", one would hope that they knew better! ■



DOTCOM

DELUSIONS

By JOHN SAMUEL



The new mantra is "*Information Is Power*". But who is being empowered by the Internet "*dotcom*" revolution? The consumers who are rushing for their daily on-line fix? Or is it the thirsty villagers who have access to neither technology nor plastic money? Or the merchants and brokers of information, money or images?

There's tones of information floating around the computer information highways these days. And there are hordes of Internet junkies swimming around in dotcom waters. But what all this information do for the hungry child or the thirsty village? How much of the modern technology and information fill an empty stomach? My concern is not about the validity of information, but that this contagious daily information is eclipsing reality.

All of a sudden all of Mumbai was filled with dotcom hoarding promising instant information nirvana for any problem under the sky: from dating to dancing, from soybeans to salvation, from cars to cricket, and from houses to headaches. The projected message was that you would not be able to survive without a dotcom connection on your computer Internet for your daily fix of information. This was the direct outcome of the climbing sensex and the boom in the infotech sector.

The important thing to consider here is not the newfound enthusiasm for all information. The important thing is that there's a process at work here in which information, image and money become more vital than the ideas, reality or resources they are supposed to represent.

There is a real connection between the predominance of finance capital or the money market, the high-pitched information market and the emerging politics of images. The connecting link is all these three protagonists of the market are not real at all, but something that represents the real. In other words money, information and image are signifiers of something else. Money in itself is useless unless it represents other needed resources. Money cannot fill the stomach or quench the thirst unless someone is ready to exchange the real resources (*i.e. the daily food, drink, clothing, commodities etc.*) for money. Money is not wealth. It is something that signifies wealth, consisting of material things and services necessary for the survival and improvement of living conditions. It is the same with all information. Information becomes important because it tells us about something else that exists in reality: about things, processes, situations, people, contexts etc. An image is some visual or perception that only represents something else: a person, a situation, an idea, etc. They are all in a sense mediums of exchange.

These days the frequently quoted one-line rationale for the marketing information is that "*Information is Power*". So let us all get dotcommed and empowered with the computer Internet. It's as simple as that! In that case, all we need to repower the people of the world is to ensure that like water, electricity and telephone connection, everyone will have dotcom connections as

DID YOU KNOW??

well. But alas our problems are much more complex. They will not be wished away with on-line computer mantras. If information is indeed **power**, why has the ongoing information revolution not brought about a socio-political revolution? Why is it that wider information dissemination manages to inform but fails to empower? Why is the right to information fails to check corruption in governments?

The questions we need to ask are: In whose hands does information become powerful? Who controls, disseminates and mediates all this information? What is the difference between information and knowledge?

One of the biggest information banks is controlled by the financial banks which control plastic money in the USA - Citibank, Standard Chartered, American Express and others. They know who buys what, when, where and how. By interpreting their data the bank can also know what a particular group of people buys a particular product. Yes, in the hands of these media empires, software companies, market enterprises and political power brokers, information becomes powerful; because they are in the business of mediating and controlling information. Meanwhile the consumers of information have only the illusion of empowerment.

The dotcom revolution is going to lead to even more information anarchy. The global information order will thrive on the confusion propelled by that anarchy. Information anarchy and information order in fact are two sides of the same coin. At the receiving end there will be so much information output that one will find it difficult to know what is useful and what is junk. One will have no time to interpret any such information and transform it into a strong knowledge base. On the contrary, the information explosion via your computer Internet dotcom re-

ceiver can create a sort of information-immunity wherein the information will fail to affect your feeling, thinking and action. Now there is so much information on corruption, people are no longer shocked by any scams; they have got used to it. It is not because of lack of information that the Dalits are still burned alive in India, (or the massacres in Iraq, Yugoslavia and other hot spots of the world) but because information about all these atrocities and arson no longer shocks you; you have got used to it.

The emerging information order, world finance market capitalism and image-driven politics will in the long run create more social and political insecurity in real life. Because the delusions of development, wealth and participation they create will not effectively change the ground realities of inequality, terror, mistrust, social paranoia and moral degeneration. When a signifier eclipses the signified and the link between them is broken, it will create a crisis in the very process of socio-political and economic exchange. In the new age it is the comparative advantage of technology and time that determined the "mediation process" of money, information and images. However, the overemphasis of such technology-driven mediation can in effect adversely affect the real creative and productive potential of human beings. Such a scenario calls for an urgent rethinking of the present information euphoria.

*The answer is only one -
Socialism!* ■

The Case Against God

Dr.Wm.Bunge

Darwin was the mortal foe of God. Darwin explains our creation, natural selection up from the green slime in the sea. Darwin explains "God's grand purpose in placing us here", the same pur-

pose as for mushrooms, to reproduce our species. These are all old arguments. There are also new ones. The Darwinian nature of the human crisis, his threatened eradication by his own hand is most clearly demonstrated by the creation of the little suns - H Bombs. Einstein said of them, "We have unleashed the forces of the universe!" There is ample corroborative evidence. Species that explode in very large numbers are short lived because they have overspecialized, as we have in our brain, and cannot stand environmental shifts. We are rapidly changing the environment itself. In a time when our species needs to be self-critical in the extreme, God does just the opposite for us. God flatters us since we are in made in his image and therefore are beautiful and perfect species. This explains the opiate of God based religions as well, since when people are oppressed and vilified they desperately need to be dignified. A God based religion will flatter the despised and the solace this produces is addictive in the extreme. Millions of people would rather die then grow up, since God is the Father and this leaves these children free of all adult responsibility and adult lack of innocence.

The best of religions are the nature loving pantheism's of most of our human history, since it puts humans very modestly in the context of many living creatures which must be respected for the survival of our race. Even better are the materialists such as Darwin, Einstein and especially Marx. If ending the exploitation of man by man is not soon achieved, replaced by the End of Revolutions, a world united by the workers, living in harmony with nature, so that no further revolutions are necessary...if such condition is not soon achieved, there will be no further chance to achieve it.

God based religions are always imposed by force. They are never voluntary. Remove this force and God and religion will shrivel away to nothingness. ■

Ever Look At It This Way?

- 1.To protect the British Isles the English took the sea.
- 2.To protect the sea the English took Gibraltar, Canada and India.
3. To protect India the English went to Egypt.
- 4.To protect Egypt, the English took Sudan.

- 1.The French believe that trade follows the flag.
2. So do the English,
So do the Germans,
So do the Japanese,
So do the Italians.
- 3.Italy is in Ethiopia for the same reason that the French are in Algeria, the English in India, the Japanese in Manchuria.



- 1.Theodore Roosevelt used to say: "If you want peace prepare for war."
2. So everybody prepared for war, but war preparations did not bring peace; they brought war.
- 3.Since war preparations brought war, why not quit preparing for war?
- 4.If nations prepared for peace instead of preparing for war, they might have peace.

CCF Federationist, April 14, 1938 ■

**WHAT THE CANADIAN FREE
PRESS REFUSES TO
PUBLISH!**

**LETTER TO THE EDITORS OF
"GLOBE AND MAIL", TORONTO**

Your editorial *"The Politics of Trash"* (August 14, 2000) states: *"Garbage is an inevitable byproduct of all human society"*. An *"inevitable"* corollary would be *"money and power equally creates arrogance and contempt for the sensibilities of all other people"*...and the terrain on which we live. You cannot be unaware that the *Globe & Mail* was established as a result of the mining of gold-bearing ores lying precisely beneath the city of Kirkland Lake. Your G&M founding *"father"*, Wm. Wright and his *"take"* from the Wright-Hargeaves Mine made that possible in the mid 1930's.

At that time (*and for many years after*) the people of Kirkland Lake were prevented from incorporating their town. As a result they were unable to levy certain tax levies against all of the mining properties within their boundaries under the Ontario Province Mining Tax Act. This was why, until 1972, *"Kirkland Lake"* was officially the *"Township of Teck"* with provincial reduced powers of taxation.

The gold produced by Wright Hargeaves, Lakeshore, Teck-Huges, Kirkland Lake Gold, Sylvanite, Toburn (*previously Tough Oakes*) and Macassa thus contributed little in revenue for the tax starved township. The figure

**WHO SAID THIS ON JANUARY 21,
1927?**

If I had been an Italian, I would be wholeheartedly with the Fascists from start to finish in your triumphant struggle against the bestial appetite and passions of Leninism... you have rendered a service to the world...

Winston Churchill

of production and dividends paid, to some degree because of their municipal tax immunities, exceeded the half billion dollar mark. For Wright Hargeaves and Lakeshore alone the figures are \$432.1 millions produced, with \$154.86 millions showing in the dividend column. But by 1934 another odious contribution to the community had flowed from those mines... the *"free waste dump"* into the pristine waters of Kirkland Lake had created a level of pollution, including human excrement, that grave endangering filth threatened the *"township"*. The *"township"* fathers, weak as they were, took legal action, mostly in response to the public outcries of a threatened population. The action was against Wright Hargeaves, Lakeshore, Kirkland Lake Gold, Teck-Hughes and Sylvanite who had over the years simply dumped their waste, without restriction, into the lake. A Mining Court Judge ordered the mining of a tunnel from the lake, under the town and to empty into Murdoch Creek on the south. The Township paid a major part of the cost. The creek in turn has water flow into Round Lake, a few miles south and adjacent to the Adams Mine *"open pits"*. Round Lake is a source water for the intricate waterways leading south from the height of land a few miles north of Lake Sessakinika. Eventually the entire water table to the Ottawa River is involved... and in very possible jeopardy, from the *"garbage disposal"* scheme you support.

To suggest that *"critics have warned there MIGHT be fractures...or an earthquake MIGHT create fractured, that MIGHT let pollutants leak"* falls (*pardon me*) MIGHTILY within the oxymoronic sphere when you ignore the warning. Anyone with even a smidgen of knowledge of the rocks of the Pre-Cambrian Shield knows that without exception there are both current and developing pressure *"fissures"* and the rock movements indiscernible to the naked eye on a continuous, ongoing basis. Any miner knows

that. It follows that regardless of *"expert"* studies, official pronouncements, political blandishment, or even *Globe & Mail* editorials, Toronto garbage dumped into the open pits of the Adams Mine will *"leach"*, *"leak"* and *"travel"* in both underground water tables and in surface waters. To suggest otherwise is not only to hoodwink the general public. It will confront the future with disaster that will make Ontario's current water pollution crisis seem somewhat *"old-hat"* that is incredibly dangerous as it is.

It is disgusting and distressing to find your newspaper arrogantly lending patronizing support to what has been for a very long time a virtual *"colonial"* status of the vast, wondrous (*not to mention "super-profitable"* for non-resident investors) area of Canada's North and the people living there. One might have hoped that in the sixty five years since Wright's exploitation of Kirkland Lake that led to the founding of the *Globe & Mail* some minor appreciation, even humility, might have found its way into your considerations.

The trade-off and your approval of a few dirty dollars that would enhance the interests of a few in exchange for a 700,000 ton annual shipment of Toronto's garbage, as well as very possible (*even probable*) destruction of vast areas and amounts of pure water supply, really illustrates the old *"Alice-in-Wonderland"* saw. *"the more things change, the more they are the same..."* I write as a former Kirkland Miner and a long-term resident on Northern Ontario and the North of Canada, now retired and living in the Greater Toronto Area. I wish to hide my embarrassment from my Northern Neighbors and friends at the mindless actions of the GTA and Provincial Government. Perhaps they should be parceled to go into the Adams Mine. Now there is a thought.

Ray Stevenson
Associate Editor of NSC

STAR WARS!

U.S. SKYWATCH PROJECT

A chain of advanced radar stations is a necessary part of Clinton/Gore/Bush's plans for obeying their weapons producing masters by establishing the notorious anti-missile NMD project and thereby start a new profitable arms race.

One of the indispensable radar stations for this is the Thule radar station in Greenland that is colonized by Denmark.

Strangely enough, the Greenlanders are opposed to becoming a missile target for the purpose of protecting the American aggressors from retaliation.

In spite of the European opposition to this extremely insane project that violates the international treaties, the opportunistic "social democratically" dominated Danish government has refused to decide on the permission for the expansion of the radar station. In the "social-democratic" opportunistic traditions this Danish government tries to avoid any inconvenience.

Instead of taking a firm stand, the government tries to shirk the

dilemma arising from the normal Danish government subversiveness to U.S. policies. As always, and not least with regard to Greenland, the ruling Danish politicians only deliver lies, obscurity, deceit or fait accompli.

Furthermore, the Danish prime minister having been blessed with the golden sunshine being irradiated from the crown of power of Clinton during personal meetings, so a disgraceful opposition to the imperialist warmonger seems unthinkable, even if the Prime Minister also is under pressure in the opposite direction from his rather big European Union (EU) allies. Hopefully the balance for the present moment after all might be uncertain.

As this Thule Radar is a necessary link in the NMD project, this unique situation might be the last chance of stopping the Star Wars future.

Please send your protests to:
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NSC and Organizing Committee has sent letters of protest to this dangerous Star Wars attempt. ■

SPECIAL FOR NORTHSTAR COMPASS

Al Gore, The Jews and the Liberal-Left

By DAVE SILVER

The shrewd choice in this USA presidential race, the very first Jewish vice-presidential nominee has received a very positive response not only from the Rabbis and the leaders of the major Jewish organizations, but also

from a broad spectrum of liberal and Left people, some of whom were active in the civil rights struggles of the 60's. Can we say that the selection of Joseph Lieberman (JL) is a blow to anti-Semitism let alone white racism?

I think not. Gore and Clinton were the chief architects of the Democratic Leadership Council which moved the party's "middle" to the Right to keep pace with the perceived movement of their constituency to the Right. Much as the Reagan-Bush years did for the Republicans.

Rather, the central consideration in choosing JL over let's say a "more moderate" Senator Richard Gephardt, was the possibility of winning over some Jewish Republicans, as well as some a bit to the Left (such as Jews who are in the "Reform Temple" who maybe toying with Ralph Nader) as well as "Independents." Lieberman was perfect for projecting an image of a "pragmatic independent" whose "moral values" were exemplary. Of course we have seen Jews in and out of US government with far more power than Joseph Lieberman --- there were Henry Kissinger, the Secretary of State Madeline Albright, Alan Greenspan, Secretary of "Defense" William Cohen and Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin come to mind.

Who is this moral Jewish American that is so compatible with the policies and practices of the ruling class? JL is for the death penalty, school vouchers for private and parochial schools, the "anti-missile defense" and was one of ten Democrats that voted for the genocide bombing of Iraq. He had also advocated sending troops to Bosnia, supports not only the blockade against Cuba but the Helms-Burton law and the Cuban Democracy Act which tightens the screws to the heroic Revolutionary Cuba even more. In addition, he supports "welfare reform" (the Clinton kind which has and will result in sickness and death for thousands of poor people) as well as reform of Social Security (with the Transnational corporations, Investment bankers and insurance companies allowed into the fray) and while JL says he's for protecting the rights of undocumented immigrants, he is for that quintessential anti-labor law



the North American Free Trade Agreement as NAFTA.

Oh yes, this "pragmatic independent" nominee must convey a liberal face as well. So he claims to be for women's right to choose and a healthier environment as long as it doesn't infringe on the "rights" of the corporate community. In fact JL happens to be the 3rd largest recipient of money from the pharmaceutical corporations, not exactly a prescription for healthier people, especially if you are poor. The moral JL has collaborated with the Christian Right in the person of Ralph Reed to uphold the right of school prayer. This peace loving moral man from the rich state of Connecticut supported Clinton's delay on the ratification of the nuclear proliferation treaty although it's fine for imperialist USA to continue testing. This moral man shouted for joy at the pre-emptive strike of our Mideast puppet Israel and its victorious aggression in 1967 Six Day War which added Suez and the Golan Heights to Israel's Lebenstraum. In addition, like Jewish neo-fascist and former Minister of Defense Ariel Sharon, Lieberman views all Arabs as "Untermenschen", a favorite description of inferior peoples by Hitler, the Chancellor of the Third Reich.

As I write these lines, we hear on Cspan even more unique and sophisticated ways for repression of protesters at the Staples Center in Los Angeles. The ACLU attorney for Southern California, Dan Takaji and organizer Susan Goldberg tell of new draconian measures planned by the Mayor and LA Police Department. In the section of the Ramparts district where the scandals make the New York Police Department pale by comparison, we have already witnessed preventive detention, helicopter and video surveillance, arrests and detention for the perceived leaders and organizers who have visited the area. Pepper spray and chemical weapons is on the agenda as well. The ACLU lawsuit which has been filed alleges preemptive strikes, kidnap-

ping, harassment and intimidation of activists. The attorney mentioned the case of puppeteers being raided and handcuffed and when they questioned the cops, the response was "fuck you" and the cuffs were tightened. The protesters were then threatened with "we'll see you Saturday" alluding to a demonstration that was planned for that day.

Instead of falling into the trap of the evil of two lessors (*won't a vote for Nader help elect Bush they ask ?*) the lessons here are that we have to organize, organize and organize even as we "hit the streets". But with a difference from the past failed efforts of Resistance. No feeding of illusions that the Democratic Party can be "reformed" and be part of a people's solution rather than the problem. We must clearly name the enemy and their puppets in the White House, State Houses and City Halls. They are called Transnationals and Banks. For it is this common enemy alone which unites all of the significant present issues facing the overwhelming majority of working poor and retired people on fixed incomes. In addition, we must organize against the special oppression of people of color and the systemic and institutionalized racism of a system that literally kills for profit, and guarantee that the most oppressed not only participate in it but give leadership to such a national, independent political movement. ■

BOOK REVIEWS

By RAY STEVENSON

MARXIST REVIEW

In the present historical phase, an ideological stagnation within the communist revolutionary camp has given rise to demoralization

and ritualism among most of world revolutionary activists. Retrogressive pragmatism, reigning supreme in the notion of individual Communists has almost replaced whatever dynamism there was within the camp. Barring a few world isolated cases, the entire communist camp appears to have lost the capacity of thoroughly analyzing its own activities in the axis of party-revolution-socialism. On the contrary, most groups and organizations prefer now to wage partial and localized struggles on the basis of the immediate demands of the masses, and the extension and consolidating their mass following. Such pragmatic and sectarian practice has gradually replaced the revolutionary essence of the very doctrine which they began their journey decades ago. While no ideological struggle can be carried out ignoring the daily struggle in the economic, political and cultural fronts, and that in the contradiction between "theory" and "practice", "practice" generally constitutes the principal aspect, it must be stressed that in a period when theories being ignored, "theory" must be given priority.

At the moment the cutting edge of political activity of the communist groups appear to be aimless and feeble as compared to that of the ruling classes and the revisionists. The common sense discussion of the politically uninitiated petty bourgeoisie is served roundabout as "scientific" analyses. But, closer examination reveals that some communists are hardly able even to transcend the ideological reference frames delineated by the bourgeoisie for molding mass public opinion. So much so, that they are rarely able to even analyze penetratingly the struggles of the working class and the masses all over the world. No exposure is given as to how at

each specific situation the ruling class considerations more often than not follow the beaten track. Instead of revolutionary war they are promoting their self interest under the guise of the interests of all the common people, especially the working class.

Criticism of governments and exploitation by imperialist world bourgeoisie is only done in vague generalizations, without exposing and opposing their policies in concrete historical reference. The duty of all of us as Communists can hardly be done only by general preaching of revolution and extolling armed struggle and only through the demagogic expression of hostility towards the ruling classes! Unfortunately, too little is being done. Coupled to this, there remains the extreme weakness of exposing and combating all revisionism, reformism and left adventurism, as safety mechanisms of bourgeois dominance. In addition, the protracted history of functioning as groups and the ensuing process of group consolidation has placed the communist groups in a situation where politics is not now in command, where political professionalism is absent and where the consolidated form of the groups are gradually being counterpoised to the formation of a revolutionary party.

A relentless struggle is necessary in this situation, where dependency and chaos is the order of the day and where pragmatic notions substitute the revolutionary essence of the working class ideology and Marxism-Leninism. This has become ever more important in view of the conditions of the working class movements at the national and international level.

Genuine communists should therefore take a very hard look at themselves and at their shortcomings so as to play a leading role

in the rectification of the past mistakes. This is what scientific socialism demands from all of us Communists now. And an immediate start, however insignificant, has to be made right now.

COMMENT

Dear readers:

We are pleased to re-publish the "Editor's Note" from "Marxist View", published in West Bengal, India, and edited by Ashoke Roy. It has been the view of NSC, our Editorial Board, and we believe the majority of our readers and supporters that the historical debacle that came with the downfall of the Soviet Union, was primarily, (*if not totally*) the end result of serious decline, and the reversal of the working class science of Marxism-Leninism. Given all of the massive external pressures of monopoly capitalist forces, alienation and passivity that developed in all Socialist countries was inevitably the result of revolutionary, leading and constructive role of the working class when it had lost its scientific compass and positive direction.

The further result has been (*in the ensuing years*) both massive growth of capitalist ideology and opportunism, and as an integral part of that, the growth of social reformism, cynicism and apathy. How else can be explained the world-wide phenomena (*hoax that it is*) of the so-called "Third Way" and the emergence of the Government of Blair, Schroeder et al...(*even of "Clintonism"*)...as the political and social underpinning of the "Globalization" program of the world Transnational Corporate Power. Even in former "East Bloc" countries we find again and again emergence of ex-Communists now posing opportunistically as "Third Way" characters, being cheered on by the most venal and corrupt forces of the TNC's, and acting as the main supporting pillars in all those primitive capitalist states. Within all the Soviet lands themselves, a myriad of "Marxist-Leninist" parties appear to be wandering through all the thorny

thickets of incomprehensible and muddled theoretical quagmire. Otherwise there would not have appeared within even the alienated working class the Marxist-Leninist comprehensive forces to lead the way in a reconstructed Socialist and Soviet controlled power. These were won through ever intensifying class struggles, led by the working class and guided by the science of Marx, Lenin and years of immense and brilliantly successful construction and the defense of socialism that have seemingly evaporated under the bourgeois onslaught through the World Bank, IMF etc., producing now only monstrous negative results.

We agree with Editor Ashoke Roy when he writes: "Genuine Communists should...take a very hard look at themselves and their shortcomings so as to play a leading role in the rectification of all of "past mistakes" and that "diverse shades of opinion within the revolutionary camp" should and must be brought to the fore, examined, debated and digested and put to work. As in the past, that will require and it will come in the course of hard, ongoing debates and theoretical differences and struggles."

It is not the role of Northstar Compass to participate in such, as if we (NSC) are an island of "infallibility". It however is our role to promote and lay before our members and supporters that which leads in the direction of "healing" the historically obscene wounds of division between the working class and its historical mission. Material conditions will create and re-develop new revolutionary situations, and the necessity quickly for "a new Socialist world". Failure to fulfill our role would be to negate and erase our central purpose...the restoration of Socialism to the land of the Soviet and the redevelopment of genuine and dedicated Marxist-Leninist Proletarian Socialism as the way forward for all of humanity.

Welcome to our pages, "Marxist View!"

History supports anti-Black conspiracy theories

A REPORT:

By CLEM MARSHALL

Ecclesiastes 7:7 "Surely oppression destroys a wise man's reason, and a bribe debases the heart."

Perhaps the hardest thing for most of us to do is to look in the mirror and see what we don't like in ourselves. Isn't it the same for groups and nations? The Japanese nation still does not fully admit to the horrors of its occupation of China. It is only now that the German nation is preparing to build a memorial to some of the millions murdered by Nazis in its name. And many members of the richest, most powerful nations in the world – most of those who now call themselves the G-8 – have still to own up to their acts of depravity that depopulated Afrika. It's no wonder that in the eyes of many 'G' stands for 'Genocide' as more truth finds the light. Because of these very human and historical factors we all need to develop some healthy suspicion in dealing with those who deal in our health.

Historians tell us that in the year 1650 there were about 103-million Europeans in the world. At that time there were around 100-million Afrikans on their home continent. Soon, however, hordes from outside swept down and ravished the First Nations of Afrika. So while other continents grew, Afrika's population fell. As a result there were some 423-million Europeans by 1900. On the other hand the ever-fertile Afrikan population made only a tiny increase from 100- to about 120-million over those two centuries. Historian Dr. Walter Rodney has documented the indelible scar this has left on Afrikan development in his brilliant study: *How Europe Underdeveloped Africa*.

We must look at the record because the wounds are still real. Up to this date the Belgian nation has not admitted any guilt about the more than 10-million Congolese butchered under Belgium's King Leopold between 1898 and 1908. In fact, Belgians, their arms suppliers and armed forces have continued to be a strong presence in Congolese affairs from that time until today. Unlike the Germans in Europe, however, they have yet to lay even a rough stone in memory of the millions their nation killed.

What still comes as a surprise, however, is how differently the Germans treat Afrikans from Europeans even today. So even as they pay reparations for unspeakable Nazi crimes in Europe they continue to ignore the unspeakable crimes of the German nation in Namibia. Long before Adolph Hitler there lived a German mass murderer named Trotha. Sent to Namibia he became a scourge to the Afrikans there. Under his evil direction, generations before they tried to exterminate their own brothers and sisters in Europe, the Germans murdered three-quarters of the Hereros and half of the Nama people in Namibia. They planned to settle the land themselves but didn't want any trace of its Black owners around. The Nama and Herero bravely defended their land. But in the end they

were out-gunned as the German aggressors rounded the landowners up and murdered as many as they could in cold blood.

Many of the memories of that genocidal genius still haunt Namibia today. Far from being contrite, however, descendants of the Europeans now living there proclaim that they have a right to the lands of the peaceful people their grandparents killed. In a letter to the newspaper *The Namibian* (June 30) one of them totally ignored the legacies of genocide. He or she (the writer did not sign the letter) went on to blame Afrikans for settling too many people on too little land. This was the fault of the Afrikans themselves, the writer complained, because they were guilty of reproducing too fast. Wouldn't that be similar to saying that the growth in Aboriginal populations in Canada is a social ill because the First Nations are recovering from genocide? And what of the growth in the European populations who have suffered from genocide as well? Isn't it a blessing that they survived and now increase? But back to Afrika! One wonders why, when the descendants of the Europeans in Namibia have gained so much and got away with so much, they remain so angry with the Afrikans they have caused so much harm?



CLEM MARSHALL

Some readers might want to know why these histories are so important. They are vital because we need them to really understand what is happening in Afrika today. Let's begin with the brave statement by Stephen Lewis on the Rwanda genocide. For the second time in my life Canada's former representative to The United Nations has earned my admiration. The first time, in *the Stephen Lewis Report*, he spoke out in plain, honest words about the unique persecution Black people face in 'multicultural' Ontario. And even a very recent study by York University confirms his findings. The second time Stephen Lewis earned my respect he unmasked the treacherous roles being played

by Kofi Annan, the UN and the Americans in Afrika today. In fact in an interview aired on the CBC in July he laid bare facts that let us see how the United Nations often plays the part of mercenary for the world's richest states in today's warring world.

At the time of his revelations Lewis was giving an inter-

...as for those who have no kind feelings for us, why should we expect them to tell us when they know of a plot against us?

view on hidden aspects of the genocide in East Afrika that was carried out several years ago. Going even further, in the course of his discussion, Lewis boldly called Madeleine Albright, U.S. Secretary of State, to account. Why? Because, according to him, she had looked the other way when she knew of a coming genocide. Lewis' convictions were based, he said, on the findings of an independent commission into those horrific events. Also serving with him on that team were one Indian and four Afrikan statesmen selected by the Organization of African Unity. The commission met and sifted the evidence behind the deliberate murder of 500,000 Rwandans. What the group found was that, while she was U.S. representative to the UN, Albright coldly blocked any UN member nation that tried to stop the genocide. "I wonder," he said, "how Madeleine Albright lives with herself?"

...the conspiracy to keep apartheid going...

I hope someone can help me with this question. How it is possible for these things to go on and for us to remain so ignorant of them in this the information age? One of my goals in teaching, therefore, is to examine how the media manages to keep us from seeing the truths that really affect our lives. First let me confess that I believe that there is a very real conspiracy to kill Afrikans wherever we are in the world. The 1885 Berlin Conspiracy (called the 'Berlin Conference' in history books) where Europeans met to plan to rape and pillage Afrika was a fact. You can find the evidence in the *General History of Africa: III* published by UNESCO. The conspiracy to kidnap and work Afrikans to death in the Americas and the Caribbean was a fact. Historian Dr. Eric Williams documents it conclusively in his doctoral thesis and bestseller: *Capitalism and Slavery*. That monstrous attack on Afrikans began with the English in the middle of the 15th Century. It continues with the false arrest, conviction, unfair use of jail and the death penalty

98 VIDEOS TO CHOOSE FROM

In the November issue of NSC there will be a 4 page insert advertising these Soviet made videos that are not available anywhere else. Some of this archival footage has been destroyed now by the present Russian bourgeois regime. These are historical archival footage of the glorious past of the USSR and the socialist future of the resurrected Soviet Union.

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against Black people around us today. Amnesty International has issued several papers on those issues. Many academic, newspaper and TV studies confirm that we are excluded from jobs we deserve and housing we can afford. *The Toronto Star* has in fact covered these areas in its series on discrimination.

The conspiracy of lynching in the U.S. and the burning of Black churches in North America are facts. Over 90 photos of mutilated Black men and women appear in the recent U.S. publication: *Without Sanctuary* by Allen, Als, Lewis and Litwack. And in many of them the camera captures the cheering White crowd. The international conspiracy by the U.S., Canada, Japan, Israel, Britain and other powerful nations to keep murderous Apartheid going was a fact recorded in many sources including the annals of NATO and the decisions of the Security Council. The crack cocaine and gun conspiracy against Black communities by the FBI and CIA across North America is a fact. Read *Dark Alliance: The CIA, the Contras and the Crack Cocaine Explosion* by journalist Gary Webb. And for confirmation of the conspiracy of silence in the press read *Whitewash: The CIA, Drugs and the Press* by Alexander Cockburn and Jeffrey St. Clair. Today, through the Internet, all of these charges can be checked on by anyone who doubts them.

With all that hard evidence why wouldn't any sane person believe in conspiracy? I know that we have been taught to mock 'conspiracy theories'. But we would be fools, as the repeated targets of conspiracy, to ignore our own experience. If we are wrong to believe that we are under attack then there is nothing lost. At worst, we will distrust some trustworthy allies. But then those who really love us would prefer us to be safe rather than sorry. If we are right then we have a better chance to save our lives. Anyway, let's break it down! Why should we accept denials of conspiracy from the same individuals, groups and institutions with the most to gain from discrimination against us? Wouldn't it be only natural for those who in their guts know the truth to feel too guilty or ashamed to admit it? And, as for those who have no kind feelings for us, why should we expect them to tell us when they know of a plot against us?

None of the conspiracies I have mentioned, however, are as plain as the one revealed during South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission. What you are about to read is not my theory. This is a real conspiracy. And this time we have caught the conspirators with their fingers on the trigger, or rather the test tubes and poisons in their deadly hands. For those who believe, therefore, it must seem like the power of our Ancestors that exposed this shameful secret to the world in the 1998 *Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission*.

The following quote appears in the chapter on "South Africa's Chemical and Biological Warfare Program:"

"The image of white-coated scientists, professors, doctors, dentists, veterinarians, laboratories, universities and front companies, propping up Apartheid with the support of an extensive international network was a particularly cynical and chilling one. Here was evidence of science being subverted to cause disease and undermine the health of communities. Cholera, botulism, anthrax, chemical poisoning and the large-scale manufacture of drugs of abuse... were amongst the projects of the program. Moreover... 'applicators' [murder weapons... were] developed for their administration."

With thanks to Dr. William Bunge

UNDERSTANDING FASCISM AND ITS MODERN CHARACTERISTICS

By KEVIN WALSH, PHOENIX, AZ. USA and
ERIC MUELLER, DALLAS, TX. USA

We invite the readers to comment on this extensive and thought-provoking article by two dedicated readers from the Valley of the Beast - USA!

When we think of the struggle against fascism, we often think of events that transpired in the 1930s and 1940s and only of such people as Hitler, Mussolini, Tojo and Franco. Many rightists and also phony leftists also use the term fascist to describe any kind of government that does not meet the norms of a bourgeois republic. Some leftists, phony and genuine, mistakenly believe that racial and national prejudice is a necessary and sufficient condition for a regime to be fascist.

Georgi Dimitrov defined fascism as, "the open terrorist dictatorship of the most reactionary, most chauvinistic and most imperialist elements of finance capital." (The Fascist Offensive and the Task of the Communist International", August 2, 1935, in The United Front by Georgi Dimitroff, London: Lawrence & Wishart, 1938, p. 10.) Let us analyze this carefully. For a regime to be fascist, it must be openly terrorist, and it must be representative of the most reactionary elements of the imperialist bourgeoisie.

To be fascist, a regime must be openly terrorist within its own borders. This does not mean that a regime with some petty regulations against leftist activists is automatically fascist. In a fascist country, just about any open progressive agitation will cause the

perpetrator to be arrested, killed or exiled. This is a general terror, not isolated incidents of state terror (e.g. the Cintelpro suppression of the Black Panther Party in the USA), nor is it some general incidents of state-sponsored intimidation that did not rise to the level of outright terror (e.g. the McCarthy hearings in the USA). The USA has never exercised the general mass terror characteristics of true fascism, nor is there an immediate danger that it will. The government of the USA clearly represents the most reactionary elements of the imperialist bourgeoisie, but the method of rule is not through mass terror within the borders of the USA, and therefore it would be incorrect to characterize the USA as a fascist country. The same applies to Canada, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, and the countries of Western Europe.

To be fascist, a regime must be a dictatorship of the most reactionary elements of the imperialist bourgeoisie. Obviously therefore a dictatorship of the proletariat, no matter how much dictatorship needs to use, cannot be called fascist. Rightists and phony leftists, using reports (often grossly exaggerated) of the use of terror by socialist and progressive regimes, will often claim that there is no distinction between socialism and fascism. The primary and the most important distinction is the class character of the regime, that is, for whom the dictatorship is exercised. Another important distinction is against whom the terror is directed. The dictatorship of the proletariat will use its might in defense of the control of

the state by the workers and peasants, and this might well be directed at the bourgeoisie, and those workers and peasants who would betray their class. This might is always in response to the external terror exerted on the worker's state by capitalist states. Therefore the USSR was never fascist.

By the same token, an openly terrorist dictatorship by relatively progressive elements of the bourgeoisie is also not fascist. This requires a deeper analysis. Which elements of the bourgeoisie are most reactionary, and which elements are those with whom we can enter alliances?

In the age of imperialism, which is the age in which all fascist regimes have developed, the most reactionary elements of the bourgeoisie are those which actively participate in imperialism - those that derive profits not only from the exploitation of workers in their own countries but also from the exploitation on entire nations in the third world. These elements consist not only of the grand bourgeoisie of the imperialist countries but also of the comprador bourgeoisie of the third world countries. The comprador bourgeoisie consists of those elements of the bourgeoisie in the third world countries who depend upon the exploitation of their nation by foreign business entities for their own profits. These include the third world corporate offices transnational corporations and owners of businesses that depend primarily upon trade with the imperialist countries for profits. It is obviously in the interest of this element of the bourgeoisie

to support not only capitalism but also imperialism, and this element is the most reactionary. In general it is impossible to form any revolutionary alliance with this section of the bourgeoisie, and when this section is in power and uses open terror against the workers, peasants, and progressive people, there is a fascist regime. Unlike fascism in imperialist countries, which is generally extremely jingoistic, third world fascist regimes are seldom, if ever, nationalistic against the imperialist nations, for that would be biting the hand that feeds the comprador bourgeoisie, and these regimes are often not nationalistic against other comprador regimes in the third world, for that would be bad for globalized business. Such regimes are definitely hostile to third world countries with socialist or progressive nationalist governments, and this is often disguised as nationalism.

ASSESSING THE TRUE NATURE OF A MOVEMENT

The third world's national bourgeoisie and petit-bourgeoisie are relatively progressive elements of the bourgeoisie and often find that their interests conflict with those of the comprador and imperialist bourgeoisie. Third world national bourgeoisie and petit-bourgeoisie exploit the workers of their countries but are distinct from the comprador elements in that their markets are mostly local, and they have little or no dependence on foreign trade.

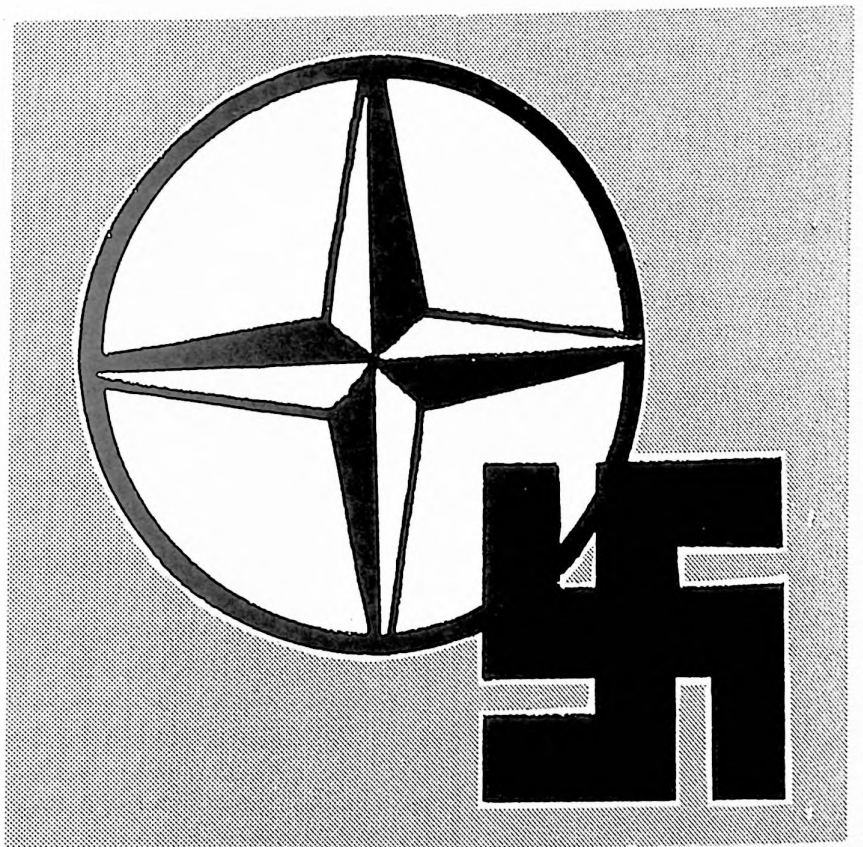
Indeed, the transnational corporations are a source of unwanted competition, which is particularly withering given that the imperialist countries have superior technology and thus the transnational corporations are often able to provide the same products at lower prices and in larger quantities than the companies of the national bourgeoisie. For example, Kenya and Uganda grow very large quantities of cotton, yet most Kenyans and Ugandans wear clothing imported from Asia.

There are local textile mills, but they are more primitive and less efficient than those of the transnational corporations, which are located in Asian countries. The result is that even with the added cost of shipping, Asian clothing is less expensive than African-made clothing. The national bourgeoisie in Eastern Africa is obviously suffering because of the success of the comprador bourgeoisie.

For this reason the third world national bourgeoisie and petit-bourgeoisie have a common interest with their workers and peasants in resisting the comprador bourgeoisie, and revolutionary alliances can be made on this basis. These elements of the bourgeoisie also have an interest in exploiting their own workers and peasants, so these classes can be vacillating and treacherous. They can and do sometimes adhere to the comprador bourgeoisie in suppressing the workers and peasants as part of regimes that are genuinely fascist. When a regime is installed in the third world consisting of an alliance of the national bourgeoisie, peasants and workers against the

comprador bourgeoisie, this type of regime often must use openly terrorist methods in suppressing the comprador bourgeoisie and intellectuals who served the comprador bourgeoisie. When this is done, it may seem to the simplistic analysis of the right and the phony left to be a case of fascism, and often genuine leftists fall into this trap, but the actions of such regime are objectively anti-imperialist, and opposing these regimes as "fascist" only serves the interests of imperialism. These are better described as progressive nationalist regimes, for they represent the more progressive elements of the bourgeoisie.

Assessing the true nature of the movement or regime depends first and foremost upon an understanding of how such a movement or regime relates to imperialism. Other considerations - such as the presence or absence of bourgeois democratic practices, the presence or absence of strong religious tendencies or of conservative social practices, indeed even the domestic class background of such movements or



regimes - are of secondary importance. Joseph Stalin explained it in his 1924 work "The Foundations of Leninism":

"The revolutionary character of a national movement under the conditions of imperialist oppression does not necessarily presuppose the existence of proletarian elements in the movement, the existence of a revolutionary or a republican program of the movement, the existence of a democratic basis of the movement. The struggle that the Emir of Afghanistan is waging now for the independence of Afghanistan is objectively a revolutionary struggle, despite the monarchist views of the Emir and his associates, for it weakens, disintegrates and undermines imperialism; whereas the struggle waged by such "desperate" democrats and "socialists", "revolutionaries" and republicans as, for example Kerensky and Tsereteli, Renaudel and Scheideman, Chernov and Dan, Henderson and Clyned, during the imperialist war was a reactionary struggle, for its result was the embellishment, the strengthening, the victory of imperialism. For the same reason, the struggle that the Egyptian merchants and bourgeois intellectuals are waging for the independence of Egypt is objectively a revolutionary struggle despite the bourgeois origin and bourgeois title of the leaders of the Egyptian national movement, despite the fact that they are opposed to socialism; whereas the struggle that the British "Labour" government is waging to preserve Egypt's dependent position is for the same reasons a reactionary struggle, despite the proletarian origin and the proletarian title of the members of that government, despite the fact that they're "for" socialism. There is no need to mention the national movement in other, larger, colonial and dependent countries, such as India and China, every step of which along the road to liberation, even if it runs counter to the demands of formal democracy, is a steam-

hammer blow at imperialism, i.e. is undoubtedly a revolutionary step.

Lenin was right in saying that the national movement of the oppressed countries should be appraised not from the point of view of formal democracy, but from a point of view of the actual results, as shown by the general balance sheet of the struggle against imperialism, that is to say, "not in isolation, but on a world scale." (Lenin: "The Discussion on Self-Determination Summed Up" July 1916, in Collected Works, Vol. 22, p.341) (Stalin, "Foundations of Leninism" April-May 1924. In Problems of Leninism, Foreign Language Press, 1976, pp.72-73, Peking.)

State terror is an essential element of fascism. What then is the role of state terror, and what is its purpose? Bourgeois ideologues explain state terror as a result of some immorality, greed, and hunger for power of individual political leaders and thus equate the terror of fascist regimes with that sometimes exercised by socialist and progressive nationalist regimes. We Marxists know that classes make history, not individuals.

State terror is expensive and wasteful of resources. Resources used to increase the police and the military, to build prisons and maintain firing squads, to strictly regulate education and the media, and to maintain other repressive measures that could be better used elsewhere. For this reason state terror is used when it is necessary for the ruling class to maintain power. In April of 1917, Lenin observed:

"Before the war Britain enjoyed a greater degree of freedom than any other country in the world, a point politicians in Russia of the Cadet type have always stressed. There was freedom there because there was no revolutionary movement there. The First World War brought an instant change. In a

country where for many decades no attempt was ever made to encroach upon the freedom of the socialist press, a typically Tsarist censorship was immediately established, and all of the prisons were filled with socialists. For many centuries the British capitalist there learned to rule the people without the use of force, and if they have resorted to force, it meant that they felt that the revolutionary movement is growing, that they cannot act otherwise." (Lenin: "The Seventh Conference of the RSDLP(B), report on the Current Situation" April 24, 1917, In Lenin, Collected Works, Vol. 24, pp. 240-241.)

Thus terror is used when any of the ruling class is threatened. When a socialist or a progressive nationalist regime is threatened by world imperialism (*as is normally the case*), it will often find it necessary to use state terror, for it finds itself in a potentially counterrevolutionary and dangerous situation. Conversely, under the dictatorship of the most reactionary elements of the bourgeoisie, terror will be used, and the outcome of this struggle determines whether a revolution or fascism will be the result. Thus many conditions that can create an opportunity for revolution can also create an opportunity for fascism. A fascist regime continues to hold on until it is overthrown by revolutionary forces or until the revolutionary forces are sufficiently diminished to allow a return to bourgeois democracy.

WHERE CAN WE EXPECT FASCISM?

The first regime known as fascist, and also the one coining the term, was the 1922 to 1943 Italian regime led by Benito Mussolini. This was quickly followed by similar regimes in other European countries, notably the 1934 to 1945 German regime led by Adolf

Hitler, also the Franco regime in Spain, and the Salazar regime in Portugal. In far East Asia, the Tojo-Hirohito fascist regime came to power in Japan, and the Chinese Koumintang under Chiang Kaishek. After 1945 when Japan surrendered, civil war broke out and the Chinese Communists won this conflict. The Chinese Fascist regime survived on the island of Taiwan until very recently, when a bourgeois democracy was introduced.

Certainly by the time of the emergence of fascism and fascist ideology on the world scene in the early 20th Century, open terrorist world bourgeois dictatorships were nothing new. The first was that of Oliver Cromwell in 17th century England. Another early bourgeois terrorist dictatorship was the post-revolutionary regime in the late 18th and early 19th century in France. In the 17th, 18th and also 19th centuries the bourgeois dictatorships in Europe directed terror at all of their workers and peasants overseas and also directed terror at the colonized peoples. Also at this time, in the pre-imperialist stage, the bourgeoisie still had a progressive role to play in the world, they were fighting feudalism in Europe and Asia, fighting also chattel slavery in Africa (*while ironically imposing chattel slavery on West Africans at the same time*), and fighting primitive communism in all of the Americas, Australia and Oceania. This was real progress, although progress at a tremendous human cost, and the most reactionary elements of the bourgeoisie were not generally behind these bourgeois dictatorships but mostly allied themselves with feudal elements.

Fascist regimes began when the bourgeoisie ended, when there was no significant feudal elements to combat, when most of the globe had been integrated

into a world market, when finance and industrial capital merged, and when the export of capital to the less developed areas became a very significant process. In other words, fascism began with the age of Imperialism, when the struggle for the resources of the world was between the workers and peasants on one side and the grand bourgeoisie on the other.

The power struggle among imperialist powers led to the First World War, from which three nations emerged as the major imperialist powers in the world - Britain, France and the USA. Britain and also France had vast colonial empires in Africa and Asia from which large quantities of surplus value was extracted. This surplus value was used not only for vast profits for the imperialist bourgeoisie but also to buy off the petit-bourgeoisie and also a large section of the domestic working classes, forming a large labour aristocracy that also enjoyed short work hours and high wages. This extra wealth was also used to mechanize agriculture, industrializing the food production and liquidating the peasant classes. Britain was by now largely dependent upon only imported food. Thus in Britain and France class peace was largely obtained off the backs of third world. These powers had no need to exercise fascism in their own countries. In Africa, India and also Indochina the story was much different, the native peoples were subjected to the open terrorist dictatorship of the most reactionary elements of the imperialist bourgeoisie.

Relative to Britain and France, the USA never had more than a modest overseas colonial empire. The American position as a major imperialist power came about by very different means. The main colonial territories of the USA were lands on the North American mainland, and few attempts were

made to economically exploit the native peoples of this land. The wholesale extermination of those nationalities opened up vast virgin lands and mineral resources to American agriculture and industry. This surplus land allowed the creation of an unusually large class of free land-owning peasants during the 19th century, and for a time this also hindered the development of a modern industrial American capitalist economy." (*Karl Marx, Capital, Chapter 333 "The Modern Theory of Colonization".*)

This allowed an accumulation of vast agricultural wealth in the USA, which was supported by retaining well in the 19th century the chattel slavery of West African people to the USA. All this agricultural wealth, supplying the food that Britain and Germany needed, was converted to industrial capital, spurring a very rapid growth of all American industry, which by the early 20th century had overtaken that of the big European imperialist powers. This wealth allowed the creation of a labour aristocracy in the USA, that functioned in a similar manner to that of all Europe and preserved the class peace in the USA. The people of the Philippines, Puerto Rican, and African Americans in the South experienced the open terrorist dictatorship by the most reactionary elements of the imperialist bourgeoisie, but for most of the Americans, bourgeois democracy was retained. Similar events occurred in Australia, Canada and New Zealand, which also have not experienced fascism.

Although the ruling classes in the major imperialist countries never resorted to fascism at home, the colonial regimes they imposed throughout their far-flung colonies and also semi-colonies amounted to fascist rule.

To be continued next month... ■

LETTERS

A "LOVE MESSAGE" FROM AUSTRALIA!

This was received by e-mail from Australia and we ask our readers that have e-mail facility, to let him know our feelings.

"Glory to Ukraine and the Ukrainian Underground Army(OUN). I am an Ukrainian in Australia and am disgusted at the filth and lies you have on your Northstar Compass Website! You have no right to talk on behalf of the free Ukrainian people who are finally free of all the Muscovite Asian hordes!! Ukraine will never be enslaved by the Katsapia or satanic communists again!!!

Death to all Russian and communist scum!

Eternal victory to Bandera and the holy Ukrainian nation!!!"

E-mail in Australia
simonboj@camtech.net.au

FROM
ABRACUS
RIO DE JANEIRO, BRASIL

Dear friends:

First of all, our warmest congratulations on the Ninth Anniversary of Northstar Compass journal. The fine work you have been doing deserves being celebrated by all readers and friends with joy and hope in our hearts. We like everything in and about NSC.

We would just like to ask of NSC to print with more frequency articles about Latin and South America due to the good reputation and credibility that is enjoyed by this publication in many countries of the world.

A true expose of issues related to our hemisphere, such as the terrible living conditions of the workers and most people, under the rule of capitalism and imperialism. NSC should point out the uncurbed corruption on all levels of most of the "FREE ELECTED DEMOCRATIC(?) governments!!! The high rate of UNPUNISHED

crimes committed by all members and many groups of the ruling class...this can only be revealed to the general public in a serious way by reliable, progressive and independent vehicles of mass communications, and our Northstar Compass journal is one of them.

Before ending this letter, allow me to say to all Capitalists and Imperialists forces in English and Russian: *Hands off our countries, Russia and the great Lenin! Ruki proch od nasych stran, Rossii I ot velikoho Lenina!*

Comradely greetings
Giovanni G. Vieira
Secretary General
Instituto Brasileiro De Cultura
Socialista

We certainly will undertake to honor your request in the future issues of NSC. Many thanks for your kind words. ■

FROM
WEST BANK, B.C.
CANADA

The present Polish bourgeois government as was the former Polish Pilsudski government before World War 2, always wanted all of Ukraine in its Greater Poland ambitions. They had Western Ukraine for 200 years under their rule and exploited the Ukrainian people. The present Ukrainian nationalist government of President Kuchma is no different from former Pilsudski regime. Eastern Ukraine was always much more progressive and always wanted unity with the Russian people, while the Polish bourgeoisie and the Ukrainian nationalists always sided with German fascism and militarism.

Soviet Union shall be reborn again and these traitors shall pay the supreme price!

Olga Krimtschenko ■

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FROM
MONTREAL
CANADA

Let's ask ourselves as to why did "communism" collapsed in the USSR?

The answer is: *It was not Communism!* A Communist social order cannot collapse, because it has the total support of the people.

The top leadership of the CPSU (after Stalin's death in 1953) was corrupt, elitist, money hungry and appeased imperialism (not unlike Chamberlain to Hitler) falsified records and statistics and also cooperated with Western security Services and world Masons. It was engaging in Mafia activities and especially the top leadership of the KGB. It was a dictatorship of the grand bourgeoisie over the Soviet working class. Thus the Soviet working class saw that these apparatchiks took much and gave very little.

Our capitalist system is doing the same and it shall meet the very same end. Money cannot always prevail over human beings because the mind should always exercise power over matter.

Vanya Paskulin ■

FROM
SAN GABRIEL, CA.
USA

Dear friends:

It is a terrible tragedy that cost the lives of 118 Soviet sailors in the Russian Kursk submarine disaster which is the fault of the present regime and their robbing of the riches of the Soviet people, while completely dismantling and letting rot the upkeep of the Russian armed forces to such a state that these present bourgeois rulers must be tried as murderers!

The same policy of the present Russian leadership is also shown towards the tragedy and genocide

perpetrated against the Republic of Yugoslavia with the Western inspired and helped disintegration of that country and now the rape of Kosovo. When will this US inspired fascism stop?

There are many demonstrations against NATO worldwide, but as good as they all are, it is not enough. USA imperialism must be stopped in its tracks and also its "globalization", which is another word for imperialism and fascism!

The progressive people must unite soon, and this first of all, concerns the former Soviet Union. It was the USSR that kept US imperialism in check.

I just hope that the coming elections in Serbia will give the present government a mandate to defend its territory and its integrity from world imperialism!

Pero Nikov

FROM
MEXICO CITY
MEXICO

Dear comrades:

Having read NSC I find the articles very interesting and I must state that I agreed with your Vol.9 #1 Editorial and I would here like to make a few comments.

1. The enthusiasm for your political ideas, tenacity for the unity of communists is actually seen inside the ex-Soviet Union.

2. We **DO NOT** agree with the opinion as stated by some communists that "*at this time there is absolutely no need for this International Unity.*" I think that it is needed now more than ever for socialism and the resurrection of the Soviet Union.

3. The forthcoming International Council must be one united front of all the organizations that have subscribed to the "*Call*". Therefore the 2001 World Congress must not be a forum for debating ideologies but it must carry on traditions as was the case in 1918 when the "*Hands Off Russia Committees*" were set up in many countries of the world.

4. Therefore, I willingly am signing this "*Call*" and I feel that this World Congress will be able to be one of the roads to aid the Soviet people in reconstructing the unity of the Communist movements and of International Labor. You comrades of course are aware of the urgency and importance of the development of this world front of struggle and also the ability of true communists and democrats to participate in it.

The book that I have written, "*The Failure of the Democratic Revolution for National Liberation*" will be sent by airmail to you very shortly.

With best wishes
Dr. Mario Rivera Ortiz
Communist Party of Mexico

FROM
ROME
ITALY

Dear comrades:

Thank you, first of all for all of your activities for friendship and solidarity with the Soviet people. Your struggle for socialism is also mine.

Every Marxist-Leninist-Stalinist in the world knows the importance of maintaining contacts with the Soviet communist parties and organizations, newspapers and also periodicals. That is why I'm subscribing to Northstar Compass!

Many greetings
Angelo Giacotti

FROM
SYRIAN COMMUNIST PARTY
SYRIA

Dear comrades:

We send you our Communist greetings on the Ninth Anniversary of Northstar Compass. We wish you success in the service of restoration of Socialism in the USSR.

The 9th Congress of the Syrian Communist Party was held on September 20, 2000.

Established in 1924, the SCP is



a significant power in the Syrian national field, firmly adopting and defending all of the demands of the workers and laborers of our country.

Along with the ruling Baath Arab Socialist Party and other national and progressive parties, the SCP is a member of the Syrian National Progressive Front ever since it was established in 1972.

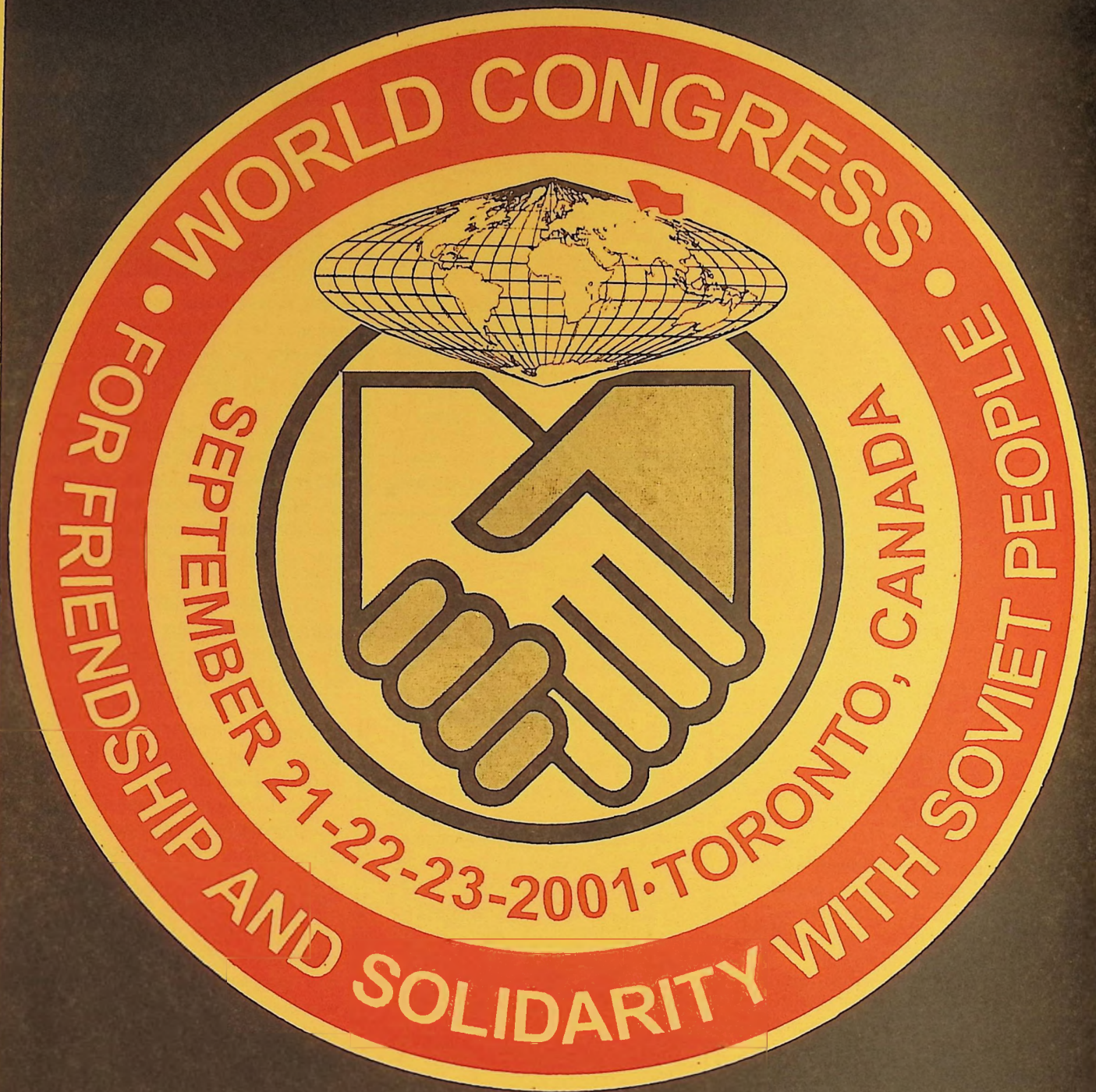
Our party supports the Syrian patriotic stand which states that a just peace in our region shall not be realized without the full Israeli withdrawal from all occupied Arab territories, including also the Syrian Golan Heights, to the borders of June 4th, 1967.

The SCP makes every effort to develop ties of international solidarity with every anti-imperialist force, and in particular with the Communist parties all over the world, in order to confront the imperialist schemes of hegemony and to stand for social progress and the triumph of Socialism.

Please do accept our comradely greetings.

Wisal Fathah Bagdash
Secretary General of the
CC of the Syrian Communist
Party

Northstar Compass as did the *Organizing Committee for an International Council of Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People* did send greetings to our friends in Syria.



UPDATE FROM THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR AN INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL

The preparations for the World Congress are going well, and we are pleased to announce that as of now there shall be 37 countries represented with over 94 delegates. The interest is very strong and the Soviet comrades are planning to attend by sending at least 11 delegates.

Above, you see the Congress Logo, designed by Michael Lucas, Editor of NSC, which shall be used to promote the Congress in all materials that shall be issued. We hope that it shall find approval from

our readers and members all over the world.

We also appeal to those parties, movements, publications that haven't as yet adopted the Call to do so and plan to attend this World Congress that is so much needed as a UNITED FRONT against imperialism and the TNC's!

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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