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* They charge Putin with betrayal of the voters!

*Who will answer for the betrayal of the Motherland?

*The tragic consequences of the present policy cannot even be compared to the Nazi aggression during the Great Patriotic War.

*You have allowed American war bases to be located on our sacred soil? These bases are not against bin Laden, but in reality against our interests.

*You are horse-trading our resources, independence and economy away to the Transnational corporations.

*We demand a referendum to reinstate Socialism and the resurrection of the Soviet Union!

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AMERICAN RACISM

Present US imperialist policy of conquest and of the "fight against terrorism" and the subjugation of peoples, has its roots in the past, starting with colonialism and going on to the present day.

In this regard, there is now on the market an excellent book called, *"American Holocaust, the Conquest of the New World"* written by the writer David E. Stannard, which outlines historically the conquest by Spaniards, English, Americans and Dutch of the South and North America, using religion and "God is with us" policy, as they butchered, defamed and also promoted racism towards the native people.

The question of American discrimination attitude before and now against other races and Blacks in particular is well known and well documented in written history. But, starting with the Second World War, the Americans have shifted even more in a crucial way towards racism.

Below we quote a few extracts from this book in order to illustrate what we mean.

"During the war with Japan in the 1940's, the American Curator of the Smithsonian Institutes' Division of Anthropology had advised the President of United States, that the Japanese skull was 'some 2,000 years less developed than ours' and that the 'Japanese pilots were incompetent because they all had slanted eyes'. This racist and biased transformation allowed the US armed forces to torture and also to mutilate Japanese troops-just as the Japanese did to Americans. As one American war correspondent in the Pacific recalled in an Atlantic Monthly article:

- "We shot prisoners in cold blood, wiped out their hospitals, strafed the enemy civilians, finished off the enemy wounded, tossed the dying into the hole with the dead, and in the Pacific, we even boiled the skulls of the Japanese, to make

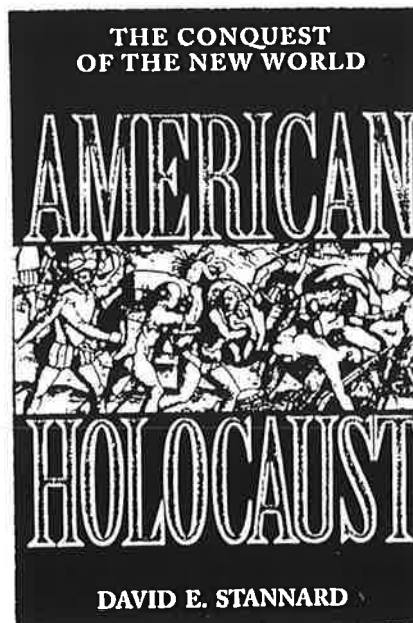
table ornaments for our sweethearts at home, or carved their bones into letter openers'.

In 1944, the very popular "Life Magazine" published a "human interest" story which showed a US blonde posing with a Japanese skull she had been sent by her boyfriend from the Pacific area.

A little more than two decades after this "Life magazine" photo was published, General William C. Westmorland was describing the people of Vietnam as "termites" as he explained the need to limit the number of US troops in Vietnam:

"If you crowd in too many termite killers, each using a screwdriver to kill the termites (Vietnamese-Editor) you risk collapsing the floors or the foundation. In this war we're using screwdrivers to kill termites because it's a guerrilla war and we cannot use bigger weapons."

Taking their cue from their General, US troops started to use the terminology to describe the embattled Vietnam people as "gooks" and "clopes" and "dinks" in a war that reduced the human dead on the enemy side as "body counts" General Maxwell Taylor referred to the Vietnamese as "Indians" in his US Congress testimony and the



**MICHAEL
LUCAS**
Editor



people who lived in Indian country that they "infested" it, according to official government language. The Vietnamese were human, but as the U.S. Public Affairs Officer, John Mecklin then put it, their minds (Vietnamese-Editor) were only the equivalent of "the shriveled leg of a polio victim," their "power of reason...only slightly beyond the level of an American six year old."

And then, another two decades later, in another part of the world, as American tanks in their hundreds rolled over and buried alive any humans that were in their path in Iraq, the approved term for the dead Iraqi women and children became "collateral damage". Even well before the war with Iraq broke out, the U.S. Air Force 77th Tactical Fighter Squadron produced and distributed a song book, describing what they planned to do on their inevitable Middle East assignments. Here is the only sample verse that is fit to publish...other verses are vile and obscene:

*Phantom flyers in the sky,
Persian-pukes prepare to die,
Rolling in with snake and nape,
Allah creates but we cremate.*

The other verses are so vile, describing Arabs as racially inferior, and maggo-infested Arab women. During the short war, when the Iraqi soldiers were giving up and running away under merciless bombing, the American pilots referred to this massacre as "turkey shoots" and called the Iraqi people "ragheads", "cockroaches". Graffiti on the bombs slung under their dead dealing war planes had slogans like "Mrs. Saddam's sex toy"

This valuable book contains an extraordinary amount of factual data, based on archives, research and accounts that were purposely

hushed up and never allowed to see the light of day.

So, is it any wonder that in the name of God and Christianity, American imperialism has outdone even all the other imperialist colonial countries together in their genocidal onward march towards their New World Order?

In conclusion I would just like to quote what the "*Chicago Daily Tribune*" (by no means a Marxist or even a Pinko publication) had to say on the back cover of this book:

"This book, drawing on the latest demographic, geographical, and anthropological research...(and) driven to the gruesome account of the ascetic Christian roots of genocidal racism...(and) up to the present contemporary times of world events...Stannard's is a very terrifying, spirit-withering story."

So, when we heard US President Bush say: "**God is with us, He is not neutral, In God we trust**". President Bush is only following what his predecessors did, even though well hidden in history by all of the public relations hype.

ERRATUM

In the Word Congress Report published in NSC Vol. 10 #1, Viktor V. Bourenkov who was a delegate to the Congress, is a member of the "Russian Communist Workers Party-Revolutionary Party of Communists", currently living in Great Britain, was incorrectly described as a member of the New Communist Party of Britain, to which party he does not affiliate.

We apologize for this error.
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AN APPEAL IN DEFENCE OF VASYL BILAK

Statement by the Central
Committee of the Communist Party
of Russian Federation

The CPRF as other progressives in our country have repeatedly taken a stand against the political repression of the leaders and activists of the communist-workers parties in a number of former Socialist countries in Eastern Europe.

At present time there is a plan to initiate a political show trial in Slovakia. The district court of Bratislava will hear submissions against a well-known activist of the Czechoslovak Communist Party and of the international communist movement, anti-fascist Vasil Bilak. The accused faces a life sentence.

Now the eighty-four years old patriot will be tried because he dedicated his entire life to the struggle against German and home-grown fascism, for socialism and the blossoming of his homeland, the former CSSR. As one of the leaders of former CC of CP of CSSR, Bilak made a substantial contribution towards transforming the Agrarian Slovakia into a highly developed industrial-agrarian republic.

The case against Vasil Bilak is the outcrop of a shameless anti-communist psychosis, which afflicts the current Slovak government leadership.

We demand an end to the persecution of this patriot and a comrade. We appeal to the international public opinion to come to the defense of Vasil Bilak.

PLEASE SEND YOUR PROTESTS TO THE FOLLOWING:

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Krajska Prokuratura Bratislava
Vajnorska c.47
Bratislava
Slovak Republic

FASCISM SHALL NOT PASS!

LETTERS OF PROTEST SENT TO THE SLOVAK GOVERNMENT

The following letters were sent to the Slovak Government in Bratislava from the Editorial Board of NSC and from the Executive Committee of the International Council. We urge all the readers and organizations to do like wise, in defending Vasil Bilak.

We the undersigned, strongly protest the preparation of a trial against Vasil Bilak, who formerly was the Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of CSSR, and a leading member of Czechoslovak Government.

We feel that this upcoming trial will be wholly biased and politically motivated regarding the facts and the hysteria that is being built up in Slovakia. This trial has shades of the trial that is being perpetrated against President Milosevic of Yugoslavia.

There is absolutely no proof of treachery, wrong doing or traitorous acts of which Vasil Bilak is accused of. The trumped-up charge it seems stems from the 1968 events in CSSR. The decision of the then government of Czechoslovakia was in accordance with the signed Mutual Warsaw Treaty, between Czechoslovakia and the Warsaw Pact countries, a legally constituted forum which was recognized by not only NATO, but also by the United Nations Organization.

Therefore, to stage this Kangaroo Court Trial farce in Bratislava is illegal by all standards of the UN Charter and therefore, Slovak jurisdiction is invalid and illegal.

On behalf of the Editorial Board of NSC and the Executive Committee of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People

Michael Lucas, Editor and Chairman
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POLITICAL PRISONERS IN RUSSIA

NSC has written about this question before and the World Congress had adopted a Resolution on this question that is published here. Unfortunately there are many ideas and outlooks on the young people that are now in jail as political prisoners for their actions in reconstructing the USSR and socialism. They are even called provocateurs and agents of the present state.

There is a Committee in Russia which was formed and which includes representatives from every Communist party in ex USSR and they publish a Bulletin which gives details of all court cases, people in jail and the protests that are being carried out to get them out of jail or get them new trials.

There are Appeals made to the Attorney General of Russia and to the regional governments and prosecutors, demanding their freedom or at least, new trials and the opportunity of visits, which in many cases is denied them.

As an example, the political prisoner, Igor Gubkin, Editor of the newspaper Soviet of Peoples Deputies is not allowed to have a visit from his wife and children. There are meetings being held, pickets and other actions to free all the political prisoners that are in jail in Russia and in other former Soviet republics.

Whether we all agree on their actions or not, these are mainly young people who want to resurrect the Soviet Union, Socialism and are struggling for that according to their understanding, wrong, right or indifferent...but these political prisoners are dedicated young Soviet people that want action and not the parliamentary games that some of the Communist parties are promoting.

Take a look at these young faces!



Игорь ГУБКИН



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Андрей СОКОЛОВ

Dear readers:

There are many political prisoners all over the world that are struggling against oppression and fascism. The World Congress Resolution, "FREE ALL OF THE POLITICAL PRISONERS - FIGHTERS FOR SOCIALISM", was adopted and was published last year in NSC. Although it did not name all of the political prisoners, the aim is for all of us and also our organizations that we belong to send letters of protests to governments in order to gain freedom for these patriots.

In former Soviet Union there is now formed a very active Defense Committee which now comprises of representatives from all the left-wing parties and they publish an extensive Bulletin that gives names, biographies and trial documents. Unfortunately it is in Russian only. It is called "Bulletin of the Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners - fighting for Socialism." In Turkey, Spain, South America, Russia, Ukraine and other former Soviet republics, plus the Middle East is where the struggles are raging on and the authorities are cruel in their punishment of these patriots.

Let us help these patriots by writing letters to our governments, demanding that they use their influence to gain freedom for these heroes!



MANUEL PEREZ MARTINEZ
Secretary General of PCE (r)
Fresnes prison - France

Spanish political prisoner Manuel Perez Martinez, Secretary General of the Partido Comunista de Espanola (reconstituido) and President Slobodan Milosevic of Yugoslavia are only two world-known leaders whom reactionary forces tied in to NATO are holding as political prisoners.

On the previous page we publish a photo with just a few of the political prisoners held in jail in Russia, taken from the newspaper "Soviet of Workers Deputies".

In future issues of NSC we shall keep a tab on the progress of their appeals and actions.

CAN THIS BE THE TRUTH?

US NEGOTIATING FOR THE NAVAL BASE IN VIETNAM

If this wire story is true, we wonder what Ho Che Min would say...he probably would turn over in his grave as would the millions who were killed by US imperialism and French colonialism!

Washington has already begun negotiations with Hanoi for access to a key former Soviet naval base on Vietnam's central coast after the Russians decided to abandon this base in 2004. US officials stated in Washington.

The US military is seeking an "arrangement" that it will allow it to

use the base at Cam Ranh Bay for US warships port calls and other support operations in the Southeast Asia. Pacific commander Admiral Dennis Blair told reporters after the successful talks with Vietnamese officials.

This base is viewed as the best natural harbor in the region. It was built by the Americans, but they lost it after their devastating defeat in the Vietnamese struggle.

Moscow (Putin) announced that they are going to leave this naval base because of lack of money for its upkeep.

"We are looking for places for our war ships and various arrangements



to suit our needs in this region" said Admiral Blair.

Admiral Blair said that he had discussed access for the US military to Cam Ranh Bay with "several top Vietnamese officials" and that "negotiations are looking good!"

Admiral and his staff met and discussed this arrangement with Deputy Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung, Foreign Minister Nguyen Dy Nien and Defense Minister Pham Van Tra.

We have published just this one photograph of an American GI leading a Vietnamese fighter into the bush to kill him. How many millions of Vietnamese were butchered, bombed, gassed, napalmed and tortured...because they fought and died to get rid of US occupation of Vietnam? Surely, money should not be the cause of this sell-out of Vietnamese naval base to the Americans. ■

We would like to thank our loyal reader, Ana Lucia Gelabert, a Cuban American political prisoner in a Texas jail who writes to NSC and often the readers have seen her drawings and cartoons on the pages. She has lately sent us 37 drawings, some of them of the delegates that attended the World Congress. They were all sent out to the delegates in many countries, who sent in their thanks to Ana. Our International Council had sent a letter of protest to the Governor of Texas, asking to review Ana's case, since she is in jail for her political views in defense of socialism, the Soviet Union, Cuba and other peoples struggling against American imperialism.

Below we publish her self-portrait!



NEWS FROM THE SOVIET UNION

US INSTALLS MILITARY BASE IN KYRGYZSTAN AND THE POLITICAL CRISIS

The US has decided to set up a military base if Kyrgyzstan (Kirghizia) so as to keep on doing their air strikes against Afghanistan in the future, and to establish their presence after the war. Over three thousand US forces personnel and more than two dozen warplanes are to be deployed at this Army base.

The US influential newspaper, "The Washington Post" reported that even though US operations in Afghanistan are now reduced; the US is engaged in working on a big plan to establish its presence in the Central Asia region, besides in Afghanistan.

The report said that due to the current attitude of Saudi Arabia over the continuing presence of US troops on its soil, it has now become essential to the US troops to set up a base in Central Asia. These actions seem contrary to what the US agreed to in a statement released after the "Russian American Working Group for Afghanistan" meeting, where they stated that they were not to be there longer than necessary. The US has decided to set up a military base in Kyrgyzstan (Kirghizia) so as to keep on doing their air strikes against Afghanistan in the future, and to establish their presence after the war is over. Over three thousand US forces and more than two dozen war planes are to be deployed at this base.

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Famous last words! Where US troops land, they seem to stay, as history has proven!

POLITICAL CRISIS IN KIRGHIZIA

One of the participants of the political hunger strike died on February 7th. This very famous economist, deputy chairman of the Kighiz Human Rights Movement, Sheraly Nazarkulov did not last the 22-day hunger strike. He fell into a coma with all his family round, but he never saw his little son who was born the day before his death.

The strike started right after the Kirghiz Legislative Assembly deputy Azimbek Bekhazarov was arrested on January 5th. The protests were against the government and the elimination of human rights and criticism of the president, who secretly signed a 1996 treaty which allowed China to grab 125,000 hectares of Kirghiz land and illegal

exchanges of territories without consulting the parliament. All this split the population and it seriously damaged president Askar Akaev's authority. All the more, the living standards of the people keep falling due to privatization and foreign investments and by-outs.

There actions by police against other patriots and jail sentences, arrests, torture and many people's disappear are common.

Two factions in the parliament – Kyrgyzstan and Communists of Kyrgyzstan have already made the president responsible for human rights violations and the human activists' death, but the president is keeping silent, in spite of numerous protests by the population and of deputies and the hunger strike of more than 400 Kirghiz citizens.

Then there are attempts under this market economy of land grabbing by Uzbekistan and also Tadjikistan. There is a demand for the president's resignation. The people openly declared that people now no longer have their patience and resolutely they demand the president's resignation now. This demand was signed by 14 Deputies, thus excludes any peaceful settlement of this problem. All the more that another political organization was set up by the government to muddy the waters, Democratic Party of Kirghiz Women, which is now defending the present president.

Yuri Razgulaev

KYRGYZ TROOPS HOLD MILITARY EXERCISES WITH US MILITARY

Kyrgyz army troops, supervised by US instructors held military exercises last month as part of a joint military exercises launched in the former Soviet republic in Central Asia.

The exercises were held in the mountains about 35 km from the Kyrgyz capital, Bishkek and it involved special Kyrgyz forces, border guards and emergency services workers. The troops were practicing fighting terrorists in mountainous terrain.

"The real purpose of these exercisers is to train for combat

readiness and improve tactics of military operations in the mountains – it is important to have experience of fighting terrorists in mountainous areas," said Captain Dennis Valtes, one of the many U.S. instructors.

The country now hosts a very large contingent of both U.S. and French troops!

Is there a need to think as to what NATO is up to?

"TRUDOVAYA ROSSIA" – A PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT, IS NOW A POLITICAL PARTY

The newspaper Molniya" reported about the Congress that was held November 25, 2001 where 480 delegates came to this Congress in order to constitute themselves into a political Communist Party.

The 480 delegates came from 50 different regions of Russia, plus delegates-guests from 9 former Soviet Republics and also 37 regional parts of Russia.

There were fraternal delegates from the CPRF, RCWP-RPC, Union of Communists, Union of Soviet Officers, Trade Union "Zashchita".

Congress also adopted the plan to have a March On Moscow in July-August of this year, plus they adopted the resolution to set up a Peoples Tribunal in order to bring to trial Gorbachev and Yeltsin plus other traitors of the dismemberment Soviet Motherland.

Fifty Five percent of the delegates were workers, while over 70% have higher education.

A Central Committee of 35 people was elected with Victor Anpilov as the First Secretary.

Below we publish the letter from the Great Patriotic War Veterans that was sent to Mr. Putin.

CITIZEN PRESIDENT!

We are sending this letter to you in order that we may tell you of the tragedies and devastation that befell the Veterans and the majority of Soviet people. The present Russian leadership which has never smelt gun powder in the trenches, now sit in their warm chairs and wearing out the seat of their pants, they are those that are following the policies of people like Churchill, Reagan, Thatcher and others who have dismembered the Union of Soviet

VICTOR ANPILOV



Socialist Republics. All that we fought and died for now is gone. We cannot sleep at nights –our millions of dear comrades in arms are asking us as how was it possible that we allowed this terrible tragedy to happen?

We, who fought from Moscow to Berlin, from Volga to Vistula rivers, cannot understand that our Motherland is being devastated and robbed of all the riches that we fought and died for! These present pygmies in power are devastating and crumbling monuments to heroes like Generalismus Stalin, Karbyshev, Chernyakovsky, counter intelligence hero Kuznetsov and even the heroine partisan girl Zoya Komsomolskaya. At the same time these present leaders are erecting monuments to traitors like General Vlasov and the bandit, Bandera.

We veterans can no longer put up with this. On behalf of all of our veterans-comrades, we demand that you throw out the law which absolved the crimes of Gorbachev and Yeltsin We demand that they be tried by a Military Court. This Court should be held while we are still living and should be publicized in all the media for the whole world to see and hear.

If you will agree with this, we shall proceed in a Constitutional manner as the law demands. But, we have also agreed at the Congress of



Signed by Veterans of the Great Patriotic War from all the fronts that took part in the liberation of the Soviet Union and other European countries.

"Trudovaya Rossia" to set up a Peoples Court (just in case) to try Gorbachev and Yeltsin and other traitors to the Motherland. We shall also call veterans of Chechnya and Afghanistan to be with us at this Peoples Tribunal.

In the final analyses we are telling you Citizen President that we are certain that there shall be found people in our Motherland who will accomplish what the Peoples Tribunal will decide upon... while we veterans are still alive.

DEATH TO ALL THE TRAITORS!

COMMUNIST PARTY OF UKRAINE STLL GOING STRONG!

By VITALY SYCH – "KIEV POST"

We're publishing this article in order to let the readers know how writers of independent or social-democratic press look at the present leadership of the CP of Ukraine.

When the Communist Party re-emerged as Ukraine's leading political force during the 1994 parliamentary elections, many political pundits predicted the party wouldn't last very long. The party's popularity rested largely on elderly nostalgic for Soviet times.

Eight years later, the Communists command the largest faction in parliament and are the second most popular party in the opinion polls, trailing only the bloc of centrist and right-wing parties.

Valery Mishura the CPU party's ideological chief said that the party is not dying – it's hanging strong. The CP now was allowed to re-occupy all of the regional district and city party offices it held before it was officially banned and stripped of its assets from 1991-1993.

It boasts of 140,000 members and somehow it has strong financial backing, but its members are mostly from the poorest section of the population.

Opinion polls give the party a 13-20% of the vote. Observers believe that the party would fare better and appeal to the voters more if it were

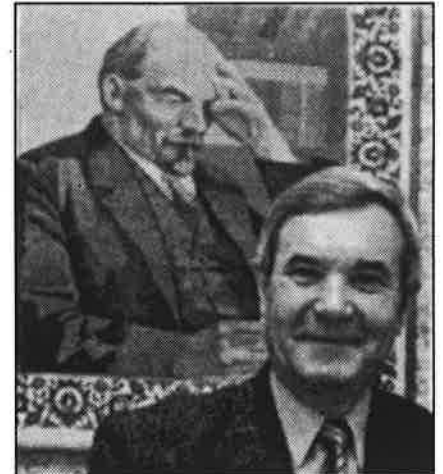
not for the present leader Petro Symonenko who lacks charisma and his stodgy appearance and dull speaking style make him seem, well a quintessentially communist.

Symonenko became leader of the CPU, but despite his win he was not the party's first choice as a presidential candidate in 1999. He won by default after Boris Olinyk turned down the opportunity. Still Symonenko made a good showing, coming second only to Kuchma.

While CPU is popular, its political platform is changing. The present Communist leadership preaches respect for all private business, freedom of worship and a multi-party system of democracy. The party also supports all foreign investments. There are now over 100,000 Germans that already own or ready to own hundreds of factories, land and mineral resources.

Even though the communists opposed the bill that allows the sale of land, the bill passed because there was no complete unity in the Communist ranks.

Mishura charged that the main media ignore or pervert what the Communist Party says or does. The large demonstrations and protests organized by the party are ignored while other parties get wide



Valery Mishura,

coverage for their actions as insignificant as they may be.

As an example, the November 7th demonstrations in 2001 where thousands of people in practically every region of Ukraine did demonstrate... but they only received short snippets in the media.

So, if the Communist Party wants media coverage, they have to generate it themselves. Their main vehicle is the twice-weekly newspaper "Communist" which has a circulation of 400,000. In addition to this twice-weekly newspaper, the party publishes over 65 regional newspapers.

Sergei Kiselyov, head of the political-science department of Kiev Mohyla Academy, said that the Communist Party "doesn't do what it

says". While it shows its "opposition" to President Kuchma, Kiselyov said that the Communist Party in actual fact is loyal to the president. The appearance of Prosecutor General Mykhailo Potenko, a Kuchma loyalist, on the Communist Party's election list is proof of that. Potenko's agency widely was blamed for stalling investigations into high-profile cases during his term in office.

Another unsavory person on the Communist Party's list, is the former Ukrainian Rada Speaker O. Tkachenko, who is accused of misappropriating \$70 millions that was borrowed by a business firm he headed between 1992 and 1994 from a foreign bank under the government's guarantee.

While the leftist parliamentary majority refused to lift Tkachenko's immunity from prosecution, the Kuchma government later rendered the affair by simply clearing the debt of Tkachenko's company to the state.

Most of the Communist Party support comes from the industrial regions of Eastern Ukraine and the southern parts of the country. In contrast, the party's popularity in Western Ukraine is about seven times lower.

Kiselyov at the end of the article said that "The Communist theory appeals to many people and it is in fact, quite attractive...except from one aspect - practical application of it by the present leadership."

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On the 16th of January 2002, the regional court in the city of Lipetsk had sentenced two young communists, Oleg Parshchikov and Igor Marinovskii, to 9 and 6 months in jail respectively, who were convicted of violating Article 329 of the Russian law code by the alleged "desecration of the National Flag of Russian Federation."

The public burning of the three-colour-strips flag, which has become somewhat traditional for communist youth groups, took place during the demonstration on the 7th of November last year.

The régime is thus trying to impose the respect and love for the symbols of the present Russian bourgeois system. It should be borne in mind that, just a few years back, those occupying key positions in today's power structure had not just ignored, but encouraged the violence against the Red Flag, the symbol of the State that defeated fascism.

In position of an assistant to Sobchak [the leading counterrevolutionary in Leningrad, often regarded as Yeltsin's second-in-command at the time - Putin personally directed the procedure to cut off the mast with the Red Flag on top of the building where RCWP CC headquarters were situated. With crowd giggling and with authorities taking part, scores of monuments of Soviet leaders and of communist thinkers were demolished.

Today, although even the bourgeois constitution guarantees the freedom of political beliefs and prohibits insulting others on the basis of political views or forcing one to abandon certain views, the State-owned and the so-called independent media produce streams of lies and slanders against the Soviet past and the ideals of socialism on a daily basis. This way they insult tens of millions of citizens. They bear a direct responsibility for the level of population decline in Russia, which currently stands at 700 thousand per year. People's hearts cannot withstand this sophisticated mockery.

For the Soviet people, the three-colour flag is the symbol of fascism, the symbol of treason not just by Hitlerites' servant Vlasov, but also by the traitors of all times, including the present ones.

Having shot up parliament and falsified the results of elections that were held on blood [in October 1993], Yeltsin's régime imposed, illegally and forcibly, its anti-popular constitution that defends the rights of the propertied minority. And his successor Putin opted not to adhere even to that constitution, according to which "the only source of power in Russian Federation are the people", and their power is exercised in its highest form by means of a referendum, which is supposed to be held over the principal questions.

Putin was too scared to put the question of the State symbols to public resolution, because through expressing the feeling towards them, the people would have had a chance

to speak out for socialism. Using pressure and bribery, with the help of the conciliatory opposition in the Duma, Russia is assigned the flag of Vlasovites, who fought, alongside with Hitler, against the Soviet Union and against Russian people. And now the powers are reverting to repressive measures in order to ban the expression of popular attitude towards the fascism-signifying flag. How should this be interpreted?

Initially the court came up with a minor punishment: Parshchikov and Marinovskii were sentenced to pay an administrative fine. However, the regional prosecutor Nikolai Savchenko regarded this measure as too humane and, and the Justice authorities found it necessary to charge the young fighters against the State symbols. Moreover, the authorities were at first trying to find the elements of causing national strife and humiliation of the national dignity of Russian citizens in their case, but this totally absurd wording was later declined by the court.

We regard the aforementioned actions of Lipetsk communists as completely justified. The flag that became the banner of fascist Vlasov and of the bourgeois dictators in contemporary Russia, Yeltsin, Putin and the propertied élite, the banner of the national bourgeoisie that humiliates people, objectively does not deserve any better treatment.

Hence we demand that Parshchikov and Marinovskii are cleared of all charges.

We also declare that this disgraceful action by the Russian bourgeois court is just another sequential step of political persecution against communists, an attempt to compel the population to be loyal to the symbols of the bourgeois power that is hated by the working class of Russia.

The event is even more alarming considering that the juridical organs are now using minor, purely formal grounds as a pretext to start the repressive actions.

We demand the right to a free expression of one's attitude to the ideological questions, to the politics conducted by the class of exploiters, to the bourgeois State and to its symbols!

Russian Communist Workers' Party - Revolutionary Party Communists

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CURRENT US-NATO POLICY ON ENCIRCLEMENT OF RUSSIA

According to the Russian press and other news media, everyone agrees that the current US policy, baffles not only Russia but also China, in spite of the "cooperation" between these two countries and US imperialism.

Current US policy in the Persian Gulf and in Central Asia, reeks of expansionism and it can wreck the current Russian CIS Collective Security Treaty and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization. It seems

that in the West, in the East, in the South and in the North of former USSR, the NATO expansionist plans are beginning to be seen and felt.

In addition to their air strikes and occupation of Afghanistan, there are mass landings by US and by British troops in Turkey, Cyprus, the Arabian Peninsula, Japan and South Korea. According to the information from London and Delhi strategic studies institutes, the

NATO army and naval forces in the above mentioned countries and zones, increased by over 50 percent, while the air force presence was doubled. Besides, NATO "special-forces" in all of these regions grew by over 60 percent.

What about the American imperialism presence in the Northern Polar region? There are now more than 50 US and NATO established intelligence gathering installations in the Arctic and Northern Europe. In addition to all this, the NATO radar installations in Norway light up the entire USSR from one end to the other. There are similar networks in Alaska, Northern Canada and Japan.

Japan alone has 65 NATO installations and radar facilities on its soil. About 80 percent of them are air force bases near Sakhalin and Kuril Islands. Total number of US ground troops in Japan alone exceeds 70,000.

In short, Russia and the entire former USSR are not only encircled by a ring of US and NATO military intelligence-gathering bases, just like it was 50 years ago during the US-instigated cold war... but there are being set up US military bases in the Caucasus and in Central Asian republics. ■

AN APPEAL TO ALL SIGNATORIES TO THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL!

Dear members:

We are asking each Signatory to the Call for an International Council to elect your delegate to this Council who will be receiving information and documents as a member, responsible to your party, organization, press or movement.

We are in the process of preparing for the Second World Congress in Europe in 2003 and we need your input.

Michael Lucas, Chairman
Executive Committee

NO REHABILITATION TO NATIONAL FASCISM!

As it became known, the peoples deputy of Ukraine, a member of the party that is called Union of Social Democrats has brought up on the agenda in the Supreme Council of Ukrainian parliament a proposal for a new law "Recognition as Veterans the Ukrainian Nationalist Fighters of OUN/UPA".

What is it that these present defenders of nationalist bandits want?

Do they not know that even in the present Ukraine's Statutes it is written about the status of world two veterans who fought against the German-fascist army and that took part in that bitter struggle on the temporarily occupied Ukrainian lands from 1941-1944 and these elements were already rehabilitated under the law that was passed by the present regime, called *"About the rehabilitation of all that were politically repressed in the Ukraine"*. Of course, here it is absolutely not understandable, how could these bandits have fought against the German occupiers, when in fact they were cooperating with them?

But... in this new proposal there are other things that are trying to be accomplished. This new proposal means, that all the fighters in the Second World war have to admit that they were "soldiers" of the Ukrainian Underground Army the OUN/UPA, even those on whose hands their is blood of the thousands of their countrymen and women... this blood is still on their hands, even now! This blood cannot be washed away. If this new law is passed, it would mean that all the bandits who fought with Hitler against their own people will be recognized as "fighters in the war struggle" ?!

Against who did the bandits of OUN/UPA fight against?

About this question there were many books written. There is a tremendous amount of different documentation of witnesses and photographs and there are still living

witnesses.

There is a well known Canadian Ukrainian historian Orest Subtelny, in one of his works he wrote: "On the eve of the attack by Germany on the USSR, already there was formed the Ukrainian Underground Army, the first formation was called "Legion of Ukrainian Nationalists". This legion was composed of 600 members and it was split into two battalions, and code-named "Nightingale" and also "Roland". These Ukrainian fascists came together with the Germans into Ukraine. In June of 1941 in Lvov, they distributed leaflets, which ended up with these words; "People, do understand! Moscow, Poland, Hungary, Jews – these are the enemies! We must eliminate them!" In the Act of Declaration of Ukrainian "Independent" State in 1941, the document ended up with these words: **"Glory to the victorious German Army and its great leader, Adolph Hitler!"**

Yes, after the first success of the German army, the German fascists "arrested" the "leader" of the Ukrainian nationalists. This was done in order to make the OUN/UPA conform to the German plans. This cooperation between the German Army and the Ukrainian nationalists lasted until the end of World War II. The leading positions of the OUN/UPA were staffed by high German officers of the Intelligence section. The members of these Ukrainian nationalist brigands were schooled in Germany during the war years in espionage and intelligence schools. The appointed head of UPA/OUN was put there by the German command – Roman Shukhevich. At the same moment, the "arrested" Premier of "Ukraine" Yaroslav Stetsko, wore German Police uniform. Bandera received his officers baton from the German High Command. He had many servants looking after all his needs.

PROFESSOR
VLADIMIR
HERASYMCHUK



"Our authority must be terrible!"

This, was stated by Bandera, as he conducted the politics of OUN/UPA on the territory of the German occupied Ukraine. He recommended to *"kill everyone who will stand in out way and against our regime!"*

Here is just one example of countless terror as practiced by these Ukrainian nationalists, and they are taken from the newspaper "Tovarish" (Olexa Panasenko):

"Those that did not want t fulfill the orders of these Ukrainian nationalists, the Security Detail of OUN/UPA not only made certain that you received 30-50 lashes but physically you were killed. Because, Sidor K. Oniskovets, living in the village of Tinnje, Sarnetsky region, did not want to join UPA, at first they killed him in front of his children with an ax. After that they killed four members of his family, and lastly, his two year old son Ivan, for the "glory of Ukraine" they cut off a leg of this two year old baby, and with his blood they wrote on the wall: *"For the traitorous act against Ukraine"*. This is the essence of these bandits "democracy"!

And today, this deputy Shiller in his appeal to the present Ukrainian parliament writes: "The state must look favorable at the veterans of OUN/UPA since this question was always hushed up and not resolved before, this is nothing more than ignoring a practice of democracy"? There is only one thing to do now, yell out: "Glory to the heroes!" Or I feel it might be better to yell – "Heil!?..."

And who is this Kubiyeovich?

Much is written about him, the present Ukrainian nationalist press. He is called a "great patriot", "the

Top-learned Ukrainian intellectual!"
It looks as if he is on of the OUN heroes. It is him who is credited for forming the Ukrainian nationalist army to fight together with Hitler against Bolshevism. On April 28, 1943 in Lvov, there was held a great manifestation on the occasion of welcoming the General Governor of Galicia, Hans Frank, Governor of Galicia Otto von Vekhter and of Kubishev on the occasion of forming such an army division. Already in September of that year, the first thousand of these Ukrainian nationalist volunteers took their oath of allegiance to Hitler Germany. The "SS Galichina" was the second SS division, formed exclusively from foreigners. The first division was the "Hanfzhar" formed from Muslims.

The present grandchildren of the Bandera and Stetsko are not awaiting to rehabilitate them first, but are trying to influence the present generation of youth. Pretty soon in Lvov there will be erected a monument to the "SS Galichina" Division and to Kubishev. But, what about the results of the Nuremberg Trial of the war criminals who were condemned and sentenced the "SS Galichina" as a World War II terrorist organization? This sentence cannot be rescinded even by the present Ukrainian nationalist government!

One more fact about the life of this "saint". Heading the Ukrainian Committee in Lvov in 1941, he appealed to the German Command to clean up all the Jews living in the city of Lvov. In the summer of that year, there was organized "Petlura Days" in his honour, these Ukrainian bandits held day and night pogroms against the Jews, and blood was flowing in the streets of Lvov. How do we look at this? As a struggle by OUN/UPA against German fascism during the war?

Ukrainian "SS Division" took part in putting down in blood the Warsaw Uprising".

Much has been written about this genocide, but let us quote just one author, a Polish professor Vitoli Kulesha. The original documents support this fact, which are saved in the archives of Krakow, Poland. There is a list of all the names of the SS legion Galicia - 567 names, with

dates of birth, place of birth, rank and when they joined the SS Galichina. There is also a list of 219 Ukrainian SS soldiers from the 31st battalion. These documents show concretely, how these nationalists took part in crushing the Warsaw Uprising, and how they performed other terrorist acts.

"Rzeczpospolita", 19/09/2001/.

We just looked at some facts taken at random about the terrorist acts of OUN/UPA. But this is

enough to certify that these bandits took part in the war against the Soviet people, together with the German Army. But who were these bandits fighting against? They fought against their own people! We must put the slogan up front – National Fascism shall not pass! We shall not allow these war criminals bandits of the OUN/UPA – the bloody terrorists of the Great Patriotic War.

NEWS DIGEST COMMENT

ARAFAT'S POSITION

Those who say that there is nothing new in what Yasser Arafat says are correct.

Palestinians have long ago given up their rightful claim to 78 percent of historic Palestine.

To demand now that they accept less as demanded by Israel, means less than 22 percent, ignore all international laws. As Mr. Arafat made clear in his latest

article, Palestinians are even willing to discuss creative solutions of the refugee problem, as long as Israel accepts at least some responsibility for causing this problem in the first place.

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This position of Arafat is causing him problems amongst the Palestinians, whose composition includes militants who say that its enough of taking steps backwards since 1960's. Arafat is under heavy pressure from the USA and he is losing some of his authority amongst some of the more left wing and militant Palestinian groups. He must listen to the Palestinian people's demands, above all!

Editors of NSC

US AMBASSADOR CHASED BY COMMUNIST YOUTHS

U.S. ambassador Thomas Miller visiting Greece on February 8th was stopped from participating in an event at an Athens school, the U.S. embassy said.

Approximately 20 youth attacked the ambassador's bodyguards in front of the school in the suburb of Aigaleo, forcing the police to intervene. The youths were not students at the school.

"We regret and denounce the fact that 20 youth provoked incidents in front of the Aigaleo school, forcing the ambassador to leave the premises," the press office of the US embassy told AFP.

Anti-Americanism is very strong in Greece and the Greek Communist Party (KKE) one of the admitted Stalinist parties in Europe – is known to regularly incite anti-American protests.

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AS I SEE IT FROM EUROPE

BY
JERRY MORSE

HOW CORPORATE AMERICA WORKS WITH THE MEDIA

Washington, D.C. is a beautiful Corporate Citizen capital. They want that every magnetic line of force in the Soviet Union should be oriented towards privatization. The Electrical Grid System that was started by that feller what was his name? Lenin. Lenin's and Stalin's methods interfere with our global schemes of advancement of the **free market systems**. Of course we cannot have a nationwide energy system owned by all the people...that is Bolshevism.

Will this meeting come to order?

Gentlemen: our problem today is to cover ENRON'S ass, since our own paid U.S.A. judiciary are not cooperating with us and raising embarrassing questions. You got that? ENRON has been a **very good corporate citizen!** Is this unanimous? Good!

ENRON is the Lucky #7 on the profit list. Understand this...we have to protect our man George W.! Is that clear? More importantly we must hide the financial books, which show where the money went. You know what I mean? Unanimous? Good!

The couple of millions towards our U.S. political election campaigns, is nothing to worry about. The worry is the extra dung that these revenue people dug up...these bums in the Center For Public Integrity must be squashed!

First of all, we must back away from the U.S.A.'s Federal Energy Commission. Get them off our backs by bribes! Do you hear me? No, this is not the time for foolish questions!

Gentlemen we are also being investigated by the U.S. Justice Department, the Labor Department, Securities and also the Exchange Commission. Lawyers are always

hungry, especially the large army of corporate squinters. These greedy blood-hounds are out to drive us into the ground! This is certainly very un-American!

Vice President Cheney talked with me last night. They're designing models for damage control to fit all of the circuits in government and the media. Are you listening? Listen carefully! **Keep you mouths shut!** Read my lips! Heads will role otherwise. Light switches, electronic sensors in the White House are being checked for defectors. Do you understand? Unanimous? Good!

The legal focus on our work must be stymied at all costs! Political connections, bribes, international collusion has to be stymied. We have to scramble into all untouchable leads in all of our correspondence...the trail must be clean! Understand?

ENRON is a **good corporate citizen...no matter about its unsavory bankruptcy!** Is this unanimous? Good! Meeting adjourned!

STOP THE PRESS!

As NSC goes to press a news item appeared in the mass media, which said the following:

"Slobodan Milosevic who is on trial at The Hague, will call the following Western leaders (if they will dare to come-Editor) such as:

President Bill Clinton of USA, Prime Minister Tony Blair of Great Britain, Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine of France, President Jacques Chirac of France, and the European Union High Commissioner for Bosnia, Wolfgang Petrisch.

Why not? They are the ones charging him with "genocide" etc. etc. Let them come and present their charges in person, instead of having their stooges do it in a Kangaroo Court for them!

Milosevic will go down in history as another Dimitroff!

TWO MORE SINS OF PUT-IN



In the Russian press and on their Internet news, Putin has now done the following:

1: It was reported that Putin went to Finland and laid flowers-wreaths on the grave of Mannerheim, the leader of Finland just before the Second Word War. Mannerhein was a known fascist symphatiser and a great buddy of Hitler, who was egged on against Russia and thus the Russo-Finish War, which was the prelude by Hitler in his attack against the USSR.

Mannerheim was even described by the Western media at that time as a very close friend and a fascist symphatiser of Nazi Germany. His SS divisions were fighting side by side with Hitler against, not only the USSR, but also against the Western Allies.

We wonder whether Putin laid some flowers on the Red Army graves? These Red Army soldiers were defending not only the USSR, but the Western allies, in spite of themselves.

May the cries of the Red Army soldiers that are buried, cry out and haunt the sleepless nights of Putin. Did someone say that Putin was a

KGB agent, who took a sacred vow to defend his Motherland? Or are we mistaken?

2: It was reported in the newspaper from Moscow, called "Duel" that president Putin had discussions with the present Polish bourgeoisie government, which are demanding that Russia pay for the "Massacre of Polish officers at Katyn Forest" during the Second World War.

Obviously, the findings of the Allied War Crimes Tribunal, United Nations Organization and the joint German -Soviet excavations is not believed. It was found that the Polish officers were shot with German bullets and were buried in ditches. There were even many German ex-POWs confessions.

Obviously these findings are not enough. Putin of course always knows better, he must be listening to that rabid and vicious anti-Soviet,

Mr. Alexander Yakovlev, former Ambassador to Canada and a mentor of Gorbachev, who has made his lifetime project to "study" all of the millions of people that Stalin killed. By now we hear that its over 60 millions. By now there should not be anymore Soviet people, unless there **IS** immaculate conception?

We wonder what Put-in and his bourgeoisie-mafiosi government will receive in return for this perfidy? ■

DID YOU KNOW? DID YOU EVER SEE THIS PHOTOGRAPH?

Yes, not every American GI wanted to fight the Vietnamese people. Here is a photo of American GI's refusing to go out on patrol. It was taken in September of 1969. We wonder where they are now?



NATO GOES ON WHERE HITLER LEFT OFF!

US and NATO forces and bases will now ring in Russia from Kazakhstan in the East to the Baltic States in the Northeast. US and NATO air force, infantry and soon missile bases will be permanently installed in Afghanistan, Pakistan and nations abutting China and India. The new Great Game on the grand global chessboard is proceeding right on schedule. Yugoslavia heroically attempted to slow down this **Drang Nach Osten** in 1999, but was betrayed by much of the world – including many current and future victims of the same international military power grab!

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FACTS ABOUT GUANTANAMO BASE IN CUBA

The American Naval Base at Guantanamo is a facility located in an area of 117.6 square kilometers on the national territory of Cuba occupied by USA since 1903 due to an agreement on Coaling and Naval Station, signed by the USA and Government of Cuba. At that time Cuba was not independent under this Platt Agreement. US Congress

passed this bill in 1901. The right was granted to the USA by the Cuban government, which at that time gave the US authority to use it only as a coaling station and nothing else. US troops occupied Cuba after its intervention in the independence war waged by Cuban people against the colonial Spanish metropolis.

Twenty-one years later, a brand new Treaty was signed by President Roosevelt of USA and Cuba that then abrogated the 1901 Treaty and the wording became more cordial and open to further amendments.

After the victory of the Cuban Revolution, that base became the source of numerous frictions between Cuba and the United

States. The overwhelming majority of Cubans that worked at the Guantanamo Bay were fired. Gunshots by US soldiers were made into the Cuban territory and many Cuban soldiers were wounded or died. When thousands of Haitians and Cubans tried to leave for the U.S., they used the Guantanamo Bay as the staging area. For all these years this base was used for all sorts of things, except the ones that were contemplated in the signed agreement.

But Cuba could absolutely do nothing to prevent all of these constant provocations.

However, the basic principle of Cuba's policy towards this bizarre and dangerous problem between Cuba and the United States, which is decades old, was to avoid to demand that the claim to sovereignty become a major issue. We had a meeting on February 19th with US representatives in which we proclaimed that: *"In due course, since it is not our main objective at this time, although it is our people's right and one that we shall never renounce, the historical illegality of Guantanamo - should be returned back to Cuba."*

Now the question of bringing in prisoners from Afghanistan does not abide by the provisions that regulated the use of Guantanamo Base, we shall not set any obstacles to its operation at present. Cuba will make every effort to preserve the atmosphere of détente and mutual respect that has prevailed in this area for years.

JUST IN!

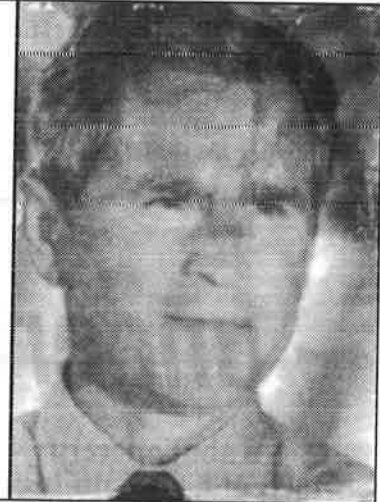
Washington: February 22nd. U.S. Government drops pledge not to use nuclear weapons against non-nuclear states. It is no longer bound by the 1978 pledge, The Washington Times said, quoting a senior State Department official. This pledge was made in 1978 by President Jimmy Carter, and it came to be known as the *"negative security assurance"*. But, the U.S. Undersecretary of State, John Bolton said: *"it reflects now an unrealistic view of the international situation."*

WHAT DO YOU MEAN THAT THERE'S NO RESURRECTION?

McCARTHYISM IS ALIVE
IN THE UNITED STATES



JOSEPH McCARTHY



GEORGE W. BUSH

U.S. DEVELOPING A SPACE BOMBER

By MICHAEL OPPERSKALSKI

The U.S. military is drawing up plans for a space bomber that could drop precision bombs from a height of more than 100 kilometers while flying 15 times faster than conventional bombers.

Donald Rumsfeld, the USA's Secretary of Defense, ordered the Pentagon to look into the development of a space craft that *"could be valuable conducting rapid global strikes,"* according to the planning document issued under his name and obtained by the Los Angeles Times.

The bomber would blast off like a long-range missile and travel over the target at 15 times the speed and 10 times the altitude of current heavy bombers. The proposed bomber would be flying so high and

fast that that they would not need any explosives in the bombs. The projectile would be able to crash through concrete bunkers and into underground missile silos like meteorites through speed and weight alone.

The bomber would be able to strike the targets around the world within minutes and return to base within an hour and a half. It would be out of reach of the conventional air defense systems.

Proponents of this scenario, in the Pentagon and NATO, say that it could be developed quickly by adopting the shelved research for the Star Wars system, begun under Ronald Reagan.

U.S. Admiral Craig Quigley, a spokesman for the Pentagon is very

optimistic saying that *"the military couldn't get anything (to a war zone) faster than this. It could be useful in any number of scenarios."*

European and Asian nations are already very nervous about the United State's growing lead in military hardware and see the craft as a very unsettling new example and this is raising alarming questions about the United States "hegemonism"

Mr. Rumsfeld stated that the United States, has more satellites than all countries these satellites

The prototype was developed by NASA and Lockheed Martin. The X-33 was designed to take off vertically like a rocket and reach the upper atmosphere without any disposable booster rockets. Flying through the atmosphere, the bomber could travel halfway around the world and return back in less than 90 minutes, gliding in to land like an airplane.

AMERICA "CHASING PHANTOMS" IN IRAQ

SAYS ARMS EXPERT

By Robert Fisk in Beirut

Scott Ritter, America's former top arms inspector in Iraq, has a neat phrase for Saddam's regime. The *"Phantom threat"*, he calls it. And he backs up his argument with a very impressive and detailed assault on the credentials of Ahmed Chalabi, the head of Iraq's opposition in exile, whose bogus claims of Iraqi defectors who are *"proving"* Iraq's connection to the September 11th attacks on USA and they are persuading Washington to put Saddam on America's next hit list.

Scott Ritter's damning evidence last month should have been taken seriously by Washington, even if Mr. Ritter did once admit that he shared intelligence on the UN's Iraqi arms inspections with the Israelis. It was Mr. Chalabi, he claimed, who prompted the Iraqi-Bin Laden connection by publicizing the alleged meeting in Prague between an Iraqi intelligence agent and the soon-to-be September 11th suicide pilot Mohamed Atta. Mr. Ritter says that the subject of their discussion-supposedly was an attack on the

anti-Saddam Radio Free Europe transmitter in Prague, but it was a far cry from the September 11th attacks and that the Czech government's reports on this supposed meeting were very conflicting.

Far more seriously, Mr. Ritter says that when he was arms inspector, he was asked to laise with Mr. Chalabi and the *"Iraqi National Congress"* in order to gather intelligence information that is *"more flash than substance"* as Mr. Ritter puts it - from Mr. Chalabi's defectors. Among the latter was a supposed engineer who helped to build a network of underground tunnels beneath Saddam's palaces, all packed with documents on Iraqi's weapons of mass destruction. Mr. Ritter's men dutifully went after the treasure throve of files. They found only one drainage tunnel but no documents.

When U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Paul Wolfowitz, needed a desperate link between Iraq and the September 11th attacks, Mr. Ritter said, all of a sudden, Mr. Chalabi discovered *"Iraqi defectors"* who *"knew"* of the training of only *"Arabs"* hijackers by Iraqi intelligence at a facility near the Iraqi town of Salman Pak, that was complete with a U.S. commercial airliner that was used by the would-be air pirates, using only knives and - *a lovely touch this*, in view of the September 11th - practicing only in *"groups of five"*. The Salman Pak facility exists, Mr. Ritter said, but its use, as an al-Qaida training camp, has never been substantiated by the US spy planes or satellite photos.

The United Nations stopped using Mr. Chalabi's information as a basis for conducting inspections, once the tenuous nature of his sources and also his *"dubious motivations became clear"* said Mr. Ritter. Mr. Chalabi's *"sponsors"* are non other than the Christian Science Monitor, Mr. Wolfowitz, a former CIA director, James Woolsey, and the former U.S. Under Secretary of State Richard Perle, who rejoices on the nickname of *"Prince of Darkness"*.

YANKEE, GO HOME!

MANDELA ON ISRAEL

We received this e-mail from a member of the International Council in Germanv. Michael Opperskalski, for which we thank him.

Dear Thomas:

I know that you and I are longing for peace in the Middle East, but before you continue to talk about necessary conditions from an Israeli perspective, you need to know what's on my mind.

Where to begin? How about 1964! Let me quote my own words during my trial. They are true today as they were then. *"I have fought against white domination and I have fought against black domination. I have cherished the ideal of a democratic and free society in which all persons live together in harmony and with equal opportunities. It is an ideal, which I hope to live for and to achieve. But if needs be, it is an ideal for which I am prepared to die."*

Today, the world black and white recognize that apartheid has no future. In South Africa it has been ended by our own decisive mass action in order to build peace and security. That mass action of defiance and other actions could only culminate in the establishment of democracy.

Perhaps it is strange for you to observe the situation in Palestine or more specifically the structure of political and cultural relations between Palestinians and Israelis, as an apartheid system. This is because you incorrectly think that the problems of Palestine began in 1967. This was Demonstrated in your recent column "Bush's First Memo" in the New York Times on March 27, 2001. You seem to be surprised to hear that there are still problems of 1948 to be solved, the most important component of which is the Right to Return of Palestinian refugees.

The Palestinian-Israeli conflict is not just an issue of military occupation and Israel is not a country that was established *"normally"* and happens to occupy another country as it did in 1967.

Palestinians are not struggling for a "state", just like we were struggling for freedom in South Africa.

In the last few years, and especially during the reign of the Labour Party, Israel showed that it was not even willing to return what it had occupied in 1967; that settlements remain, that Jerusalem would be under exclusive Israeli sovereignty, and Palestinians would not have an independent state, but would be under Israeli economic domination with Israeli control of borders, land, air, water and sea.

Israel was thinking of a "state" but of "separation". The value of separation is measured in terms of the ability of Israel to keep the Jewish State Jewish, and not to have a Palestinian minority that could have the opportunity to become a majority at some time in the future. If this takes place, it would force Israel to become a secular democratic or bi-national state, or to turn into a state of apartheid not only de facto, but also de jure.

Thomas if you follow the poll in Israel for the last 30 or 40 years, you clearly find a vulgar racism that includes a third of the population who openly declare themselves as racist. This racism is of the nature of

"I hate Arabs" and "I wish Arabs would be dead". If you also follow the judicial system in Israel, you will see that there is discrimination against Palestinians. And if you further consider the 1967 occupied territories you will find there already two judicial systems in operation that represent two different approaches to human life: one for Palestinian life and the other for Jewish life.

Additionally there are two different approaches to property and to land. Palestinian property is not recognized as private property, because it can be confiscated.

As to the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza, there is an additional factor. The so-called "Palestinian Autonomous Area" they are bantustans. These are restricted entities within the power structure of the Israeli apartheid system.

The Palestinian State cannot be a by-product of the Jewish State, just in order to keep the Jewish country of Israel Jewish. Israel's racial discrimination is the daily life of most Palestinians. Since Israel is a Jewish State, Israeli Jews are able to accrue special rights, which non-Jews cannot do. Palestinian Arabs have no place in a "Jewish" state.

Apartheid is a crime against humanity. Israel has deprived millions of Palestinians liberty and property. It has perpetuated a system of gross racial discrimination and inequality. It has systematically incarcerated and tortured thousands of Palestinians, contrary to the rule of international laws. It has, in particular, waged war against a civilian population, in particular children.

The responses made by the South Africa to human rights abuses emanating from the removal policies and apartheid policies respectively, shed light on what Israel society must necessarily go through before it can speak of a just and lasting peace in the Middle East and an end to apartheid policies.

Thomas...I'm not abandoning Mid East diplomacy. But I'm not going to indulge you the way your supporters do. If you want peace and democracy, I will support you. If you want formal apartheid, we will not support you.

If you want to support racial discrimination and ethnic cleansing, we will oppose you. When you figure out what you're about, give me a call.

Nelson Mandela

BUSH FAMILY INVOLVED IN ENRON CORPORATION

According to the New York Times, Washington Post and other news media, Enron Corporation and its bankruptcy is the biggest in US history, and it involves the top leadership of USA, including the Bush family... up to their armpits.

The suicide of J. Clifford Baxter, 43 years of age, its vice chairman who supposedly opposed the financial practices of Enron Corporation. Was it suicide or was it murder, since the police found him in his car with a gunshot wound to his head. US history is full of such killings, stated as suicide but with the help of underworld connection with the White House, this question is open to speculation.

Supposedly Baxter complained

about the money laundering to his Executive Officer Jeffrey Skilling. Baxter was one of the 29 senior Enron shareholders who are named in the lawsuit seeking to get compensation for their losses due to the collapse of the company.

His death came after the start of a Congressional hearing on Enron's collapse. This Committee was slated to speak to Baxter. But, it is now a fact that out of the 248 Senators in the US Congress, 212 Senators had received substantial political donations from Enron. Besides, the US White House gave Enron a \$70 million government contract. The White House spokeswoman C.Bochan disclosed that the US government had more

than 100 contracts worth over 70 million dollars with the Enron Corporation.

In order to keep both parties in their pocket, Enron gave substantial election donations to both the Republican and Democratic Parties. Besides Bush and his father have large share holdings in Enron, through subsidiaries and numbered companies, Enron gave Bush in his election campaign \$623,000. Bush, according to this Congressional Committee will be asked to disclose his connections. Of course, Bush will be glad to completely fog-up the investigation!! David Walker, head of the General Accounting office said that if they do take the Government to court, this shall be the first time in US history. Some Democrats urged the Committee to file a suit against Vice President Cheney. But, why not against President Bush?

Oh, we should not forget, that

according to Bush "God is on our side. God is not neutral!"

Some of the Congressmen have been demanding the disclosure of the names of the business leaders and top shareholders in Enron Corporation...but they might as well be whistling Dixie!

When filing for bankruptcy in order to get off the hook, Enron Corporation destroyed thousands of jobs. Senators and investigators are demanding an accounting, since Enron's finances are so entwined with Washington that it's hard to find out as to who is who.

"There are so many close ties between Enron Corporation and the White House and also the US Congress, that's impossible to ignore," said Mr. Larry Satato, a University of Virginia political scientist.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

I CANNOT SEE ANY POOR PEOPLE IN OUR UKRAINE!

From the newspaper "Communist",



ISRAELI PRESIDENT SHARON'S "TERRORISM" CHALLENGED...

Below is the article that appeared in the New York Times, Jan. 29, 2002

Israeli Group Declares Limit In Making War On Palestinians

By Joel Greenberg

More than 50 combat officers and soldiers in the Israeli Army reserve have said that they will refuse to serve in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, setting off heated debate in Israel over the limits of civil disobedience.

The statement which was published in the liberal newspaper "Haaretz" that condemned military actions against the Palestinians during the last 16 months of violence. The newspaper asserted that people on both sides of the conflict are paying in blood for what it called Israeli's occupation of Palestinian territory and its war to protect Jewish settlers in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"The price of occupation is the army's loss of its human image and

the corruption of all of Israeli society", the statement said. "We will continue serving in the Israeli Defense Forces, but the mission of occupation and repression does not serve the goal and we will not take part in it."

The original statement was signed by 52 officers and men of paratroopers and other sections of the Israeli army. Now there are over 200 signatures by Israeli officers and men on this statement. The statement said that during the service in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, these signers have received orders "that have nothing to do with the security of the state and their only purpose was perpetuating control over the Palestinian people."

Those orders were to fire heavy machine-guns into the Palestinian neighborhoods, demolishing homes in response to Palestinian boys throwing rocks, and blockading villages, all the signers of the statement said.

"We're talking about patently illegal orders, said Yaniv Itzkowitz, a reserve lieutenant who was one of the organizers of the declaration.

The statement drew criticism from the Israeli government, who called this anarchy of the break down of discipline and declared that it might lead to total anarchy. The Israeli government is in turmoil because there is a growing swell of public opinion in Israel against the occupation of Palestinian territories.

COMMENT

The little publicized action of the Israeli military group, outlined here in this little publicized story in the New York Times, challenges the overt "terrorism" dictated by President Sharon on the occupied territories and peoples of the Palestinian Authority, brings vividly

to mind the late 1940's Nuremberg Trials of the Nazi war criminals.

Those proceedings revealed the monstrous "terrorism" of the Hitlerite regime. A central defense of the war criminals was destroyed when they said: "I was ordered to do it!" International Law was clarified and transformed with the clear findings that military personnel **could not be bound to obey illegal orders that were beyond the powers of war that were already established by international law.** Such "orders" were in case after case deemed to be illegal and should have been set aside and not obeyed by the Nazi military personnel.

In other words, even the highest Governmental order to commit wanton murder, or any other wartime atrocities should be ignored and declared null and void. That is obviously the military and international legal right the group of Israeli military personnel are relying on. Their action is to be greeted wholeheartedly by all democratic forces who seek the end of the Israeli occupation of the Palestinian lands in defiance of the United Nations resolutions and overt U.S. support to Sharon's devices of "terror".

THEY SHALL NOT PASS!

"DEMOCRATIC" POLAND: THEY KILLED PATIENTS AND SOLD THEIR BODIES."

The Polish newspaper "Gazeta Wyborsha" reported that in one of the hospitals in the city of Lodz, some nurses killed the serious ill patients and had an arrangement to sell their bodies for parts.

This conspiracy involved nurses and doctors and existed for many years and the funeral businesses were in on these scheme. These nurses and doctors received money for each "client" they gave the funeral parlor.

The death rate in Poland rose higher and this made the Polish Prosecutors office get involved and they started an investigation. If these facts are accurate, as it seems they are, this will be the biggest medical scandal.

Massive NATO War Games in the Baltic Sea

From Virginia-Pilot

One of the largest NATO military exercises has take place in the Baltic Sea under the code name "Strong Resolve 2002" and is meant to show how NATO resolves conflicts in any civil war situation. The exercise involved 40,000 personnel from 27 countries that are members of NATO or the alliance of "Partnership For Peace" program.

The exercises began on March 1 at sea off the Baltic coast of Poland. Taking part are MIG-21s from Romania, MIG-29s from Poland and F-16s from Denmark and Belgium. Many ships from USA took part. NATO command has created a fictional country, called "Granica" that has been split by civil war. Now this country is being cut into two parts by the civil war called "Woodland" and "Treeland".

The script of this NATO exercise is to send in a crisis-response attack force and put down the civil war and occupy the country. The command post was on a NATO ship, Mount Whitney in the Baltic Sea.

A second phase will involve an attack on a NATO-member nation Norway, requiring NATO to invoke Article 5 of the Charter of going in and talking over the whole country.

Participating in this exercise were the NATO-members: Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Turkey, United Kingdom and the United States. Participating as members of the Partnership for Peace will be Austria, Bulgaria, Estonia, Finland, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.



WORLD SOCIAL FORUM HELD IN BRAZIL

The Word Social Forum was bigger and much more important than the one held in 2001, with many more political organizations represented who, in fact were opposed to neoliberalism. I feel that in 2003 Northstar Compass or the International Council should send an observer. The next Forum, is proposed to be held in Porto Alegre and in 2004, it might be held in India.

I listened to James Petras that USA and Canada have strong trade union movements, but there were hardly any representatives present.

I heard the Cuban ambassador speak and state that the alternative press in Brazil equals one of the biggest newspapers published in Brazil.

Well-known personality and writer Noam Chomsky gave interviews at the siege of the Piratini Palace. Here are some details of the Forum:

There were approximately 10,000 people in attendance and over 1,200 accredited journalists. People that attended were either delegates or delegated observers. There was close-circuit TV screens all over the Forum complex. Major sector groups were represented at the WSF and they included top representatives of governments, NGO's, labor unions, human rights organizations, support and social movements, most political parties, academics and ordinary citizens.

The Form was organized around Plenary Sessions with four themes each morning:

*The production of wealth and social production

*Access to wealth and sustainability

*The affirmation of civil society and the public arena

**Political power and ethics in the new society.*

There was a total of 51,300 registered participants, 15,230 different representatives from 4,909 organizations from 131 countries of the world. It was composed of 57% male and 43% female. There were also 11,600 young people from 52 countries. There was a forum for children with 2,500 children in attendance. There were 210 ethnic peoples (*races*) and they spoke 166 languages.

The American representation, which was absent at the first forum, now were the largest, after that of Brazil, Italy, Argentina, France and Uruguay.

Here is the breakdown of the delegations:

***Brazil** – 8,503 representatives and 2,368 organizations

***Italy**– 979 representatives and 274 organizations

***Argentina** – 924 representatives and 274 organizations

***France** – 682 representatives and 224 organizations

***Uruguay** – 465 representatives and 54 organizations

***United States** – 2,400 journalists, 467 newspapers, 193 reviews, 188 radio stations, 140 digital press, 116 TV's. 48 countries represented plus 780 free lancers from 33 countries.

Here are the Regional Forums that are held and will be held:

Afro-Asiatic Region – December 2002 in Nepal

Ecuador, Europe and California (USA) 2003

Palestine – 2002

The conference ran strictly on very professional lines. Logistics ticked like clock work and the simultaneous language translations in five languages. It was truly very staggering in its complexity.

The theme overriding this Forum was anti-free trade and finding answers for peace and economic well being for all countries, not to have the few rich countries and a majority of poor countries.

**THE WEALTH OF THIS
PLANET SHOULD BE FOR
ALL OF HUMANITY!** ■

WHAT US MILITARY ADVISORS DO

BY ROLAND G. SIMBULAN
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In 1987, the Pentagon inaugurated an independent command to consolidate Special Operations Forces of Army Green Berets, Rangers, and the covert Delta Force, Navy SEALs, Special Boat Units, and the Covert Team 6 and Air Force Special Operations and Internal Defense Squadrons. These Special Forces command units now operate globally in exercises known as "Joint Combined Exchange Training" (JCET), an indispensable part of key post-Cold War foreign policy. These are different and should be differentiated from the 25- member Joint U.S. Military Advisory Group or JUSMAG which is even today, attached to the U.S. Embassy in Manila.

The U.S. has had JCET operations in various parts of the world for many years, but for the past nine years, they have been almost invisible, free of virtually any U.S. congressional oversight. A 1991 law, Section 2011 of Title 10 of the U.S. Code, which governs money spent on overseas troop deployments, bypasses oversight requirements by giving commanders of Special Operations Forces the authority to deploy and pay for training of U.S. and foreign troops, if "the primary purpose of the training...shall be to train the Special Operations Forces of the Combat Command." The law also allows unreported financing of the foreign country's participation in training by buying fuel, food and ammunition, etc. Today, there are 47,000 personnel belonging to this most elite unit of the U.S. armed forces--the U.S. Special Operations Forces.

"Special operations" have evolved functions which were formerly the sole purview of the CIA or diplomatic officers, such as collecting strategic information on foreign countries, including everything from topography, backgrounds of foreign leaders, evaluation of the readiness of foreign troops, potential landing sites, and the like. Officially, the

justification is that such operations are to facilitate the training of U.S. troops; though deployments appear to hold direct benefit for U.S. troops, U.S. officials maintain that by training foreign troops, U.S. forces are learning how to train foreign troops, one of their main official missions.

The Special Operations Forces advisers may in fact be contributing to counterinsurgency and human rights violations. But there is definitely a political card played by the JCET advisers. They are a direct instrument of U.S. foreign policy, in fact, they may be the most involved, tangible, physical part of U.S. foreign policy in certain countries. They have definitely become a leading force in exerting U.S. influence abroad, revising the rules of US engagement with scores of foreign countries where U.S. economic, security and political interests are affected.

JCET operations which are also functioning as Mobile Training Teams have been operating around the world. In Africa, they were in Benin, Botswana, Mali, Mauritania, Kenya, Rwanda, Senegal, to name a few. They have also been training special forces units in Colombia, Guatemala and other Central and Latin American countries under the auspices of an "anti-narcotics war campaign and operations". But the program has been criticized in the past in various South American countries and Africa for contributing to counter-insurgency operations by the trained troops and paramilitary units and providing yet another mechanism for channeling U.S. military training and equipment to favored regimes.

In Indonesia during the Suharto regime, U.S. Special Operations Forces advisers trained the notorious Kopassus troops, accused by Amnesty International of involvement in kidnappings and torture of anti-government activists. In the case of Colombia and Guatemala, the U.S. role in organizing the death squads and torture squads began with the Special Operations Forces advisers in 1991, when they set up

"intelligence networks" under a secret Colombian military high command. The excuse then was officially the war against narcotics. Now it is the war against terrorism.

Small mobile training teams composed of U.S. Special Operations Forces usually train local units in "camouflage techniques, small-unit movement, troop leading procedures, soldier-team development, rappelling, mountaineering, marksmanship,

weapon maintenance, and day and night navigation" Also included are "small unit leader training, intelligence, interrogation techniques, rifle marksmanship, first aid, land navigation, and tactical skills, such as comcise patrolling". Of course, U.S. military training goes beyond purely military advise as it includes even counterinsurgency techniques, according to a senior U.S. Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict official who was

interviewed by the July 12, 1998 issue of Washington Post. In many countries, despite mounting evidence that U.S. SOF- trained local troops are in the thick of atrocities inflicted upon civilian populations, this form of U.S. military support continues.

PEOPLE'S WAR IN NEPAL HAS ENTERED A NEW STAGE

Nepal people face now the most serious and concentrated attack from the present government. The collapse of the ongoing negotiations between the Communis Party of Nepal and the Royal Government of Nepal last November, made Prime Minister Deubs order the Royal Nepal Army to attack the armed forces under the leadership of

CPN(M). Thereafter reactionary measures against the Nepalese people were quickly introduced.

The CPN has been leading the masses through the years and now they must face new challenges. The Peoples Liberation Army is growing stronger and has inflicted much damage to the reactionary Nepal regime.

The Nepal government is doing all it can to stop the advance of the People's Liberation Army. The Western imperialist powers are now heavily supplying materials, advisors and logistics, fearful that this example of the struggle might spread into the surrounding countries of South Asia.



NEPAL GUERRILLAS IN
TRAINING - WESTERN NEPAL

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COMMEMORATIVE MEETING HELD IN HUNGARY BY THE KARL MARK SOCIETY

On January 18, 2002 in Budapest a commemoration meeting was held by the Karl Marx Society on the occasion of the 65th Anniversary of the organisation of the International Brigades. Among the speakers were two then members of the Brigades András ZALKA (nephew of general LUKÁCS) and Mihály JÁNDI too.

The 65th Anniversary of the organisation of the International Brigades of the antifascists volunteers („brigadistas”) fought on the side of the republican Spain was celebrated in Madrid from 26-29th of October.

The Civil War ended 62 years ago, but the Franco dictatorship which followed tried to wipe the ideas and the whole period of the Republic from the memory of the Spanish people. Franco introduced a clerical, fascist system, the achievements of the Republic were demolished and the representatives of the left were executed or imprisoned.

By the death of Franco in 1975 the dictatorship ceased to exist, but to commemorate the republic took a lot of time.

It was the 55th Anniversary which was celebrated first in 1991. Five years later the Spanish State expressed her honour and appreciation by offering the Spanish citizenship for all the volunteers of the International Brigades.

in the events the participants were not only the members of the International Brigades and the Spanish veterans, but the inhabitants of Madrid, Barcelona, Albacete and other cities the scenes of fighting.

On the closing ceremony the sympathisers filled the whole stadium and another mass of them watched the event on big screens outside.

The internationalists and their relatives were given a red carpet welcome and distinguished honour by the celebrating masses wherever they appear due to the mass media which covered the whole events everywhere. The whole series of events can also be seen on videotape made by an American shooting team.



As time passes by, the number of "brigadistas" is dropping, but the sympathy and appreciation is still high among the Spanish people as it was experienced on the last, the 65th Anniversary in Madrid as well.

Participants were welcomed by young enthusiastic organisers of different left organisations of all kind. They gave the basic tune of the relationship between the past and the future, by recalling the period of International Brigades and show their willingness to continue the fight for a democratic Republic.

It was great to see all these old men coming from more than twenty countries and still able to find their common language.

It was great to see all these veterans still interesting in everything that has anything to do with our today's world.

Whenever and wherever I had a look around I could see groups of young and old people immersed in deep conversation. Wherever we were the „brigadistas“ were surrounded by young activists inquiring of them about their motivation that forced them to fight against fascism far from their country. In any meeting we participated - at the Socialist, and the Communist Party, at the Trade Unions and at the mayors of the cities close to the would be Memorial Park - the „brigadistas“ were welcomed with great respect and appreciation. The hosts also emphasised the significance of the then international union of the left - since unprecedented - and their conviction that without this historical experience Spain would not be the same as it is now.

I was especially affected by the lack of formality. The sincerity and the

natural mood of the speeches of the hosts and the behaviour of the young was fascinating as well.

We were particularly impressed by their deep inclination towards the social problems, especially comparing this kind of social sensitivity that of the young in my own country.

It was good to see that the graves of the martyrs of the Republic are not only undamaged but well cared.

It was a pleasant feeling to hear the sounds of the Internationale, to see the raised fists the salute of the Republic and the red-yellow-lllac republican flag in the conference hall of the Madrid county council.

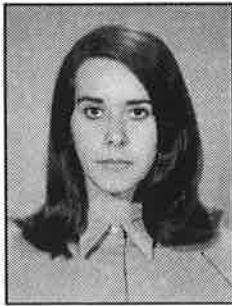
It was moving and elevating to be there at this meeting where the „brigadistas“ could feel how important a role they played in the history, or as it is stated by Dolores Ibárruri:

“YOU ARE HISTORY, YOU ARE LEGEND!”

- Dolores Ibarruri



GUARCY
GOUVEA



Marxist-Leninist Communist Party of Brazil Statement

To Communist Parties and Worker Organizations:

Marxist-Leninist Communist Party of Brazil (PCML-Brazil) denounces the serious blow which has been struck against it, and calls for parties and sister-organizations to make every effort to solidarize with it.

The government of the State of Rio de Janeiro, Mr. Anthony Garotinho, pre-candidate to the Presidency of the Republic, is promoting an action of trespass, aiming at the eviction of the building where the Communist Weekly newspaper "Inverta" is headquartered and where the edition in Portuguese of International "Granma" from Cuba is reprinted.

Following the courageous tradition of the Internationalist Communist Press of denouncing the crimes of Imperialism around the world, "Inverta" has disclosed on its pages the interventionist designs of the Colombian Plan, the war against Afghanistan, the support of the United States to the genocide of the Palestinian people, among other actions of Imperialism.

In Brazil, Governor Anthony Garotinho is a manifest follower, in many aspects, of such Imperialist line of action, particularly in what concerns the police violence against the people living in the slums of Rio de Janeiro.

At this moment, when the general crisis of Capitalism worsens, with the arrival of recession at the main capitalist economy and intensification of the military operations in Afghanistan and Palestine, serious assaults against democratic and revolutionary forces are being carried out: in Chile, the headquarters of the Communist Party have been invaded and the right of use violated, and in Brazil, various leftist politicians have been victims of attacks, like the recent murder of the Mayor of Santo André, State of São Paulo, and the shooting of a leader of the Movement of Landless Rural Workers (MST).

Proletarian Internationalism - a common patrimony of all revolutionaries all over the world, is also the target of such masters of the Capital, to the extent in which they hit "Inverta", they consequently affect the reprinting in Brazil of necessary International Granma from Cuba and the distribution of books and newspapers from other fighting sister-organizations, such as FARC-EP. Our stand of denouncing of the Colombia Plan, an Imperialist war plan implemented by USA against the Colombian people and it also harms the whole world of Latin America, certainly leads Imperialism to avail of all means to strike us.

Their violence now turns against the Communist Weekly "Inverta" after it has celebrated ten years of existence in a party that counted with the presence of representatives of various parties and sister-organizations, who reaffirmed their solidarity.

We think that this is not a case of an isolated action. At a moment when the peoples of the world are beginning to rise against Neo-Liberalism, the reactionary

violence, attempts to now silence resistance. As in the brave motto of resistance to Fascism, we proclaim again:

Marxist-Leninist Communist Party (PCML)-Brazil
International Relations Secretariat

U.S. PROPAGANDA AND ITS DISINFORMATION CAMPAIGN

By BARRY STOLLER

The Pentagon is developing plans to provide news items, Even false ones to all foreign media organizations as part of a new effort to influence public sentiment and policy makers, in both friendly and unfriendly countries, according to the Pentagon military officials.

The plans, which have not yet received final approval from the U.S. Bush administration, have stirred opposition among some Pentagon officials who say that this might undermine the credibility of information that is now openly distributed by the U.S. Defense Department's own public affairs officers.

The military has long been engaged in information warfare against all "hostile" nations - for instance - by dropping leaflets and broadcasting messages into Afghanistan when it was still under Taliban rule.

But it recently created the Office of Strategic Influence, which is proposing to broaden that mission into allied and friendly nations in the Middle East, Asia and even into Western Europe. This office would assume the role traditionally led by civil agencies, mainly the State Department.

The small but extremely well financed Pentagon office, which was established shortly after September 11th, was a response to the concerns in the administration that the United States was losing public support inside and outside its

borders for its war on terrorism, particularly in the Islamic countries.

The U.S. State Department has hired a former Advertising Agency executive, to now run its publicity diplomacy office, and Pentagon has created a public information "War Room" to completely coordinate the administration's daily messages domestically and abroad, so that each radio, TV station and newspapers, e-mail and web pages, must print, voice and show this message across the USA and abroad...which also includes the necessity of showing the US flag always.

Even senior Pentagon officials and Congressional military aides say that they know almost nothing about its purpose or its plans. It has a multi-million budget, drawn from the \$10 billion war chest of the Pentagon budget, which was authorized by the Congress in October, of last year, but it has not been disclosed in any logical detail.

It is headed by Brigadier General Simon P. Worden of the Air Force, the new office has begun to circulate classified proposals, calling for very aggressive campaigns that use not only the foreign media and the Internet, but also covert operations.

One of the main proposals is planting news items with foreign media organizations through outside concerns that might not have obvious ties to the Pentagon, officials familiar with this proposal are quoted as saying.

"It goes from the blackest of black programs to the whitest of white lies," a senior Pentagon official said.

Another proposal would involve sending journalists, civic leaders and foreign leaders e-mail messages that promote American views or attacking unfriendly governments, officials said.

Asked if such e-mail would be identified as coming from the American military, a U.S. Senior Pentagon official said that "the return address will probably be a dot.com, not a dot-mil," a reference to the present U.S. military's Internet designation.

There is criticism and the critics says that a single office might be authorized to use not only covert operations like computer network

attacks, and psychological activities and deception, but it might also use the instruments and staff of the military's own globe-spanning affairs apparatus.

Mingling the more surreptitious activities with the work of traditional public affairs would undermine the Pentagon's credibility with the media, the public and governments around the whole world, critics argue.

"This now breaks down the boundaries almost completely", said a senior Pentagon official.

Moreover, these critics say, disinformation thus planted in foreign media organizations, like Reuters, Agence France-Presse, CNN or others could end up being published or broadcast by the American news organizations.

In the mid 1970's it was disclosed that the CIA planted false news in the foreign press and media, items which were then published in the American press itself, thus causing problems for the U.S. government at that time.

RUSSIAN CHILDREN REVIVE STALIN'S YOUTH MOVEMENT

Huge numbers of Russian children marched in Moscow through the Red Square one Saturday in March, as part of the revival of Stalin's youth movement. It is part of many Communist parties aim to restore the traditional values to children, as Russia struggles with the new capitalist ideology.

This Pioneer movement almost disappeared when Communism collapsed, and recently many other youth groups emerged to take its place.

But on this special Saturday, after visiting the Lenin Mausoleum, the children swore an oath of allegiance to Russia, in front of an army General. Capitalist fever might be gripping some of the newly rich, but with these youths, it's back to the old days.

With their red scarves of Stalin's Pioneer Movement, that Saturday over 100 Moscow Pioneers marched proudly. The Young Pioneers were formed in the 1930's in order to raise them in the spirit of socialism and a future Communist society.

JAILED UNION WORKERS IN SOUTH KOREA

At the end of 2001, 45 Korean unionists were held in jail. This year is a ten-year record of 241 trade unionists which were put in jail. (A total of 275 unionists were imprisoned in 1992 under the then President Roh Tae Woo). On an average, 5 workers were put in jail per week last year. The total number of workers, trade union leaders imprisoned under the government of President Kim Dae Jung is 686. An average of 3 workers were imprisoned each week in the 4-year reign of president Jung.

This year 50 workers were imprisoned at the Daewoo Motors; 53 from Hyosung, Taekwang, Kohap synthetic fiber textile manufacturers in the course of the structural adjustment; 11 from the banking sector as a result of financial sector restructuring. Half of the imprisonment resulted as workers and unionists protested the mass retrenchment in neo-liberal structural adjustment drive. The list of those in jail includes Dan Byungho, the KCTU chairman, and Mun Sung-hyun, president of the Korean Metal Workers Federation, KCTU's biggest affiliate. Dan and Mun are in prison after being inducted for organizing illegal labor activities. Also, 150 workers were injured and more than 650 harassed by police in anti-union repression throughout South Korea, where workers face appalling working conditions, long working hours and low wages.

An international campaign for the release of Korean union workers and their leadership from jail is well underway.

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**U.S. GLOBALIZATION
MUST BE DEFEATED!**

WHO WANTS TO OVERTHROW CHAVEZ OF VENEZUELA?

By Rafael Martinez

US Imperialism now constantly interferes in the internal affairs of Venezuela, in order to impose its mandate. Every day in the media there is evidence of a campaign that has been unleashed on an international level and in Venezuela against the government of Col. Hugo Chavez, to create political conditions for his downfall.

This campaign is conceived and orchestrated by U.S. imperialism and the Venezuelan reactionary big bourgeoisie, which is now joined by the Episcopal Conference of Venezuela and utilizing all the biggest newspapers, radio and TV channels.

This conspiracy is being carried out by a Task Force made of the US CIA, and US State Department, the Pentagon and supervised by the Director of the National Security Council, who reports directly to President Bush on the steps that are being taken.

As has happened in the past, when any leader of a country that refuses to follow the script as written by CIA and US Government, they are demonized with the ghost of communism. To this strategy they have now included the government of President Chavez.

A few months ago, the American daily newspaper "The Washington Times", published a communique of the so-called "National Emergency Board", which spoke specifically of a communist invasion and also intervention, that was supposedly concealed by the Government, using as an employment plan that destroys the Venezuelan worker, replacing him by Chinese and Cuban agents, to the detriment of the Security and National Defense. They also accuse Chavez of manipulation of Venezuelan history and the symbols of the Fatherland, in favor of the pseudo-Bolivian revolution, by the President, by placing figures such as Che Guevara and Mao TseTung ahead of historic national leaders." The

communique of this Board ended by asking President Chavez to resign. The statement closely resembles those, which are regularly put out by the Cuban gusanos in Miami, USA.

But what is happening in Venezuela?

In various aspects of national and international politics, Hugo Chavez has distanced himself from the axis defined by the United States. And not just that, from time to time it has taken opposite positions.

The US has made the establishment of the FTA (Free Trade Association of the Americas) an urgent economic and political proposal for the region, which the Venezuelan president has openly opposed, to the point, that at a recent meeting of the Caribbean countries, he asked them to adopt a similar position. In response to the imperialist aggression, which is Plan Colombia, the Venezuelan leader has expressed his disagreement, as he also did regarding the US invasion of Afghanistan; he also criticized the evil work of the International Monetary Fund. Moreover, while the United States has been trying to isolate such countries as Iraq and Libya, Chavez made a trip through these countries in order to strengthen the bonds and coordinate actions regarding oil politics. Of course, none of this pleases the Yankees or the more reactionary sector of the Venezuelan bourgeoisie.

Does Chavez acts in this way because he is the head of a revolutionary government? In no way. There has been no revolution in Venezuela. Chavez represents a section of the bourgeoisie itself; but it is a less powerful sector, a group which formally was not directly involved in the management of the state administration, but which, for decades, have been displaced and today feel affected, therefore they were interested in ousting the government. We can definitely say that this is not a classical government of the bourgeoisie.

Chavez has assumed an anti-oligarchic discourse; in his electoral campaign, he has targeted that sector of the bourgeoisie that has dominated that country for decades. In his actions we find nationalist

attitudes of resistance to foreign domination, and this is very important; that is what we support, because all of these conditions contribute to the struggles of the people against the imperialist domination. However, one must be sufficiently objective to see that, in his politics, Chavez has also approved laws to protect the interests of the banks; his policies have also included the adoption of privatization of certain areas, which does not exactly make him an opponent of neo-liberalism. That is the contradiction of Chavez's politics.

It is because of what we have mentioned that many problems that affect the popular sectors have not been addressed, much less resolved. Poverty and hunger are growing very rapidly in Venezuela, unemployment and corruption are continuing, the crisis is getting sharper and, the social effects are not greater only due to the great production and export of oil, which last year benefited from the increase in the price of oil on the international market. If we look at it as a whole, the Venezuelan economy is among those that experienced the lowest growth in the year 2001. All this has been used to justify the campaign unleashed by the oligarchy to overthrow Chavez.

If fact, as we said earlier, that politics of resistance and independence that Chavez has taken up in various forms is of great use for the development of the revolutionary movement, not only in Venezuela but also on the international level.

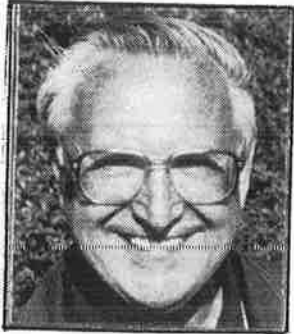
In Venezuela the crisis is sharpening, but it has specific connotations. There is the activity of imperialism and the oligarchs sectors that want to put an end to the Chavez government and, on the other hand, there is an important sector of the population that supports him and is mobilizing for Chavez. Confronted with this reactionary attack, Chavez has radicalized his discourse. When the bosses' lockout took place at the end of last year, they correctly pointed out that *"that the revolution has been peaceful, but we are the ones who have the arms,"* which

shows that Venezuela can become the scene of a civil war. In this case, the question is? - can we be on the side of imperialism? For us the matter is clear, our main enemy is

imperialism and we will stand in solidarity with those actions that resist the actions of the imperialist powers.

FEATURE ANALYSES

VIC
RATSMAN



Article from the manifest of the United Communist Party of the Netherlands (VCP)

Translation of the article from Dutch by Vic Ratsma.

STALIN:

A COMMUNIST SAINT?

There is a story about a Russian worker who worked in a factory that was being visited by Stalin. The worker pushed himself to the front of his colleagues in the hope to get a glimpse of the party leader. He was in luck, he not only got to see Stalin, he actually shook his hand. Immediately after, the worker made his hand into a fist, put it in his pocket and ran home. Only upon arrival did he remove his fist from his pocket, laid his palm against the forehead of his recently born new baby and pronounced the wish that, in this way, the special powers of the great Stalin would be passed on to his child.

Unfortunately we have to assume that this story may well be true.

As is the case with many peoples, there were and are large groups of Russians who are strong believers as well as superstitious. Poverty and a lack of rights are major contributors to this phenomena in

many Russian religions. The concept of christianity, developed by the writer Lev Tolstoy in the latter period of his life, is proof thereof. Tolstoy was sincerely affected by the social abuse that took place in Czarist Russia. In many of his works he describes in powerful ways the terrible situation in which most Russians were forced to live. The christianity of Tolstoy however wants to teach humanity that even the most miserable human conditions are the will of God. Humans cannot understand everything and should not try to alter the intended order of God. Real changes can only come from above". Whoever can see that and lives accordingly, comes to peace with himself, despite his material needs.

Lenin saw Tolstoy as an artistic genius, but obviously not a revolutionary. In his own words: "On the one hand merciless condemnation of capitalist exploitation, the revelation of the use of force by the rulers, the farcical courts and government and the questioning of the deep contradictions between the growth of wealth and culture and the growth of poverty, the deprivation and misery of the working masses. On the other hand the perverse preaching of submission and peaceful resistance against evil.

On the one hand the most sober realism and the removal of all possible masks, but on the other hand the preaching of one of the most treacherous businesses on earth: religion.

The forementioned worker is, despite that he undoubtedly was a devoted party member, in the first place a Tolstoyan, rather than a Leninist. He would have worked

hard to build a socialist society. He would have understood that this was a means to do away with the extreme poverty and injustice in Russia. But he was not a materialist. He saw Stalin as a supernatural figure who carried out magical tasks and who was able to impart non-existing powers onto his child.

The story of this worker is not just a story of itself. To this day the opinion is offered that after the death of Stalin communism fell apart. Obviously this opinion is incorrect. The downslide of the communist parties was only being recognized many years after the death of Stalin and combines with many other factors. The death of a single communist leader can never be of such influence that because of it communism ceases to exist. One can only maintain that there is a connection between the death of Stalin and the reversals in the fortunes of communism if one decrees a unique hero role to Stalin. from that vantage point it is only a small step to the traditional saint and redeemer ideas that are so noticeable in many religions.

It is extremely curious that a Stalin-worship cult has been able to develop both within and outside of Russia. The first four chapters of the History of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union (Bolshevik) were compulsory study material in every school in the Soviet Union. In chapter one, where among other things the contradictions between Plekhanov and the narodniki are described, hero worship is already powerfully opposed. "Plekhanov also destroyed the third fundamentally flawed opinion of the narodniki with respect to the decisive role played by "heroes" in societies' social development, of the outstanding personalities and their ideas and about the minute role played by the masses, the people, and the classes.

Plekhanov accused the narodniki of idealism and proved that the truth does not lie on the side of idealism, but on the side of the materialism of Marx and Engels". Thus states the History of the CPSU (b).

So what is so disturbing about a communist hero or saint worship?

First a necessary explanation of the earlier mentioned pronouncement by Lenin that religion is "one of the most treacherous businesses on earth". This quotation comes from an article (Lev Tolstoy as mirror of Great October Revolution of 1917) which Lenin wrote in regards to the 80th birthday of Tolstoy in 1908. Around this birthday celebration a sort of peoples-hysteria had developed. Even people who had never read even one word of Tolstoy were engaged in explaining that once again Russia had brought forth such a great artist. Under those circumstances Lenin thought it necessary to, in strong words, reject the religious ideas of the writer.

Lenin however, realist as he was, understood that supporters of religions that call for practical actions in the battle against poverty and injustice are not treacherous. "Unity in this revolutionary struggle of the oppressed class for a paradise on earth is more important to us than the unity of opinions of the proletariat about the paradise in heaven" Lenin states. Many communist parties have put these thoughts of Lenin into practice. The statutes of the Communist Party of the Netherlands (CPN) state explicitly that membership in a particular church is no objection to membership in the CPN. Lenin would undoubtedly have accepted the worker who wanted to pass Stalin's powers to his child as a worthy ally.

Even though religiously tinted opinions are no problem in a large and well organized communist party, for the present communist parties who almost all find themselves in a stage of rebuilding, communist saint worship contains many real dangers. One would expect that the present saint worshippers have little inclination to roll up their sleeves in order to rebuild a party. They are sitting, waiting for a new messiah to come forth. They also do not engage in the so necessary self criticism; the downfall of socialism is

after all, in their eyes to be blamed on that one great cause: the death of Stalin. Saint-worship furthermore is an obstacle to democratic centralist decision-making that communists want. Once a greater or smaller party-saint expresses his or her opinion, the issue is then, in the eyes of the worshippers, already decided. Thorough examination by means of a general discussion is in this way being frustrated.

In the Stalin-worship however lies another, much greater danger. Milovan Djilas, a Yugoslav writer and for many years a trusted ally of Tito, wrote a book "Discussions with Stalin", in which this danger is already evident from the index page alone. Chapter 1 is entitled "Enthusiasm", chapter 2 "Doubt" and above the third and final chapter it reads "Disappointments". Djilas changed within a few years from a Stalin-worshipper to a Stalin-hater. In the end he broke with communism entirely. In his book he points exactly where the breaking point lies. In "Doubt" he describes that soldiers of the Red Army at the end of 1944 in parts of Yugoslavia were involved in rape and plunder. Djilas presented, in what were rather clumsy words, a protest note to the Soviet Union.

During a later meeting with Stalin he receives a stern rebuke. According to Djilas, Stalin said among other things: "Does Djilas, who himself is a writer, not understand what human suffering is, how the human heart beats? Can he not understand that a soldier, who has fought and marched for thousands of kilometers through fire and blood and with a constant threat to his life would like some pleasure with a woman or steal a trifle somewhere?" One cannot determine if Stalin, should he indeed have spoken these words, meant thereby to give a justification or an explanation for the conduct of the Soviet soldiers. But it is clear that Stalin had no lofty notions of what it meant to be a soldier. In all likelihood he well understood that war, irrespective from which ideology it was being conducted, has a destructive effect on human

morality.

On the other hand, Djilas had seen the Red Army as the "ideal army". Now that this ideal does not seem to fit reality he sees himself, as he writes himself, confronted with a moral problem. He solved that problem by rejecting, first Stalin and subsequently communism. He does however not see that his moral dilemma is to a large extent of his own making. For in the end he himself had placed Stalin on far too high a pedestal, did he convince himself that communism would solve all human problems in short order. He is too little materialist, he expects too much salvation 'from above'. That he also should, with patience and perseverance make his own small but not unimportant contribution to an imperfect party, remains beyond his field of view.

The civic anti-Stalin propaganda tries to pressure every communist with the moral problem of Djilas. Stalin is increasingly being portrayed as the greatest demon of the 20th century. He is for the bourgeoisie the personification of "Evil" that by definition is being hatched by communism. This anti-communist propaganda is, unintentionally, being maintained and supported by the Stalin-worshippers. Whoever declares Stalin holy accepts just as unrealistic a position as those who picture Stalin as a devil. One cannot expect that the bourgeoisie in the coming years will begin a serious study of the history of the Soviet Union and the role Stalin had in it. After all, such a study would not only identify the weaknesses and errors of Soviet communism, but undoubtedly also display the power and the achievements of this great future of mankind – Communism.

Therefore, the class enemy benefits more by a propagandistic approach towards Stalin than by a scientific method. Communists would do better to turn this approach around. A scientific analysis, for which communism with the theory of historical materialism – has an excellent technique, is a mighty aid in the defence of this propaganda.

But not only that!

Such an analysis can also be in contrast to an ideological approach, in real measures can strengthen the political powers of Communism. That applies also, especially, when the spotlights are aimed at the events that put communism in not such a good light.

A group of retired Russian Army Generals on February 22nd, 2002, including a former defense minister, branded Russia's President Putin, a Western lackey and traitor for cooperating with Washington in the war against Afghanistan.

"With your (Putin's) blessing, the USA has now received military bases in former USSR. In the long run, these bases are for dealing a strike against Russia, not against bin Laden.

Tomorrow the West will call you as the Best American, European or NATO official!"

MICHAEL
OPPERSKALSKI



The Republic of the Congo is now in the news almost daily, since there is an ongoing struggle for the control of what many well-informed people believe to be the *"richest territory on the planet"*. Over the past four centuries, European explorers and exploiters (including Anglo-American) have always been competing amongst themselves as to which one of them would hold sway over this vast territory (the third largest country in Africa), whose mineral wealth was so immense that the 19th century observers claimed that it was a *"geological scandal"* for one country to be so abundant with natural resources.

Osagyefo Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, the founding father of Ghana's independence made extensive analyses of the wealth extracted

from the Congo by Western nations, leaving the amount of debt owned Congolese people to be determined, in his tremendous work *"Neo-Colonialism: The Last Stage of Imperialism and The Challenge of the Congo."* And Dr. Walter Rodney also cited the Congo as one of the prime examples to substantiate the thesis of his classic book –

"How Europe Underdeveloped Africa"

Besides the much acknowledged rubber, ivory, palm oil and copper, resources from the Congo have ranged and are varied from such extreme importance as the uranium taken that was utilized by the Manhattan Project to make the atomic bombs that were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, to copal, used to make congolene to process

kinky hair from its natural African texture and fashion into a straightened facsimile of people such as Caucasians and Asians.

The first plunder stolen from the Congo were its most important natural resource – its people, who were kidnapped and transported to Europe, Portugal in particular, while others were sent to be enslaved in their colonies in the Caribbean and South, Central and North America. This was followed by the European division of Africa at the infamous Berlin Conference of 1884-85, when the Congo was given to King Leopold II of Belgium as a personal gift for his part in organizing the colonization of Africa. The U.S., sitting as an observer at the Berlin Conference, gave the final

TO ALL NSC READERS

Due to the tremendous amount of materials received, we were not able to publish all the interesting materials in this issue. In future issues we shall publish the following stories and items:

- *The Zionist movement: a danger threatening free people throughout the world – by Dr. Amman Bagdash, CC of the Syrian Communist Party.
- *Lenin: from Imperialism to Hegemonism – By Dr. Vera Butler, Australia.
- *Uncle Sam, champion of human rights?
- *Bush's hypocrisy of the war against terror.
- *Why this war was and remains, utterly wrong – By Gary Leupp
- *Statement by the Chairman of the International League of People's struggle.
- *Deprived of his birthright – Latvian political prisoner – By Dr. Vera Butler, Australia
- *New Anglo-Saxon colonialism in Afghanistan – by Wisal Bagdash, General Secretary of the Syrian Communist Party.
- *Impoverished Bulgarians pay a high price for reforms – By Lilia Dimitrova
- *Milosevic will not be silenced.
- *Depression and despair in Israel – from the Irish Times
- *From Afghanistan to the Philippines "America's new war of aggression.
- *The Czech government will send its troops anywhere – By Radomir Silber, CPC advisor
- *Two Strategies, by Dr. Andras Zalka
- *History of U.S. military intervention in the Philippines – a new phase.

The Role of US and Belgium in African Assassinations

arrangement its blessings by President Grover Cleveland and his administration.

Under the Belgian monarch's 23 year reign, over 10 million Congolese people were killed while undergoing forced labor to collect rubber and ivory which enriched Leopold to the sum of more than \$10 million (*in those days, now it would be \$100 million*). Leopold's atrocities became so outrageous that they were denounced vehemently, initiating protests by two African-American clergymen, George Washington Williams and William Sheppard, followed by abolitionist Frederick Douglass and the famed American author Mark Twain, along with Britain's brilliant and prolific anti-colonial author Edmund Morel and the Irish activist Roger Casement. The outrage caused such a clamor that Leopold's embarrassed European allies forced him to transfer his ownership of the so-called "*Congo Free State*" to the Belgian State. This act officially transformed the territory into a colony of the government in Brussels that was to be known as the Belgian Congo.

From 1908 to 1960 the Congo was subjected to the imperialist desires of such US capitalists as Thomas Fortune Ryan and his Intercontinental Rubber Company, and mining interests headed up by such luminary American financier families as the Guggenheims, Baruchs and Rockefellers, among others. During these years the American and Belgian corporations have vied for control.

The national liberation struggle led by Patrice Lumumba and his Congolese National Movement (MNC) brought Belgian colonial rule to an unexpected end, when Brussels was forced to accede to the independence demands of the Congolese people on June 30, 1960.

With the second largest Black nation on the African continent, and one of the most geostrategically located centrally, the axiomatic "*heart of Africa*", bordering nine neighboring states (*six yet to be granted their own independence*), Lumumba, took control of the Congo, at a crucial time when, Western alliance conspired to thwart the efforts of his government to be

truly independent.

In a very diabolical and Maciavellian strategy, France, both tactfully and tactically, granted their 12 remaining colonial territories into a neo-colonial (*still in dependence on the colonial authorities in Paris*) as a move to checkmate Lumumba's government in the diplomatic arena at the United Nations, while Belgium provoked enough civil unrest in the Congo in order to justify sending its military back into the fledgling state under the usual ruse of having to protect its nationals from civil disobedience.

The devious ploy worked, Belgian military forces, backed-up by foreign mercenaries, gave Moise Tshombe and Godefroid Munongo, the two leading local reactionaries in Katanga province – the wealthiest region (*rich in copper and cobalt*) of the new Republic – the wherewithal to ignite a tribal secessionist-movement in order to secede from Lumumba's Central Government; this was soon followed in the diamond rich Kasai province, with its governor Albert Kalonji declaring his region independent and proclaimed himself king of the new "*state*".

President Dwight D. Eisenhower instructed his CIA to go and undermine the Congo's Lumumba government by instilling dissent in the government and by supporting different elements in order to split the Congo into four, then declare themselves "*independent*" and become countries under the influence of USA, Belgium and the Western alliance.

With the country being dismembered and with Lumumba being assassinated, together with his two ministers, the bloodshed was horrific and the West sent in troops and mercenaries who proceeded to kill women and children and elderly. With this foreign intervention, the Socialist camp came in to help with a contingent of Cuban volunteers under the legionary Ernesto Che Guevara in 1965.

For security reasons the activities

were conducted out of Lingala, in fear of any mishap happening to Che Guevara. Che's contingent was placed under the command of a 25 year-old Lumumbist, Laurent Desire Kabula, 11-year junior to the living legend.

It was an arrangement that didn't sit well with Che. But if the Kabula's forces seemed too tepid for Che, there was very good and valid reason "*for their caution and restraint*." When the Republic of Congo was established, the U.S. in the heat of the Cold War responded by calling this the "*Intrusion of Communism into the heart of Africa*." But...it was the lust for gold and diamonds etc, by the USA, which was the main reason.

Under the charge of U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson, the US launched a massive attack against this revolutionary new government. Using aerial bombing, and anti-Castro Cuban pilots, the assault followed up with European mercenaries who killed thousands of innocent noncombatants such as women, children and the elderly. The Lumumbists were in disarray and became a very weak movement. The Lumumbists were in great shock and disarray by the time Che reached the Congo, and when Cubans left six months later.

Kabila would fight on in the Congo with his newly formed small People's Revolutionary Party, engaging Mobutu's Western supported forces sporadically. Meanwhile Mobutu changed the country's name from Congo to Zaire, a Portuguese corruption of the world Nzadi which could not pronounce. As always greedy and ruthless and exploitive as his Belgian forerunner King Leopold, his obvious role model. Mobutu amassed a fortune (much of which was deposited in the numbered Swiss bank accounts), while leaving the average Zaire's citizen to fend for themselves.

In another desperate attempt to escape from being identified with his traitorous past, Mobutu dropped his first and middle names and, replaced them with Sese Seko as his middle and last name, which followed a vainglorious title: Kuku Ngbenda wa Ksabena, meaning the, "*All Conquering Warrior Who*

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Leaves His Enemies in His Wake". Mr. Mobutu, even went as far as to distance himself, from his role in the assassination of Patrice Lumumba, that he declared the Congo's first prime minister – his former mentor, whom he delivered to his mortal enemies to be a "human sacrifice" on the alter of monopoly capitalism, as a "national hero."

The international media went along with the game, promoting Mobutu as some sort of beneficent dictator who was needed to keep the Congo together. His name reached its zenith of world acclaim when he became the host of the 1974 George Foreman vs. Mohamed Ali Championship Fight, packaged by the boxing promoter Don King as the "Rumble in the Jungle."

But just as the case of Leopold, Mobutu's avaricious greed and ostentatious wealth (over \$8 billion)



PATRICE LUMUMBA

and conspicuous consumption, acquired by brutal force, rampant kleptocratic malfeasance throughout his regime, and his foreign backers, ignoring his abuses, brought the Africa's potential richest country to ruin – counter productive to even function properly for his imperialist masters. Like with the Belgian monarch, Mobutu's Western allies tried to encourage their creation to withdraw willingly. And when it was found out that Mobutu had terminal prostate cancer, Washington and Brussels had to, but should also not spell doom for Mobutuism. As the saying goes, **Business must go on as usual.**

The first choice by the West was Etienne Tshisekedi from the newly formed Democracy and Social Progress, who acted as Mobutu's prime minister. He was touted as another Mobutu. The label was picked by all of the Western media

in opposition to Kabala. His on and off gain relations with Mobutu was confusing to the people. Besides, Tshisekedi was not very squeaky clean himself. His unsavory role in the demise of Patrice Lumumba, has become a blemish on his opportunistic career and the major deficit in the U.S. plans to advance him as their choice, because he was involved in the collusion to murder Lumumba, whose principal stand against imperialists costs him and his cadres their lives.

Although Kabila was shot on January 16th and died two days later, and although Lumumba was murdered 40 years ago, both were killed by the machinations of the same Western alliance for the same

reasons: Lumumba and Kabila were militantly opposed to allowing the Congo to be continually exploited for the interests of Western imperialism, while impoverishing the Congolese people. Wars were forced on both these leaders to bring plans of development and create confusion amongst the masses that would revolve, as it did, into civil wars and social exploitation.

Both men were attempting to mobilize a continental Pan-African movement connected to Africans in a diaspora to collaborate in mutually beneficial developmental projects that would bring the broad masses of Blacks out of their impoverished condition. ■

LETTERS

FROM
NEW YORK
USA

I read with interest in the back issue of NSC Harpal Brar's article and the Word Congress resolution on "Terrorism". I was amazed to find that the people that flew into the World Trade Center, were called by him "some of the most heroic and self-sacrificing representatives of the national liberation movement of the Arab peoples". This is an unforgivable insult to the Arab people. These are the same folks, who dedicated themselves to the overthrow of the pro-Soviet government in Afghanistan, who hunted down and killed every communist and progressive they could find in that country, and only yesterday being trained by the CIA to carry out the program of US imperialism in that part of the world. This "self-sacrificing" group, except for their leaders, they did not even know that they were going to be sacrificed until the very moment they boarded their airplanes. They were interested in sacrificing others.

That is deluded fundamentalist group, a tool of Arab fascism and fanatic fundamentalism, a group that boasts of the number of Soviet soldiers it killed, and proudly claims to be the reason that the USSR collapsed, a group that supports the total suppression of women, and wages war in the name of religion,

and is very far from the noble revolutionaries that Harpal Brar has fantasies about.

I note that the quote from Lenin's "Where To Begin" (Collected works, Vol. 5) does not support Mr. Brar's position. The WTC attack was indeed "an independent form of occasional attack unrelated to any army". Under the conditions of the Left in the USA today, let alone the international weakness of the Left, since the loss of the USSR, the rest of Lenin's quote left out of Mr. Brar's article) makes more sense: "We, therefore, declare emphatically, that under the present conditions such a means of struggle is inopportune and unsuitable; that it diverts the most active fighters from their real task, organization. The task which is most important from the standpoint of the interests of the movement as a whole; and that it disorganizes the forces, not of the government, but of the revolution."

Yours for the restoration of the Soviet Union

Thomas Riggins, NY Chapter
US Friends of Soviet People

NSC pages are open to different points of view, as you know. Your letter somehow does not point a finger at the real cause of this tragedy! Even the US mass media question the actions of Bush, the complete lapse of any security, the tie-in of bin Laden to Bush and family, and the CIA. And, speaking

of fanaticism of Bush, do you see any difference of: "In God we trust! God is not neutral! God is with us! If you're not with us, you're against us". US imperialist's hands are not clean in this tragedy at all!

FROM
NORTHERN IRELAND

Regarding the article by Vic Ratma from Canada in the February issue of NSC, I do agree with him.

I would also like to say to the critics of Stalin; it's not the question of him being above criticism, it's about **analyzing** in deeper terms as to **why** did he follow that course? Historically maybe there was no other way to save the Soviet Union from the upcoming conflict and intrigues. Maybe the USSR would have ceased to exist if he took another course. These people always forget, that the USSR, was surrounded by enemies. Again, if I say this I will be branded as a "Stalinist", but in our analyses we should go beyond the propaganda that tells us that "he did it because he loved power".

I also think that there is a need to develop Marxist theory in the new historical context that would give us a guiding line. For some people, Marxism seems something out of the XIX century. But if you look at things carefully, it's the same old story-only dressed up in new clothes. For instance, take the workers who line up at the Labour Centers- in industrial enterprises.

Most of these non-union workplaces are nothing but sweatshops, under paid and most of them have no right to form trade unions.

Does anyone write about this in the media? This is the working class of today, but they often do not realize it themselves.

Irina Malenko

FROM
JACKSON HEIGHTS
USA

Dear Editor:

As a reader of NSC I would like to inform you that I have written a book and want to submit it for

consideration. It is entitled: "Past Lessons and Future Power" and it proposes methods to help today's radical activists to succeed.

We know that there is a new generation of activists who are very deeply concerned with the problems of war and economic downturn. They have proven their concern by turning out in thousands at the anti-globalization demonstrations in many countries of the world. However the concern that they show goes together with a lack of knowledge. They cope with forces that are poorly understood.

This is what the book deals with:-

- *How to build an organization. How to create good meetings, activities and committed members.
- *What are the problems to be faced in living a political life
- *What are good books for political activists to read
- *What are the many-sided elements of victory
- *How can we learn from past mistakes
- *How can we benefit from the experience of history

Certainly there is a past radical and revolutionary literature. But there is also a lack of works that are simply written and designed to tell ordinary people how to proceed.

I'm a graduate of the City College as a history major and have been a political activist since 1944, in the course of which I encountered a great variety of people and also organizations.

The manuscript is available on request.

Murray Alger

In the next issue we shall gladly do a review.

FROM
GABRIEL, CA.
USA

As an American I cannot take all of the daily propaganda and the demagoguery of our President and government, regarding the attack on Afghanistan and their "fight against terrorism" while we bomb and kill thousands of innocent people, not only in Afghanistan but all over the world.

It seems that no one can have a different opinion, or to criticize Bush and the US policies.

Recently, over 10,000 people marched in Ft. Benning, against the American run school of assassins. There are 37 religious organizations and movements calling of Bush to find a peaceful road towards understanding...but to no avail.

There is no difference between the Democrats or the Republicans, they both support the drive towards the New World Order and the quest for oil on behalf of the multinational corporations.

Pero Nikov

We are appealing to letter writers to keep you letters short and to the point. Editors

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE AGAINST PRIVATIZATION OF RAILWAYS TRANSPORT

Dear comrades:

I found out with great interest about last year's World Congress for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People. The questions that were discussed at that Congress have a great significance for our country. Information about the World Congress I informed all my comrades, living in all of the former Soviet republics and their reply was that of satisfaction that our foreign comrades are interested in helping the Soviet people.

People in former Soviet republics, who are now "independent" and "sovereign" are fed up with the situation since there is no improvement in their lives, only the opposite is the case and they are tired of hearing about "Soviet chauvinism" which is only a devious method to bring us much closer to American imperialism.

Today, the present Russian government has undertaken an adventurous provocation to privatize all the railroads spanning the former USSR. This will include privatization of all the railway lines, raising the cost of railway tickets for travel, diminishing the number of trains and also passenger wagons, and also raise the costs of the supplying industries, and servicing the

To my way of thinking, there are three kinds of people in the world...haves, have nots and have nots that serve the haves.

To those that do not believe that Imperialism has in the works, constant different conspiracies working around the clock in order to keep us have-nots under control, put yourself in the Haves shoes for just a moment and see a chance of losing all your wealth. **What would you do?**

Keep the good work!

John Greene

FROM
NEPAL

Dear comrades:

We received your letter and many thanks for all the information that you have sent us.

We are receiving NSC regularly plus all the news about the World Congress that was held last September, 2001 and the election of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People.

We have already published materials from the Congress in our publication called, "Shramik Weekly" (*Workers Weekly*) that we send you regularly.

We are interested in all of the documents of the World Congress that you have now published in the publication "*Congress Documents*". It will be a valuable document and our party is discussing the possibility of establishing in Nepal a branch committee of Friendship with Soviet People...this is hard at the moment, due to the present changing situation in Nepal.

We support your endeavor for the restoration of the USSR and Socialism and, we also condemn the revisionists of former USSR such as Krushchev, Gorebachev and many others,

We hope that your mission will succeed day by day, and we will continue to support your just cause from our side.

Narayan Man Bijukchhen
Chairman
Nepal Workers and Peasants Party

FROM
NEW YORK
USA

Dear comrades:

Enclosed is money for three subs to NSC. The November issue of NSC. was excellent and also exemplary. Keep up the great work. Financial contribution is on its way.

Nicole Williams

FROM
ALL INDIA ANTI-IMPERIALIST
FORUM
INDIA

Dear comrades:

Our Party has discussed the documents and resolutions of the World Congress. We are in general agreement with the resolutions adopted at the Congress. It appears that there was considerable debate of Resolution #1 covering the Sept. 11th events in New York and Washington. Our Party agrees with the spirit of the resolution and our analyses of the events have been expressed by our General Secretary Nihar Mukherjee. We feel that this attack, no matter how strong the anti-imperialist fervor of the perpetrators of the attacks on New York and Washington, this had to be seen as individual act of terror. This is not in consonance with the developing and strengthening the mass movements against imperialism, and its policies of globalization and liberalization. Such terrorism is a product of frustration and despair and will not advance the movements against US imperialism of the world to a higher level. The imperialist forces have used the incidence as a pretext to launch more vicious attacks on the proletariat of the different countries and to wage a ruthless war to pursue their geopolitical agenda of domination and exploitation.

We thank you for your offer for us to send a representative to the Executive Committee of the International Council. We accept this offer and pledge our support for building a global anti-imperialist movement for eradication of all forms of exploitation and the establishment of socialism. Manik

Mukherjee, General Staff and Deputy, International Affairs of the Socialist Unity Centre of India and Vice President of All India Anti-Imperialist Forum, is elected to be our representative on the Executive Committee for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People.

From the mid-nineties, after the collapse of the socialist camp, our party has been sending appeals to the fraternal parties for building up a broad-based and united anti-imperialist movements in different countries and to co-ordinate such movements on an international area. In India we organized a Convention in Calcutta in 1995 and the All-India anti-Imperialist Forum was built as a broad based united Front for struggle. The Calcutta Declaration at the Convention gave a call building-up globally a coordinated anti-imperialist struggle on broad based unity. We did not earlier have contacts with you Comrades and perhaps this was not conveyed to you. We believe that your endeavor would serve the purpose of building up a global anti-Imperialist struggle and we extend our support to it. We had read through the proposed statutes that you had earlier sent us. Please send us the final version of the Statutes adopted at the World Congress. We would appreciate it if you would inform us about the composition of the Congress elected Executive Committee and your thought about implementing the Congress decisions and program. It was unfortunate that I could not have come to the Congress. We could have had direct contact that would be beneficial and probably would have helped you to understand better our political line. we want to keep close contact with you and have mutual political exchanges of thoughts.

From the report of the World Congress published in NSC, we got an idea of some of the organizations that were represented by delegates at the World Congress. We certainly would appreciate if you can send us a full list of the participating Organizations.

With revolutionary greetings

Manik Mukherjee

There is no other solution to the unity of the Communist Parties in former USSR!

