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EDITORIAL

HUMANITY DEMANDS AN END TO "STRATEGIC" U.S. "TERROR" BOMBING... A MAJOR ELEMENT OF TNC PROGRAMS...

In 1937, Hitler's Nazi Condor Legion obliterated Guernica, a Spanish town and people by massive, continuing bombing. The horrendous Nazi blood bath was committed on behalf of the Falangist Franco forces engaged in the destruction of the Spanish peoples first fragile attempt at democratic Republican rule. The "Westernized" democracies of the United States, Great Britain, France and Canada turned their backs in the deliberate "non intervention" policy. They had guaranteed and opened the door to WW II and the German "Drang Nach Osten" (March to the East) assault in the attempt to destroy the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

The bombing and devastation of Spanish Guernica introduced a new "strategic" element known since as "terror-bombing" with the then unheard of highly technological developments and "fine tuning". The yield in profits is also an "unheard of" result.

The purpose, advancing the war concept beyond the pre- (and "post-" Von Clausewitz's "war science" of armed military formations that confronted each other for the unchallenged occupation of territory, that for the most part excluded civilian casualties. The new and strategic "terror-bombing" now envisioned the destruction of civilian populations and infrastructure wholesale from the air.

Since Guernica, sixty-five years ago, an uncounted hundreds of thousands, millions, of innocent civilians have perished and been summarily murdered by the "strategic" device of "terror-bombing". During and following the Spanish Nazi-Falangist debacle, the

"new" strategy of unlimited war on civilians ran through Ethiopia, all of WW II and culminated in the "highly Efficient" (from the "war scientists view") of the savage unprecedented Atomic, nuclear incineration of hundreds of thousands of Japanese civilians in Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

This order was issued by President Truman, of the United States of America. To date the Transnational Corporate masters of that "Christian" country have not repeated their nauseating action of wholesale nuclear "terror-bombing". Instead, they have developed and used such macabre items as "cluster" and "Daisy-Cutter" bombs!

No other nuclear-armed country has thus far dealt the horrendous criminally insane weapon on designated peoples and targets. In fact, no other Government, (with the exception of the USA) has threatened to do so. Whether prayers to God, Jehovah, Allah, Gautama, (or whomever) all the peoples of every land might raise their "hossannas" or thanks for being spared, we will not venture to say.

Rather, the implacable and unswerving will of **every people** against the horrors of "terror-bombing" must be raised in a crescendo of resistance so **that every nation, every people, every national and international institution shall demand that every government and military establishment remove strategic "terror-bombing" from their "science of war" and aggression. Once and for all let the bemedalled generals, the war career politicians and war profiteers and salesmen of death**

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be "retired forever" and thrown into the ashcan of history.

If the Canadian initiative for an international agreement can be reached for the removal of the war planted "Land Mines" what obstacles stand in the way of eliminating "terror-bombing" from the **international war dossiers of the nations?** Surely if the peoples of the world were to be surveyed on such a proposal, war-makers would find themselves a tiny, miniscule minority, sobbing over the lost glitter of their so-precious medals... not to mention the shiny new war machines, and lost profits!!!

But the likelihood of immediate, expedient action to bring about such renunciation of the "power to kill from the air", introduced by the Nazis so long ago, is not likely to happen tomorrow. After all, TNC control of energy and other resources and political, economic, social and cultural domination of billions of the world citizens suffering deadly ills of TNC exploitation, whether in the death grip of monopoly capitalism or seeking to collaborate with it, stands today as the modus vivendi, the "way of life" for all people. That has become increasingly apparent since the dismantlement of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the downgrading to near oblivion of even a faint whisper of any theory or practice for the revolutionary elimination of war and its monopoly roots by a building of a new socialist and collective structured society. Such was foretold by the political, economic, and social sciences developed by Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin and for seventy years nurtured by the vast strength of Soviet and other people living in our very, material and changing world. It is time for theirs and other voices to be heard!

According to one of these, Professor Herold, PhD, MBA, B Sc at the University of New Hampshire, USA, in a work entitled "A Dossier on Civilian Victims of United States Aerial Bombing of Afghanistan" the bomber planes sent by President Bush over that hapless country had extinguished life for 3,767 people in just eight short weeks, beginning October 7, 2001. That would create a "body count" of more than sixty innocent civilian deaths a day, presuming that the aerial-war killer fleet carried on its high level, secure from hostile retaliation, killing missions, every day. If that "kill-rate" held fast for another five weeks following another more than 2000 dead Afghan civilians can be attributed to President Bush's and also the Pentagon untouchable "warriors" and notched up as "collateral damage". What the costs of the accompanying and the colossal infrastructure devastation in Afghanistan might be is not calculable at this time but, would certainly be in the many billions... including hospitals, schools, art and cultural images, and not to mention homes, whether mud huts, or mansions for the ancient feudalists and CIA installed war lords. Not included in the above figures are the deaths of the Taliban or so-called "Northern Alliance" Mujahadeen military personnel."

The incredibly callous, cynical brutality of the Bush and Oil TNC "countermeasure of revenge" for the September 11th aerial jet-passenger bombing of the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington is more and more revealed as time passes. Not only is Osama bin Laden a creation of the CIA hidden war, and billions of dollars of support by the CIA and official US foreign policy, dating back to 1980's and to medieval Muhajadden. **The purpose of the current "new" American war is to open up oil pipeline access to the treasure trove of oil reserves in the neighboring former Soviet republics.**

News accounts in the Toronto Star in Canada of January 6, 2002 informs its readers that the top levels of Presidential authority in the USA, simply "looked the other way" and totally failed to cope with

known facts of bin Laden Al Qaeda organization presence and its purposes in the USA. Little or nothing was done to organize or impede those people by the U.S. Intelligence or the vaunted police forces. Brought to the fore by such startling revelations are deep-going questions as to why this was the case and whether or not the attack was simply "permitted to happen".

History is replete with instances of "provocations" for many hidden purposes. The Reichstag Fire of 1933, designed to swing German public opinion to full support of the Nazi Hitlerite regime comes to mind. The attempt then by the Nazi forces to place blame on the Communists for the fire, they had set themselves, was proven a total hoax...but Hitler rose to new heights in popularity. That U.S. President Roosevelt knew in advance of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in Early December of 1941, and very silently (and prudently) permitted it to happen in order to defeat the then U.S. anti-war isolationist crowd politically, and thus gain support for U.S. entry into the anti-Nazi war. In fact then USA entry had been sidetracked for a lengthy period by the "isolationist" pro-Hitler gang of right-wing forces. It can be correctly suggested that much of today's support for the TNC "oil" warriors around President Bush hold common ideological and political ground with the anti-war pro-Hitler elements of the late 1930's and the WW II period.

There can be no question that the USA monopoly and military hierarchy surrounding the Pentagon and its ferocious war activities are champions of the "terror bombing" attacks and tragedies born from today's government and the political leaders of the highest levels. That does not exclude the aggressions by many other countries, including such as monopoly supported Great Britain and other NATO powers. But the leading force in this regard can only be the "safe haven" (until September 11th, 2001) of the continental USA. Aggressive military

actions since 1945, often including "terror - bombing" have been prosecuted by that country, in more than fifty instances of overt and covert aggressions, world - wide.

The list is too long to be enumerated here, but quickly to mind comes Vietnam, Latin and South America, the Caribbean, Iraq and the Middle East, Indonesia and South East Asia, Yugōslavia, Libya and now of course Afghanistan. Relentless and world-domination seeking, the policy is fuelled by insatiable TNC-Monopoly demand to control all energy, particularly oil reserves of the world. This is the cornerstone of U.S. and NATO policy apropos Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Iraq, as well as Israel-Palestinian emroglio and the noxious encouragement of bin Laden and Al Qaeda. Whether that worthies President Bush's alleged "terrorist" activities are rooted in deeply held "fundamentalist" religious views, or in the smell of oil reserve treasures in his native Saudi Arabia and elsewhere in the "Muslim" world remains an unanswered question...but the truth could be either...or an amalgam of both.

Wherein lies responsibility for the current crisis in international relations and the incoherent state of the world dominated by the "masters" of the military and capital accumulation of unprecedented wealth...the TNC's?

There are many and much too complex answers to that state of affairs to attempt an evaluation in this short article. But one central and coherent fact does emerge, hitting consciousness and the conscience like a sledge-hammer. Without full cooperation and acceptance by the working class of particularly the "militarized" and "Westernized" countries...first and foremost of the USA, "terror-bombing" would be quickly ended.

During the U.S. ferocious "terror-bombing" of Vietnam, the Australian workers led by their militant Seaman's Union effectively halted shipments of war materials. Harry Bridges, the West Coast militant leader of the Longshore Workers in the USA, called for similar effective action. He was swamped by the nauseating, outcry of "Commie

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treason" and opposition from the highest levels of the AFL-CIO union "leadership" in the U.S. Regretably, the war-production workers of that time in aircraft etc. backed the top U.S. monopoly collaborating war promoting union leadership. Blatant "jingoism" and "brainwashing" by the corporate media added to the working class confusion and also backwardness.

Today the corruption of working people by the TNC war monopolist backing the hideous war on the Afghan and other people comes in many forms. It is that corruption that permits workers to continue to produce guns to kill fellow workers, and blindly engage in drinking from the TNC poisoned "terror-bombing" death cup. Unless this is cast away, the real alternative will be to forever carry the stinking "spit-bottles" of the "masters"... and continue mutual annihilation of the species. ■

**TO OUR SOVIET FRIENDS:
ARISE YOU
MIGHTY LAND!**

A NEW GENERATION OF REVOLUTIONARIES...

Below you see a photo (its too bad that we cannot print it in colour) which shows young people demonstrating with red flags flying and wearing Che Guevara T-shirts. They are from Northern Ossetia in Russia and they publish a youth newspaper called "Red Youth". Read the story and their letter to NSC.



NEWS FROM THE SOVIET UNION

RUSSIA AND NATO: WHAT COMMON INTERESTS ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT?

By Vyacheslav Tetekin – "Soviet Russia" newspaper, Nov.29,2001

NATO secretary general Lord Robertson has recently visited Moscow. What a great friendship is developing. Tears of happiness start pouring at the sight of the Russian Defense Minister and NATO secretary general talking with reverence about common interests. We shall come back to the interests later but now let's recall that just two years ago Moscow insisted that it had nothing to do with the aggressor who has attacked Yugoslavia - our strategic ally. And now NATO becomes our ally. What has changed in two years? Did war crimes that the West committed in the Balkans in 1999 ceased to be war crimes?

It seems that the Kremlin prefers to forget about these unpleasant facts. Evidently it wants to forget that Mr. Robertson is a war criminal condemned by a Belgrade court to 20 years of imprisonment for participation in murders of thousands of civilians, in the destruction of Yugoslavian cities. On the other hand Slobodan Milosevic - the leader of resistance to NATO aggression, who favoured an alliance with Russia, was imprisoned with silent consent of the Kremlin in Holland - an active NATO member.

Mr. Robertson now comes to Russia without fear to be arrested and sent to Belgrade to serve his prison sentence. NATO Information Center closed two years ago has been reopened in Moscow. It's not quite clear what is the purpose of the Center. The "democratic" Russian press abounds of those keen to promote NATO's interests. And they are substantially cheaper than Western propaganda intelligence officers serving in the Information Center.

Mr. Putin was preparing for this U-turn for a long time. While still the Russian Prime Minister he tried in December, 1999 to push through the Parliament ratification of a shameful START-2 treaty. Having become President he immediately began to sound out the idea of Russia joining NATO. But both in Russia and in the West it was perceived as a bad joke - the man has just been elected and didn't fully understand

what he was talking about.

But Mr. Putin then understood things his own way - it was not yet time. Having become convinced of unshakable nature of his rating and experiencing a pleasant what-you-what feeling he started to turn Russia Westwards in a serious way. He closed Russian bases in Cuba and Vietnam, actively supported US war in Afghanistan, began withdrawing troops from Georgia and Transnistria. But he was struck again by a firm negative reaction of most Russians excluding of course overt Western agents of influence. Having met strong condemnation Mr. Putin declared that Russia is great without NATO and is not particularly keen to join the Alliance.

It seems to be just a temporary step aside from Gorbachev's strategy of "integration into the civilized society". And Mr. President was not entirely wholehearted. Nobody is keen to admit us to NATO. Either among the first, or among the last ones. Russia is the main NATO enemy and with its admission the reason for NATO existence would disappear. The West needs us for other purposes.

Now back to the issue of common interests. The Kremlin and its Western partners are spreading a verbal mist about "international terrorist" as the main enemy of the world community and the target for joint struggle. This is a lie. It is a target for policy operation but not for a military bloc with nuclear weapons. The real enemies of the West are increasingly the Muslim world, China and Iran. The West is also keen to draw scores with their old but so far unattainable enemies like Cuba, Libya and Iraq. There are over 50 countries on the US list of those harboring "terrorists". And this creates important (from the US point of view) preconditions for cooperation with Russia. If previously it needed to be neutralized now there is an opportunity to co-opt it.

Let's note that the US war in Afghanistan involves not NATO but individual NATO members. What is the difference? The difference is that for NATO participation the

consent of all alliance members is necessary. And there may be problems. It is one thing to bomb Yugoslavia from comfortable European air fields and another thing to get stuck in a land war in Asia. At the same time small NATO members are hardly useful. They can send hardly a company of soldiers to a far colonial war while their anti-war movements can create a lot of trouble.

Russia is another pair of shoes. The Kremlin already helps the USA more than any NATO member by providing intelligence information and Russian air space for the US planes, by assisting the US to obtain bases in Uzbekistan and Tajikistan close to China. It might even offer Russian soldiers able to fight in the most difficult conditions. It is actually happening through Kremlin's silent consent to recruitment of mercenaries in Russia.

So far there is one thing in common between NATO leadership and the Kremlin - both agree that Russia must withdraw from everywhere having shrunk (at least in international influence) to the size of the 15th century Moscow kingdom. It works well. Russian is leaving the Balkans and NATO gets entrenched there with the help of the Kremlin that contributed to the defeat of Yugoslavia - its only ally in Europe. The Western colonization of the Baltic states of Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia, of the Ukraine and Moldavia, as well as of Georgia and Azerbaijan is under way. The Kremlin has already let it be known that it will not resist.

The Americans need to get control of Central Asia - a region with very promising oil reserves. Please. Under a rapidly invented pretext of "retaliatory action" against Afghanistan Mr. Putin assists the old geopolitical opponents of Russia to penetrate this region from where the US can get not only China and India but also industrial centers of Siberia and the launching sites of our heavy missiles.

In actual fact there is no community of interests between Russia and NATO. The true interests of Russia are determined not by whims of the Kremlin Temporary leaders but by centuries-old needs to protect the territory and the people in a not always friendly surrounding. We need to recreate at a new basis the union of peoples that formed the USSR. We need to reestablish friendship with Asia, Africa and Latin America. This directly contradicts the interests of the West that strives to prevent the resurgence of Russia as one of the poles of the multipolar world. Because that breaks the already constructed scheme of exploitation of natural and human resources of Russia, countries of the former USSR and in fact of the entire world.

It is impossible to conceal these contradictions by pleasant discussion with Mr. Bush, Blaire and Robertson. Even in the "anti-terrorist operation" proclaimed the symbol of Russian - Western unity a conflict of interests immediately surfaced. The capture of Kabul by the Northern Alliance's Tajiks drastically changed the balance of forces in favour of Russia to clear displeasure of the USA.

There are older contradictions. Russia was struggling for several centuries to get access to the Baltic Sea. By the genius of Peter the Great, by the sweat and blood of the Russian people this aim was achieved. Gorbachev and Yeltsin gave these lands up. And Mr. Putin is ready to agree to final closure of Peter's "window to Europe". But the historic need for Russia to get unfreezing ports in the Baltics remains. NATO is certainly against. The Alliance dreams of driving Russia away from Kaliningrad region. What common interests can one talk about?

Mr. Putin's statement that Russia is not keen to join NATO is just a smoke screen. It hides a far more dangerous phenomenon - the Kremlin's reluctance to resist NATO's expansion to the East.

Let's look what is behind. First the consequences of previous expansion. With Poland, Hungary and Czechs joining the Alliance it has obtained a broad network of roads and rail roads in Eastern Europe, up to 550 ammunition depots, as well as 33 major training fields. All this allows NATO to reduce time of NATO forces deployment in Eastern Europe to 30 days.

The NATO threat is perceived in Russia on the basis of the experience of the German invasion of the USSR in June, 1941 - concentration of forces and then crossing the borders. In modern warfare the decisive role is played not by the infantry and tanks but by the Air force (let's recall Iraq and Yugoslavia). To defeat Russia NATO must launch a major first attack by tactical combat planes to the depth of 600 - 1000 km from the border. With only airfields in Western Europe available NATO could have used just 550 combat aircraft planes from 5300 at its disposal. And even then they could have reached only Smolensk - Bryansk - Kursk line.

With Poland, Hungary - the Czech Rep. admission the Alliance moved 650 - 750 km to the East. NATO has obtained 290 airfields, constructed by the Soviet Army. The Alliance can deploy over 3500 combat aircraft there making it possible to attack targets up to the Volga River. Before NATO expansion it was impossible to launch a surprise attack because Russian anti-aircraft system had enough time to react. Now NATO planes can hit Kaliningrad and border regions of Russia several minutes after the take off.

Now let's look at what will happen after Baltic States join NATO. The military infrastructure left there by the Soviet Army (airfields, ports, barracks, storage facilities) will allow NATO to deploy in Baltic states 280 thousands servicemen and 300-400 planes and helicopters in seven days. Tactical aircraft will be able to reach the Urals, to destroy bridges over the Volga, to hit targets (including heavy missiles

launching sites and strategic air force bases) practically on the entire European part of Russia.

The territory of the Baltic States is an ideal bridgehead for major landing operation including airborne into the Russian territory behind the backs of the troops defending the Smolensk and Pskov direction. The preparation to NATO aircraft deployment in the Baltic States is going full swing. NATO Air Space control Center has been created in Vilnius ensuring deployment of NATO combat aircraft in Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia. Poor Latvia has purchased a powerful 30 million dollars radar that provides control over the air space of Russia several hundred kilometers deep. Who needs that? Latvia? Or NATO air force? If the Baltic States join NATO the Russian Baltic Fleet will be cut into two and locked in Kaliningrad and Kronstad.

In these conditions NATO does not need to deploy on the territories of members its ground forces and nuclear weapons. NATO aims in a war against Russia could be achieved by the air force using precision weapons. Despite this quite obvious threat to national security the Kremlin practically gave a go ahead to pulling the Baltic States into NATO.

The reference to alleged irresistible desire of the population of these states to join the Alliance is an open lie. The percentage of NATO enthusiasts was never particularly high. Their ranks have shrunk since the start of the war in Afghanistan. When it became clear that NATO membership might mean sending Baltic States youth to the Afghan mountains the enthusiasm dropped

This drawing from a Soviet newspaper asks the following question:

**They defended Motherland Russia-Soviet Union.
What are you Duma deputies doing?**

*This question is geared to the CPRF
Duma members in the first place!*



Considerably the NATO membership is promoted by (200-300) persons ruling elites of these states that have plundered property inherited from the USSR and now are adapting themselves to NATO feeding line. A lot can be stolen in the process of rearming to NATO standards.

The anti-NATO expansion forces have naturally expected Russia's support. In Western Europe as well many are against

allowing greedy Baltic elites to sit on their necks. But Mr. Putin statement indicating Kremlin's unwillingness to oppose NATO expansion is opening all the gates simultaneously knocking out all the arguments from the hands of NATO expansion opponents.

Mr. Robertson and his friends in Russia should not pull us by the nose by claims of community of interests. NATO is an

aggressive military block. Attempts to present it as a toy bear are dangerous. In the zoos of the world many people are dying who have seen too many fairy tales about kind tigers and good crocodiles. Same thing about NATO. The crocodile of NATO's appetite is increasing when it starts to eat. As one of the newspapers recently said: "NATO has no friends. It has only future victims". ■

THE CPRF IS CAMOUFLAGING ITS OPPORTUNISM!

In all of its work and existence the CPRF is promoting an opportunistic line, working and cooperating inside the capitalist system and with the present regime, and bringing up their slogan that *"the limits for a revolution has been exhausted"* and only a parliamentary road is the answer.

But lately, there are appearing signs of rethinking of this policy and of the political line. There are new attempts now to mask the large departure of its members that are leaving the CPRF because this party is getting away more and more from the theory and practice of scientific socialism.

In a speech by the vice-chairman of the CPRF I. Meleshkov at the III Plenum of the CC CPRF held last September 28, 2001, he pointed out that *"it is necessary to concentrate not on the parliamentary struggles only, but work amongst the people in order to organize mass protests."*

Finally the CPRF realized that they must work among the masses. But analytical reading of his speech will show that the opposite is true of what he spoke about. Mass work amongst the masses is only needed by the CPRF in order to mask their desire to get re-elected to the Russian Duma and, more of them that get elected the better, in order to get some minor concessions, while getting their good pay and perks as members of the Duma.

"Our aim is to utilize all legal means of mass protests but not to overstep the agreed upon "social agreements". To make this clear in everyday language so that all can understand, this means only, that organizing protests in the end does not mean that the protests are geared to change the present

capitalist system, But only to find ways of cooperating with the mighty rich capitalist class and their robbery of the people.

In order that this camouflage would not be seen through by the people who understand, it was left to the leader of the CPRF, Gennady Zyuganov to put a dark and real smokescreen over the present *"change of policy by the CPRF"*. Zyuganov stated on September 27 at the XXXII Congress of UCP-CPSU. *"Yes, we want to take over the state by peaceful means and democratic elections, if need be – quickly. But this all depends as how the masses vote."*

According to Gennady Zyuganov's words, the CPRF has won the latest elections in 30 regions of Russia, plus the representatives of the peoples-patriotic movement. If this is any indication, one of the CPRF Governors who was lately elected, G. Khodnerev, member of the CC CPRF made his acceptance speech in which he publicly agreed with the reforms as instituted by Russian President Vladimir Putin. This wholehearted acceptance of the devastation of Putin's reforms, CPRF calls a victory?

First vice-president of CPRF V. Kuptcov stated that where the CPRF won the election, they could start building in that region socialism – as was reported in Pravda, #34, November 27-28, 2001. *Is this not a fairy tale of a liberal opportunist politician?*

How can the CPRF call itself a communist party if it officially banned the slogan **"Workers of the World Unite"**? This was stated by the ideologist of the CPRF Y. Belov (Soviet Russia, September 27, 2001) *"The reality in this contemporary*

world and Russia included, is that there are no millions of workers that are capable to unite." This is the voice of a communist?

This statement by the ideologue of the CPRF is nothing more than opportunism in the communist ranks and this unfortunately can be found in many communist parties and also revolutionary movements. These elements who always mask themselves as *"communists"*, have abandoned internationalism.

The CPRF is proceeding to try and make inroads and capital for their opportunistic program by building up the importance of Russian ethnicity, statehood and agreeing with the build-up of the present Russian bourgeoisie and imperialism, taking lessons from the former Tsar's policies.

This same Y. Belov stated that the *"CPRF is building the road forward to Socialism."* In reality the CPRF is building the bases for social democracy. This same Belov, the ideological guru of the CPRF is proposing that the CPRF change its name and not ever use the word *"Communist"* at all.

The attempts by the CPRF ideologues to erect a façade of contemporary opportunism for the party, has no prospects.

Very Characteristic words were said by the Second Secretary of the Altai Region CPRF, M. Zapolev, when he said: *"It is a fact, that coming into the leadership and to the DUMA, he did not come there to start a conflict with the state, but to cooperate with the Kremlin in what ever way he could."*

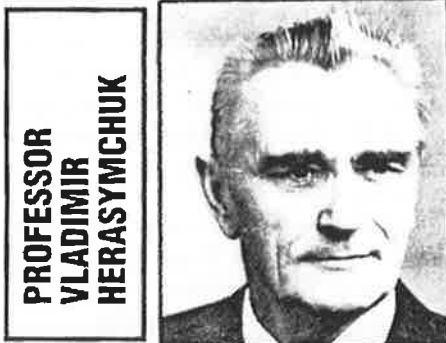
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GLOBALIZATION- CLASS UNDERSTANDING

In the revolutionary struggles it is always very necessary to analyze the situation and come up with tactics for the revolution. For this you must study thoroughly the economic and political programs of the different classes and the present contemporary imperialism. Before, the United States of America in their plans to rule the world, the theme was based on the slogan of liberating the people from the terror and domination of communism. Today however, the US as a world pirate, came up with a new doctrine. This is the path for the complete elimination of different states, the establishment of globalization, under the domination of US imperialism.

Where is the essence of such politics? Exposing this policy and the politics was done ably by the Polish Communist publication in Poland "Brzask" which wrote: "Globalization is the liquidation of all sovereign states and all peoples in their sovereign countries...taking away their political, economic and their defense capability and also independence...this US globalized world system must be directed and run by the war structures of NATO and controlled by USA.... West, as before, uses the slogan of defeating the last remnants of "communism", and in its place bring "progressive capitalism" (Frantisek Slezak)." In this way, globalization – this is a class understanding. It is the rule of monopolistic bourgeoisie, full world liquidation of the last remains of any socialism and communism.

Should we then struggle and fight the politics of globalization? This question is asked since many of our comrades do state their thoughts, that the process of globalization, at the expense and the suffering of all peoples, at the same time is now "opening new perspectives for the growing militancy and the growth of a Revolutionary movement over the



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world and is bringing on a quicker socialist revolution": (From "Bolshevik" #6,2001)

But why is it that globalization as such which opens up perspectives for revolutionary struggles? Is it not in the working class under capitalism that gives the workers the strength, to shake off and thrown out the bourgeoisie? One of the main aims of globalization is to

eliminate forever the idea of socialism. Therefore the success of throwing off globalization will depend on unity that will be achieved of all the anti-imperialist forces against the dictatorship of NATO and USA. Is this not so?

About some friendly forces in the anti-imperialist struggle.

Looking at this problem, the Polish author mentioned above writes: "In the world there has taken place a mighty worldwide anti-globalization movement. There cannot be any illusions that this movement is class conscious and revolutionary...this movement is not a worldwide movement of the working class, but a conglomerate of countless anti-imperialist groupings. The struggle against globalization is mostly led by the Anarchist youth. Some of the left movements in former USSR are

The miners of Ukraine are fighting for their economic rights and freedom in constant demonstrations against present regime.



also in this struggle and supporting this very idea of fighting globalization only... meaning, not fighting with capitalism as such, but only against the expansion of US imperialism.

Why this counter argument and understanding? It seems that the struggle against globalization and US expansionism are led by a movement that has no class orientation for the defeat of capitalism...this is nonsense. It is imperative that the struggle against globalization has to be married to the struggle against US imperialism and to change the capitalist system. But at the same time, we should not distance ourselves from these elements that are extremely large and vocal against globalization. We must get most of these elements from the "Anarchist youth" and other anti-globalization movements to cooperate with the working class and quickly gain class orientation. It is not an easy task, to be sure!....

The author in that article makes assumptions that the working class has not yet reached that stage that they are ready against capitalism itself, but they are ready only against globalization. Does that mean that the working class has to wait until globalization brings on the situation that can bring about a world revolution? Must we wait until American imperialism and its globalization efforts make the working class know their role in society? No my dear friends, I do not want to wait until a Yankee stands over me with a gun, "making my revolutionary ideas stronger". No my brothers, something is not correct here at all. This will take us away from all of our revolutionary struggles...

Of course we cannot look at U.S. globalization without class struggles of the proletariat. This question has to be looked from a class point of view. Was not the invasion and terror bombing of Yugoslavia by US and NATO meant to erase the last remnants of socialism? Does not globalization present a danger to Cuba, China and other countries? Does not American imperialism, which governs and leads the politics and economics through globalization, does it not in fact try to defeat all

revolutionary movements in Africa. Latin America, in Europe and Asia?

No, my dear comrades of our common struggle, we cannot look at this question in the same way, when American imperialism is trying to establish all over the world its pro-fascist dictatorship, aiming to liquidate all democratic freedoms and the idea of socialism. To struggle against this global danger of US imperialism there must be unity of purpose of the working class of the world. But this does not mean that we cannot cooperate as a temporary tactic with the anti-globalization movements, mostly led by the "Anarchist Youth". We must be also cooperating with the patriotic national bourgeoisie.

Of course, there should not be organized the struggles only against American globalization. Our task must be - to establish the dictatorship of the proletariat. But in

Order to establish this dictatorship of the working class, we must dismantle all that stands in the way of unity in order to liquidate the totalitarian regime of USA and NATO.

"Aggressive policies of the USA, - from a statement by the AUCPB - it is necessary to establish and make stronger the anti-imperialist front all over the world, organizing mass demonstrations world wide. We must expose the politics of the elements that are supporting directly or indirectly US imperialist policies... such as is being done by the present regime of Russia... Our slogans must be:

Down with American imperialism and their accomplices!

Let us make stronger the international solidarity of workers in the struggle against imperialism, for peace and socialism!

ONCE AGAIN ABOUT ANTI-STALINISM AND RELEVANCE OF COMMUNIST IDEALS

It's a complicated problem - History. Not everyone is capable of sitting in the seat on the crooked turns of the road. Yes, but there are people that always like to be in the air. This is a much better position to be in and to rise up. But even an unpredictable storm has always brought dirt on to the garbage heap.

In this regard the report by Alexei Prigarin as a delegate from the RCP-CPSU to the World Congress last September in Canada for "Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People" was not too accurate or correct. The idea behind his speech at the Congress was that he believes in the truth, the logical development of the Communist movement in the former USSR, under the leadership of Lenin, Stalin, Krushchev, Brezhnev, Gorbachev (?). Alexei Prigarin factually put the mark that the politics of Stalin and Trotsky are equal (?). Therefore it is not understandable, were not the policies of Lenin and Stalin and that of the Bolshevik party responsible in successfully defeating the Trotskyite-Bukharin counter-revolutionary block? Is not the leader of the RCP-CPSU familiar with the work of J.V.Stalin "Questions of Leninism"? Did not

Prigarin read the "Economic Problems of Socialism in the USSR", written by the leader at the beginning of 1950's? Or are these thoughts of Lenin and Stalin foreign for the full development of the communist society in the world?

The question at present stands like this, that contemporary imperialism with the help of all opportunists are doing everything possible, to defeat, to erase from the memory of people the name of the Soviet leader. Because Stalin - this is socialism and communism, this is equality and brotherhood of all people. The logic of his teachings to this day is relevant and the most important factor in the struggle for the victory of the workers over capital. That is why just the mention of the name of Stalin (already dead since 1953-Editor) panic overcomes those, who stump on and are pushing our Motherland backwards, against the logic of the development of humanity. With the help of lies, falsification and debunking historical facts, the contemporary mutants of Humanity desperately try to paint a picture of Stalin as an *antipode* of the real Stalin. The idealists of terrorist organizers in the young Soviet state called Stalin a

terrorist. The present followers of "Kulak Socialism" and hunger in 1933 blame the Bolsheviks for the "hungerterror". The new "leaders" of the present Russian totalitarian pseudo-democracy blame Stalin for totalitarianism. The traitors and those responsible for the dismemberment of the USSR, and leading our country along a catastrophic path, which are dictated to by USA and NATO, are spreading lies about our heroic history.

But why dig constantly into the past, stating falsehoods against your own people, is it not better to analyze the present problems? Let us start by analyzing the total robbery of the Soviet people and of thousands of people dying from hunger and lack of medicine and medical support, is this not genocide, not "hungerterror"?! J.V. Stalin – he was a leader, the genius that is recognized by the whole world, friend and foe alike! Under his rule our Motherland practically rose from backwardness and ruin to become one of the leading economic powers in the world. **Is this not the truth?**

But it is not enough to clear the name of this great man from all the lies heaped upon him. He is not in need of this. In what is the essence of Lenin-Stalin ideas? Let us just take a couple of their thesis at random.

FIRST: The economic essence of

socialism and communism, and the ownership of the means of production.

Yes, of course, we as Bolsheviks are being blamed, that we oppose private ownership. What lies! Are not the industries such as factories and industries not owned by all the people? Why should all these industries and production facilities belong to one or two individuals?

But if you look now at the contemporary capitalist society, it certainly shows that imperialism and its monopoly capitalism takes away ownership of the means of production! It's a fact now that the present multi-millionaires in former USSR have already siphoned their ill-gotten gains to the Canary Islands and to Miami banks (USA), where they have built castles and mansions for themselves. Were not the natural resources, such as gas and oil and timber not have been "privatized" and taken over by a small group of the present criminal bourgeoisie? Are these elements not taking away jobs from workers of Russia, Ukraine, and other former Soviet republics, the right to rest, to medical services, schooling for their children? Our people lived much better before under Socialism than many capitalist countries. So, who is it that takes away the ownership from a person – socialism, or is it not always capitalism?

SECOND-The essence of government by the people in the transition period from socialist to a communist society is the dictatorship of the proletariat.

Many people are scared by the use of the word "dictatorship". But is there any society that hasn't got some sort of dictatorship through its laws and the government constitutional laws? Government – means to dictate its policies! In modern society such dictatorship is through the laws of the country, even though in capitalist countries such "democratic laws" are often broken by the government itself, that has brought on these laws in the first place. But most important is the fact, as to whose dictatorship is in place, the peoples or the bourgeoisie?

The actual fact of the present Russian bourgeois "democracy" is the cannon fire and tank bombardment of the Supreme Soviet building in Moscow with elected deputies inside it and hundreds killed. This was done by the Mafiosi structures of the uncontrolled government of President Yeltsin. This was and is a bourgeois totalitarianism and rule of capitalism. This is the rule of the mafia structures, which made slaves of the working class.

Dictatorship of the proletariat – this is the government by the whole people. This

The hardest hit are the Soviet elder people, living on miserable pensions. Shown here is part of the demonstration in Kiev, Ukraine. This is repeated in all major cities of ex USSR.



government of the workers is called upon to defend its state against the bourgeoisie, from the internal and external enemies. This is the rule of the working class over capital. Therefore, the dictatorship of the proletariat is the highest form of democracy. It enacts policies that are beneficial for the working class, the majority of the population and tries to supply all the necessities of life for the people.

Yes, sometimes it is said by the enemies or those who say they're "Marxists" that now, in the contemporary society there is no such thing as the "working class". What a damn travesty of truth! Yes, the present proletariat is different from the working class of the 19th century. But the majority of mankind is workers and peasants, where capitalism has taken away the means of production, that was built by the Soviet

people during the time of USSR. Are these people not the workers? The future should belong to them!

THIRD- Bolshevik, Communist, a dedicated Stalinist - these are all dedicated Internationalists. Soviet Union - was the perfect picture of unity and friendship of all people- dedicated to one goal and to its future. Soviet patriotism was the highest step of ethico-psychological and political victory of the Soviet State. Typical of this patriotism is the well known remarks by Alexei Cherednik of the national soccer team players of USSR, when in 1988 at the Olympic games in Seoul, Korea, the USSR won the gold medal. "No matter how others would disclaim this, but the patriotism. of our players living on the one sixth of the surface of the world, the Soviet flag. with the hammer and sickle proudly hangs on my

wall as it does on most of the sportsmen. And I, to this day think and call myself a Soviet person!" Known all over the world as a light athletics star' Sergei Bubka, 32 times held a world record in jumping: "Although now I am forced to perform on behalf of the present "Independent Ukraine" I remain a Soviet person. I will not change" Reported in the newspaper "Communist".

HEROISM OF SOVIET PEOPLE

The Strides made by the Soviet Union and the Soviet people, the heroism of Soviet people are printed in golden letters in the history of the world. The total dedication of Soviet Union and all of its people, will always be remembered by the working people of the world. The genius of J.V. Stalin is now admitted not only by friends of the Soviet people, but also by its enemies. ■

Young Soviets are forced to beg in the streets and underpasses in order to survive! Yes, capitalism is the answer!



NEW GENERATION OF REVOLUTIONARIES!

*From the youth newspaper
"Red Youth", North Ossetia, Russia*

The more the capitalists step on the backs of working people, the more revolutionary feelings get hold of the masses. In the last few years there were great changes in the anti-capitalist and anti-imperialist movement taking place in Russia: replacing the elder comrades in the front ranks are young Komsomols and Communist revolutionaries. What this means is that the revolutionary movement is gathering strength and effectiveness. If before, the understanding of the

word "Communist" meant only the elder and the pensioners, who are tired of just sitting and therefore "organize protests to pass the time", but now these movements are more and more joined by and headed by young people. Our youth now is starting to take the lead in the struggles and shows a higher stage of understanding and preparedness and it will radically change the life of our people in the struggle for socialism.

The Komsomols of Ossetia - this is an organization of young fighters for socialism. Born a few years ago, now it represents a reality of work

and effectiveness. Even today, we have done tremendous amount of agitation, marches, protests, pickets, constant leafletting and demonstrations. Our ranks are being filled with more and more young people. Our work is getting more and more effective in influencing people.

Our main task is our ideological work amongst the youth. A Komsomol member / sympathizer or other young person in that he or she can explain and rationalize the needs at any given moment and make a plan for its implementation in order to defeat the bourgeoisie

propaganda In order to become a dedicated Communist we must study Marxist theory, look at the events, and be able to explain to the people the correct path of action.

Another important task of the Komsomol is to be ready to work amongst the military, knowing full well that changes to our life will not come through the ballot box. We must be physically and militarily trained for future struggles. In this regard, we take part in our military-sports camp "Baltz" where we train for our struggles against capitalism.

We are now working on a full time "Agitational Brigade" and patriotic artistic ensembles as was done after the 1917 revolution, to go into the cities, towns and villages to agitate.

We are children in the main of workers and farmers. We worked in industry or farms so we know what exploitation means. Most of our members are going to technical or high schools, but now for many it is on the back burner, but time is coming when each Komsomol member must have a higher education.

You cannot take away the optimism from the youth. The more time they spend in the Komsomol, the more their dedication and fervor goes on an upswing and belief in the reconstituting of the USSR and of socialism. Socialism is needed more for the youth then ever before. We must make certain that our lives and energies are wholly dedicated to it.

The youth will and must fight for Socialism – the future belongs to the young people! ■



**TAMARA
KHABAROVA**



In an excellent analytical article by Tatiana Khabarova, we reprint a few paragraphs that got to the heart of what the Soviet people should do now.

PUTIN, JOIN NATO, BUT WITHOUT RUSSIA!

*From newspaper
"FOR USSR"
Russia.*

*We are all Soviet Citizens. There is no such a things as the Russian Federation – there is temporarily occupied territory of the USSR.

*There is no "president" – there is an officer of the former state security who threw out his oath of allegiance to obey and safeguard

the Motherland, who defected to the side of the enemy and helped the enemy to dismantle the Soviet Union, to devastate his own land, the land that he swore and oath to defend.

* There is no such thing as land codex which allows the buying and selling of land – there is only the temporary liquidation of the USSR

Constitution, which gave the Soviet people the right to live without being in bondage.

*There is no such a thing as private enterprises - it is only a temporary usurping of Soviet power which shall be returned back to the people.

We must open our eyes and look around at the present temporary situation under which are occupied - this means to realize and know that you are a Soviet citizen and a patriot.

The real strength of the present occupiers is in the fact that, we do accept them not as who they are, but we accept them as they promote themselves to us to accept them.

All these problems can be overcome in unity of actions and of admitting to ourselves that we are Soviet people, but temporarily occupied and robbed in our own hard-won and defended Motherland.

Until we realize and work as a united Soviet people, the present occupiers will have us believe that what they're doing is for our benefit.

We are always being heaped mud upon that nobody is listening to us. But there are people, young people are listening and taking to heart that they are living under temporary occupation of the enemy. The storm is brewing and will come!

And because of this, we are ready to fulfill our patriotic task of resurrecting the Soviet Union. We shall do this as Soviet patriots, so that future generations will look at our struggles and thank us for saving the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics for them and their children and grandchildren.

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FROM NEWSPAPER
"HAMMER & SICKLE" -AUCPB

COORDINATING COMMITTEE SET UP IN BYELORUSSIA

As a step towards unity amongst the Communist Parties in the city Minsk, Byelorussia there took place a joint meeting of the All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks, Communist Party of Byelorussia and the Party of Communists of Byelorussia at which the following statement was issued.

Looking at the socio-economic situation in Byelorussia, with the steady advance of capitalism against the workers, there is an absolute need of unity amongst the communists. It is imperative in order to resurrect the Soviet state, socialism within the framework of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. In order to make this a reality and join forces, we communists of the Moscow Region of Byelorussia have agreed to:

1. To set up a united Coordinating Committee of the three communist parties -AUCPB, CPB, PCB.
2. Each party to appoint a secretary and an assistant.
3. This Coordinating Committee to coordinate all activities that are necessary in the struggle for the resurrection of the Soviet Union.
4. The Press release should be published in all of the three newspapers of the 3 parties: "We and Time", "Tovarish" and also in "Forward".

6,000 FOREIGN TROOPS NOW STATIONED IN KYRGYSTAN

According to a spokesman from Tashkent, Uzbekistan, some 6,000 International troops will now be stationed in this former Soviet republic of Kyrgyzia plus 50 war planes for operations in nearby Afghanistan, said a Kyrgyz official.

Alisher Abdimomunov, head of the Kyrgyz Republic committee on international affairs, confirmed the

figure of troops and warplanes.

A total of 11 countries asked to station their troops and planes in this former Soviet republic, this includes troops from Australia, Canada, Denmark, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, South Korea, Spain, Turkey, England and the United States, said Abdimomunov.

They allowed France to deploy troops and warplanes even before the Parliament made any decision or even discussed the request. The deal was signed late December but the Parliament was just notified lately and, meanwhile France has already put in 6 Mirage 2000 jets and two refueller planes plus troops.

U.S. has already reached agreement and has their troops and airplanes in position, including at Manas, about 35 kilometers from the capital city of Bishkek.

Georgia to install NATO surveillance against Russia

The Georgian government stated that it would like to install NATO radars on its territory to stem the "unauthorized" Russian military surveillance of ex-Soviet republic's air space. Vice Defense Minister Guela Bejouachvili told foreign journalists that Russian aircraft have violated Georgia's air space numerous times.

He failed to specify if Tbilisi had yet requested the radars from NATO, with whom the country is to carry out joint military exercises this coming year.

Last November (2001) President Shevernadze had accused Russia of bombing the Pankisi gorge, which lies on the country's border with Chechnya and is home to some 7,000 refugees from the war-torn republic.

Russian president Vladimir Putin denied this claim and then accused Georgia of being unable or unwilling to rein in separatist rebels, using this gorge as a base.

Relations between Russia and Georgia have soured since Georgia is a shoo-in candidate to join NATO shortly, something that Bejouachvili said is currently very "problematic" because the Georgia's present economic crisis.

RETURNING BACK TO STALIN

From newspaper "Red Youth"



In the city center of Beslane there took place a remarkable event. With the demands of its citizens and the support from the city administration, a monument to Stalin was erected. It is right in front of the Stalin Street that was named for this memorable event. The patriots who took part in this manifestation were very proud, and rightly so.

More than 40 years have past since the Krushchevites and their vandals demolished the monument to Stalin and started a vicious campaign of vilification of his name and history. The elder people of the city remember how a group of young Komsomols and other youth at that time made a cordon around that monument but were severely beaten and jailed for their action and then jailed by Krushchevites stooges for long years in prison.

But the revisionist government at that time in Ossetia, were sadly mistaken and the people did not allow that the street should be officially designated as something else except Stalin. The authorities tried with different names and signs, but always the Stalin signs appeared on the street as if by magic. The collective farmers were the defenders, while the workers were temporarily fooled by the anti-Stalin propoganda.

All of these counterrevolutionary actions are coming to an end and people are beginning to realize as to what they had and what they have now. Along the roads, the coal miners and others put up pictures of Stalin, torch lights in honor of Stalin, and many other actions.

Today, people of the whole world are trying desperately to come out of the dangers that hang over mankind and to build Socialism. Stalin is becoming more and more a symbol and a shining star to the future. It is absolutely certain that monuments to Stalin will be again being built all over the former USSR and in other countries as well. In the meantime, smaller Stalin busts and monuments will be erected as was done now here in Beslane, Northern Ossetia, Russia. ■

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At the last joint meeting of the Executives, we are proud to announce the election of Vic Ratsma of Canada and Alexei Krasennikov of the USA to the Executive Committee and Editorial Board of NSC.

U.S. IN REPLAY OF THE “GREAT GAME”

The costs and consequences of American engagement in Central Asia begin to become clear!

By Edward Helmore, writing from Alma Ata, Kazakhstan

They are shadowy figures just visible from the perimeter of the windswept airbase outside the Kyrgyz capital of Bishkek – United States troops unloading supplies.

As the war in Afghanistan becomes a mopping-up operation, the U.S. has stepped up its troop deployments in the region, in what Russia and China fear is a effort to secure dominant influence over their

backyards, a region that is rich in oil and gas reserves.

In the past weeks, diplomats and generals from all three countries (USA, Britain and France) have streamed en masse into Kazakstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan and also Tadjikistan. The war on terrorism has turned the Central Asian republics into real rich prizes overnight.

In a letter to the "New York Times," former Iraqi arms inspector Richard Butler warned that the "Great Game" between Russia and Britain over the Indian sub-continent in the nineteenth century may now be replayed, with Russia and USA

as the dominant players. "Now the prize is the fields oil – getting it and transporting it – and Afghanistan is again the contested territory" Butler wrote.

From Africa to the Philippines, South America and Central Asia, unease is growing over the way the US is flexing its military and political muscles.

In the Philippines, a dispute has erupted over the impending deployment of 650 US troops to help combat the Abu Sayyat Islamic insurgency. In Saudi Arabia too, there is public concern over the presence of the US troops and Washington's Pentagon future global ambitions has left officials to declafe that the US may have overstayed the welcome.

What worries these countries is the fact that when American troops do come, they stay.

Lately, on the swing through the former Soviet republics, US Senate majority leader Tom Daschle and his large entourage confirmed Washington's long-term interests, when he told the Uzbek leaders that then US presence "is not simply in the immediate term."

Since last October, the US has established an open-ended military presence in Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan and Tadjikistan, and also is now understood to be negotiating with Kazakhstan's President Nazarbayev to send Kazakhstan troops to Afghanistan and to construct a military base there.

"It is clear that the continuing war in Afghanistan is no more than a veil for the US to establish a political dominance in the region", a Kazakh government source said. "The war on terrorism is only a pretext for extending influence over our energy resources."

Kazakhstan oil resources could be the third largest in the world. Moreover, the Afghan conflict has made the prospect of the US-favored route of a pipeline through Afghanistan and Pakistan a real potential reality.

In the past month, the Chinese Prime Minister Zhu Rongji has signaled his country's wariness over a long-term US presence, by sending delegations to the former Soviet republics, and by convening a meeting of the regional Shanghai

Cooperation Organization (SCO).

Chinese and Russian army Generals have expressed concern of this move by US, which poses a threat to the security of the two countries.

"They are unhappy about this US presence, but not too publicly, because President Putin wants to be seen as an active participant in the coalition against terrorism," says Margot Light, Professor of International Relations at The London School of Economics. "The speed at which the US established coalition-backed military forces in the region has served to make the Russian extensive failure the more spectacular."

America has not sought to hide the fact that it intends to remain in the region, even after the "battle against terrorism" has been won. To local Kyrgyz and Russians, the spectacle of beefy US soldiers opens a new perspective.

The propaganda is daily by these former Soviet authorities that it will be good for "business" and dollars will be coming in and spent by these US troops. Although there are some weak protests by the Russian authorities, but overall the leaders of these former USSR republics have welcomed the US troops and stifle any shown protests.

But even the world and US human rights organizations are already complaining that in the rush to secure US influence, the US is ignoring human rights abuses, corruption and weak democratic processes in the region.

"The Central Asian governments are being misguided because their own insurgency movements are likely to grow even faster with the presence of foreign (US) troops on their soil", said Light.

COMMENT:

With the above being a dangerous reality for all of the Soviet people, we sometimes wonder why the leading Communist parties in former USSR are still arguing, debating, philosophizing and not showing a unified front to face the real, present day danger? Why still argue about Stalin, who is dead close to 50 years! Imperialism couldn't do a better job of divide and rule! Is Stalin today the real danger facing

Soviet people, or is it Imperialism, headed by US expansionism, bordering on fascism in its drive for world domination?

Have we the right to ask these questions? We certainly do! We did form friendship societies all over the world with Soviet people since 1918! Friends do have the right to ask questions!

Editor of NSC

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Over 500 letters supposedly containing Antrax were mailed to U.S. Abortion Clinics after the September 11th. Perhaps Osama bin Laden has now joined the 'Army of the Church of God!'

READ MY LIPS!

Not even stupidity excuses Bush's latest slur! U.S. President Bush just last month called his Pakistanis allies "Pakis" which is a slur against the people of Pakistan. This is just the latest of the stupid remarks by the president of a country that wants to rule the world!

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NEWS DIGEST COMMENT

American Torture Techniques

The Al Qa'eda prisoners from Afghanistan, who are now in Cuba are being subjected to "sensory deprivation" by their America captors, shocking some observers and adding to international concern at their treatment.

Pictures released of the men show them as blindfolded, tightly shackled hand and foot, forced to wear facemasks, ear covers and gloves and sedated, denying them key senses.

Amnesty International said that the pictures were "shocking" and

showed the men are now being "softened up" often by sedation before their interrogation.

Pictures were taken by US Navy officer and then released to the media, show a group of Afghan prisoners that are kneeling, and manacled They are wearing dark goggles to block out any light, ear muffs to keep out the sound, bright orange jump suits and mittens. And...this is in tropical Cuba where its very hot!!

The right-wing "Mail" newspaper which could normally be expected to

support anything that US does, ran photographs under the headline "TORTURED".

"*These prisoners can hear nothing, smell nothing, feel nothing,*" the middle-market tabloid said, describing the prisoners as being "*shackled like wild animals*".

"*Manacled hand and foot, they kneel in submission. Is this how the US president Bush and prime minister Blair of England defend our civilization?*"

The pictures were so shocking that they were "*certain to intensify the international outrage at the conditions in which they are being kept, under the very hot sun of Guanamo Bay, Cuba.*" The Mail newspaper wrote.

NSC publishes only this one picture that we were able to receive. ■

MARX **WAS CORRECT!**

By LLOYD REDSTONE

Karl Marx described religion as the opiate of the masses. Have not the varied religions of the world proved this to be true beyond any conceivable doubt?

I was raised in the so-called Christian home and read the Bible since my early childhood, where it says "*Thou shall not kill!... Thou shall not steal.... Vengeance is mine, said the Lord! etc. etc.*"

Since the end of World War II in 1945 that claimed over 50,000,000 worldwide, the Christian country of USA has bombed countless countries, destroyed their eco systems and killed many millions of innocent people.

George W. Bush said that "*God is not neutral*" and the USA is doing God's will and will not stop until "*terrorism*" is eliminated. It seems that the American people follow the teachings of Christianity.

I watched a documentary a few weeks past, about the Jamestown massacre, which suggested that Jim Jones was working for the Soviets.

Are the people really gullible to believe anything they are told? What can be more terrifying than being invaded and bombed as in being "*terror-bombed*" as in the



country like Afghanistan? The people are bombed, starved and denied food/medicines, as in Iraq, where thousands die each month due to the conditions imposed upon them by a "Christian country" like the USA!

Yugoslavia, without a declaration of war was invaded, bombed, dismembered and its leader put on trial as a "war criminal" just because he was an elected leader defending his people and did not buckle to the Pentagon's diktat!

We, who lived through and also as veterans fought in the last war against German Nazism, are not so easily fooled by these lies. Is the US imperialism showing the Muslims of the world the "Christian" way of bombing and killing?

The United Nations Organization has made a statement that between 35-50 thousand men, women and children die each day for the lack of food or clean water. UN also is quoted in its statement that if only a fraction of the money spent on war and killing machines was used, it would be enough to feed, clothe, house all the needy people of the world. Since there is no profit in aiding the needy of the world, they are allowed to die while capitalist press keeps silent.

So much for "democracy", so much for all those who profess to believe in God, the creator of all things on earth.

If all the people on our planet who profess to believe in God were as devout when it comes to helping their fellow beings, the greed, the inequality, the wars, terrorism and all other associated ills and consequences would be eliminated in short order! The greed in some causes poverty and death for many others.

When will some people stop being led like sheep to slaughter and start to use the brains that they were born with? A Socialist system is the only one. ■

Dear readers:
Our future issues will be set in 10pt Aria instead of 10 pt Ariel condensed. See the difference of the above column and the one on the right. Much easier to read! Do you agree?

U.S. Agents told: Back Off bin Ladens!

Source: Sydney Morning Herald, #7, 2001

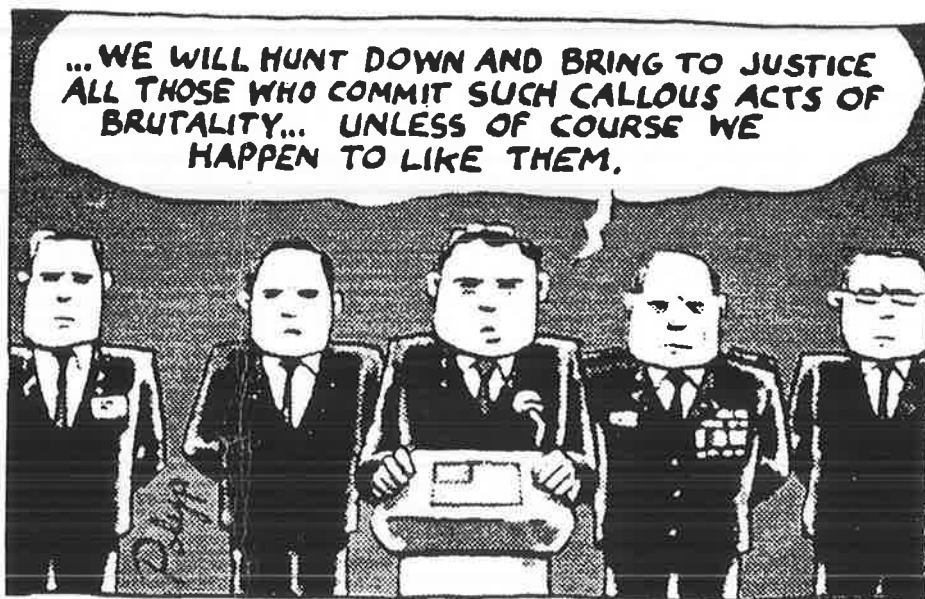
BBC2's *Newsnight* program said that it had secret documents from the U.S. FBI investigation into the September 11th attacks, showing that despite the myth that Osama bin Laden is the black sheep of the family, at least two of the U.S.-based members of it are suspected of links with a possible terrorist connections.

FBI agents from the Washington based field office were investigating Abdullah, a close relative of Osama, because of his relationship with the World Assembly of

Diplomatic Security, but I was ignored. I was giving visas to known terrorists – recruited by the CIA and Osama bin Laden – to come back to the USA for training, to be used in the war in Afghanistan, against the Soviet forces."

The U.S. wanted to keep the pro-American Saudi royal family in control of the world's biggest oil spigot, even at the price of turning a blind eye to any terrorist connection – so long as America was safe.

The program said that the younger George Bush (now President) made his first million 20 years ago, with an oil company funded by the chief U.S. representative of Salem bin Laden, Osama's brother, who took over as head of the family after his father Mohammed's death in a plane crash in 1968.



Muslim Youth (WAMY) which is a suspected terrorist organization.

Abdullah used to live with another close relative, Omar, also an FBI suspect, in a Washington suburb. The house was conveniently close to WAMU and the address listed four of the alleged hijackers. The FBI looked into WAMY, but FBI agents were pulled off the trail.

The program uncovered a history of shadowy connections between the US State Department, the CIA and the Saudis.

The former head of the U.S. visa bureau in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, 1987 to 1989, Michael Springman, told the BBC program: "In Saudi Arabia, I was repeatedly ordered by high-level U.S. State Department officials to issue visas to unqualified applicants. People who had no ties to either Saudi Arabia or to even their own country were given visas. "I complained to Washington, to the inspector general and to the US

The present president of U.S. also received fees as Director of a subsidiary of Carlyle Corporation, a little known company which in a few years of its founding became one of the biggest U.S. military contractors. His father, Bush Senior (former American president), is also a paid advisor. It became embarrassing when it was revealed that the bin Ladens held a high financial stake in the Carlyle conglomerate...their investment they immediately sold only after the September 11th attacks on New York and Washington.

A highly placed source in the U.S. intelligence agency, said that there were always "constraints" put on investigating Saudis, but under the present president Bush, it had become much worse.

Really! Is there any comment needed after this?

US TOUGHENS UP ON THE NPA

In the W. Bush administration's war without borders' strategy against so-called terrorist networks, the US state department came with its 'Terrorist Exclusion List' naming 39 groups, including the Philippines' Abu Sayyaf Group and the New People's Army. The updated list is part of a renewed defense and security deal between President Arroyo and Bush which is expected to generate tougher measures against the NPA.

BY BOBBY TUAZON
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The inclusion of the communist-led New People's Army (NPA) in the "Terrorist Exclusion List" drawn up by the United States' state and justice departments was not entirely unexpected. With its inclusion, however, the NPA joins 38 other "terrorist organizations" which, according to state department spokesman Philip Reeker, are legitimate targets for deportation or denial of visas. The list, he said, is part of a "methodical approach to all aspects of the campaign to eliminate terrorism as a threat to our way of life."

The NPA, founded 32 years ago as the armed component of the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP), had in fact been in the "terrorist list" of the US state department until it was de-listed in 1999. In its original list, the state department identifies the NPA as "Maoist" with the intent to overthrow the government. In other words, the homegrown guerrilla army is designated as ideologically-driven.

Similar lists compiled by other US agencies as well as intelligence and "counter-terrorist" centers maintained in other countries including the United Kingdom and Australia, considers the NPA as purely ideologically-driven with avowed political goals. There is an admission that the guerrillas' sources of fund — usually assumed by the foreign governments as being sourced from some foreign countries — remain "unknown."

Actually, in the Philippine military and police parlance, the word "terrorist" is a term that has been used and overused to describe the NPA. In various ways since the 1970s, the leftist guerrillas have been described as either "Ma-Maos" or "CTs" (communist terrorists) — a practice



Reminiscent of the Philippine-America war when US mercenary generals branded Filipino patriots as "bandits".

Under Aquino's "total war strategy" during the late 1980s-1990s, the criminalization of the NPA's ideological and political acts took effect with no less than the Supreme Court reversing its original rulings by favoring the issuance of warrantless arrests against suspected leftists, whether armed or unarmed. Today, all suspected communists are no longer charged with rebellion but with "illegal possession of firearms," "murder" or other criminal acts.

The inclusion of the NPA in the updated list of the US state department only came about when US Attorney General John Ashcroft prepared a list of "terrorist groups" on Oct. 31 for consideration by the state department. The list originally mentioned 46 organizations, including the NPA.

The list prepared by Ashcroft followed declarations by US President George W. Bush to launch a "war without borders" against all suspected terrorist groups led by the al Qaeda network wherever these operate and bring them to an American military court.

By the list's broad legal implications, therefore, the NPA, its suspected sympathizers or supporters whether in the Philippines or abroad are now subjects of stiffer immigration laws, are deemed legitimate targets of international police and military operations and, if arrested, are subject to American prosecution.

Collaboration

The inclusion of the NPA in the updated list of "terrorist groups" was also the result of intelligence collaboration between American authorities and the Philippines' own Armed Forces and police intelligence. Pentagon intelligence agencies and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), among several other agencies, maintain operational collaboration with Philippine defense and police agencies in counter-insurgency and, now, in the anti-terrorist campaign.

It was these Philippine officials whose advice Arroyo sought in raising both the Abu Sayyaf and communist bogey in her recent talks with Bush in Washington in order to lay the ground for bigger US military and economic assistance to the country. The assistance was expected to boost the AFP's cash-strapped modernization program and provide economic funds for the debt-ridden government.

In all, as Malacañang announced, Bush gifted Arroyo with some \$4.6 billion financial and material assistance package: \$92.2 million for defense; \$1.5 billion in economic and trade assistance; \$246 million in loans and grants from the World Bank; and \$2.6 billion in trade and investments pledged by the US private sector.

Under negotiation by trade officials of the two countries is the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) amounting to \$1 billion a year. Under the GSP, some Philippine exports will be allowed to enter the US market with zero tariffs.

In addition, the Exim-Bank has agreed to loan some \$41 million for AFP's

acquisition of an electronic sensor device on board a C-130 plan to be used for intelligence surveillance, as well as three C-130K planes.

MORE PLEDGES

In turn, Arroyo reportedly pledged to allow the US military greater access to use the Philippine territory as a launching pad for its "anti-terror campaigns" in Afghanistan, Libya and other countries suspected of terrorist activities. But such interventionist wars are expected to heighten in Asia particularly in the Philippines where the president has allowed the entry of more American military advisers in her government's fight against the ASG and, eventually, the NPA.

The renewed Philippine-US defense and security arrangements — reinforced by the "Terrorist Exclusion List" — give license to American forces to conduct covert and overt operations against the NPA. The NPA's and CPP's united front umbrella, the National Democratic Front (NDF) will be subjected to the same treatment.

In the "war without borders," the British and other European Union governments have threatened to impose sanctions against foreigners suspected to have links with "terrorist organizations" — including warrantless arrests, denial of visas, freezing of funds and other extraordinary measures. Based on their current definition of what a terrorist is, all types of political activists including those opposed to globalization as well as those engaged in environment advocacy including the harmless Greenpeace will face sanctions.

This is just one of the implications of Bush's doctrine, "If you're not with us, you're against us." And those against the US led by its "Terrorist Exclusion List" must suffer the consequences of such doctrine. The Arroyo administration should be held no less accountable for such act. ■

PRESS STATEMENT

Coordination Committee of Maoist Parties and Organisations of South Asia (CCOMPOSA)

Recent developments in South Asia, including the US imperialist aggression in Afghanistan in the pretext of fighting 'terrorism', declaration of a state of emergency against the Maoist People's War (PW) in Nepal, promulgation of the so-called anti-terrorist ordinance POTO and banning of Marxist-

Leninist-Maoist parties in India and the war hysteria fanned by the reactionary ruling classes of India and Pakistan over Kashmir, have once again confirmed that this region is fast turning into a storm centre of world revolution. These developments have also brought into focus the inherent dialectics of serious challenges and excellent opportunities of proletarian revolution, which the Marxist-Leninist-Maoist revolutionaries of the region ought to grasp correctly so as to meet the challenges successfully and lead the revolution to victory.

The imposition of a countrywide state of emergency with suspension of all fundamental rights of the people, promulgation of the so-called anti-terrorist ordinance and deployment of the royal army to counter the ever-raging PW led by the CPN (Maoist) in Nepal is a very significant event with wider ramifications for the world proletarian revolution. This is in fact the last desperate act of the tottering monarchical regime there stung hard by the heroic military actions of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) and the declaration of an embryonic Central People's Government Organising Committee in the form of the United Revolutionary People's Council (URPC) under the leadership of the CPN (Maoist) in the last week of November 2001. It may be noted that when all the avenues for a minimum political solution through negotiation in the form of immediate institutionalisation of a republican form of state or convening of an elected constituent assembly to draft a new constitution were summarily closed by the arch-reactionary monarchical regime, the CPN (Maoist) was forced to launch the latest series of successful military campaign and to go ahead with the formation of URPC. Thoroughly defeated in the real encounters with the PLA, the reactionary royal army has taken recourse to ghastly massacre of the unarmed masses in the usual fake encounters and the fascist regime there has sought external military aid or intervention particularly from the expansionist Indian state. Already a huge consignment of

military aid including sophisticated helicopters have been sent by India and USA and the reactionary ganging up between the ruling classes of these countries has been proved beyond doubt. The CCOMPOSA expresses its wholehearted solidarity with the revolutionary forces in Nepal and warns all the external reactionary elements, particularly Indian expansionism, not to intervene militarily or otherwise there and let the Nepalese people decide their own political future themselves.

The CPI (M-L) (PW) and MCC in India have made significant revolutionary advancements in recent times with a series of heroic military actions in the last few months. A number of successful military actions carried out by the CPI (M-L) (PW) on the occasion of the first anniversary of founding of People's Guerrilla Army, and also by MCC, in different parts of India have shaken the reactionary Indian state. As a consequence the expansionist Indian state headed by the Hindu chauvinist BJP has promulgated POTO and banned these two revolutionary Parties along with their associated mass organizations and several other nationalist groups. The CCOMPOSA denounces this fascist act of the Indian state in the strongest possible terms!

The sinister designs of Indian expansionists led by the Hindu fanatic BJP to whip up anti-Muslim and anti-Pakistan hysteria and to brand the revolutionary communists as 'terrorists' for their own sectarian ends ought to be defeated thoroughly and people-to-people level solidarity strengthened in the region. Recent threats posed by Indian expansionists to Bhutan and Bangladesh also deserve to be condemned in the strongest possible terms. The CCOMPOSA, therefore, calls upon all the Marxist-Leninist-Maoist forces to come forward to defeat the challenges posed by the Hindu fascist and monarchical forces as gendarme of US imperialism, unitedly, and to turn it into an excellent opportunity for advancing proletarian revolution in the region. ■

UNCLE SAM DEFIES THE GENEVA CONVENTION

By JERRY MORSE

Although I, as a Canadian WW II veteran, strongly oppose attacks by all kinds of terrorists, but I do not agree with the USA's Pentagon methods. Under the world adopted Geneva Convention, a prisoner of war (POW) had a special meaning. During WWII, with 27 million Soviet dead, the US Pentagon and other imperialist powers, not wanting to abide by the Geneva Convention in handling the POW's, redefined the Geneva Convention, by calling POWs as Displaced Persons.

James Bacque, a Canadian journalist and known author, in his documentary book called "OTHER LOSSES" (*that is an investigation of the deaths of POWs*), exposes the role of American and French generals when they redefined the POWs as Displaced Persons in order to avoid application of the terms of the Geneva Convention.

Many millions of POWs died, even though the war was over.

Now Yankee imperialism again redefined the Geneva Convention by calling the Afghani POWs as "Battlefield Detainees" and placing them in open cages like animals on Cuban soil at the Guantanamo Bay!!!

Definitions should be looked at carefully by the working class...we the unemployed might be called as "collateral damage" when being forced to go the food banks to feed ourselves and also our families.

The Iraqi or Afghani people who get bombed and murdered by US imperialism, are called "collateral damage" which makes it sound as if no deaths ever happened at all!

Human destiny is being set aside. Is it not time to stop these redefining niceties and call death, murder, genocide, robbery of all natural resources, environment pollution...let us call these things as they really are! Imperialism is the scourge of all humanity! ■

THE BLOOD OF OUR PEOPLE IS ON SALE

BY MICHAEL OPPERSKALSKI



The blood of the Turks and the Kurds were on sale during the visit of Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit to the USA. As the Communist Party of Turkey claimed for many months now, the Turkish government is demanding a heavy price from Washington to participate in the planned aggression against Iraq. They want a \$5 billion dollar cut in Turkey's debt coming from the huge arms trade with the U.S., the removal restrictions on the new weapon systems, the handover of some banks to the USA, plus the projected "safe zone" on behalf of Turkey against the so-called Kurdish threat, and a big share in the reconstruction of Afghanistan and in future, also of Iraq after the invasion.

What the Turkish government put on the table in Washington is the honour and lives of our people. It is very obvious that the Republic of Turkey, after many de facto violations, is openly rejecting some principles of international relations without any hesitation: not to interfere in other countries internal affairs, to respect borders and territorial integrity. Bulent Ecevit, is only a single actor of this shameful attitude. All who are behind this existing system are responsible for these vicious give away.

Imperialism consumed all the moral values. The Communist Party of Turkey gets its strength from the working people, and it will resist

such immoral acts. The bargain struck by our leaders once again shows the "cowardly face" of Imperialism in its planned attack against Iraq. The Communists will be courageous and oppose this imperialist war. It is medicine and food that the Iraqi people need; not bombs and terror. Whoever says that the coming invasion of Iraq will help the Turkish people in terms of higher "standard of living" or that Turkey shall achieve "security" is a liar, a murderer or unbalanced. The working class of Turkey will not give this country into the hands of liars, murderers or psychopaths!

Communist Party of Turkey
Political Bureau

STATEMENT

*by the Popular Front for the
Liberation of Palestine*

The PFLP has commented on the recent statements of US Secretary of State Colin Powell, in which he described the savage Israeli aggression against the houses of the refugees in Rafah and the destruction of the Gaza Airport as "legitimate defensive action" in response to attempts by the Palestinian authority to obtain weapons. The Popular Front said that these remarks are a reiteration of the American position of support for the Israeli Sharon government and its glaring organized terrorism against the Palestinian people.

The Popular Front's statement called on all forces of the Palestinian people to act in self-defense and activate the Intifada and the resistance to the Israeli occupation army and to the bands of Jewish settlers.

We are now celebrating two anniversaries dear to our ongoing struggles.

The 14th Anniversary of the outbreak of the December Intifada, and also the 34th Anniversary of the founding of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. These occasions tell stories written in blood of our sons and daughters – hundreds of martyrs, wounded, and prisoners who have readily given themselves to the cause of

liberation.

These anniversaries also evoke great pride as the resolve of our people continues to manifest itself in a heroic resistance movement that has entered its fifteenth month and will continue until the natural rights of all the Palestinians have been irrevocably affirmed.

We must –

*Remain steadfast despite the international situation that has evolved after the September 11th and the USA attack and occupation of Afghanistan.

*We should abandon all illusions regarding the role of America which is married to and supports the Zionist Israeli aggressors.

against Israel occupation. We must build a collective and responsible leadership.

*We must condemn the position of many Arab governments who are merely content to observe the aggression by Israel against the Palestinian people. They want to be go-in-between and thus give ill advice to our people's struggles on behalf of the Zionists.

*We must appeal to the international community to condemn Israel for its occupation and to heed the agreement as worked out by the Fourth Geneva Convention.

*We must defend our General Secretary, because he served in the front lines of the struggle and therefore set all of us an example.

FROM KOREAN CENTRAL NEWS AGENCY

JAPAN ARMING ITSELF

Japan's chief executive in the Government underscored the need to adjust the "emergency situation" from the outset of 2002, giving rise to the precaution of the international community. It is not accidental that the head of Japan in a New Year press conference claimed that it is the responsibility of politics to think of a proposal to cope with the "forces posing a threat" to Japan and that the adjustment of the "emergency legislation" of Japan is a top priority.

This proves beyond a shadow of a doubt that Japan is turning itself and building up its military power and overseas expansion and thus legalizing its build-up as a military expansionist power in the East.

Such moves of all Japanese reactionaries cannot be tolerated as they represent a grave danger to peace in Asia and the rest of the world.

The desire of Japan's right wing conservatives to recover from the past defeat and are now dreaming a dream of the revival of the Empire that it has lost.

Japan has very substantially expanded the activities of its "Self-Defense Forces" and it wants to be able to send these forces all over the world, pleading that they want to support the U.S.A. in combating "terrorism" and that Japan should be free from all of the constraint of expanding its arms industry. Against the UN laws after its defeat, Japan now is trying to expand its "SDF" into an Army and to be again a great military power as it was before.

This is a very dangerous development. All this shows that Japan is gearing up, with the help of USA to be the dominating power in Asia for future plans of Imperialism.

Japan should be mindful that the revival of militarism and overseas expansion moves will lead to self-destruction and Japan should act with discretion.



A demonstration against Israel occupation of Palestine in Sweden.

*We should stop bowing before Israeli and American pressure. We need a comprehensive dialogue to reach agreement on a real unified political and combat strategy

We pledge to all of our fallen comrades, on their graves, that we will carry forth our resistance until all the aims of our national, democratic revolution are achieved!

From Russia To Ireland

By IRINA MALENKO



Irina Malenko when she was 14.

... When Bobby Sands and his comrades went on Hunger Strike, I just became 14. I was living in Soviet Union, going to school and preparing to become a Komsomol member - just like all the other kids. Ireland was in the news all the time when I was growing up, and my very first memory of it was Bloody Sunday - even though I was just 5 then. I also had quite a few Irish children books translated into Russian, with a foreword on Irish tragic and heroic history, so it wasn't a totally unfamiliar territory.

Yet, it was the Hunger Strike that has made the deepest impression on me. It was something that seemed to be happening on another planet - I simply could not believe that somebody can be as cruel as the British politicians to allow these brave men to die just like that! After all, it was year 1981 - not the Middle Ages! In fact, I refused to believe that Bobby and his comrades would die - until they actually started dying... I also couldn't simply sit and watch it on TV and read the bulletins about their health in the papers every day - I wanted to do something to help! But what could I possibly do in a state where everything was decided for us from above?

Yet, I tried. I started to collect signatures in support of the Hunger Strikers in order to send them to

Thatcher among our pupils at school. First some of my teachers panicked because it wasn't initiative of our Komsomol Committee or local Party Committee - it was just something I decided to do myself. They found it very unusual and couldn't really understand why did I decide to do it - "isn't the official support for it enough?" It wasn't - for me. I wanted "to play my part".

That was my first experience of the fact that my own country wasn't exactly what it was supposed to be also... I could get into some quite annoying troubles by doing this "partisan work", but fortunately, there was a teacher - also a party member - who understood my young idealism for what it was. We collected about 1000 signatures - I also asked my pen-friends from all around the country to sign our protest letter. There were Estonians and Chechens, Tadjiks and Siberian aboriginals among those who signed it... I sent it to Margaret Thatcher's office personally - but I will most probably never find out if it ever was delivered, because in USSR at that time virtually no letter that was going abroad, was reaching its destination. Unless you knew your addressee personally. And in this case I am glad I did not!

...In Russian papers he was never called Bobby: to us, he was always "Robert Sands". I suppose, it was because "an adult man and a hero can't be called by his short name, like a child". First time I discovered that when I came to Belfast years later with a bunch of Australian tourists and saw his mural on SF's office wall. "This is Bobby Sands", - the guide told us. To me, it was like meeting a good old friend! I was smiling there and nearly talking to him - and shamed the Australians: "How can you not know who he is?" (it was probably because most of them were much younger than myself!)

One thing we were never told about the Republican struggle, not a single word, was "The Dirty Protest". Again, I suppose, that must be the culture of our society at that time - one wouldn't talk about things like that, it was considered to be so disgusting that it might have given the people who were forced to this action by the British, a bad image: Russians of the early 80s, living quite comfortable and very

quiet life, and we couldn't possibly understand what kind of conditions the Irish Republicans were kept in in prisons at that time...

But for us in USSR - unlike in the Western countries and their media - there was no questioning that Bobby was fighting for the right cause. There was no excuse for Britain to occupy this part of Ireland - and the IRA soldiers were modern revolutionaries and freedom fighters. At the time I was preparing myself to go to Africa when I would be an adult and to fight for the justice for people there. (Our own problems seemed to be minor at that time - and so they were, at least during my childhood). When the Hunger Strike has began, I fully realised for the first time in my life than one doesn't have to go that far - that even in Europe there are people who are being subjected to such barbarity on a daily basis and that the struggle here goes on.

I remember the day when Bobby died - back in my native city of Tula. It was a beautiful sunny day where everything around was so full of life - fields bright with yellow flowers and gardens full with blossoming fruit trees. Nightingales singing at night... And because of that it was hurting double - how could such a wonderful person die on such a day? I remember myself sitting at the iron roof of our little house while the sun was going down - my place where I wanted to be alone - and crying there bitterly... I felt like if I lost a relative.

I was very naive - as perhaps everybody at that age - and was amazed and shocked that nobody of those who had it in their power did anything to prevent these tragic deaths. One must be truly inhuman - and I deeply believe until today that Margaret Thatcher should be put on trial for this murder and her other crimes against the Irish people - just as her old buddy Pinochet in Chili!

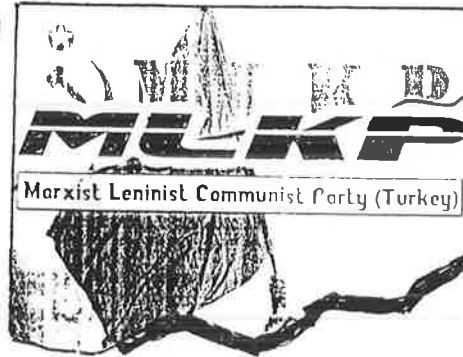
To me, to be now here in Ireland and to talk to those who were taking part in the struggle at that time, to those who knew the Hunger Strikers, to their friends and relatives brings back that painful, but precious time of my life - the time when I made a choice for myself: that I want to be part of this struggle. ■

MLKP

At the World Congress held in September 2001 in Toronto, Canada, there were delegates from 17 countries, amongst them there were 3 delegates from Turkey who presented facts about the struggles they are waging in reactionary Turkey, which is the base for U.S. Imperialism. These delegates represented the Marxist-Leninist Communist Party of Turkey and Kurdistan.

Their presence and input added reality as to the life and death struggles that are being waged daily in fascist Turkey.

The history of the Communist movement in Turkey goes back to early 1950's and through struggles, splits, influences of Maoism and revisionism, the Communists held many unity conferences and finally in September of 1995 the movement united and adopted the name as the Marxist-Leninist Communist Party of Turkey.



They are in the midst of struggling to help all of the political prisoners who are held in solitary confinement and who are on a hunger strike. The hunger strike already claimed 82 martyrs and it is still going on until all of the political prisoners demands are met - to be liberated from isolation cells.

The MLKP is the leading force in Turkey for revolutionary struggles, for socialism, for the resurrection of the Soviet Union and for freedom for all the political prisoners.

EXTREME BIRTH DEFORMITIES IN IRAQ

BY VIC RATSMA

This is taken from a report by Rose B.Mirkarimi, - from the The Arms Control Research Center: **"Environmental and Human Health Impacts of the Gulf Region with Special Reference to Iraq", May 1992'**

I have recently received a large number of photographs of alarming and horrendous birth deformities that are being experienced in Iraq. I have not, quite frankly, ever seen anything like them. I urge you to copy these photographs. (We did not include them in NSC with this article since they are too horrible for some of our readers to look at Editor of NSC).

In an act of stark cruelty, the US dominated Sanctions Committee refuses to permit Iraq the clean-up equipment that they desperately need to decontaminate their country of the terrible and deadly Depleted Uranium ammunition that the US forces fired at them. Approximately 315 tones of DU dust was left by the use if this ammunition. The

Sanctions Committee also refuses to allow the mass importation of the anti-cancer treatments, which contain trace amounts of radio-isotopes, on the ground that these constitute "nuclear materials" that can be used by Iraq.

I wonder whether members of this "Sanctions Committee" go to church each Sunday with a bible and pretend that they believe in the commandment "Thou shall not kill?"-Editor)

Some of the photos were taken by Dr. Seigwaret Horst-Gunther, Prsident of the International Yellow Most, that appeared in his 1996 book **"Uranium Projectiles -severely maimed soldiers, deformed babies, and dying children"** (Published by AHRIMAN-Veriag, ISBN:3-89484-805-7)

Both the Pentagon and the British Ministry of Defense officially deny that there is any significant danger from exposure to DU ammunition. And whilst it is conceivable that the US led attacks on Iraq's nuclear power stations could be a contributory factor, most of the researchers point to DU is the most likely source of both deformities and cancer. The rising number of cases in Iraq, particularly in the South where the greatest concentration of DU ammunition were fired, is simply staggering. Iraqi physicians have

never encountered anything like it before, and they have made the perfectly reasonable point that similar increases in cancer and deformities were experienced in Japan after the two US atomic bomb attacks. Cancer has increased between 7 and 10 fold; deformities between 4 and 6 fold.

Yet the US was well aware of the potential effects on civilians and military personnel of the chemical toxicity and radiological properties of DU ammunition long before the Gulf war began, as the following excerpts of a US Armed Forces document categorically states:

"Aerosol DU (Depleted Uranium) exposures to soldiers on the battlefield could be significant with very potential radiological and toxicological effects...Under combat conditions, the most exposed individuals are probably ground troops that re-enter the battlefield following the exchange of armor-piercing munitions...We are simply highlighting the potential for levels of DU exposure to military personnel during combat that would be unacceptable during peacetime operations...(DU is) a low level of alpha radiation emitter which is linked to cancer when exposures are internal, (and) chemical toxicity causing kidney damage,...Short term effects of high doses can result in death, while long term effects of low doses have been linked to cancer... Our conclusion regarding the health and environmental acceptability of DU penetrators assume both controlled use of the presence of excellent health physics management practices controlled release of DU... Combat conditions of battlefield, and the long term health risks to natives and combat veterans may become issues in the acceptability of the continued use of DU kinetic penetrators for military applications."

The US was also well aware of the long-term dangers of DU contamination, and played it down, as the following memo and document makes clear to be a concern regarding the impact of DU on the environment. Therefore, if no-one makes a case for the effectiveness of DU on the battlefield, then DU rounds may become politically unacceptable and

thus be deleted from the arsenal. I believe that we should keep this sensitive issue in mind when action reports are written."

Below is the excerpt from the memorandum, Lt.Col.M.V.Ziehman, Los Aamos National Laboratory, March 1, 1991.

"Soldiers may be incidentally exposed to DU from dust and smoke on the battlefield. The Army Surgeon General had determined that it is unlikely that these soldiers will receive a significant internal DU exposure. Medical follow-up is not warranted for our soldiers who experience incidental exposure from dust or smoke... Since DU weapons are openly available on the world arms market, DU weapons will be used in future conflicts. The number of DU patients on future battlefields probably will be significantly higher because other countries will use systems containing DU... DU is a low-level radioactive waste, and, therefore, must be disposed of in a licensed repository... there is no international law, or signed treaty, regulation, or custom that requires the United States to remediate the Persian Gulf war battlefields."

Part of a report by the US Environmental Policy Institute: "Health and Consequences of Depleted Uranium use in the US Army, June 1995:

DU ammunition is now possessed by more than 12 countries, and was used during the NATO led bombing of Yugoslavia. Western forces stationed in the region have recently been advised not to drink the local water or eat locally produced food. Yet the British MoD continues to deny any potential risks, stating: "We have not seen any peer-reviewed epidemiological research data to support these claims (that DU is dangerous)... There are no plans to remove DU-based ammunition from service."

Source: Two letters to me from Simon Wren, Overseas Secretariat, Ministry of Defense, Whitehall, London -May 20, 1999 and March 22, 2000.

On a more personal level, I have heard stories of reliable visitors that went to Iraq and who spoke with the mid-wives. These Iraqi mid-wives stated that they no longer look forwards to births... "We don't know what's going to come out now."

NATO OUT OF LATVIA!

By Rafael Martinez



The ruling bourgeois-comprador elite of Latvia, even before entering NATO, is doing its best to serve the interests of its imperialist lords. With this purpose, the government has approved the construction of a radar station on Latvian territory. This will serve as part of air defense system of the aggressive imperialist block. The construction of the radar station is planned to take place in the populated area in the Rezeknenski region. This would jeopardize the life and health of all the local population. Additionally, Latvia is planning to enter NATO despite the will of the majority of the people of that country.

According to sociological poll conducted by the independent organization, "Prata spcks", 70% of the population opposed Latvia entering NATO, 20% refused to express their opinion and only 10% supported it. The serious question of allowing the construction of such a station on Latvia's soil in these conditions is an act of national treason by the present government.

Moreover, the radar station is now planned to be built near the village of Audrini, where exactly 60 years ago Nazi Germans, in full cooperation with the fascist Latvian collaborators, committed one of the most dreadful crimes against humanity on Latvian soil. The fascist hordes completely destroyed the village of Audrini and shot almost its entire population in the Anchupanski forest for giving shelter to four Soviet Army prisoners who had managed to escape. Now, today's betrayers of Latvia have given the green light to the imperialists to

construct a tool of aggression above the bones of the Latvian patriots, who gave their lives for the freedom and independence during the Great Patriotic War. This is an insult to the memory of those heroes and victims of the Great Patriotic War and the history of our people.

Over 19,000 signatures have been collected in the Rezennenski region alone. Signatures are being collected also all across Latvia. Many Latvian social and political organizations have joined this campaign and are supporting the demand of the people of Latvia.

We call on all social, political and Marxist organizations, individuals and publications abroad to send messages of protest against the reactionary decision of the Latvian government. Send the protests to:

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Riga, Latvia

INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY

No to the Imperialist War of Aggression of the USA Against Afghanistan!

1. A new war is developing, a new aggression of U.S. imperialism and other imperialist forces. In this case it is directed against Afghanistan, though other countries of the region and of the world are threatened and world peace is endangered, too.
2. U.S. Imperialism is the main imperialist power that is responsible for exploitation, misery, suffering and several thousands of children, women and men who die every day of starvation and other plagues in the oppressed countries of Africa, Asia, Latin America and the whole world.
3. The United States is the biggest terrorist state of our time; it was the originator of the dropping of the nuclear bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki; of the invasion and the war against North Korea, of the coup d'etat and massacres in Indonesia, of the Vietnam War, the invasion of the Dominican Republic, the blockade and permanent aggression against Cuba, of the promotion of coups d'etat in Latin America, the past

invasion of Granada, Panama, Haiti, the mass bombings of the civilians in Iraq, Sudan and Yugoslavia by deploying bombs with depleted uranium, of blockades against Libya and Iran, the support of state terrorists acts of Israel against the Palestinian people and the intervention in Colombia.

4. Attacks as carried out on September 11th, 2001 claimed heavy casualties of innocent people, but Yankee imperialism utilizes it to cover up that is it being shaken up by the economic crisis and needs to start a war of aggression; herewith, it wants to reinforce its control over the enormous oil resources of the region and to strengthen its arms industries in order to quickly get out of the recession, increase the exploitation of the oppressed countries and to defend its position as the main power in the inter-imperialist rivalry.

5. We, the international working class and the oppressed peoples of the world must adopt a clear attitude of struggle against this new aggression of Yankee imperialism and must most strongly develop our greatest solidarity with Afghanistan and all peoples of the attacked and threatened countries.

USA out of Afghanistan!
Afghanistan to the Afghan People!
Down with Bush's terrorist war in the name of war against terrorism!

Signed by:

PCR Argentina, PCR Uruguay, PC(ML) Rep. Of Dominina, MPRPP Paraguay, P.C. del Peru (ML), KOL Luxemburg, GML Rode Morgen Netherlande, MLPD Deutschland, CPI(ML)-Janashakti, CP of Philippines, CPSA(ML) Sudafrica, AKP Norwegen, Ray O Light, USA, ORC Congo, Recindo, NCP(Mashal) Nepal, Workers Party of Bangladrsh, CPI(ML)-ND, India, RTKP/ML Turkey, A/synechia Greece.

FRANCE WANTS ISRAEL TO PAY REPARATIONS TO EUROPEAN UNION

The European Union wants Israel to pay for the damage its forces have inflicted on all the Palestinian projects funded by EU taxpayers, according to the very reliable French Government sources.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman, Bernard Valero, said the issue of compensation, would be considered by the foreign ministers of the 15-nation bloc at their next meeting.

The European Commission has estimated that the Israeli forces have wreaked damage worth over 14.4 million Euro dollars to the UE-funded Palestinian projects in the ground and air attacks conducted against the Palestinians.

The Israeli Prime Minister, Ariel Sharon, has defended the targeting of Palestinian Authority buildings and facilities such as an airport and a seaport under construction, as a response to the killing of Israelis by Palestinian militants.

French Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine said that the attacks were part of a mistaken strategy by Israel

to undermine President Arafat's Palestinian Authority. He appealed to both sides to find a political solution to the violence that has raged since the start of a Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation.

Vedrine said that the Palestinian problem needs a political solution. He also said that the methodical destruction of the symbols and means of the Palestinian Authority by the Israeli army, provided easy tactical successes, but was a very strategic error.

(Irish Times, breaking News)

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SLANDER OF THE SLAV COMMITTEE IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

At the end of December 2001, the Czech Parliament was deliberating the report of the extremism as presented by the Czech Ministry of Interior. Exceptional attention was paid to the Slav Committee and to the growing Slavic Solidarity.

The authors of this report came to a remarkable conclusion that *"among the leftist extremists, especially the Slavic organizations, there is a wide-spread support of the program of the so-called Czech Slav Committee."*

The world supporters of the All Slav Solidarity movement are – (according the authors of this report)– *"are of the opinion that after the disintegration of the socialist system in Central Europe, the Slavic states are endangered by the aggressive "Germanization" that is masked by the consolidation process into the European Union. The Slavic nations have only one*

unique opportunity to preserve their Slavic common identity and self determination – to cooperate with Russia and other Slavic nations". The Czech Ministry authors came to the conclusion that "Panslavism" is becoming now a very important international activity, which could contribute to diverse power aims."

We should remember that Slavic solidarity, including all the historical alliances and the common traditions and universal cooperation, has nothing in common to *"Panslavism"* or *"All Slavism"*! This is just a ruse by the Czech Government which is aiming to stop the influence of the Czech Slav Committee. The fact that the Czech Slav Committee is against the Czech Republic joining NATO or its war plans is the real reason for this document. The Czech Slav Committee is also opposed for the Czech Republic to join the European Union.

We are against all terrorism, and also against State terrorism as carried out by the USA., which does not hesitates use modern weapons of destruction against the civilian population and civilian targets in the interests of its domination of the world, regardless of international or the United Nations.

We are certainly for genuine-Slavic solidarity, because we see it as a natural support for our future development. We are not interested to join present Russia's sphere of influence, but we are also not interested in expanding the USA's sphere of influence also or their aggressive prepared war plans for domination of the world. The

argument that we "are supporting Russia's sphere of interest and supporting the Great Power of Russia" is ridiculous. Russia has its power now, even after the success of the counterrevolution which dismembered the USSR.

Russia and its political future will be determined only by the Russian people themselves, regardless of the present political tendencies or the state of its economy.

The Czech Slav Committee is for the universal development of all Slavic nations and people, for the mutual cooperation that will enable them to have their international significance, not only in the economic spheres but also in all spheres of contacts, cooperation and progress.

PRESIDENT OF CHINA'S PLANE BUGGED BY THE CIA!

China claimed that its intelligence officers found more than 20 spying devices in a Boeing 767 meant to become President Jiang Zemin's official plane, after it was delivered from the U.S., "Financial Times" said. These bugs are so tiny and they are operated by satellite.

The devices were detected after the plane emitted a strange static-whining sound during the test flights in China in September, after the plane was delivered. One device was found in the toilet and also in the headboard of the presidential bed.

This discovery came ahead of the planned important summit between President Bush and Jiang in Beijing. Jiang was furious when he heard about this.

The aircraft was made in the Boeing factory in Seattle, USA and then fitted out with VIP equipment and the upholstery by another company.

Boeing had no comment or the company that outfitted the Boeing 767. The CIA refused to comment when asked about this.

ANOTHER PROVOCATION AGAINST CUBA

US troops arrive in Cuba to build jails for prisoners from Afghanistan. Cuba is acting very diplomatically at this provocation, which basically is meant to tell the world that Cuba is "supporting" USA bombardment and invasion of Afghanistan, otherwise they would not accept foreign prisoners on their soil. But, the Guantanamo Bay is an occupied territory by American troops since the Spanish-American war.

Troops from USA escorted the

prisoners unto Cuban territory and started to build jails and holding cells and preparing to try them as "war criminals" on Cuban soil? Mr. Rumsfeld did not rule out of having these Afghans (without the OK of the UN) tried at the Guantanamo Bay by US Military Tribunal.

The Pentagon has already sent in 1,500 troops and police units, on top of the thousands of US troops already stationed on Cuban soil. Officials in the US say that the jails will cost close to \$10,000,000.

Besides this, the Pentagon is arranging to have reporters from all over the world land at the Guantanamo Bay for the trials.

Logical question would be: Why in Cuba, a very small country, why not in USA, itself - the main terrorist?

FEATURE ANALYSES

WORLD BANK TRIES TO DEFEND GLOBALIZATION

The World Bank released its "Globalization, Growth and Poverty" report in early December 2001. Amidst mounting crisis and protest, the Bank has tried to mobilize data and analysis in support of globalization. But the attempt to hold and consolidate ideological ground only shows how little of it the globalists have to stand on.

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The meat of the World Bank (WB) report, "Globalization, Growth and Poverty," is a number-crunching exercise to establish how being "more globalized" would improve a country's per capita income, life expectancy, and schooling levels.

This seemingly gives final affirmation of the correctness of the favorite line of reasoning of pro-globalizers: liberal trade policies lead to increased trade levels that lead to development (in terms of per capita income, growth, employment, poverty reduction, etc.). The simplicity of the argument gives it much power — if only the reality were that simple.

The results of the number-crunching are indisputable to the extent that they are mathematical calculations performed on a data set. But serious methodological

limitations mean that the conclusions drawn by the WB far exceed what the data support.

Even on its own terms the report and its policy conclusions are problematic.

Allow the devil to quote scripture. First, the report itself notes: "It is difficult to establish a link between openness and growth in a rigorous manner." (Box 1.1, p. 37) There is also backhanded acknowledgement of the absence of such a link when the report says, "Whether there is a causal connection from opening up trade to faster growth is not the issue." (p. 36) In short, even the WB much-revered by globalists is cautious about linking trade policies/levels to the growth dimension of development.

But the report even goes further when it acknowledges the uncertain causal link between trade policies and trade levels. In referring to the structure of the sampling it said: "We label the top third 'more globalized' without in any sense implying that they adopted pro-trade policies. The rise in trade [levels] may have been due to other policies or even to pure chance." (p. 34) Elsewhere it says: "Policy change was not exclusively or even primarily focused on trade" (p. 35) and "The outcome of increased integration into the world economy need not be due to changes in

trade policy' (p.36).

So even if we assume that trade levels are good in themselves — which they're not — liberalized trade policies don't even automatically bring that about.

In itself these breaks in the simplistic (but appallingly widespread) pro-globalist argument should deflate the unwarranted enthusiasm of so many for trade liberalization. But the methodological limitations of the WB exercise and others like it go far deeper.

MISINTERPRETING REALITY

First, the WB study measures the degree of "globalization" according to the increase in the ratio of exports to GDP in the 1977-97 period (i.e. the bigger the increase, the more globalized). This kind of

categorization seriously obscures countries' widely differing policy approaches and the varying levels of development they started off with.

All the results establish is a correlation between trade levels, per capita income growth and schooling (I didn't see any actual data on life expectancy) which isn't equivalent to a causal link. A causal chain would be established, rather, by investigating what set of policy measures results in what set of development outcomes, and then over what period of time.

This more careful consideration of the range of factors involved and how they really relate with each other is absolutely necessary. However the WB, far from providing such a nuanced analysis,

simplifies a complex argument just to propagate its ideological line.

Take the examples of China and India. Their current performance is attributed by globalists to their liberalization policies in the past decade. The reality of these two countries — which by the way take up two-thirds of the sample of the population-weighted "more globalized" countries and so greatly influence the aggregate results — is very different from what rabid globalizers make it out to be.

The increase in China's growth started in the late 1970s, long before any liberalization: average GDP growth in 1979-1985 was 9.9% (China Statistical Yearbook). This compares very favorably with the average GDP growth of 9.7% in 1989-1995 (China Statistical Yearbook). Yet, horror of horrors for free marketers, state procurement of grain increased from 15.7% of domestic grain production in 1978 to 23.9% in 1988. Planned (quota) steel production was still 30% of total output in 1990, albeit down from 52% in 1981.

China went through decades of Socialist construction since 1949. As a result of this it had a substantial industrial and agricultural base by the time it started with trade and investment liberalization, selectively in the late 1980s and more aggressively in the 1990s. China could not have performed the way it did in recent years if this domestic economic base had not first been built.

Furthermore, China has only been partly liberalizing and has retained its planning mechanisms and state direction; plan prices and quotas are still in



Top photo is in Italy while the other photo is was taken in Greece.

Unity of all forces can make breakthrough against US New World Order!

Here you can see demonstrations against NATO, WTO, WB And other imperialist Institutions that are held all over the world.

widespread use. China has also been growing rapidly even if FDI accounts for barely 10% of domestic investment.

It is a similar situation with India. Annual real GDP growth picked up significantly long before the trade reforms of the early 1990s; it averaged 5.9% in 1980-1990 compared to the 3.7% in 1950-80 (IMF). And yet average tariffs in the 1980s were actually higher than in the lower-growth 1970s (WB). Growth picked up further to an annual average of 6.2% in 1990-2000.

DOMESTIC INDUSTRIAL BASE

Yet in India electricity is still generated and distributed according to plans and internal customs barriers apply to goods traveling across state borders. And, as with China, a domestic industrial base of sorts was also built over time using protectionist instruments. That these were in many cases used badly counts against the government implementing them, not the instruments themselves.

Insistent globalists may invoke the counterfactual: that their growth would have been even faster if they'd "globalized" earlier. But invoked arbitrarily, this kind of reasoning is akin to questioning data — little more than a desperate last stand. An argument would have to be presented that avoids self-serving circularity. Anyway there's always the counter-counterfactual: growth would have been even faster if they hadn't globalized at all!

The China and India cases are not presented as absolutes, nor as models to follow strictly. There are serious developmental limitations to both countries. But the least their experience shows is that their economic performance can't be attributed to the unfettered operation of free markets as impelled by fanatical trade and investment liberalization.

Another example is the Philippines itself. It is increasingly "globalized": Trade jumped to 101.5% of gross domestic product (GDP) in 1996-2000 from 60.9% in 1986-90; exports alone leapt to 45.7% of GDP from 29.1%. Foreign investments increased 166% between the two periods, from US\$ 2.58 billion in 1986-90 to US\$ 6.86 billion in 1996-2000.

Yet development performance has been dismal despite this (indeed, for the Left the dismal record is precisely because of this). Per capita GDP is as low as it was in the 1980s even as inequality has been worsening. The trend of high unemployment rates is nowhere near being reversed and is as high as during the crisis-ridden 1980s. Who, in truth, has really gained from all this

"globalizing?"

The WB report particularly cites nine countries as notable "globalizers." Of these, China and India however are clearly not of the globalist mold. They also cited the "well-known reformers" Philippines, Argentina and Mexico — but surely the dismal development record of at least these three countries should make one question the proclaimed virtues of so-called globalization. Look at where Argentina is now — in economic chaos and under a state of siege.

CONFUSED ABOUT GLOBALIZATION?

It's of the utmost importance to define the issue properly. Blinded by ideology, free-marketeers conflate two distinct questions in asking "Should countries globalize?"

One question is: Should countries "globalize," as in adopt policies of trade and investment liberalization?

The usual answer is, "Yes, as fast and as extensively as possible." Competitive forces are invoked as a magic bullet of sorts. But that is misguided and anti-developmental: a certain level of industrial and agricultural development has to FIRST be achieved. Such levels of development are attained by a broad and deep range of non-market mechanisms including radical wealth and asset reforms, protectionism and government support.

For one thing, this conditions what kind of exports there are. There's a world of difference between US exports by a US manufacturer integrated into the US economy and "Philippine" exports which really just come from import-intensive pseudo-manufacturers in export enclaves.

Surely "Made in the Philippines" should mean something far more than "Made by Intel in an Ecozone enclave in the Philippines?" And yet over 2/3 of world trade is intra-TNC trade (UNCTAD)- if these aren't genuinely "third world" TNCs, then it's safe to presume that the gains from trade accrue to first world TNCs.

The WB report obscures this when it says peculiar things like, "Low-income countries are now competing head-on with high-income countries while previously they specialized in primary commodities." (p.24)

The other question is: Should countries "globalize," as in increase the levels of trade and investment? The usual answer is, "Yes, as soon as possible and at all costs." Again, this is misguided and anti-developmental. There are certainly gains to be had for a country from increasing trade (ex. expanded markets, access to production inputs) and investment (ex. capital augmentation, technology transfer).

But trade and investment should happen on terms beneficial to the country. Yet so many countries have been like the Philippines whose governments have been bizarrely fixated on increasing exports and investments immediately and at whatever cost, without regard for the startling conditions of agricultural and industrial backwardness. Some notable failures resulting from this are so-called "export industries" which are so import- and foreign investment-dependent that they are barely integrated into the domestic economy — with correspondingly meagre domestic benefit.

The flip-side of the ever-broader incentives given to foreign investors are ever more potential benefits lost. After decades of attracting foreign investors, where's the genuine technology transfer? Where's the domestic industrial base that creates jobs? Yet how much has been foregone in terms of revenue and foreign exchange? But the government's orientation is to give ever more generous incentives — i.e. to attract investors at all costs.

A DANGEROUS OBSESSION

Consider how dangerous this obsession is. It is strange for instance that the Philippine government is so eager to gear the country towards even more pseudo-manufacturing of IT goods and to bank on IT services considering the global IT bust. With so many countries doing the same thing — not least being China, India, Mexico and Brazil — all that will happen is a race to the bottom. Countries will compete for IT investments and business on the basis of ever cheaper labor and ever greater investment incentives, leaving host countries with ever less benefits and the likes of Texas Instruments and Microsoft laughing all the way to the bank. There are some 4 million jobless Filipinos... how many jobs does the government think IT will really provide?

Anyway, the point about not relying on market mechanisms to develop domestic economies is borne out by the experience of virtually ALL currently advanced countries, of the NICs (especially Korea and Taiwan), and even of those bandied about as the "new globalizers" such as China, India and Vietnam.

The challenge to globalization fanatics is straightforward: to provide a historical account of a country that has developed its agriculture and industry under a liberalized trade and investment regime (i.e. with neither a protectionist nor Socialist approach lurking in the background). ■

OPEN FORUM

MORE WAR PLANS FOR AN UNJUST EMPIRE

"The next year (2002) will also be a war year as well!"

President George Bush, Dec. 2001

"For a war fought for three months with saturation media coverage on cable TV, the Internet, Network TV and the print media, we actually know rather little about what happened in Afghanistan."

William M. Arkin, military analyst for Washington Post, December 30, 2001

For three months, the U.S. and

British air forces dropped an average of 300 bombs a day on a country the size of Texas. The air campaign flattened all government centers and also the Taliban troop concentrations. It pounded villages, and then massacred hundreds of prisoners that were captured by pro-US forces.

In a December 12th speech at the South Carolina's Citadel military college school, Bush set out the doctrine behind this operation. He denounced the idea that "our military would be used overseas,

not to win wars, but mainly to police and pacify; to control crowds and contain ethnic traffic". Instead, he said: "Our U.S. military has a new essential mission. For states that support terror, it's not enough that the consequences be costly; they must be devastating!"

For Afghanistan this war has, in fact been devastating – including for the masses of people.

The war has killed thousands of civilians. After the U.S. have bombed Pashtun tribal leaders heading for Kabul for the inauguration of the new U.S.-installed government – killing 60 people in a convoy of 100 – the US Defense Ministry of this puppet government called for an end to such U.S. attacks. From Bush's Texas ranch, the imperialist General Tommy Franks responded coldly:

Three Marine Expeditionary Units, each with about 1,200 troops, are now moving towards the Arabian Sea – where they grouped together last month.

Meanwhile the U.S. set up its command for its 3rd Army in Kuwait, the country just south of Iraq. At the same time General Powell's State Department flew in over a dozen



Potential buyers from the Northern Alliance, haggle over bags of raw opium in Kandahar's vibrant Narcotics Bazaar. US & NATO have now permitted the Afghan farmers to plant new crops. The former Taliban regime had shut down completely the growing and exporting of opium. US has now allowed it openly.

exiled Iraqi military officers to organize their support for a possible U.S. invasion.

Over 20,000 U.S. military forces are now permanently stationed in Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Qatar. In addition, the equipment needed for outfitting four armored brigades is already pre-positioned in the region – one brigade's equipment is in Kuwait, another in Qatar, two in the British base on Diego Gracia.

YEMEN AND SOMALIA

Lat December 21, 2001 Bush announced that the U.S. was sending "help" – meaning war materials and U.S. Special Forces units – to countries around the world.

Yemen, a country on the southern coast of the Arabian Peninsula, is one country that the U.S. "help" was already in operation. Last December 18th, tanks, helicopters and artillery pounded mountain villages and hillsides in Yemen's Marib province – killing scores of people.

General Myers, Chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, said: *"Somalia is one potential country- there are others as well – a potential country where you might have diplomatic, law enforcement action or potentially military action. All the instruments of national power, not just one."* One Pentagon official said the future attacks on Somalia may simply be kept secret: *"It might be one of those things Rumsfeld described as something you don't see."*

OIL AND THE THREATS TO IRAQ

"We will not be pressed into doing something that does not represent our national objectives, and we will take as long as it takes."

The bombing and the advance of the much-hated Northern Alliance scattered thousands from their villages just as the harvests were ripening. The intense, brutal use of superpower weaponry has by now destroyed the fragile system for distributing food in the country.

One British journalist recently described the conditions in Maslakh, a camp of 350,000 internal refugees 30 odd miles west of Hirt city. A

hundred people per day die there of exposure and starvation – with conditions expected to worsen dramatically. One Afghan woman confronted him saying: *"You re just taking pictures. You are not here to help. We can't eat pictures. We are dying. We need desperately food and medicines, not pictures"*.

Now at the start of 2002, the U.S. air-land battle forces are prowling Afghanistan like police raiding a housing project in the U.S. ghettos – arriving with screeching tires and the clatter of propellers, kicking in doors, hauling away whomever they choose, blowing away anyone who opposes them.

Much of this is denied or hidden by the U.S. war machine and the highly supporting mass media. In the Hollywood cartoon world of U.S. propaganda, the United States weapons and hit squads seek "evil-doers" with laser precision. The new "Heroes of America" are now supposed to be the Special Forces assassins and CIA interrogators. And, people are told, their goals are "defending our way of life" and "bringing freedom for all."

Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld says that reports of bombed villages are Taliban propaganda – even as all of the deaths are confirmed by journalists from around the world. The advance of the U.S. supported warlords is always portrayed as the liberation of Afghan women – even as every observer can see that the veils and the burkhas and feudal patriarchy remain in place.

The U.S. attack leaves the battered land and its people in the hands of those local feudal warlords who have ruled all along (and who, in the South, formed as major base of support for the Taliban). The "new government" the U.S. talks of imposing, was manufactured in Germany, dropped by U.S. war planes, and has absolutely no legitimacy at all, other than the naked backing of the occupying foreign troops from USA, Britain, Canada and Turkey.

In short, the U.S. response to the



Sept. 11th has been a "devastating" assault on one of the world's poorest nations – and it comes with the constantly repeated promise, that, any country that "harbors terrorism" faces the same. Since the U.S. government has announced that it believes that at least 60 countries "harbor terrorism" – this is a very open-ended threat of "devastation" aimed at much of the world, probably the single most arrogant war threat in the history of the planet!

Now that the U.S. cannot find anymore targets in Afghanistan or the much sought after Osama bin Laden, dead or alive, the focus of the White House and the Pentagon is shifting elsewhere.

The WashingtonPost reported on January 4, 2002 that Secretary Rumsfeld met with the top U.S. military commanders- the regional commanders in chief known as CINCs – and told them to prepare military operations throughout the world. In a revealing piece, the New York Times reported that these CINCs, assigned to each region of the world, are also referred to as the "Proconsuls" – using the title for military governors in the ancient Roman Empire.

U.S. Secretary Rumsfeld stated that the U.S. Government does not need authorization from the United Nations (or anyone else) to attack anywhere in the world!

A short list of three options was prepared for President Bush. The Pentagon and the CIA have plans to start strong action against President Hassam Husein of Iraq. With the campaign against Afghanistan being nearly over, the time is fast approaching for Mr. Bush to start his next phase of the war against "global terrorism".

Here is a statement by the San Francisco Chronicle of September 26, 2001 –

"The hidden stakes in the war against terrorism can be summed up in a single word: oil. The map of so-called terrorist sanctuaries and targets in Asia is also, to an extraordinary degree, a map of the world's principal energy sources in the 21st century."

Since September 11th, powerful forces in the USA ruling class have insisted that this is the moment for a

major military assault on Iraq – to install a new government more willing to serve the U.S. ruling class. The U.S. has now field-tested in the caves of Tora Bora the “*burke-busting*” bombs that they developed to assassinate Saddam Hussein. These bombs can be used in bombing Baghdad.

While the media is filled with constant talk of “*ending terrorism*” the intense threat against Iraq and other countries prove that the current U.S. military moves are shaped by global imperialist interests – including the control of the world’s resources – and not just the reported goal of “*rooting out al Qaida!*”

It is very clear that the Iraqi government had no connection to the September 11th events. Iraq has never ever been aligned to the fundamentalist forces. In fact, these fundamentalists were organized and

the infamous Carter Doctrine declared that the U.S. was prepared to nuke any power that threatened the control of the Persian Gulf. In the 1980’s the U.S. backed Iraq’s attack on Iran, to establish control there after the overthrow of the Shah. In the early 1990’s, as the Soviet Union fell apart, the U.S. seized the opportunity to lead a massive attack on Iraq and to establish permanent bases in Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar and Kuwait. Now, a decade later, powerful voices of the U.S. ruling class are complaining that even the long-standing and trusted ally, the Saudi Arabia monarchy, has proven to be an unreliable ally.

Today, the intense ruling class policy debate focuses of how to use the September 11th event to finally, somehow, hammer down firm, permanent U.S. domination of this vital region.

special envoy to Afghanistan. Khalilzad has long been involved in Unocal plans to run a natural gas and the oil pipeline from the former Soviet republic of Turkmenistan across Afghanistan to Pakistan and India. He was the key figure in encouraging very close relations between Unocal giant and U.S. government and the Taliban, during the late 1990’s. More recently he has served as an advisor to Donald Rumsfeld at the Pentagon, and Condoleezza Rice at the White House National Security Council.

The “*New York Times*” reported a very significant news story on Dec. 15, 2001: “*The State Department the Taliban oil projects in the Central Asian region, which has more than 6 per cent of the world’s proven oil reserves and over 40 per cent of its gas reserves... Secretary of State Colin Powell said that he was “particularly impressed” with the money that the American oil companies were investing there. He estimated roughly that \$200 billion could flow into Kazakhstan (the former Soviet republic) during the next 5-10 years.*”

If George W. Bush wants to meet the “*evil doers*” who stand now behind the Islamic fundamentalists of South Asia, he can start by going to visit his Dad. For decades the U.S. was deeply involved in the recruitment and training of extreme Islamic fundamentalists in the Muslim world. It was and is the CIA which created and funded the Afghan Mujhideen, who first recruited Osama bin Laden and his “*al Qaida Arabs*” to go to Afghanistan, and who supported the rise of the Taliban in the 1990’s. Traveling the world now, U.S. imperialism in threatening to bomb Iraq and Somalia – will not change the fact.

The Iraqi people have already suffered over a million dead as a result of U.S. attempt to dominate their country, including over 500,000 children who have died as a result of a full decade of U.S. imposed sanctions. How many more is the U.S. ruling class now willing to kill in order to control the world’s oil resources and cement its dreams of a new U.S.-dominated global order? ■



supported and constantly built up during 1980’s by Saudi Arabia and the CIA, as part of counterweight to secular forces like that of Saddam Hussein. By threatening Iraq again, the U.S. is seeking, once again, to tighten its direct power over the Persian Gulf. Control over these oil fields are, quite simply, necessary for the super power seeking to maintain a permanent domination over that region of the world. Germany and Japan are the powers pushing also for the domination of this part of the world... bitter rivalry exists here, in the first place.

History is full of US threats to this region of the world. In the 1970’s

The U.S. and the CIA policy is to shatter Iraq’s armed forces from the air through car[per day an night bombing, as was successfully done in Afghanistan, then using bases around Iraq, and then using U.S. commandoes to guide the bombs, while pro U.S. Iraqi puppet forces, now being trained outside Iraqi borders would then take strategic positions on the ground. Turkey then would be allowed to invade and take over the Kurdish territory.

Another sign of the importance of the U.S. “*oil politics*” is the White House appointment of Zalmnay Khalilzad, a well-known former high-level advisor to the giant monopoly Unocal oil company, to be the U.S.

COMPOSITION OF PRESIDENT BUSH'S CABINET

By MOLLY IVINS

Boulder Daily Camera,
Austin, Texas, USA

*This is a revelation to everyone
that might have had some illusions
as to how Corporate America is
governed!*

Jim Hightower, an invaluable public citizen, once suggested that U.S. politicians be forced to wear corporate logos on their suits of their biggest donors in the fashion of race car drivers so we'd know who they've sold out to. Hightower once again had his eye on the shell with the pea under it when it comes to President Bush's Cabinet.

The pundit corps has been swooning over the diversity of Bush's picks – he has four women, a Cuban-American, two Afro-Americans, a Japanese-American, a Lebanese-American, a Chinese-American and a Democrat. Very cleverly Bush chose his Cabinet that looks like America. Just one catch: President Bush uses this façade of all "nationalities represented in my Cabinet", but there is only one catch. Every member of his Cabinet is a corporate creature. In fact, the multinational US corporations have just taken over the government. Why hire lobbyists when all your top CEOs and Corporate Board members are running the show? Who's left to lobby the Government?

Until very recently the Vice President was CEO of Halliburton Inc., the giant oil services firm that has been making money and trading with Iraq, despite the US sanctions, through its subsidiaries Dresser-Rand and Ingersoll-Dresser Pump.

Here is just some of the Bush's Cabinet now running the country:

***Elaine Chao** (Labor: an Investment Banker and corporate director, former vice-president of Bank of America and also board member of Northwest Airlines, Dole Food, Clorox and Colombia/HCA Health Care.

***Norman Mineta** (Transportation): Corporate VP for Lockheed Martin; also former chairman of the House Transportation Committee, where all his major contributors were the US corporations like the American Trucking Association, Boeing, General Electric, Greyhound, Lockheed, Northwest Airlines, Union Pacific and United Airlines.

***Paul O'Neill** (Treasury): CEO of Alcoa, the aluminum giant, and previously the CEO of the International Paper Co., and on the boards of directors of e Eastman Kodak and Lucent Technologies.

***Gale Norton** (Interior): formerly with the Mountain State Legal Foundation, an anti-environmental group funded by the oil companies. Prominent member of "property rights" groups and funded by Boise Cascade, DuPont and Louisiana Pacific; national chairwoman on the Coalition for the right-wing U.S. Republican Environmental Adv. funded by the American Forest Paper Association, Amoco, ARCO, and the Chemical Manufacturers Association and the Ford company.

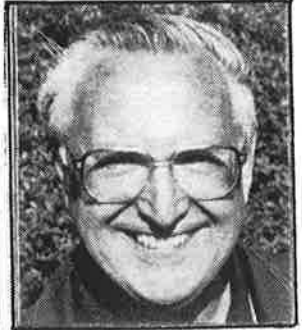
***John Ashcroft** (Attorney General): sponsor in 2001 of a Senate bill to extend the patent of the super-profitable allergy pill Claritin, owned by the multinational giant pharmaceutical Schering-Plough, which gave him \$50,000 donation for his last Senate campaign. He also got a \$1.7 million from the oil, chemical and paper companies that were very grateful for Ashcroft's opposition to the state funding environmental enforcement, voting for a rollback of clean water protections and letting the mining companies dump cyanide and other wastes on public land.

***Donald Rumsfeld** (Defense): formerly Chief Executive Officer of General Instrument Corporation and drug giant G.D.Searle & Co., and also on the boards of Asea Brown Boveri, a multinational Swedish engineering corporation, and Rand Corporation. Also on the advisory board of Salomon Smith Barney,

***Colin Powell** (State): on the Board of the huge worldwide America Online Internet corporation and is a recipient of \$100,000 per speech to a list of American corporations that are too long to believe. ■

LETTERS

VIC
RATSMA



SOME BASIC QUESTIONS OF STRATEGY

By VIC RATSMA

For 67 years of my life I lived in the capitalist world. Being born during the depression years, I lived as a child under Nazi occupation in Holland, followed by years of reconstruction and a building of a social-democratic society.

After coming to Canada in 1959, social security programs were still very minimal and I involved myself in the political process to establish these via the New Democratic Party.

Later on, because the social democracy did not appear to further advance the cause of the working people towards greater economic democracy, and because the cold war was threatening to become a hot war, I joined with the anti-war movement and the Canada-USSR Association, promoting peaceful and co-operative relations between socialism and capitalism.

Although the Soviet Union did not appear to me to be exactly my ideal of socialism, as I understood it, it nevertheless has many features which, I thought were promising and had the potential for improving the life of the people. And, if nothing else, the Soviet Union was at least able to hold imperialism in check.

Why am I writing this? Because each and every one of us, who finds himself or herself on the political left has arrived there from a

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different background. We are all having different point of view, different experience of details and different methods, but by and large with similar objectives, namely to build a better life for the working people, creating a safe and secure environment in which to live, free of all the struggles for the necessities of life, a society in which real democracy flourishes in both political and economic spheres and where each individual can develop to the maximum of his or her ability.

In other words, we all arrived to build Socialism!

I learned that such a society cannot be built on capitalist relations of production, i.e., the profit motive and the exploitation of man by man. Unfortunately, despite general agreement on objectives, many differences of detail and objectives and also methods have split the left forces into a multitude of groupings, which often appear at war with each other than real opponents of capitalism. That makes the ruling class extremely happy...divide and rule works all the time.

On one of the Websites I visited, I found and interesting Ethiopian proverb: When Spiders Unite, They Can Tie Down a Lion! So true! Isn't then about time that we, people on the left, buried the hatchet, leave our differences behind, at least for the present, and concentrate on what unites us? I know of a slogan for a football club that says: **United we stand, Divided we get our Butts kicked!** So it is in politics! Under capitalism there are many parties with all different point of views. But they all basically agree on "capitalism". So why can't we, on the left agree on socialism first, get the fundamentals in place, and work out any differences later? Are we so wrapped up in our own concerns that we forget all of the most important things that we all strive to achieve...Unity and Socialism?

Las September (2001) at the World Congress the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity was formed in Toronto, Canada. This International Council is not a political party. It IS an international coalition of left-leaning individuals, parties, organizations and me whose aim is to assist parties, press, organizations in the former Soviet Union, who are actively working to **rebuild** socialism, I purposely say "build" and not "return to" because the latter leaves the impression that we simply want to go back to "what was"... before 1953 or after 1953? Many people are stuck on this very question.

We do not or should not support any one political party in former USSR, but should rather encourage the numerous parties of

the left existing there, to unite and work together for the common good of the Soviet people, to build socialism to a model that the Soviets themselves will determine. This is surely a step in the right direction.

So far, the International Council has succeeded in bringing together a sizable group of parties, organizations and press from many corners of the world. However, in order that the newly set up Executive Committee of the International Council to become a truly effective force, it needs to broaden its appeal for a new Socialist Soviet Union beyond its most obvious and numerous supporters. This requires a strategy that attracts those who were or are less enamored with the USSR of the past, but who nevertheless see that a Socialist Soviet Union today would be a major asset in the world struggles against imperialism and for socialism.

LET ME MAKE A FEW POINTS, REGARDING OUR STRATEGY:

1: During the years following the dissolution of the USSR, much soul searching went on to determine the causes of this setback. That's understandable. However, some do believe that the external forces brought the USSR down. Some believe that both internal and external forces combined to bring the downfall of the Soviet Union. Others point to the revisionism, starting with Krushchev as the starting point of departing from the socialist path. In other words, things were fine up to and including the Stalin period of the Soviet Union. Others reject the Stalin era, but accept the Lenin period. Still others believe the whole idea of the Great October Revolution was flawed from the start. There also are those that blame Lenin for all the ills and therefore want the body of V.I. Lenin taken out of the Lenin Mausoleum and given a "Christian burial".

2: After the dissolution of the USSR, and more recently under the guise of fighting terrorism, a new wave of imperialist expansion is rolling over the world. Very few countries now possess the resources, both economic and military, to be an effective counterforce to this US expansion. However, a Socialist Soviet Union could be an effective brake and at least slow down, if not halt this new imperialist conquest. Our strategy should feature as many reasons as can be amassed to explain to all those on the left who are now supporting the International Council. **Building socialism in the former Soviet Union should be seen as a priority for all the left forces.**

3: It should always be made apparent in our communiqués, publications and our Website

that the International Council, while favouring the building of socialism in the former USSR, this does not mean an endorsement of the bureaucratic system in place after 1953 and in place before its demise. This is a frequent misunderstanding on the part of outsiders, who then reject our appeal. **The form of socialism to be built is up to the people of former Soviet Union, and no one else!**

4: We must, at all times be careful with the type of written language we use. While capitalism perhaps deserves all of the nasty language it can be called, the use of extreme radical language can marginalize our supporters and also relegate the International Council to the fringes of political thought. What counts is "what's effective" not how "radical it sounds!"

5: While the forgoing is largely aimed at promoting and building the International Council, **our first priority should still be the unity of all the left forces in former Soviet Union.** We should however encourage these forces to also consider this strategy and seriously evaluate their common objectives. After successfully establishing a truly democratic, socialist state, any remaining differences can be resolved peacefully and cooperatively. ■

FROM
WEST BENGAL
INDIA

Dear comrades:

We regret that we were not able to attend the World Congress in September of 2001. Our Party was deeply involved with organizing massive people's movement in the State of West Bengal, which is ruled by the so-called "left forces" led by the pseudo-Marxist Party, Communist Party of India (Marxist). In line with anti-peoples policies of the BJP Central Government and the World Bank-IMF diktats of globalization, this West Bengal Government has launched a vicious attack on the toiling people, by sharply increasing the health care charges in all of the Government Hospitals, the power tariff and higher charges in the educational institutions.

To resist these measures, our Party single-handedly and basing itself on its own strength, gave a call for a State-wide Federal Strike on January 10th, involving the industry, the transportation sector, the educational institutions, business

and trade and the Government Offices. There was stiff opposition and the threat and intimidations from the bourgeoisie, the social democratic forces, the Government and the capitalist controlled media.

Our Party workers valiantly fought against all of these forces and carried out very extensive organizational and propaganda work among the masses for months. The people at large wholeheartedly supported our cause and the General Strike was a grand success. This strike brought to a complete standstill the industrial and business activities, the offices and the educational institutions did not function at all. The transportation came into a complete standstill.

All the leaders and cadres of our Party were fully engaged in this organizational work. Because of this, we could not write to you earlier. We shall very shortly send to you our response to all of the World Congress materials that you have sent us.

We appreciate your decision to invite our Party to appoint a representative to be part of the International Council Executive Committee. I shall write to you also on this question as to our decision. I hope that you will appreciate the reasons for our delay in writing back to your letters.

With revolutionary greetings

Manik Mukherjee
All-India Anti Imperialist Forum

FROM
NEPAL

Dear comrades:

We received the World Congress materials for which we are grateful. We have already published some of the Congress materials in our Nepali Weekly SHRAMIK. These materials are very helpful to enlighten our comrades and readers.

We would like to congratulate Michael Lucas in being elected Chairman of the International Council and Editor of Northstar Compass. We wish him success in the important responsibility.

We shall be sending articles in English for NSC in the very near future.

Suril Prajapati
Secretary

FROM
KRIVROY ROG
UKRAINE

Dear Editorial Board of NSC:

We wish all of you the best of 2002. Although we were silent with our letters, we remain your devoted friends. From the newspaper "Voice of a Communist" and "For USSR" newspaper we are aware of the Importance of International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People. We wish you success.

Enclosed please find a copy of an article that was published in the "Communist Herald" The article gives credit to the International Council and to its chairman Michael Lucas. We will support your efforts wholeheartedly.

S.G. Saveliev
Chairman of All Ukrainian
Movement for the Soviet Union,
Editor of the Communist Herald
journal

FROM
KRASNYY LUCH
UKRAINE

Dear friends of NSC:

I would like to inform you that soon after you published my article in NSC about the situation in the Ukraine including the photographs that you published which I took of the new capitalists and their castles that they built on the proceeds of peoples toil...plus my criticism of President Kuchma of Ukraine...I never thought that the political enemies would stoop to setting fire to the home where my mother and I live. They tried to burn us alive. This happened on October 31, 2002 and these enemies of socialism and of all my articles that were published many times in Northstar Compass and in the other Communist papers here in Ukraine and in Russia, wanted to do away with my mother and me.

They thought that, because my court case against the State was successful, the authorities thought that by us being burned alive they would not have to pay compensation as the court decided to absolve me of any crimes for my demands since I was kicked out of work in the Coal Mines for already five years. The judge threw out the charges because of lack of evidence that I was engaged in terrorist activities and anti-state sabotage.

I am demanding that I be reinstated back into the mine in order to help organize the miners for their back wages. I even offered to work for free, but the owners of the mine refused. I am supported by my friends, but now the city committee has refused to sell us coal to heat our home and stopped hot water also... and its way below freezing, so I do not know how my mother and I will survive.

How long must we submit to these inhuman conditions? My fight against the Mafiosi structures continues. Can the NSC readers help me and also my mother and thus help the workers to get organized and struggle for, please send your help via Western Union...the only reliable way to receive money.

My address is:
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94500 Luganska Oblast - Krasnyj Luch
ul. Lenina 5
Ukraine

FROM
SINGAPORE
SINGAPORE

Dear comrades:

This is certainly a suitable time for an expose of the imperialist governments. Former Red China now is getting closer as an ally to USA and unfortunately a majority of East Asian countries are just puppets of US imperialism.

Now USA acts as the Headmaster of the world.

So, we comrades have to unite and march together with Marxism-Leninism and Fidel Castro.

Please send me previous issues also, if you can.

C. Vladimir

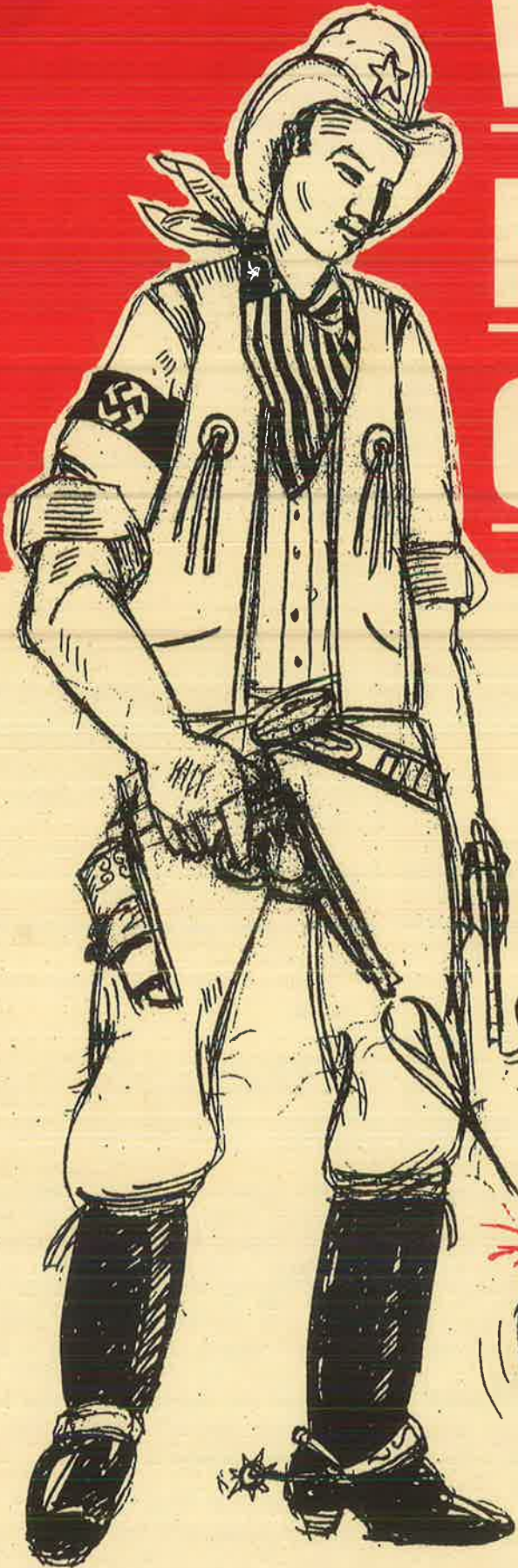
FROM
ACTUS
CHAD

The "Action of Chad for Unity and Socialism" sends you comrades our best wishes of health, happiness and success in year 2002.

We hope that this Third Millennium can finally see the triumph of the already existing struggles of the peoples of the world, against the injustices established by capitalism and imperialism. We hope that our common fight for our common ideal of communism will become a reality.

LEY-NGARDIGAL DJIMADOUM
General secretary of ACTUS

WILD WEST MENTALITY OF BUSH!



**Just shoot first!
Ask questions after!**

After all, God is on our side.

Would you want your life to be in the hands of U.S. President Bush? Hundreds of captured Taliban Fighters (*who were equipped, trained, and paid for and nourished by USA - CIA*) don't have a choice.

Chained, manacled, hooded, even sedated, their beards shorn off against their will, are flown around the world to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. There they are being kept in tiny-chain-linked outdoor cages, without mosquito repellent, where they will be rained upon.

Not only is it against the wishes of the Cuban Government who are forced to accept this, but its

also against the 1947 Geneva Convention that was signed by the the UN Security Council, which includes the USA.