

Forcing Change



Communism Today: Dead or Alive?

The following quote should you cause you to pause - *think about it!*

“The Soviet strategists believe that an economic depression in the United States would provide even more favourable conditions for the execution of their [long-term] strategy. In that event, the Soviets and their allies would shift to the doctrine of class struggle and try to divide the Western nations along crude class lines.”

– Anatoliy Golitsyn, *The Perestroika Deception* (published in 1995 by Edward Harle) p.34.



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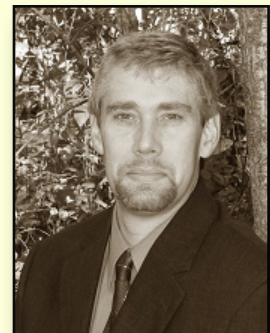
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Isn't "Communism dead"? Didn't the Russian Bear and the Chinese Dragon change into lovable, pro-Western partners? After all, the West "*won the Cold War*."

The idea that Communism has withered is naïve. Instead, a host of proto-Communist and Marxist movements have inundated Western society. In fact, the One Nation rally that took place in Washington DC in early October demonstrated that Marxism and Communism is alive in the United States. It was an event that drew crowds of socialists and Marxists of every stripe, including the Communist Party USA, the Young Communist League USA, the Socialist Party USA, the International Socialist Organization, and the US Marxist-Leninist Organization.

But this shouldn't be a surprise. Campuses across Western nations have been hotbeds of socialist ideology for decades, and today a plethora of student-led "social justice" organizations boldly support leftist ideals. Some even raise awareness for what can rightly be considered Marxist-based national liberation movements. And online sites such as "Jesus Radicals" (www.jesusradicals.com), a hub for students inclined toward *social anarchism*, promotes the Marxist notion of communitarianism.

Globally, a host of Marxist, Leninist, Trotskyite, and Maoist organization are now openly at work. And today, Communist literature is readily available and immediately accessible. So the West witnessed the "death of Communism"? Hardly.



Jesus Radicals

While the newswires buzz with a multitude of stories and reports – from the tension on the Korean Peninsula to the growing list of economic woes – I felt it was necessary to focus attention on the *strategy* of Marxism and Communism. I realize that such a focus may cause some angst, for the West has bought into the belief that with the downfall of Russia, the challenge of Communism was behind us.

And yet, there have been some voices that questioned the validity of this notion. For if Communism truly died, why is it so evident in our national fabric? Why is its voice heard on the Washington Mall? How come its fingerprints are visible in so many different regions of the world? Why is the West being divided along class lines? *And it is*, for the call to "social justice" accentuates class divisions - it pits one side against another.



Something to note is that any study of Communist/Marxist influence today runs the risk of over-generalization, for so many nuances and factions exist - often operating in apparent opposition to one another - that it can be difficult to sort out the matrix. Nevertheless, common elements are evident, and the fact remains that the strategy of International Communism allows for co-existence and "competition" among groupings when it meets revolutionary goals. At the same time, there are groups within the Communist-Socialist community that seem genuinely at odds with

one another. In this situation it's not uncommon for one side to claim the other faction has "betrayed the revolution," or has become "revisionist" and has "rejected real socialism." And yet, regardless of the nuances and apparent divisions, the end goal remains: **global social change**.

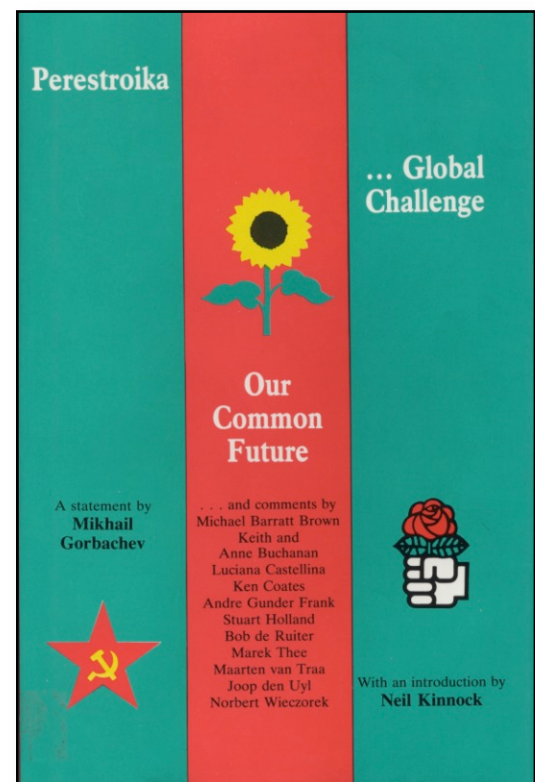
It was in this setting that an interesting book emerged during the perestroika years, aptly titled *Perestroika: Global Challenge* (published by Spokesman, 1988). Here, presented in one volume, was the aspiration of Soviet Communism under Mikhail Gorbachev - "a possible new organisation of life in our common planetary home" - along with the near-identical hopes of the Socialist International (SI) and the World Commission on the Environment (a UN-linked project that birthed the landmark report *Our Common Future*). All three elements, Soviet Perestroika under Gorbachev, the SI, and the World Commission, looked to a point in time when an international system would guide human development - one based on socialist principles, under the mandate of a reformed United Nations. In the Afterward, Ken Coates of the Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation, explained that,

"Our common future... must rest on a degree of international co-operation scarcely imagined by our most cosmopolitan forebears. A great new alliance of democrats will be necessary if such co-operation is to become practical and effective."

Global social change is the goal, and Marxism - as the "science of socialism" and focal point for Communism - is a tool for that end. That was the case before the fall of the Berlin Wall, *and after*.

As Communist defector Anatoliy Golitsyn said in *The Perestroika Deception*; "The Cold War may be 'over' for the West. For the Soviets it has entered a new, active and promising phase." (p.127). Is this accurate? Maybe more than we care to admit.

With these thoughts in mind, the purpose of this edition of *Forcing Change* is to educate you in respect to how Communism/Marxism leverages itself. The first article, by J.R. Nyquist, provides an overview of the strategic element. Secondly, William F. Jasper takes you inside the Socialist International, one of the most under-reported political players in the international community – *and one of the most influential*. Next, Trevor Loudon from *NewZeal* gives some insights on how Russia, China, and Central Asian powers are aligning. NOTE: If you recall, *Forcing Change* touched on the SCO earlier this year, hence, you'll want to review Mr. Loudon's piece. Henry Lamb offers a short introduction into the *local*, bridging international management with here-at-home realities. And a comprehensive list is provided of Socialist International members at the back-end of this edition [The Canadian member is... the New Democratic Party]. Finally, I provide extensive explanatory notes throughout this edition. **FC**



A Communist Conspiracy?

Editor's Note: J.R. Nyquist is the President of the Strategic Crisis Center, a non-profit group dedicated to educating laymen and leaders regarding the importance of national security issues, particularly as it relates to Russia's geo-strategic goals.

This article was chosen to appear in *Forcing Change* because it demonstrates the overall scope of Communism. It's a piece that bridges the historical with the contemporary, and it places the issue where it should be: Not as "conspiracy," but as **strategy**. In this article Mr. Nyquist suggests a couple of books worth pursuing. Here are two others you should consider:

- *Soviet Foreign Propaganda*, by Frederick C. Barghoorn (Princeton University Press, 1964). This is an old volume but worthwhile in the study of Soviet influence.

- *The Perestroika Deception*, by Anatoliy Golitsyn (Edward Harle, 1995). Nyquist talks about Golitsyn's other book, *New Lies For Old*. This second volume, *The Perestroika Deception*, is a collection of Golitsyn's memoranda to the CIA. It's a warning to America about the long-term strategic aspects of Soviet Communism - a very interesting read in light of today's geostrategic shifts.

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By J.R. Nyquist

Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, writing in the *Manifesto of the Communist Party*, famously said that a specter was haunting Europe – the specter of Communism.

All the powers of old Europe, they said, had entered into a holy alliance to exorcise this specter. Marx and Engels set down two things resulting from this fact, in 1848:

(1) **"Communism is already acknowledged by all European powers to be itself a power."**

(2) **"It is high time that Communists should openly, in the face of the whole world, publish their views..."**

And that is precisely what the *Communist Manifesto* purported to do. According to Marx and Engels, Communism is an inevitable political

and social movement, and not a "conspiracy" in the usual sense. Furthermore, the claim that Communism is a power in its own right, places it in competition with other powers, so that its actions are better described in terms of *policy*.

Five coup plotters in a darkened room form a *conspiracy*. The thousands who organize Communist power, and the millions who are under this power, form a *strategy*.

The difference between a Communist conspiracy and a Communist strategy is quickly demonstrated by considering earlier historical examples.

When the Carthaginian general, Hamilcar Barca (275-228 BC), went to Spain after the First Punic War to build a powerful new military base for attacking Rome, he also made his nine-year-old son Hannibal swear an oath of enmity against Rome, which he was obligated to keep upon

reaching adulthood. Hamilcar's strategy in Spain, and his son's commitment to carrying out the plan, was not a conspiracy. It was a long-range policy conceived by one generation and executed by another. As it happened, three of the planner's sons and a grandson would prove faithful to his design.

Such long-term planning has occurred in history, and will occur again. Given the right institutional and personal circumstances, one generation of planners may be called upon to execute an earlier generation's plan. Another example would be the German Empire's carefully worked-out strategic plan for crushing France at the outset of a future war. This was known as the *Schlieffen Plan*, originally devised in 1905 by Alfred von Schlieffen, further modified in 1906, and carried out in 1914 by Helmuth von Moltke the Younger. Such plans are not conspiracies. ***They are anti-facts of strategy.***

History informs us that sometimes leaders make secret, long-range plans. They pass these plans to a new generation of leaders, who later carry them out. If this happened in ancient Carthage, or in modern Germany, it could also happen in the Soviet Union or Communist China.

Since Communism is a power, it also has strategists and plans. The *Communist Manifesto* was very clear about the role of Communists as leaders of the revolution. As a political philosophy, Communism advances a sophisticated (and allegedly scientific) argument for the idea that capitalism is inherently unstable and will be swept away by revolution. The Communists are those who strategically bring together all the revolutionary forces that oppose the capitalist system. As Marx and Engels said, the Communists are those who "always and everywhere represent the interests of the movement as a whole." This is an essential point.

Again, this is not a conspiracy. It is a strategic task, which, by the way, is now being accomplished in broad daylight.

"The Communists," says Marx and Engels, "are on the one hand, practically, the most advanced and resolute section of the working-class parties of every country, that section which pushes forward all others..."

They are the captains of revolution, the strategists and community organizers. They turn the poor against the rich, the woman against the man, the child against the parent.

"Do you charge us with wanting to stop the exploitation of children by their parents?" asks Marx and Engels. "To this crime we plead guilty." Here we find the strategy of "divide and conquer" frankly outlined for all to see. Is it a conspiracy? ***No, it is a strategy.***

The path to revolution outlined in the *Communist Manifesto* was enlarged upon by Lenin, who executed the first successful Communist revolution in Russia. After that, the Communists harnessed the power of several nations, which were placed under the Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR), also known as the Soviet Union. Eventually, Communist revolutions occurred in Eastern Europe, China, Northeast Asia, Cuba, Southeast Asia, Africa, Afghanistan and Nicaragua. Revolutionary strategy and technique became even more sophisticated, embracing both the path of armed revolution and peaceful revolution. The latter involves the neutralization of a country's armed forces, so that the bourgeoisie are compelled to surrender the means of production. Again, this is not a conspiracy (though conspiracies may be necessary along the way). ***It is a strategy.***

According to a Soviet text, written by KH. Sabirov, the Communist state faces the following national and international tasks:

(1) Crushing the resistance of the exploiting classes within the country, defending the gains of the socialist revolution and the new state against attacks by the imperialist powers;

(2) introducing socialist transformations in the economy and all other spheres of social life, and improving the living conditions of the working people;

(3) the working class's guidance of the peasantry and other working masses with the aim of drawing them into the process of building socialism;

(4) strengthening international ties with the working class of the world and the national liberation movements; supporting the struggle of the revolutionary forces in other countries.

None of these tasks make up a conspiracy, *though conspiratorial methods may be necessary*. The above listed tasks are strategically laid down as a *system of policy*. The goal is a “developed socialist society” in which “all aspects of social life, primarily economic, socio-political and spiritual, are gradually brought into conformity.” From thence the advance to Communism is achievable. According to Sabirov,

“Society advances towards communism on the basis of the all-round perfection of socialism. This is a prolonged historical period which will have its own stages, sequence of tasks and deadlines.”

The idea that Communism is no longer a power, and that the Communists surrendered in 1991, is based on a misunderstanding of what happened to the Soviet Union. As explained by KGB defector Anatoliy Golitsyn in his 1984 book, *New Lies for Old*, the changes in the Communist world were prepared in advance as part of a long-range strategy worked out over a period of nearly three decades, and implemented under Gorbachev. Remember, the Soviet government was a secre-

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tive government, and its liberalization plans were kept secret. Further to this, the CIA never effectively penetrated Soviet strategic centers. Instead, the Soviets penetrated the West.

This has been documented in books like *The Venona Secrets*, by Herbert Romerstein and Eric Breindel, as well as John Early Haynes and Harvey Klehr's *In Denial: Historians, Communism and Espionage*. Those who write derisively of a “Communist conspiracy,” as does David Aaronovitch in his book *Voodoo Histories*, seem to suggest that Communist espionage and subversion did not occur during the Cold War. Sadly, the special services of the Communist Bloc successfully infiltrated and penetrated many Western countries and institutions. In terms of scholarship and testimony, this is indisputable. But the public, the politicians, and the media are unfamiliar

with the facts. The Communists have been so successful at information warfare, society as a whole glosses over the fact that the Soviets were winning the Cold War right up until they supposedly quit. The official version of history, uncritically accepted by many, is that the Soviet Union was a failed empire that never posed a threat to the United States. In response to this, the lament of researchers Haynes and Klehr could not be more poignant:

“Despite all of the new archival evidence of Soviet espionage and American spies, revisionism still dominates the academy and the historical establishment. The leading journals of the historical profession do not print essays that are critical of the CPUSA [Communist Party USA] or cast a favorable light on domestic anticommunism. In these journals there is no debate about American communism and Soviet espionage; revisionism reigns without challenge.”

In the details of history, the collapse of the Soviet Union does not signify the disappearance of Communism. In fact, Soviet or Marxist perspectives have gotten the upper hand at many American colleges and universities. “This is an intellectually sick situation,” say Haynes and Klehr. Even more, it represents a victory for Communism – which also tells us that Communist strategy is effective.

In his masterpiece, *A Letter to My Children*, former Communist Whittaker Chambers explained the true nature of Communism and the source of its power. “I see in Communism the focus of the concentrated evil of our time,” wrote Chambers. “You will ask: Why, then, do men become Communists?”

It is not due to stupidity or moral depravity. According to Chambers, “Communism makes some profound appeal to the human mind.” Then

he added, “You will not find out what it is by calling Communism names.”

Chambers explained that Communism is “not simply a vicious plot hatched by wicked men in a sub-cellar. It is not just the writings of Marx and Lenin...”

Then what is it? Chambers writes,

“It is man’s second oldest faith... Its promise was whispered in the first days of the Creation under the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil: ‘Ye shall be as gods.’ It is the great alternative faith of mankind.”

As such, it cannot disappear. It cannot collapse or go away.

And so we find at our local Borders bookstore, a small paperback titled *The Anti-American Manifesto*, written by Ted Rall. In this book the author says that America is collapsing, and that the U.S. is going to end soon. According to Rall, “There’s going to be an intense, violent, probably haphazard struggle for control. It’s going to come down to us versus them.”

Rall is a Communist in Chambers’ sense of the word. He warns the “downtrodden and the educated” that the hardcore, uneducated fundamentalist Christians are preparing to seize power. According to Rall,

“They can’t wait to unleash their venomous hatred on the city-dwelling commie hipster fags they despise. They are armed. They recognize that the system is doomed. They’ve seen this coming.”

He names the Tea Party as the main decentralized organ of the enemy.

“A war is coming,” he says. “The government, the corporations, and the extreme right are prepared to coalesce into an Axis of Evil. Are you going to fight back? Will you do whatever it takes, including taking up arms?”

He basically suggests that the Right is coming to exterminate the Left, so the Left had better get ready. The book is basically a call to civil war – American versus American.

But none of this is a conspiracy. As Chamber's said, *it's man's second-oldest faith*. It is therefore a power, as Marx and Engels insisted. As such, it *has a strategy*. It has followers. And it anticipates the fall of our society.

In Thomas Sowell's new book, *Dismantling America*, we find a description of Rome's fall and the subsequent thousand-year-collapse. "Is that where America is headed," he asks. "I believe it is."

As the Republic declines through fiscal suicide, the Communist revolutionary sees his chance to lash out. The old Communist machine, long in existence, is planning to take the bourgeoisie by the throat.

Is this so strange? Is this so unlikely? The crisis of today has been building for decades. It has been perfectly visible at every stage, yet we haven't seen it because we don't want to. Again, it is not a conspiracy. It is an attitude, best expressed with Satan's line in *Paradise Lost*, "Better to reign in Hell, than Serve in Heav'n." **FC**

The Grasp of Socialist International



Editor's Note: For years I have wanted to write an expose on the Socialist International, an umbrella organization that pulls together socialist, proto-communist, and various other Marxist-based political parties. Although most people in North America have never heard of the SI, it's one of the largest political associations on the planet, and is a key driver in promoting global governance within the international community.

My first real taste of the Socialist International was in the late 1990s when Canada's third largest political party – the New Democratic Party – openly promoted a world tax and world government in the House of Commons. Soon thereafter, the idea of a world tax came up for vote and it passed, officially making Canada the first nation to establish such a tax in law. Essentially, when the world adopts such a measure, Canada will be the first to step up as a global *payer* (see *Forcing Change*, Volume 1, Issue 8).

In the context of understanding the NDP world-tax agenda, I discovered that the party was a full member of the Socialist International. In fact, it was and is, the only Canadian member of the SI. For readers in my country, this may seem shocking – but it also explains the foreign policy and domestic welfare agenda of the NDP. From that point on, I have studied and monitored the SI and its role as a global governance trendsetter.

Therefore, when I came across this article by William F. Jasper, I jumped at the chance to share it with you. For this article does a remarkable job in bridging the Communist/Socialist platform of the SI with major developments taking place today. Read it, then re-read it. For in doing so, you will have a grasp of how the global political chess game is played. Furthermore, I have attached the complete list of member parties in the Socialist International at the back of this edition of *Forcing Change*. **This list alone speaks volumes.**

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By William F. Jasper

World government and world socialism. Those are the explicit goals of the Socialist International (SI), one of the planet's most influential organizations, but one that is virtually unknown to the vast majority of Americans, since it is rarely mentioned in the major U.S. media.

For the last two weeks of December 2009 and throughout all of January 2010, the headline story at the top of the home page of the Socialist International's website boasted of the organization's prominent influence and clout at the recently concluded United Nations Climate Change Summit in Copenhagen, Denmark. However, the brief article, entitled "SI at COP15 in Copenhagen: reaffirming social democratic priorities," does not begin to do justice to the Socialist International's central role, not only in pushing the current alarmism over global warming, but also in building a global militant environmental lobby from 1970 to the present. [Editor's Note: SI has been influential in the setting the agenda for the latest UN climate change talks in Mexico].

The SI was most notably represented in Copenhagen by its president, George Papandreou, who is also the current Prime Minister of Greece.

"At this time, we are observing the birth of global governance," Papandreou said while addressing the UN summit on December 18, 2009.

"We must, however, agree to an obligation and be committed to carrying this out," he stressed.

We know now, of course, that the Copenhagen palaver failed to produce a binding agreement to replace the Kyoto Protocol or produce the structures the SI is hoping to establish within the United Nations to transform it into a genuine global government. That failure, however, is viewed by the SI as a temporary setback, which will be remedied at future annual climate confabs, such as the UN's 2010 follow-up to Copenhagen in Mexico.

At its 1962 Congress in Oslo, Norway, the Socialist International plainly declared:

"The ultimate objective of the parties of the Socialist International is nothing less than world government... Membership of the United Nations must be made universal."

The SI has never wavered from that goal, though it has softened its rhetoric, adopting the mushier, less threatening term "global governance" to replace its earlier appeals to "world government." This is important to keep in mind, since current and former Prime Ministers and Presidents who are members of the SI comprise a large and influential contingent of world leaders who figure prominently at global and regional summits. Currently, the Socialist International boasts 170 political parties and organizations

worldwide, including many that are currently in power running national governments.

Prominent SI member parties include:

- Britain's Labour Party (Gordon Brown, Prime Minister),
- Australia's Labour Party (Kevin Rudd, Prime Minister),
- South Africa's African National Congress (Jacob Zuma, President),
- Spain's Socialist Workers' Party (Jose Zapatero, President),
- Nicaragua's Sandinista Liberation Front (Daniel Ortega, President),
- Namibia's South West Africa People's Organization (Hifikepunye Lucas Pohamba, President),
- Chile's Socialist Party (Michelle Bachelet, President), and
- Egypt's National Democratic Party (Hosni Mubarak, President).

These and other SI member parties and their leaders have been fairly open in their calls for "global governance" to address what they claim are "global crises" that cannot be addressed (they say) in the current system of sovereign nation states. As *The New American* has reported, Prime Ministers Gordon Brown and Kevin Rudd have been especially outspoken, with hysterical pronouncements on the supposed need for UN governance to stave off supposed catastrophic global warming. In a speech in November 2009, Prime Minister Rudd denounced global-warming skeptics — including respected scientists and politicians — as evil "climate-change deniers," who are "dangerous" and are "holding the world to ransom."

As Chancellor of the Exchequer under Prime Minister Tony Blair, and then as Prime Minister,

Gordon Brown has pushed for transforming the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the Bretton Woods institutions (the IMF and World Bank) into a full-blown United Nations Economic Council, to complement the UN Security Council. Brown is a member of the Fabian Society, the British socialist organization that served as the model for, and incubator of, the SI. Indeed, the SI world headquarters in London and the Fabian Society's London office are but two hands on the same body. On January 16, 2010, Brown delivered his "Causes to Fight For" speech to the Fabian Society New Year Conference. He has addressed the group many times. Although the Fabians are usually presented as "moderate" and "democratic" socialists, the Fabian Society has been a key ally of the communists from Lenin's time to the present, including providing special assistance in covering up Josef Stalin's unspeakable crimes.

The Socialist International Congresses, as well as the SI's various committees and commissions, have issued a stream of reports and statements over the years reiterating its 1962 call for world government/global governance. "Governance in a Global Society - The Social Democratic Approach," issued by the XXII Congress of the Socialist International in São Paulo, Brazil, in 2003 is a prime example. The declaration of SI's 2006 Council Meeting in Santiago, Chile, which met under the banner of "Governance, energy, and climate change, new horizons for peace," is another.

The Santiago meeting also provided the occasion for setting up the Socialist International Commission for a Sustainable World Society (SI-CSWS), which is now joined at the hip with the United Nations. SI's Richard Lagos, the former president of Chile, co-chairs the CSWS with Goran Persson, the former Prime Minister of Sweden. Lagos has also been appointed by Ban Ki-Moon to serve simultaneously as Special Envoy

of the United Nations Secretary-General on Climate Change.

“Global governance is no longer a concept but an urgent necessity,” declared the SI-CSWS at Santiago. It states further:

“Politics needs to be global to guarantee peace and stability; to safeguard the environment; to generate development and social cohesion; to ensure robust economies that can withstand speculative pressures and create fairness and opportunities for all.

No other issue illustrates better the borderless and truly global nature of the challenges facing today’s world and the need to put forward common answers than global warming and climate change.”

Green, Pink, and Red

Ever since its inception in 1951, the Socialist International has made cosmetic efforts to distance itself from communist socialists. It continues to do so, sprinkling its calls for socialism and global governance with assurances of support for “democratic” principles. However, its democratic bona fides and its supposed opposition to totalitarian socialism are as threadbare today as they ever have been.

During the Cold War, the SI aligned itself with communist terrorist Yasir Arafat and the PLO, the Soviet Union’s premier terror master. It was also comfortable maintaining close fraternal relations with the communist dictatorships of the Warsaw Pact, Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Cuba’s Fidel Castro and Nicaragua’s Sandinista regimes became SI favorites. When Gunther Guillaume, companion and closest aide to West German Chancellor Willy Brandt, was exposed as a communist agent of the Soviet KGB/East German Stasi, Brandt was forced to resign as Chancellor. The Guillaume-KGB connection helped explain

the incredible political positions Brandt had been taking vis-à-vis Moscow and the communist world. But Brandt’s KGB revelations didn’t phase the SI leadership, who allowed him to continue in office as the longest-serving president of the SI.

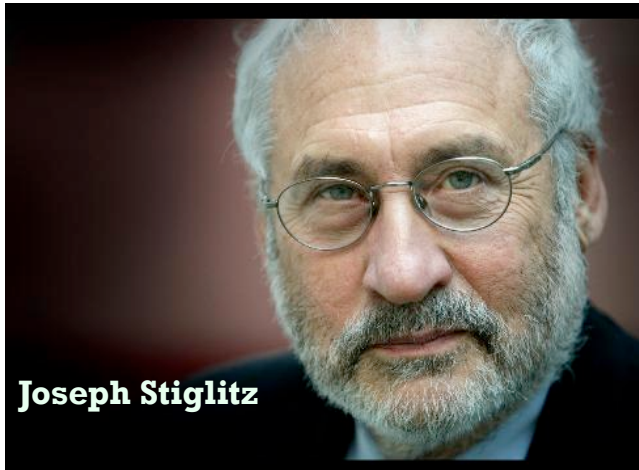
Not much has changed there; “reformed” communists and communist parties are welcomed with open arms and hold top posts in the SI. The aforementioned SI Commission for a Sustainable World Society is a case in point. Its members include Aleksander Kwasniewski, the former President of Poland, who was a die-hard Communist Party member until it became expedient to switch to the “reform” label. Likewise for CSWS member Sergei Mironov, who was an apparatchik in the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and remains a stalwart supporter of Russia’s top KGB man, Prime Minister – Vladimir Putin.

Another SI poster boy is Sergei Stanishev, Prime Minister of Bulgaria and chairman of the Bulgarian Socialist Party (formerly called the Bulgarian Communist Party). Still another is Ayaz Mütallibov, the former communist dictator of Soviet Azerbaijan. And, of course, we should mention, once again, Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega, since his communist Sandinista regime has some special SI connections.

Perhaps one of the most important former members of the CSWS is Carol Browner, former Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency during the Clinton administration, and currently Director of the White House Office of Energy and Climate Change Policy in the Obama administration. For some reason, no “mainstream” journalist has thought it important to question Browner or President Obama about Browner’s membership in and activities with this SI commission.

One of the most important SI-Sandinista ties comes in the person of former Sandinista junta member Miguel D'Escoto, who now sits as President of the United Nations General Assembly. As we reported online in June 2009 ("UN's Marxist Plan for Global Government"), D'Escoto's UN Commission of Experts on Reforms of the International Monetary and Financial System was chaired by Joseph Stiglitz, who is also simultaneously chairman of the SI's Commission on Global Financial Issues.

Stiglitz's 2003 book *The Roaring Nineties* was described by *Bloomberg News* as **"a cornerstone of President Barack Obama's blueprint to reshape the U.S. economy."**



Stiglitz, a Nobel Prize-winning economist, "mentored several members of Obama's economic team, including budget director Peter Orszag, 40, and Jason Furman, 38, deputy director of the National Economic Council," according to *Bloomberg*.

In his autobiographic *Dreams From My Father*, Barack Obama writes of the "socialist conferences I sometimes attended at Cooper Union" while a student at Columbia University in New York City. He has never explained what impact those conferences had on him, nor was he ever asked to do so during his interviews with the major media.

Joseph Stiglitz, the socialist economist and SI commission chairman, is now a professor at Obama's alma mater, Columbia, and a mentor to the advisors who are devising Obama's plans for socializing virtually all sectors of the American economy. And former Socialist International commissioner Carol Browner is leading the administration's efforts to foist a regulatory control scheme on the American people that is more ambitious, intrusive, and potentially totalitarian than anything ever imagined by earlier socialist leaders such as Karl Marx, Vladimir Lenin, or Mao Zedong: a global plan to control and regulate all energy production and consumption and all carbon dioxide emissions. "Every breath you take, every move you make, I'll be watching you." Those are lyrics to the 1983 hit by the British rock band The Police. If the Socialist International, the UN, and the Obama administration have their way, that may be the new theme song of the Global Green Police.

From Davos to Porto Allegre

The Socialist International serves as one of the most indispensable bridges by which the globalist elites transport their programs for world government to both the global business/financial leaders and the socialist/communist leaders of the world. This important bridging function was on display during the last week of January 2010, as global leaders flocked to two competing - and, supposedly, opposing - world summits: the World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos, Switzerland, and the World Social Forum (WSF) in Porto Allegre, Brazil.

The Davos palaver is by far the more glamorous of the two events, usually featuring a roster of the super-rich (with names like Rockefeller, Rothschild, Gates, Buffet, Soros, and Branson), the politically connected (with names like Kissinger, Clinton, Greenspan, Bernanke, Summers, Sarkozy, and Blair), and the just-famous (with

names like Pitt, Jolie, Bono, and Gere). Some 2,500-3,000 moguls and magnates, Presidents and potentates, network and confabulate in the planet's most splendid four-day soiree.

The annual WEF event, it would seem, represents the ultimate gathering of the lords of capitalism. Meanwhile, the countering WSF in Porto Alegre is a radical congeries of some 30,000-50,000 socialists, communists, anarchists, syndicalists, Marxists, Leninists, Trotskyists, Maoists, feminists, union activists, and environmentalists. Decrying capitalist greed, corporate power, and globalization, the WSF leaders call for building a new global system based on "social and environmental justice." Their heroes are Fidel Castro, Che Guevara, Venezuela's Hugo Chavez, Bolivia's Evo Morales, Nicaragua's Daniel Ortega, and Brazil's Lula da Silva.

Associated Press reporter Alan Clendenning reported on President Lula da Silva's celebrity style at this year's WSF. Wrote Clendenning:

"Former radical union leader Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva – known almost everywhere as Lula – was greeted like a rock star by activists in a sports stadium chanting 'Lula, Lula, the warrior of the Brazilian people!'"

He got more cheers after promising to scold world leaders and bankers at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, and to tell them the free market policies they have espoused for decades were to blame for the worldwide financial crunch."

Lula, a longtime activist leader of the communist Workers Party of Brazil, is not only a founder of the WSF, but also the key founder (with Fidel Castro) of the even more radical São Paulo Forum, which includes among its member organizations most of the official communist parties of Latin America, as well as notorious terrorist organizations. Among the São Paulo Forum members on the U.S. State Department's list of

terrorist groups are the Colombian FARC (Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias Colombianas) and ELN (Ejercito de Liberacion Nacional), the Peruvian MRTA (Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement), and the Chilean MIR (the Movement of the Revolutionary Left).

It must seem odd to some observers then, that President Lula, the radical socialist, is honored at both the **WEF** and the **WSF**. This year he was the first head of state to receive the World Economic Forum's new "Global Statesmanship Award."



Alas, due to high blood pressure and his doctor's orders, he was forced to send a substitute to pick up his award and deliver his "scolding" speech to the Davos assembly. Like his communist comrades in Beijing, Lula is the frequent recipient of accolades from the leading lights of the business and financial worlds, for his supposedly pro-capitalist policies. However, like the wily Chinese, Lula is merely following the program of patient gradualism advocated by the Fabian Socialists – and Lenin himself, who, in his New Economic Policy (NEP) gladly embraced partnerships with Western corporations with the aim of using capitalism to build communism to the point where it is strong enough to *smash* capitalism. While Lula is not a formal member of the SI, he is a close ally. He hosted the SI's 2003 Congress in Brazil, and was praised there by SI President George Papandreou. And SI leaders

Papandreou, Zapatero, Zuma, Brown, and Rudd – to name a few – were at Davos to promote the Fabian globalist-socialist agenda.

Likewise, German Chancellor Angela Merkel is not a formal SI member, but at this year's Davos gathering, she was avidly pushing the socialist program of her British SI comrade, Gordon Brown. Calling for a global financial shake-up, she proposed the forging of a new charter that "may even lead to a UN Economic Council, just as the Security Council was created after World War II."

Safeguarding the environment and reducing the poverty gap, Merkel told the WEF, are principles that "need to be enshrined in the form of a global economic order charter" that "could lead to the establishment of a UN economic council.

"Davos Man," aka "Global Citizen"

While the WEF and WSF appear, at least on the surface, to be opposing each other on the issue of economic globalization, in reality they are both pushing *for globalism*, i.e., the development of the UN into an all-powerful world government.

The "Davos man," says David Rothkopf, in *Superclass: The Global Power Elite and the World They Are Making*, represents "the rise of a global power elite, a superclass" for the new "global era." The Davos man represents, says Rothkopf, "the global citizen, the leader for whom borders [are] increasingly irrelevant."

Rothkopf, who is himself a Davos man (president of a high-powered consulting firm, Garten Rothkopf; a former managing director of Kissinger Associates; and a veteran member of the Council on Foreign Relations) and regular WEF attendee, writes:

"These global elites have crystallized a tension between the almost 400-year-old idea of the nation-state as the defining unit of global governance, and the emerging reality of a world in which nations are not only diminishing in influence but also are being transcended both by transnational needs beyond their reach and transnational power centers advancing internationalist or supranationalist agendas.

Internationalist vs. nationalist. Globalist vs. regionalist. A battle not over a redistribution of wealth but over the redistribution of sovereignty and power."

Rothkopf is not exactly being honest in that last sentence above; the battle is indeed about redistribution of wealth – *and* sovereignty *and* power. But it is not about redistributing the wealth of the Davos globalists; it is about redistributing the wealth of the world's productive middle classes in the developed nations to the political classes of the developing nations chosen by the globalists. And the vehicles used to redistribute the wealth are the UN and its agencies, along with various national and regional "aid" agencies, as well as those NGOs favored with the imprimatur of the globalist power elite. **FC**

The Shanghai Cooperation Organization:

What Is It? What Does It Matter?

Editor's Note: In the January 2010 edition of *Forcing Change*, a brief section appeared on the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, and suggested that the SCO will attempt to sell itself as an “underutilized” player. The irony is that the SCO is viewed as a type of Eastern counter-weight to NATO, a position that will intensify if it merges with the recently formed and Russian-led Collective Security Treaty Organization (a new regional military bloc). It was also suggested in the January edition that the SCO would increasingly engage in economic activities in 2010; true to form, major moves are now underway to enhance the region's economy through the creation of a Chinese-led SCO development bank.



Consider what has occurred around the Shanghai Cooperation Organization *this year*.

- In September the SCO concluded its “Peace Mission 2010,” an anti-terror military exercise.
- China announced its intent to create a regional development bank linked to the SCO.
- Russia and China, in the shadow of the latest SCO meeting, agreed to drop the US dollar as their trade currency. Other SCO members will probably follow suit.
- SCO members are actively accumulating gold reserves.
- Russia worked to support India's bid to become a full member of the Organization (the outcome has yet to be determined). Other calls were made to bring Pakistan on board as a full member.
- Talk in SCO circles suggested that the Organization should position itself to bring influence within the G8 and G20. And in April 2010, the SCO and United Nations signed a *Joint Declaration of Cooperation*. This fits within the context of the January, *Forcing Change* edition; “...watch in 2010 as the SCO is sold to Western elites as an underutilized partner.” More recently in a *Huffington Post* article by Chris Dalby titled “NATO-SCO: Partners, if not Allies,” it was postulated that the two bodies may end up co-operating: ***“It is not a tough stretch to view NATO and SCO creating a symbiotic net for Afghans, the US and NATO fighting for military security, and the Chinese developing untapped mineral resources and providing jobs for the local workforce.”*** This is an interesting speculation, but the SCO may have different plans – see the next point.
- There is discussion regarding the SCO role in Afghanistan after NATO forces are extracted. Wang Lijiu from the Chinese Institute of Contemporary International Relations made the following statement in a *Newsweek* posting; ***“The sooner the SCO becomes the alternative to NATO forces in the region, the better. NATO had almost ten years to show some positive results... Now the SCO should step in.”***

So what's the point of telling you all this? Because significant global plays are being set-up, and these moves have the potential to impact everything from world trade to commodity prices. Moreover, as new power blocs emerge and old ones resurrect, we can expect Western influence to wane in certain parts of the world, and new threats and challenges will arise.

As Stephen Cohen explained in his book, *Failed Crusade: America and the Tragedy of Post-Communist Russia* (published a decade ago), we in the West have been gravely mistaken in thinking that "because post-Communist Russia is bankrupt and weak, it has no choice except to adapt to U.S. wishes at home and abroad." Cohen suggests one "nightmare scenario," a decidedly non-American alternative: Russia forming "a strategic alliance with the world's largest non-NATO countries, India and China." Furthermore, Cohen reminds us that "against a backdrop of growing bilateral diplomatic, economic, and intelligence ties, Russia has developed a near-monopoly on the Chinese and Indian arms markets..." One year after Mr. Cohen's book was published, the SCO was birthed.

Therefore, the following article by Mr. Trevor Loudon – an expert in Communist/Marxist influence in Western political culture – is particularly relevant. If you want to better understand the shift now taking place in the Middles East, India, Russia, China, and Central Asia, then you need to know about the Shanghai Cooperation Organization.

By Trevor Loudon (<http://newzeal.blogspot.com>)

While the West talks nuclear disarmament, a major new power bloc builds in the East. And while most Westerners have never heard of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, this economic/military alliance is set to become one the most powerful forces on the planet.

What is the SCO? According to the organization's own website:

"The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) is a permanent intergovernmental international organisation creation of which was proclaimed on 15 June 2001 in Shanghai (China) by the Republic of Kazakhstan, the People's Republic of China, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Tajikistan and the Republic of Uzbekistan. Its prototype is the Shanghai Five mechanism.

The main goals of the SCO are strengthening mutual confidence and good-neighbourly relations among the member countries; promoting effective cooperation in politics, trade and economy, science and technology, culture as well as education, energy, transportation, tourism, environmental protection and other fields; making joint efforts to maintain and ensure peace, security and stability in the region, **moving towards the establishment of a new, democratic, just and rational political and economic international order...**

The Organisation has two permanent bodies – the Secretariat in Beijing and the Regional Counter-Terrorism Structure in Tashkent. SCO Secretary-General and RCTS Executive Committee Director are appointed by the HSC for a period of three years. From 01 January 2007 these posts are held by Bolat K.Nurgaliev (Kazakhstan) and Myrzakan U.Subanov (Kyrgyzstan) respectively.

The SCO member states occupy a territory of around 30 million 189 thousand square kilometers, which makes up three fifths of the Eurasian continent, and have a population of 1.5 billion, which makes up a quarter of the planet's population."

India, Pakistan, and Iran hold "observer" status with the SCO.

While virtually ignored by the mainstream Western media, the Communist press regards the SCO as a hugely important organization. It is seen as a means of re-aligning power away from the USA and the West in favor of the East and the Communist/Muslim world.

Here is an article on the SCO from the October 25, 2006 edition of the Communist Party of Australia's *Guardian*, with some commentary added.

"Significance of India, Russia, China Cooperation"

"The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) countries are going to be the new powerhouse of the world. It is in India's enlightened interest that we understand its importance as we are a country which desperately needs energy", CPI(M) General Secretary Prakash Karat says in a statement this month. **"Trilateral co-operation between India, China and Russia has symbolic significance as it can dispel the notion that the 21st century is an American century."**

As the head of the Communist Party of India (Marxist), Prakash Karat is a hugely influential figure. The CPI(M) controls several state governments and has a strong bloc in the Indian Parliament as does the "rival" Communist Party of India.

"The recent meeting between India's Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, Chinese Premier Hu Jintao and Russian President Vladimir Putin on the sidelines of the G-8 summit held tremendous potential in the changing world situation. Karat was delivering a talk on the 'Role of friendship societies in Indo-Russian relations.'

Karat said the 21st century was not going to be an American century. **'This will be an Asian century. Two countries, India and China, are to power Asia through their economic growth and political clout.** Though a unipolar world appeared to emerge after the fall of the Soviet Union, current trends hint at a transition towards a multi-polar world which would be more balanced and equitable and with less scope for hegemony,' Karat said.

Besides Asia, new power centres were developing in Europe, Latin America and Africa much to the "dismay" of United States.

Emerging co-operation among India, Brazil and South Africa, which are important countries in the developing world, would [also] promote multi-polarity in the world."

South Africa's Communist Party dominated government has been very active in promoting ties with Marxist-led Brazil and heavily Marxist influenced India. South African deputy Minister of Foreign Af-

fairs, Azziz Pahad, brother of leading SACP member and adviser to then President Thabo Mbeki, Essop Pahad has been particularly active in promoting ties to India.

“Stating that energy was going to be a major issue in the 21st century, he said Russia’s energy diplomacy had signaled that it would be assertive in the new situation.

The six-member SCO comprising Russia, China and central Asian republics, would have an increasing role in world affairs.

Karat urged the Indian Government to understand the importance of the SCO in which India, along with Pakistan, Iran and Afghanistan, were observers.

‘If the Iran-Pakistan-India gas pipeline became a reality, the country would get gas at one-quarter of its price in the international market. Russia was now co-operating with Iran, and India should use its ties with Russia to play an increasing role in central Asia,’ Karat said.

He said the present world situation underlined the need to maintain, nurture and strengthen India’s ties with Russia. In the earlier period of the Soviet Union, India had been greatly influenced by the first socialist experiment.

‘Promotion of people-to-people relations was also important while developing strategic relations with countries like China and Russia and developing nations,’ Karat said.”

How will a nuclear disarmed West deal with a power bloc spanning Asia, from Vladivostok to Kiev, and from the Arctic circle to Southern India? Combine that with an alliance between nuclear capable, or near capable India, South Africa and Brazil – allied in turn to oil rich Venezuela and Iran – and you start to see a potential problem.

Yep, definitely a great time for Communist Party “friend,” Barack Obama, to lead America down the “no nukes” road. [Note: Sam Webb, the chairman of the Communist Party USA, made the following statement on November 15, 2008: “The left can and should advance its own views and disagree with the Obama administration without being disagreeable. Its tone should be respectful. We are speaking to a friend.”]



What is a Sustainable Community?

Editor's Note: Henry Lamb's article bridges the gap between local planning initiatives under the guise of "sustainable development" with the larger purpose of international management.

By Henry Lamb (www.sovereignty.net.)

The term "sustainable community" sounds warm and fuzzy. Who could possibly oppose a sustainable community? "Sustainable" means something that lasts – or is sustained – forever. When the term is applied to "community," one might conclude that a sustainable community is one that will last forever.

One who draws such a conclusion in today's world would be wrong, terribly wrong.

The term "sustainable community" is an offspring of the term "sustainable development," which was coined by the World Commission on Environment and Development back in 1987, and refined in *Agenda 21*, adopted by 179 nations (including the U.S.) at the U.N. Conference on Environment and Development in 1992. Among the first recommendations found in *Agenda 21* is the recommendation that each nation establish its own program of "sustainable development" to implement all the recommendations in the 40 chapters of *Agenda 21*. President Bill Clinton complied with this recommendation when he issued an Executive Order to create the President's Council on Sustainable Development.

What the term "sustainable development" really means is development that is dictated by, or otherwise approved by government. The term "sustainable communities" means communities that are dictated by, or otherwise approved by government. Those who doubt this reality are invited to read Chris Dodd's *Livable Communities Act* (S-1619) and then read *Agenda 21*. There will be no doubt where Mr. Dodd got the ideas for his Bill.

Since the Clinton years, federal agencies have enticed and coerced states and local communities to transform their cities and towns into "sustainable communities" as defined by government. Just last month, three federal agencies doled out \$100 million in their "Regional Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program." The East-West Gateway Council of Governments in St. Louis got \$4.6 million; 45 other regional areas also received healthy grants.

Social engineering by the federal government goes beyond regional government and reaches into counties, cities, and towns. Often encouraged by the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI), the National Council of Mayors, the National Association of County Commissioners, and the promise of federal grants, local communities are falling all over themselves to become politically-correct sustainable communities.

Sustainable communities present three problems:

- (1) the initiative for a community to become a sustainable community almost always comes from outside the community;
- (2) the comprehensive plan through which a community is transformed into a sustainable community always infringes, and in many instances completely destroys, private property rights; and

(3) the local community rarely knows anything about the plan until it reaches the final stages of adoption.

This process, of course, is by design. In communities that have been transformed, individuals may discover that they cannot build a house for grandma on five acres of their own land because the county's comprehensive plan requires no more than one home per 40-acres. Many communities discover that their comprehensive plan includes a provision to incorporate by reference the entire set of 13 different codes developed by the International Code Council. Each of these codes amounts to government dictating human behavior.

These codes go far beyond building and fire safety codes. They include: residential, property maintenance, energy conservation, wildland interface, and other behavior modification codes.

A sustainable community is a community around which government draws an Urban Boundary Zone (UBZ) and forbids city services to be delivered outside the UBZ, prohibits new construction outside the UBZ, and requires residents within the UBZ to live in housing that meets the size and cultural integration standards set forth in the code or comprehensive plan. Sustainable communities are high-density communities where automobiles are discouraged, and bikeways and walkways are the alternative to public transportation.

Obviously, property outside the UBZ has no commercial value and very limited use options. Property inside the UBZ is extremely valuable because it is the only place commercial activity may occur. Unfortunately, many communities have discovered that their plan includes little known U.N. recommendation (D-3) endorsed by the U.S. back in 1976, which calls on governments to:

“... exercise a controlling effect on the land market and to redistribute to the public at large the benefits of the unearned increase in land value.”

This means that the increased value of land within the UBZ gets taxed away from the owner, and profits from the sale of land are considered an “unearned increase in land value,” and recovered through taxation in order to “redistribute to the public at large,” as the government sees fit.

Sustainable development is coming to your community, or is already there. Your property rights have been diminished, or soon will be. The only way to protect your community and your property and profit is to reject the entire concept of government-dictated land use and behavior codes. Tea Parties across the nation are joining this battle at the local level. Ultimately, local officials may need to be sent packing like Congressional Democrats.

Learn more about sustainable development and sustainable communities at www.sovereignty.net.

Socialist International: Member Parties

Full Member Parties

Albania	Social Democratic Party, PSD
Albania	Socialist Party of Albania, SPA
Algeria	Socialist Forces Front, FFS
Andorra	Social Democratic Party of Andorra, PS
Angola	MPLA
Argentina	Socialist Party, PS
Argentina	Radical Civic Union, UCR
Armenia	ARF Armenian Socialist Party
Aruba	People's Electoral Movement, MEP
Australia	Australian Labor Party, ALP
Austria	Social Democratic Party of Austria, SPÖ
Barbados	Barbados Labour Party, BLP
Belgium	Socialist Party, PS
Belgium	Socialist Party, SPA
Benin	Social Democratic Party, PSD
Bosnia - Herzegovina	Social Democratic Party of Bosnia and Herzegovina, SDP BiH
Bosnia - Herzegovina	The Alliance of Independent Social Democrats, SNSD
Brazil	Democratic Labour Party, PDT
Bulgaria	Bulgarian Social Democrats, PBSDB
Bulgaria	Bulgarian Socialist Party, BSP
Burkina Faso	Party for Democracy and Progress/Socialist Party, PDP/PS
Cameroon	Social Democratic Front, SDF
Canada	New Democratic Party, NDP/NPD



Cape Verde	African Party of Cape Verde's Independence, PAICV
Chile	Party for Democracy, PPD
Chile	Radical Social Democratic Party, PRSD
Chile	Socialist Party of Chile, PS
Colombia	Liberal Party of Colombia, PLC
Costa Rica	National Liberation Party, PLN
Côte d'Ivoire	Ivorian Popular Front, FPI
Croatia	Social Democratic Party, SDP
Curaçao	MAN
Cyprus	Movement of Social Democrats EDEK
Czech Republic	Czech Social Democratic Party, CSSD
Denmark	Social Democratic Party
Dominican Republic	Dominican Revolutionary Party, PRD
Ecuador	Democratic Left Party, PID
Egypt	National Democratic Party, NDP
Equatorial Guinea	Convergence for Social Democracy, CPDS
Estonia	Estonian Social Democratic Party, SDE
Finland	Finnish Social Democratic Party, SDP
France	Socialist Party, PS
Germany	Social Democratic Party of Germany, SPD
Ghana	National Democratic Congress
Great Britain	The Labour Party
Greece	Panhellenic Socialist Movement, PASOK
Guatemala	National Union for Hope, UNE
Guinea	Guinean People's Assembly, RPG
Haiti	Union of Haitian Social Democrats

Hungary	Hungarian Social Democratic Party, MSzDP
Hungary	Hungarian Socialist Party, MSzP
Iceland	Social Democratic Alliance of Iceland
Iraq	Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, PUK
Ireland	The Labour Party
Israel	Israel Labour Party
Israel	Meretz-Yachad Party
Italy	Democrats of the Left, DS
Italy	Socialist Party, PS
Jamaica	People's National Party, PNP
Japan	Social Democratic Party, SDP
Latvia	Latvian Social Democratic Workers' Party, LSDSP
Lebanon	Progressive Socialist Party, PSP
Lithuania	Lithuanian Social Democratic Party, LSDP
Luxembourg	Luxembourg Socialist Workers' Party, LSAP/POSL
FYR Macedonia	Social Democratic Union of Macedonia, SDUM
Malaysia	Democratic Action Party, DAP
Mali	African Party for Solidarity and Justice, ADEMA-PASJ
Mali	Assembly for Mali, RPM
Malta	Malta Labour Party
Mauritania	Assembly of Democratic Forces, RFD
Mauritius	Mauritius Labour Party
Mauritius	Mauritius Militant Movement, MMM
Mexico	Party of Democratic Revolution, PRD
Mexico	Institutional Revolutionary Party, PRI
Republic of Moldova	Democratic Party, PDM*

Mongolia	Mongolian People's Party, MPP
Montenegro	Social Democratic Party of Montenegro, SDP
Montenegro	Democratic Party of Socialists of Montenegro, DPS
Morocco	Socialist Union of Popular Forces, USFP
Mozambique	Frelimo Party
Namibia	SWAPO
Nepal	Nepali Congress Party
Netherlands	Labour Party, PvdA
New Zealand	New Zealand Labour Party, NZLP
Nicaragua	Sandinista National Liberation Front, FSLN
Niger	Party for Democracy and Socialism of Niger, PNDS
Northern Ireland	Social Democratic and Labour Party, SDLP
Norway	Norwegian Labour Party, DNA
Pakistan	Pakistan People's Party, PPP
Panama	Democratic Revolutionary Party, PRD
Paraguay	'País Solidario' Party
Peru	Peruvian Aprista Party, PAP
Poland	Democratic Left Alliance, SLD
Poland	Union of Labour, UP
Portugal	Socialist Party, PS
Puerto Rico	Puerto Rican Independence Party, PIP
Romania	Social Democratic Party, PSD
San Marino	Party of Socialists and Democrats
Senegal	Socialist Party, PS
Serbia	Democratic Party, DS
Serbia	Social Democratic Party of Serbia

Slovakia	SMER-Social Democracy
Slovenia	Social Democrats, SD
South Africa	African National Congress, ANC
Spain	Spanish Socialist Workers' Party, PSOE
Sweden	Swedish Social Democratic Party, SAP
Switzerland	Social Democratic Party of Switzerland
Tunisia	Constitutional Democratic Assembly, RCD
Turkey	Republican People's Party, CHP
Uruguay	New Space, PNE
Uruguay	Socialist Party of Uruguay, PSU
USA	Democratic Socialists of America, DSA
Venezuela	Democratic Action, AD
Venezuela	Movement for Socialism, MAS
Zimbabwe	Movement for Democratic Change, MDC

* Upgrade from consultative member status agreed by the Council, to be ratified at the next Congress.

Consultative Parties

Antigua	Antigua Labor Party
Azerbaijan	Social Democratic Party of Azerbaijan, ASDP
Belarus	Belarusian Social Democratic Party (Narodnaya Hramada), BSDP
Burundi	Frodebu
Cyprus	Republican Turkish Party, CTP
Dominica	Dominica Labour Party
Gabon	Gabonese Party for Progress, PGP
The Gambia	United Democratic Party, UDP*
Greenland	SIUMUT
Guinea-Bissau	African Party of Independence of Guinea and Cape Verde, PAIGC

Iran	Democratic Party of Iranian Kurdistan, PDKI
Kazakhstan	All-National Social Democratic Party 'AZAT'*
Namibia	Congress of Democrats, CoD
Palestine	Fatah
Paraguay	Progressive Democratic Party, PDP
Philippines	Akbayan, Citizens' Action Party
Philippines	Philippines Democratic Socialist Party, PDSP
Russian Federation	A Just Russia Party**
St. Kitts-Nevis	St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party
St. Lucia	St. Lucia Labour Party, SLP
St. Vincent & Grenadines	Unity Labour Party
Timor-Leste	Fretilin
Togo	Democratic Convention of African Peoples, CDPA
Tunisia	Democratic Forum for Labour and Freedoms, FDTL
Ukraine	Socialist Party of Ukraine, SPU
Ukraine	Social Democratic Party of Ukraine, SDPU
Venezuela	PODEMOS
Yemen	Yemeni Socialist Party

* Membership to be ratified by the Congress

** Upgrade from observer member status agreed by the Council, to be ratified at the next Congress

Observer Parties

Botswana	Botswana National Front, BNF
Bulgaria	Bulgarian Social Democracy, BSD
Central African Republic	Patriotic Front for Progress, FPP
Central African Republic	Movement for the Liberation of the Central African People, MLPC
Colombia	Alternative Democratic Force, PDA

Dem. Rep. of Congo	Union for Democracy and Social Progress, UDPS
Haiti	Organisation of the People in Struggle, OPL
Kenya	Labour Party of Kenya*
Kyrgyzstan	Ata Meken
Palestine	Palestinian National Initiative
Turkey	Democratic Society Party, DTP
Western Sahara	Polisario Front

* Membership to be ratified by the Congress

Fraternal Organisations

International Falcon Movement/Socialist Educational International

International Union of Socialist Youth, IUSY

Socialist International Women, SIW

Associated Organisations

International Fed. of the Socialist and Democratic Press

International Labour Sports Confederation, CSIT

International League of Religious Socialists, ILRS

International Social Democratic Union for Education

Jewish Labour Bund, JLB

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

Socialist Group in the European Parliament

Party of European Socialists PES

Social Democratic Group of the Latin American Parliament

World Labour Zionist Movement, WLZM

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