

# Putin and His Purpose

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**D**uring the victory celebrations of the 56th anniversary of the end of World War II on the 10th of May the Russian President Vladimir Putin delivered a lecture aimed at the United States. In a clear reference to the US planned missile defense system he stated that no nation should pursue its own security at the expense of others. I wonder who he thinks the others are. And why should it be harmful for anybody except for those who want to attack America?

**I**t is a rather strange comment from a former KGB agent who as such was part of a global system for subverting and subjugating his and other countries having caused the death of at least 50 million people. Since he has never, to my knowledge, apologized to anybody or any nation for those murderous activities he obviously doesn't think that there was anything wrong with it. His comments are even stranger when one considers that, according to Defense Intelligence analyst William T. Lee, statements by top military and political leaders of what is now Russia prove beyond any doubt that the Soviet Union cheated massively and from the very start on the ABM Treaty. Lee gathered enough evidence to prove conclusively that Russia possesses a national missile-defense system. The only thing which is not strange is that Putin doesn't want us to have any.

**L**et's look at some activities of the Russian president in the recent past:

**H**e brought the only independent nation-wide television network, NTV, under the control of the Kremlin as well as the Segodnya's publishing house which publishes the respected daily newspaper Segodnya. It was closed down. The chief accountant of the local television station TNT, Yelena Metlikina, is being accused of tax evasion by conspiracy and so is the chief executive officer of the station. Putin is in good company, he was named on May 3 in New York by the Committee to Protect Journalists to its 2001 list of worst enemies of the Press. The list includes totalitarian monsters Fidel Castro, Jiang Zemin and Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe.

**H**e puts former KGB agents into key positions: Igor Gryslow closely linked to the KGB successor agency FSB became Secretary of the Interior, Sergej Iwanow, KGB and FSB general until the autumn of 2000 became Secretary of Defense. Prior to these appointments, and contrary to the Russian constitution, he had divided Russia into seven districts, in five of the seven , representatives of the

president are generals. One of them is colonel-general Victor Pulikowski, commander of the Caucasus troops. He known for murderous brutality. The elected governors of the regions within those districts are not allowed to decide in important matters without permission of the representatives. Politically incorrect governors, Ruzkoi in Kursk, Nasarow in Tschukota, Nasdratjenko in Wladiwodtok and others were removed using well known KGB methods.

**R**ussia is not only engaged in an ambitious armament program she has also been arming China since 1996. Jane's Defense Weekly and a report, Russia's Road to Corruption, issued by the House of Representatives' Speaker's Advisory Group on Russia published an impressive list of "tanks, warships, fighter jets, bombers, submarines, missiles, and radar and nuclear technology" reports the weekly Human Events. According to Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Kasyanov and Zhang Wannian, vice chairman of the Chinese Central Military Commission these military sales are to increase 25% p.a.. Presidents Putin and Jiang Zemin are expected to sign a new treaty deepening their "strategic partnership", contrary to their words clearly aimed against the United States. Bill Gertz reports in The Washington Times "that Russian military forces intervened in a mock nuclear conflict between China and the United States over Taiwan during strategic exercises that included Russian preparations to use nuclear weapons on US forces in Asia." Both presidents independently from each other visited recently Cuban Communist dictator Fidel Castro, probably to fill him in and assign him his role.

**W**hat does this all mean? The Soviet Union is dead only by name and the dedicated Communist leaders of Russia, teaming up with China, are slipping into their old clothes and dropping their pretenses, assessing correctly that American and Western leaders are too befuddled to see through their charade. What a relief it is that President Bush does not let himself be bullied by this bunch of liars. He is pushing ahead to defend America with a missile defense system. But when will we drop the illusion that "we have won the cold war", "communism is finished" and we are dealing now with countries and leaders "on the way to democracy"? When will political leaders face reality? We are dealing with the same gangsters as always who are committed to the destruction of all free society - America first. The ignorance about that fact is the most dangerous threat we face.

**D**imitri Manuilsky, secretary general of the Communist International from 1946 to 1953, founding delegate and the first ambassador to the United Nations said in 1949 at the Moscow cadre-training school: Today we are not strong enough to attack...To win, we have to recourse to the element of surprise. There is the need

to lull the bourgeoisie. We shall unfold the most unprecedented peace movement that ever existed. There will be sensational rapprochement and unheard-of concessions. Befuddled and decadence-gripped capitalist states will be happy to cooperate with us in the interest of their own liquidation. We shall snatch at the opportunity to befriend them. As soon as they relax their vigilance we shall destroy them with our iron fist.

**We** are in phase one of the operation. Phase two, explained in the last sentence of Manuilsky's statement, will follow unless America and her leaders wake up and act.

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