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Cuba, again Cuba and the Cuban Five

Dear Friends and Interested Folks:

Cuba once again led the world at the United Nations General Assembly on Oct. 28th to condemn the U.S.-imposed criminal blockade by a vote of 188 against 2. And, yet again, Cuba is the unchallenged leader in the global fight against Ebola and as the historical leader of the Cuban Revolution stated, "... nor can it be denied that the heroic action of the army of white coats will occupy one of the highest places of honor in this history".

And Cuba again has become a focus of attention by the New York Times, not only for its invaluable contributions against Ebola, but also calling for an end to the U.S. "embargo", as it is referred to while it actually consists of the extra-territorial economic blockade of a small nation island, which has gone on to write glorious pages in history for all of humanity since the triumph of its revolution on January 1st, 1959.

And, yesterday, the Editorial Board of the New York Times wrote about the possibility of a prisoner swap of three of the Cuban Five who remain imprisoned in the U.S. for Alan Gross -the United States Agency for International Development (USAID)'s subcontractor, who was convicted for the crime of illegally bringing defense/military type internet technology in Cuba with the purpose of helping to destabilize Cuba and helping to topple its government (and not what the New York Times claimed in reference to him having brought such military-sensitive items for the "small Jewish community and to provide more Cubans with Internet access").

The New York Times called the anti-terrorist Cuban Five "spies" who could be in the swap for the sake of "normalizing" relations between the U.S. and Cuba for it will help to bring about "change" in Cuba for the benefit of the Cuban People!

The Cuban Five were not "spies" but in the biased justice system of the U.S. were convicted of "conspiracy to commit espionage" and the editorial board of the New York Times should know better if its members have any journalistic ethics!

Meanwhile in Canada, throughout the past couple of weeks, we have been drowned with news of sorrow and solidarity for the tragic death of two soldiers in Montreal and Ottawa! And, of course, these two tragic deaths helped the federal government to easily move fighter jets and military personnel to Kuwait (where the largest amounts of cash are delivered to all kinds of terrorist organizations in the region) and to Iraq!

And, of course and as always, nothing is being said about the biggest (at the time of his conviction) self-confessed and convicted terrorist in the western hemisphere -Luis Posada Carriles- who is walking the streets of Miami -in our backyard- a free man. This is the same terrorist who in 1998 confessed in a New York Times interview, to having been the mastermind behind the 1997 bombings of tourist installations in Havana, one of which caused the death of Fabio di Celmo, a permanent resident of Montreal!

But why has Cuba, a tiny spot on the planet, attracted the animosity of the most powerful economic, cultural and military system, which represents the 1% and its leftovers and which cannot stomach the Cuban Revolution and its achievements. The statistics speak volumes and Cuba's actions speak much louder than any lie and than any deceitful point of view presented by the mainstream media.

Cuba: Has helped some 8 million people in becoming literate, free of charge, using its program "Yo Sí Puedo" ("Yes I can")!

Cuba: Has brought the miracle of vision to some 3 million humble people who were suffering from cataracts and other eye diseases!

Cuba: Has the lowest infant mortality rate in the Americas!

Cuba: Has shared and is sharing its human capital of "troops in white coats" in some 89 countries to the tune of 50,000 people!

Cuba: Has treated and continues to treat Ukraine's children after the Chernobyl nuclear disaster!

Cuba: Has helped to bring an end to the racist apartheid regime of South Africa, through the sacrifice of thousands of its sons and daughters who volunteered to join Africa's struggle to rid itself of apartheid and who selflessly lost their lives in the process!

Cuba: Has, for quite some time now, invented/discovered vaccines for children's meningitis, a cream to prevent the amputations of diabetic patients, a vaccine to stop the growth of lung cancer and, most recently, vaccines to fight cancer! BUT the multi-national pharmaceutical companies won't allow humanity to enjoy the benefits of these vaccines and medications, as a result of the U.S. blockade against Cuba!

Cuba: Has withstood the U.S. hypocrisy of John Kerry finding himself forced to acknowledge Cuba's efforts in leading the global fight against Ebola while, at the same time, the joint venture of the U.S. State Department and of the Department of Homeland Security called the Cuban Medical Professional Parole (CMPP) Program, seeks to promote and facilitate defections of Cuban medical aid personnel from their international posts to the United States! That is nothing short of bringing death to millions of humble peoples around the world who count on the selfless sacrifices of the Cuban internationalist medical personnel!



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With Halifax author **Stephen Kimber**

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