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Dear NASC Member and Supporter:

This issue of THE SENIOR GUARDIAN comes at a particularly dangerous moment in the history of the United States of America as a free nation.

Russian MIG fighters trailed and shot down an unarmed civilian airliner of the Korean Air Lines with Georgia Congressman Larry McDonald and 268 others aboard.

Is this some isolated incident - or is it part of a larger danger to the free world? Only the tyrants of the Kremlin know for sure, but with the present conditions, there is no question that freedom for the American people is threatened.

The United States had become increasingly weakened militarily during the years following the Vietnam War.

President Jimmy Carter cancelled the MX missile program, the B-1 bomber program, reduced the Trident Submarine program, halted the development of cruise missiles of real strategic value, delayed the space shuttle and cancelled the deployment of neutron weapons.

At the same time, the Soviet Union embarked upon the most massive military arms buildup in the history of mankind.

Clearly the Soviets held military superiority over the United States when Ronald Reagan was elected President. One of the reasons Mr. Reagan was elected was his strong stand for military strength.

Mr. Reagan immediately set out to restore U.S. military might, correctly seeing the Soviet military superiority as a threat to the freedoms we so dearly cherish.

Instead of being supported in his efforts, the President has been savaged by critics from within the soft-line liberal establishment, the far-left news media and even by short-sighted persons within his own Administration.

Soviet propaganda has been cited as heaven-sent truth in order to stop the President from seeking the restoration of U.S. power.

But Mr. Reagan has stood firmly in support of new weapons systems, better outfitting of our soldiers, pride in wearing the uniform of our nation, containing the Soviet aggression and reconstructing gravely weakened military preparedness.

Now that the fiercely opposed Pershing II and cruise missiles of the U.S. are about to be deployed in Europe over the unbridled threats of the Soviet Union, now that the MX missile appears to be going to



production, now that the B-1 is under test flight conditions, now that the Trident submarines are rolling off the production line and now that the neutron bombs and weapons are ready to be put into the field, the Soviets are rattling their rockets like never before.

The Russian leadership decided years ago to gain superiority over the U.S. militarily. To that end they have bankrupted their nation, destroyed their economy, slashed their industrial capacity, ignored the needs of their agricultural wealth and concentrated the labors of their people on military weaponry and power.

They aren't about to surrender that superiority to the efforts of Ronald Reagan and the U.S.A. without doing their best to stop the U.S. first - perhaps to the extent of leading the world to war.

The reason I'm writing this letter today is that NASC has never been involved in the debate over military spending. Instead, we've left our interests in the domestic arena as seniors are most impacted by such issues as inflation, Social Security, Medicare, housing, health and other social matters - not military spending.

Unlike NASC, other senior groups have been in the vanguard of those who back such anti-military efforts as the so-called "nuclear freeze," slashing the military budget and attacking every possible new weapons system the President has proposed to protect our freedom.

NASC has been a member of the "COALITION FOR PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH" since it began many years ago, but that has been the extent of our work.

I am deeply concerned for the future of freedom in America - so worried in fact that I feel NASC must immediately become involved in helping President Reagan secure passage of his military budget through Congress.

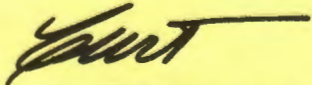
Remember, without freedom, all the social programs in the world are worthless. Free people help others. Slaves help no one.

I don't believe I need to remind you that those first expended by communists are the elderly who can't work. Nor do I believe you need to be told that we owe our children, grandchildren and generations to come the same blessings of freedom we have enjoyed.

I've enclosed a brief NASC MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE to see if you agree with me. NASC will not become involved if our members don't approve. Please let me know immediately if you agree so we can help the President rebuild America's defenses for our freedom. I'll be anxiously awaiting your answer.

*P.S. Please help NASC work for a strong defense against the Soviet threat. Make a generous donation to help. We really need it!*

Most sincerely yours,

  
C. C. Clinkscales, III  
National Director

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NASC MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE





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## People Fight Back Against Criminals

In increasing numbers nationwide, people are acting to protect themselves against criminal acts. This is both heartening and troubling.

The heartening part is that finally people have determined that they refuse to allow criminals to freely endanger law abiding citizens without any retribution.

The troubling side is that this indicates people have lost faith in the ability or the willingness of public safety officers to protect them and their neighborhoods from criminals.

65 year-old Roberta Leonard of Sylacauga, Alabama recently disembarked from a bus at New York City's bus terminal to find herself a targeted victim of a gang of young criminals intent on robbery and harm.

Instead of just hoping to escape alive from this punk gang, Mrs. Leonard fought them off with her cane and a handgun she had thoughtfully put into her purse for just such an eventuality.

With the outbreak of a struggle, the police came to the scene. ***They arrested Mrs. Leonard for possession of a gun without a permit.*** It seems there were others arrested as well, but the fact that the elderly lady who sought to protect herself when she rightly believed the police either could not -- or would not -- is a travesty of justice.

New York's "finest" are also viewed with little confidence by a group of citizens in New York City's Greenwich Village who formed a neighborhood group to eradicate a prostitution ring operating in plain sight in their neighborhood. This is a place where people's lifestyles are gen-

erally accepted by all, but where parents and other concerned adults clearly did not like the influence they saw so openly displayed being flaunted in front of their children.

Up in New York State's largely ethnic city of Buffalo, a 10 year-old girl was kidnapped, raped and released by a man her father and other neighbors believed they knew.

He and other men in the community found the suspect, beat him and the girl's father stabbed the

the law and justice into their own hands because law enforcement and criminal justice have seemingly abandoned law obeying citizens to the vicious wanton attacks of the criminal hordes who freely roam our streets.

We have laws to protect the public from crime, but they have been so cynically skewed that they are slickly used to protect criminals from real justice. Decency seems to be a relic of the past -- the horrors of crime the eerie specter of today and tomorrow.

This cannot continue.

There is no way people can -- or should -- live their days as lawful working taxpaying citizens only to spend their nights in fear for their property and their lives.

The National Alliance of Senior Citizens feels there should be no place in American society for vigilante-types of justice, or where ladies are so rightly frightened by freely roaming gangs that one feels it (correctly it turns out) necessary to pack a pistol to defend herself.

Sadly, unless and until citizens act as these people have to defend themselves, their families and their neighborhoods, the hammerlock of the criminals and their advocates in the so-called "legal service" agencies paid with tax dollars and such pro-criminal lobbyists as the radical American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) will not be broken.

At a recent hearing of the Senate Committee on Aging, San Diego Publisher Leonard Hansen (Senior World Publications) told the meeting chaired by Senator Pete Wilson that 1982 U.S. Department of Justice Survey statistics showed

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suspected rapist in the stomach with a knife. The man they assaulted had a previous conviction on rape, and was out of jail on bail awaiting trial for yet another sexual-ly motivated attack.

The father was arrested and will be tried for his assault on the likely rapist and kidnapper of his little girl. The entire town is furious, including his entire black neighborhood.

People are not seeking justice because they want to see law and order break down. They are taking



## Fight Back

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the following:

*"Three-fourths of all personal crimes are against the elderly, 521,300 thefts (attempted or completed) annually; 86% were personal larcenies without contact; 14% were with contact (purse-snatching or pick-pockets), seniors were the highest affected in this category."*

Further Mr. Hansen gave incisive and well-documented testimony on ways and means of combatting the crime wave which threatens and terrorizes older Americans. Within his statement was this most important observation:

*"I find nowhere in the United States Constitution nor the Bill of Rights a 'right' for one person to harm another person, his property or his/her livelihood. Any 'right,' therefore, should be the 'right' of the American citizen to go unharmed, with property undamaged and intact, with estate and income unthreatened."*

### What You Can Do

NASC feels there are better ways to fight back -- however -- than those mentioned above. One such is led by an NASC member in San Antonio, Texas -- Greg Ripps -- who has an organization called **The Shields**.

They strongly decry the fear in which many of their fellow citizens are forced to live due to the free wheeling activities of criminals in their home town.

In a recent mailing, they elaborated on a long list of safety (anti-crime) precautions many persons take each day to prevent being crime victims. Then they expressed their well founded outrage that law-abiding citizens should have to take such actions. They wrote:

*"Today you may not have been physically assaulted,*

*but you have been personally violated. You may not have been a victim of a theft or burglary, but you have been robbed -- robbed of time, money for your own or someone else's security. You have had to be constantly alert to the possibility someone had designs on you or your possessions. You were a victim, and because the burglar or thief, the murderer or rapist and the vandal or terrorist are on the loose, you will continue to be a victim."*

The Shields are a local group dedicated to bringing law and order for citizens who obey the laws.

They are working for such reforms as **1. requiring restitution by criminals for their victims; 2. limiting appeals; 3. eliminating the insanity defenses and 4. tightening bail bond procedures.**

They are not just content to hold

views on the way the criminal justice system needs to be reformed in Texas and in Bexar County. They press their local officials for commitments on various legislative measures, demand justification for past votes and actions, testify on issues of importance to them, lobby all levels of government for action, monitor courtrooms to keep an eye on both judges and other officers of the court to protect victims from criminals and to publicize their views, positions and findings in each of the above.

NASC feels this is the type of action citizens can take to do more than simply write a card or letter to a Congressman or a Mayor or a Governor. It is a valid means of citizen involvement in this urgent life and death issue.

Those interested in learning more about the "Shields of Bexar County" may contact **Greg Ripps, The Shields, P.O. Box 23103, San Antonio, TX 78223.**

## Lax Prisons/Hospitals Help Murderer

Perhaps the most outrageous criminal act during recent months was the brutal murders of a California family and a neighbor child.

The family of F. Douglas Ryen and his wife Peggy -- their children Jessica and Joshua -- along with 10 year-old Christopher Hughes, all of Chino, California were grotesquely attacked in a manner which recalls the terror of Charles Manson and Richard Speck.

Only young Joshua Ryen lived through the bloody murder rage of the alleged assailant, even though he suffered a slashed throat from the hatchet used by the murderer.

Regretfully, this murder -- albeit gruesome -- is no longer shocking for many Americans who have suffered from so many vicious attacks that their senses are now dulled.

What makes this case so outrageous is that the man believed to have committed the murders was provided an open opportunity to escape from prison even with his record of crime.

The man -- one Kevin Cooper -- had been arrested in Pennsylvania for burglary, only to be deemed mentally incompetent to stand

trial. Shortly thereafter, he escaped from the state mental hospital to which he was ordered, and almost immediately kidnapped a 17 year-old girl from her home and raped her. From there, he fled to California, only to be arrested by Los Angeles police.

California police claim that they did not know that Cooper was dangerous and possibly deranged until Pennsylvania identified him as a rapist and kidnapper. It was too late. Cooper fled from a minimum security facility prison in Chino. He apparently committed the murders two days later.

Cooper was not apprehended for two months thereafter. He was found on a boat working for an unsuspecting couple. He was arrested, and awaits trial in California at this time.

Pray that he does not escape accountability for this enormously heinous crime on the same basis of his last evasion of accountability for his criminal act -- the insanity defense. Monsters like this must be removed from society either in a permanent prison term or by death.



# The Very Real Soviet Threat

The National Alliance of Senior Citizens has rarely entered into the field of foreign policy as that is not the focus of an organization concerned with the problems faced by elderly Americans.

But when the very freedom for which millions of today's seniors have sacrificed all their lives is threatened, the time is at hand when a group like ours speaks out without equivocation.

The brutal murder of the passengers and crew of Korean Air Lines Flight 007 by the Soviet Union and its interceptors was among the most flagrant acts of wanton disregard for human life in modern times.

The loss of life -- which was considerable -- cannot be spoken of in any terms other than horrible. But the thinking which would allow such an act of cowardice is unrivaled outside the minds of terrorists.

Terror. Yes, terror.

A brief moment of consideration of those who lead the Soviet Union would bring to mind the innumerable acts of terror they fund, assist and plan each year which kill hundreds of innocent citizens to advance their dark and repressive power goals.

This is the same Soviet Union which aids and abets the Palestinian Liberation Organization in its worldwide drive to destroy anyone and anything related to Israel.

This is the same Soviet Union which backed the in famous Bader Meinhof gang in its reign of terror in Germany.

This is the same Soviet Union which firmly and generously supports the madman Quadaffi of Libya.

This is the same Soviet Union which has led the terrorization of the entire African continent for purposes of subversion and control.

This is the same Soviet Union which has flagrantly flouted world opinion and invaded the neutral land of Afghanistan and sought to use all means -- including gas and chemical warfare -- to force the

people there into submission to their rule.

This is the same Soviet Union which used "yellow rain" in the lands of Southeast Asia to cruelly murder countless tribesmen who opposed their forced takeover of their countries.

This is the same Soviet Union which has used the full power and might of its military to crush freedom efforts in Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland and all parts of the empire it created from its Russian base.

This is the same Soviet Union which has terrorized the brave

an "evil empire." Of course, the President was widely criticized by the media for making such a statement about the Soviets. They clearly disagreed.

But columnist George Will put the entire question into perspective when he wrote of the mindset of the news media:

*"Since detente was codified at the Nixon-Brezhnev summit in 1973, the Soviet Union has forced a nuclear alert by threatening to intervene with troops in the October, 1973 war in the Middle East (a war incited*

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Polish people who seek a better life than the harsh rule under communism.

This is the same Soviet Union which has put a puppet dictator named Fidel Castro only 90 miles from Florida.

This is the same Soviet Union which seeks today to encircle us by extending their control of our neighbors throughout all of Central America and South America as well.

This is the same Soviet Union which has sent countless agents into our own country to stir unrest on college campuses through those who are either so married to their leftist philosophy that they are blind to reality or simply want to gain power in a future communist state.

This is the same Soviet Union which has every available form of spying to obtain our military, trade, economic and technological secrets.

The Soviet Union is the focus of evil in today's modern world.

President Reagan was absolutely right when he said this February, that the Soviet Union is

*and financed by the Soviet Union); has organized and financed the destruction of the Paris accords and a U.S. ally; has intervened with Cubans and others in Angola, Ethiopia, Yemen, Cambodia, Nicaragua and El Salvador; has invaded Afghanistan, has orchestrated the crushing of Poland; had made a mockery of the Helsinki agreements; has repeatedly violated the informally agreed-to threshold test ban treaty (although we even changed the way we measure violations in an effort to avoid the need to make protests that would dampen detente); has tried to murder the Pope; is violating the terms of SALT II (an amazing feat considering that SALT II is a tissue of loopholes and ambiguities); is funding and organizing terrorism worldwide; and is continuing an arms buildup unambiguously designed for political intimidation and military aggression. The*

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## Soviet Threat

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*first quiz question is: Why is there a 'return to the Cold War?' Answer: President Reagan gave a speech referring to the Soviet Union as an evil empire."*

Mr. Will mentioned the Soviet military buildup -- which is the single greatest arms construction and force increase in the history of mankind -- and the reason for it. He said the Soviets intend to use their military forces for "political intimidation and military aggression."

Because we agree with that assessment, the barbaric and uncivilized murder of nearly 270 person on an unarmed airliner by a calculating Soviet Union may well have been a direct confrontation with the Western world of civilized men to show that the Soviets will use their raw power to gain their ends without regard to the considerations of world opinion.

If this was not their message, it was certainly implied by both the action and the ridiculous response to the world's demands for answers by the Soviets and their controlled mouthpiece they call

"press."

Will President Reagan receive a tersely worded message over the hotline in the near future from Soviet dictator Andropov (former head of the Soviet secret police KGB) which gives our President an ultimatum to stop deployment of the Pershing II and cruise missiles in Europe, to halt production of the advanced B-1 bomber and to withdraw from opposition to Soviet advances in Central America, the Middle East and in the entirety of

## In memoriam



**Dr. Lawrence Patton McDonald, M.C.**  
April 1, 1935 - September 1, 1983

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Asia, including the Phillipines and Indonesia?

If he does, the "lesson" of Korean Air Lines flight 007 cannot be lost on our leader 'the Soviets don't care what the world or you think, we'll use all use all power at our hands to achieve our ends.'

Congressman Lawrence P. McDonald (D-GA) was a friend of NASC and of all people who love freedom. His life was taken by the very monster he warned us that seeks total world domination and an end to freedom in our times. Can he and the other people savagely murdered by the Soviet Union be forgotten? Regretfully, yes.

The news media and the left in America are deeply dedicated to acting as Soviet apologists and advocating Soviet ends to the people of this nation.

The only hope for the preservation of our beloved freedom is to stand firmly for a national defense which even the Soviets wouldn't dare to challenge -- and that could respond to Soviet aggression and threats with swift and awesome power. NASC will support such a defense for this nation if your response to our Membership Poll says you favor such action.

## Letters

**Editor's Note:** The following letter was received with a clipping from a local newspaper which had re-printed our article on the taxpayer rip-off "National Consumer Cooperative Bank." It is proof that by taking a moment to offer our material to local newspapers and other media, the message of reform of government can be spread. Our thanks to Mrs. Cooper. Won't you follow her lead?

Dear Editor:

*I sent a copy of the page of the June Senior Guardian, with the write-up about the National Consumer Cooperative Bank to the publisher of the Herald & News of Klamath Falls.*

*It was published on the editorial page August 16th. Thought you would be interested.*

M.A. Copper  
Klamath Falls, Oregon



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## Membership Questionnaire

Please answer the following questions with the answer which best describes your personal opinion. Remember, NASC depends on you to help guide its activities and involvement.

- ★ 1. NASC should no longer remain silent on questions of military strength.  
 Agree       Disagree       Don't Know
- ★ 2. NASC should speak out in favor of U.S. military weapons which would help preserve peace and protect freedom.  
 Agree       Disagree       Don't Know
- ★ 3. NASC should work to educate seniors in America about the dangers of the Soviet military threat to our freedom.  
 Agree       Disagree       Don't Know
- ★ 4. NASC should lobby Congress to pass President Reagan's military strength proposals.  
 Agree       Disagree       Don't Know
- ★ 5. I know NASC will have to spend more of its limited financial resources to work for a strong military. I'll help with my donation in the amount I've checked below:  
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