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## UNSPEAKABLY WICKED RUSSKIE PLOT EXPOSED BY SPUNG REPORTER! EXCLUSIVE!

Exclusive to your sizzling soaraway Spung! Ace reporter Phil 'I am not a crook' Raines has been looking through the latest batch of evil Communist propaganda and has unearthed the following poisonous plot against Margaret Thatcher and the Free World. Yes! In the broad daylight, in the English translation, even, of the Pravda Literary Supplement for March 1987, the Soviet fiends published the following message to their traitorous friends in the West. Only the Spung has the courage to reveal this dastardly plot, etc. etc. until the editor runs out of synonyms for 'nasty'.

The celebration of the 50th anniversary of Comrade J. "Red Rob" Tolkien's classic The Politicisation of a Bourgeois Capitalist and his Contribution to the Liberation of the Proletariat of Middle-Earth from the Oppressive Imperialism of a Symbol of Western Decadence has made a reassessment of this work timely. Better known in its bastardised and heavily-rewritten English form, The Hobbit (the story behind this terrible travesty can be read in Ivan Poliakov's study Churchill and the Literary Censorship of the 1940s, published by the Allen and unwin Workers' Collective), few Western critics have understood Tolkien's great work, nor its sequel trilogy The Public Ownership of the Means of Production in Middle-Earth (in English, The Lord of the Rings). None have seen it as the savage satire of the English class system that it was intended to.

The story, deceptively written as a fairy tale, concerns the ideological transformation of the feudal aristocrat, Bilbo Baggins, to radical Marxist-Leninism, and his subsequent adventures with a dwarvish guerilla group of ex-miners after dividing his land up among his serfs. With the aid of the revolutionary intellectual, Gandalf, they destroy the tyranny of the Fascist dictator, Smaug. It is a tale that continues to captivate new generations of young socialists. A recent state poll of Moscow schoolchildren showed that it was third in their affections after Das Kapital and Lenin's Imperialism. Adults too have been moved by it. Who could forget the grandeur of such passages as the description of the glorious victory won by revolutionary forces against the West's servants, the mercenary orcs? Or the poignancy of Bilbo's encounter with Gollum, the wretched kulak who was a victim of capitalist materialism? Or the horror of the threat to the dwarvish guerillas by creeping revisionism?

Comrade Tolkien was a leading member of the Oxford group of Communist sympathisers, the 'Inklings', whose famous sons included C. S. Lewis (author of the renowned People's Republic of Narnia series), Anthony Burgess and Kim Philby. In 1951 Tolkien was awarded the Order of Lenin for his literary services to the revolution. It was said that Stalin used to read this book to his children at bedtime.

--C. V. Arnise

### THE SPUNG SAYS>

This makes it very easy to solve the problems of society--just find the people who haven't got unicorns and blast the shit out of them. --Mo Holkar