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USFSP SUMMER MEETING

We will discuss current events, and
local organizing across the country.
Lunch will be provided.

Sunday, July 18 2010, 2 - 4 p.m.

LGBT Community Center

208 W. 13th St., Rm. 410

between 7 and 8 Av., Manhattan

Take 1, 2, 3, A, C, or E Train to 14 St.

USFSP Successfully Tables in New York City

From March 19 to 21, the Left Forum, formerly the Socialist Scholars Conference, organized a weekend conference with two plenaries and hundreds of workshops. Groups were invited to rent tables at the event. This conference has been organized for about 20 years, and consists primarily of social democrats and armchair intellectuals. Still, U.S. Friends decided to set up a table to attract new people.

Our table had a portrait of Lenin (the only one in the room) and our red banner. We also had a triptych with photos from Northstar Compass, focusing on the History of the USSR through Family Albums and pictures of demos for socialism in the different former Soviet Republics. We distributed many copies of current and earlier issues of NSC and copies of our bulletins, and sold Soviet videos, posters and pins.

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USFSP table at Left Forum

Soviet Film Project Moves Forward

The Soviet Film Project has taken a major step forward. In February, comrades successfully transported the film cache from Berkeley, California to New York City. Airfare, truck rental, fuel, et cetera came to about \$4000, exhausting the funds granted us by our Carpatho-Rusyn comrades in Toronto, Ontario. The films are now secure in our possession, and so we turn our attention to raising the funds to digitize them.

As reported in our last newsletter, the goal of this project is to save a major cache of Soviet-era films from disintegration, and to produce DVDs and online content from them, assuring them life well into the 21st Century. The estimated cost of the equipment necessary for digitization is \$5000.

Additionally, the storage space is costing us about \$100 a month.



The U.S. Friends of the Soviet People is asking supporters of this important work to consider making a regular monthly pledge to support this work. We will also gladly accept one-time contributions. Both contributors and pledgers will be listed in future editions of our newsletter. You may contribute in your own name, pseudonymously, anonymously, or in memoriam. Please use the form below when sending in Film-specific contributions.

In addition to financial support, USFSP is seeking individuals interested in helping with the actual work of transferring the films into digital format, as well as a donated or inexpensive space in New York City in which this work can be conducted by a group of people. Please contact us (via the information in the masthead) if you're interested in helping us in any of these ways.

Yes! I want to support USFSP's critical efforts to save Soviet film legacy!

Please find enclosed my contribution of: \$10 \$25 \$50 \$100 Other: _____

My contribution is: One-time Monthly Add me to USF Mailing List: Yes No

Name: _____ Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Tel/Email: _____ "Donation from": _____

Make checks payable to "U.S. Friends of the Soviet People," and send them to the address on the masthead.

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We made contact with dozens of people, primarily young people, people from other countries, and YCL members and CP members who want to continue the historic relationship between the international communist movement and the Soviet experience. A security guard from the Ukraine agreed that life had been much better in Soviet times. A young man from Afghanistan said that the Soviet occupation of his country had been much better than the current U.S. occupation because the U.S. has only come to loot the country. A young student from Sri Lanka was glad to see pictures of Lenin and Stalin and wants to work with us in the future. Overall, the time spent was quite worthwhile.

Sonia Boshko R. I. P.

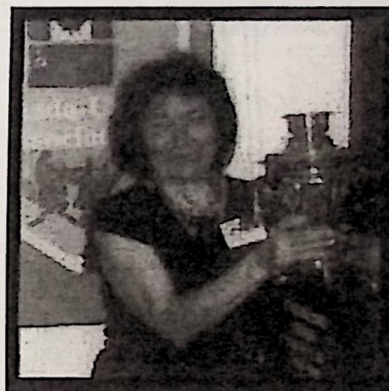
Our dear comrade Sonia Boshko left an everlasting impression on all.

When she attended meetings, conferences and congresses of the International Council for Friendship and

Solidarity with the Soviet People or of the Editorial Board of Northstar Compass magazine, her participation and input was always much appreciated as well as very informative. Her dedication to peace in the world and to Socialism was her role in life.

As a former teacher she wrote excellent educational-historical articles for Northstar Compass magazine, which were published in the English, French, Russian, and Spanish editions since 2001.

Sonia Boshko struggled against all odds that life presented. She never wavered in her beliefs! She believed that the future of mankind was in the struggle for peace and socialism!



Credo of U. S. Friends of the Soviet People

U. S. Friends of the Soviet People is dedicated to supporting struggles to restore socialism in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. USFSP is the US affiliate of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with the Soviet People. The International Council carries on the traditions of the "Hands Off Russia Committees" that were established internationally in 1918 to help protect the young Soviet Republic from foreign intervention. The aim of all Friends of the Soviet People is international cooperation in building socialism and solidarity with the anti-imperialist forces of the world who are struggling against US imperialism-- the main enemy of humanity.

USFSP acts as a unifying force to help consolidate and coordinate the anti-imperialist forces of the world with the ongoing movement to restore the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe as socialist states. We act as a united front, but are not a forum for ideological debates. The peoples of the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe themselves will choose their paths toward socialism.

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 - Please send me a 3-month introductory subscription to Northstar Compass for \$1.

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State/Zip	Donor: \$100.00	
Phone/Email		

**Soviet Film Project Donations
Received to Date**

- Bob Randolph, Berkeley CA - \$150
- Bonnie Frontino - \$25
- Betty K. in memory of Edward Monk - \$50
- Edith H. in memory of Edward Monk - \$150

<p>I would like a 1-year subscription to the Northstar Compass for US \$25.</p>
Name
Address
City/State/Zip
<p>Please send a check or money order (or cash if necessary) for US \$25 to: Northstar Compass 280 Queen St. W. Toronto Ontario, M5V 2A1, Canada</p>

A Soviet Film Project donor's letter:

I would like to donate the enclosed \$50.00 in memory of Edgar Monk for the restoration of old Soviet films.

In the 1980s my husband and I watched many of the old Soviet films when they were shown at the North Berkeley Senior Center by Bo Bogardus and his wife Francesca.

My husband and I visited the Soviet Union seven times for a total of six months. We studied Russian in the Soviet Union (along with British students) during five summers-- in Moscow, Leningrad, and Kiev.

I have always had a soft spot in my heart for the Soviet Union. It had the most compassionate government that we have ever seen for the last 2000 years and it is sad and tragic that it was overthrown after seventy years of doing good things for its people.

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