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## LENIN WILL LIVE!

The hatred and insolence of the neo-fascist generals and the hierarchy maintained in power by the guns in Russia today has bared its slaving yellow fangs by their announcement of the closure of the world treasure of history, the Lenin Museum, and the removal of his body from the Mausoleum on Moscow's Red Square. The world's working people have more than a little bitter experience with class hatred. Inbred in their bones is the knowledge of what happens when their class enemy, monopoly corporate capitalism, seizes power by whatever means, gains the upper hand and proceeds with the exploitation, oppression and terror that is its rotten soul and heart.

Will Lenin, his works, his world building accomplishments, be erased from history as the current gang of anti-Communist, anti-Socialist and anti-working class neo-fascists hope and expect? To provide answers, we re-produce the following: (They are the words of a Communist)

"Scores and indeed, hundreds of times in the course of the centuries, the labouring people have striven to throw off the oppressors from their backs, and to become the masters of their own destiny. But each time, defeated and disgraced, they have



**EDITORIAL**

been forced to retreat, harbouring in their breasts resentment and humiliation, anger and despair, and lifting up their eyes to an inscrutable heaven where they hope to find deliverance. The chains of slavery remained intact, or the old chains were replaced by new ones, equally burdensome and degrading. Ours is the only country where the oppressed and downtrodden labouring masses have succeeded in throwing off the rule of the landlords and capitalists, and replacing it by the rule of the workers and peasants. You know Comrades, and the whole world now admits it, that this gigantic struggle was led by Comrade Lenin and his Party. The greatness of Lenin lies above all in this; that by creating the Republic of Soviets, he gave a practical demonstration to the oppressed masses of the whole world that hope of deliverance is not lost, that the rule of the capitalists and landlords is short-lived, that the kingdom of labour can be created by the efforts of the labouring people themselves, and that the kingdom of labour must be created not in heaven, but on earth. "Eulogy - 'On the Death Of Lenin'," 1924, by J. V. Stalin.

While a question may be properly raised as to what "short-lived" now means almost seventy years later, there can be no doubt that a corrupted, fawning group of neo-fascists, lickspittling before the almighty financial institutions of the West, cannot and will not destroy

Lenin. His gigantic legacy as one of the "men of history" that led the way to a new, higher level of demanded change, and who genuinely foresaw "A New World Order" of international friendship, and solidarity in societies in which the individual would be encouraged to develop to the maximum of their potential, is indestructible. He foresaw a world where no child would go hungry, no human destroyed to serve the lusts of power and exploitation. Peace between the peoples, not war and degradation, would prevail!

The fate of the monument to Lenin, or of the cherished world historical treasure of the Lenin Museum does not lie in the hands of international finance capital, or their degraded, inhuman servants and toadies. That fate resides precisely in the hearts and hands of a world-wide working class first of all, and all progressive humans, who even as this is written, and for many years prior, slowly, painfully and pains-takingly and with immense suffering and effort, are unearthing the truth; in preparation for not just survival, but their victory of a new higher world order. This, no matter what desperate struggles are required to reach it. Have no fear, Lenin, Marx and Engels and their science of political, economic and social change that is the science of the working class first of all, will live. It is the absence of any political, economic or social science except the use of fascist violence, guns, corruption and degradation in the arsenals of the exploiters first of all that doom them. It is not for us to predict a day or an hour, but it cannot be gainsaid that peace, international friendship, cooperation and a sharing of the fruits of human labour is the only road to survival, and to human freedom and dignity. As a builder and pioneer of that road, Lenin will live. □

# WILL IT BE SOCIALISM OR FASCISM?



Boris "the Butcher" has decreed that the new national emblem reaching even further back into Russian history: a double-headed eagle that for centuries proclaimed the military might of the Czars, will be the official emblem. This symbol was hated by the people because under this symbol, the workers were brutalized, killed, expelled and made to suffer in the most backward country ruled by the Czars.



In the spirit of the new capitalist times, the Yeltsin clique hopes to make money by selling the right to use the new crest in trade marks and commercial logos, according to Commission Chairman, Rudolf Pikhoya.

The struggle is intensifying and the Soviet people will never allow the double-headed eagle to fly over their Motherland! □

## WHO DARES TO RAISE THEIR HAND FOR CHANGE ...?

Via the brain-numbing television screen, and the print media, people have been subjected in recent days to a grisly, dreadful, blow-by-blow account of the murder of a two-year old child in Liverpool and a subsequent "homicide" trial of Boys 'A' and 'B', aged ten at the time of the crime. By the time they were eleven, they had officially become convicted murderers and sentenced to imprisonment, apparently for the rest of their lives.

"Idle Freaks of Nature", shrieks the headlines. If that is so, what does that make the crews of B-52 bombers, helicopter gunmen in Vietnam, over Panama, Somali, to say nothing of Lt. Calley of the U.S., invaders of Vietnam at Mai Lay?; The household pets of Imperialism?

So, a morally bankrupt society says "justice has been served" and turns away to proceed with the varying pleasures or annoyances of living. Perhaps here or there, a state of numbness or sheer unawareness prevents a rational examination of where really lies the responsibility for the unspeakable events of the death of a baby and the life incarceration of two boys, not yet

in their teens. No doubt moralizers, intellectual and "scientific" dogooders will now settle down to a prolonged, hair-by-hair examination to find out how the next sermon of platitudes should or should not be delivered. The media of course will go silent as quickly as it is apparent that "viewing time" or "news circulation" is no longer positively or profitably served by the gruesome "story".

But are not these children all of a particular society, just as were the dead children of the war-torn world?; just as were (and are) the starving children, the hopelessly condemned children who practise prostitution to feed a drug habit and craving in the "great" cities of the world, whether Toronto, New York, Moscow, Manila or elsewhere? Is it not true that everywhere, rampaging corporate power has mustered sufficient corruption or to rule by firepower, that this society (which is first and foremost, their creation) condemns children to horrors and death beyond imagination of a sane person? Is not this the central driving force of the societal insensitivity, carelessness, and unbelievable hypocrisy that creates not only the Liverpool debacle, but the rampant growth of AIDS, social and venereal disease, blind illiteracy and a future of zero expectations above the level of badly kept animals for uncounted child victims? What is the root of this human tragedy that boggles the mind, how are these unfathomable mind sets (for those who remain rational) learned, as learned they surely were.

But now, we have the knee-jerk reaction to the monstrosity of children entrapped by a society engorged and blind on the bauble glittering "consumerism" that has been the empty substitution for human values and human care. We can now see the victims in their awful

degraded innocence, portrayed as the perpetrators of the crimes. Have we really reached the point of human conduct and understanding where we breed and birth "throw away" people? Tragically, we have reached that point.

Responsibility must be fixed before justice can emerge. The greed crazed, exploitation that serves as the basis of the ethos and morality of society now devours the life of its young. That can only be a precursor of mass suicide by the human species, a death warrant for us all!

Will the responsibility be assumed by the great financiers, the great weapons makers, the aristocracy of "the Royals" et al.? Not very damned likely, given their histories in one or another way of class murder and extermination of humankind in the name of profit and power. Oh yes, perhaps they even hold their "delicate" noses as they have since the inception of child labour in the textile mills and coal mines and the massacres of Cawnpor, Mogadishu, Lidice or ten thousand other places and times where profit and power were to be "won" or "defended". Never in the oak panelled suites of the mighty has disease, illiteracy, coupled with brutalization been other than an idea that said "these were certainly and forever the 'lot of the poor' ... working or not". Firmly grasped by these human ghouls is the truth that war, pestilence, crime, disease, ignorance, exploitation, drugs, all in one or another way, create the "top dollar" profit sheet. The death of a child or a million children, as we have seen, is something to "cry out the crocodile tears of feigned remorse", but in the end, to be exploited. So the two deprived children of Liverpool will rot, mentally, physically and in spirit to become the monsters the media, the courts, the society now assures us they are. What of other children?

In different ways for millions, the same thing.

But surely, because we are not beasts, we are not depraved, somewhere a spark of resistance to all of this will grow. Perhaps even a raging conflagration for change, for an end to it, as it now is, will consume us all in the demand for cleansing, a new day of friendship, solidarity, concern and cooperation, for social, political economic justice so the children may not be consumed and degraded. Our time, the time of corporate inspired unlimited and unbridled individualism, profit, power and competition, demands there be nothing less. "Let the very stones cry out" for humanity, for justice, for peace and the preservation of our planet, for the nurturing and safekeeping of our species. Let humankind now rise up to bring such a new day. Otherwise, there will not be grand children to either curse us or to love us. Now is the time to demand change. □



# FEATURE ANALYSIS

## ON THE 76TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREAT OCTOBER SOCIALIST REVOLUTION

By Alex McLennan  
(Conclusion)

The autumn of 1942 found the Soviet Union in a particularly dangerous situation: the Nazis were at the gates of Leningrad and only 120 kilometres from Moscow. In the south, the Germans were at the Volga in the vicinity of Stalingrad and had reached the foothills of the Caucasus. They had seized a vast territory, including such economically important districts as Krivoy Rog, the Donetz Basin and the Maikop oil fields.

In the year 1942, the Soviet people suffered greater adversity and hardship than in any year during the entire war. However, a powerful war industry had been established and with superhuman effort the Soviet workers were producing military equipment in sufficient quantities for the front. The collective and state farms maintained a continuous supply of food to the fronts as well as raw materials for industry, while the transport workers ensured delivery of essential supplies.

At the centre of all this activity was the Communist Party, urging the



workers on to greater efforts, and leading them in the struggle to destroy the fascist enemy. And destroy him, they did. In a brilliant strategy, after a battle which lasted for six months, the Soviet Army, in January 1943, inflicted a final defeat on the German army at Stalingrad, from which the Nazis never recovered.

The strategic initiative passed from the Nazis into the hands of the Soviet army, and so remained until the last remnants of the Nazis and their allies had been driven from the soil of the U.S.S.R.

In the words of the Supreme Commander, Joseph Stalin, "The Battle of Stalingrad ended in the encirclement and rout of the German Army, 300,000 strong and the capture of the bulk of the surrounded troops. To visualize the extent of the slaughter on the battlefield of Stalingrad, which was on a scale unprecedented in history, one should know that after the battle, 147,000 dead German men and officers and 46,700 Soviet men and officers were picked up and buried. Stalingrad marked the beginning of the decline of the German fascist army. Germany never recovered from the Stalingrad slaughter."

At Stalingrad, the people of the Soviet Union passed a great historical test. From this victory over the forces of fascist reaction, the working class, at the head of the entire people, led by its Communist Party, continued with the destruction of the Nazi hordes in the Soviet country and the liberation of Europe from the yoke of the Nazi fascist barbarians.

The Soviet victory at Stalingrad was one of the great turning points of history. The Nazi advance had been halted: it had become a defeat, and then a rout. In the Soviet advance to Berlin, the Soviet Army piled up victory after victory, until at long last, after 1,409 days, on the night of

April 30, 1945 the red banner of victory was hoisted over the Reichstag. Eight days later on May 8, 1945, at the Berlin suburb of Karlshorst, the Act of Unconditional Surrender was signed. The Soviet Supreme Command was represented by Marshal Zhukov, the Allied armed forces by Air Chief-Marshal Tedder of Britain, Commander of the U.S. Strategic Air Force, General Spaatz, and General De Lattre de Tassigny, Commander-in-Chief of the French Army.

The commanders of Germany's armed forces Field-Marshal Keitel, Admiral Friedeburg, and Colonel-General Stumpff, signed the Act of Immediate and Unconditional Surrender of all German Forces on Land, Sea and in the Air.

## UNBELIEVABLE DESTRUCTION

Twenty-seven million Soviet people had died in the struggle. There was hardly a family that had not lost a member in the war. Everyone rejoiced to realize that these sacrifices had not been in vain, now that the war had ended in total victory.

In a Globe and Mail article dated July 18, 1990, under the byline of David Morgan, it is stated that "Deaths in Leningrad alone exceeded the war losses of the United States during its entire history - almost one-and-one-half million killed." "Of the 5.5 million officers and men captured by the Germans, four million were dead before the war ended. Captured Soviet Troops were often surrounded and left to starve in their thousands by German Guards." Morgan continues: "We forget the scale of destruction because we have never experienced anything like it: no country has. Seventeen thousand towns, 70 thousand villages, 31 thousand factories, 84 thousand schools, 40 thousand miles of railway

tracks were destroyed and 25 million persons were left homeless.

On September 13, 1945, Pravda published a report by the Extraordinary State Commission for the Investigation of the Nazi Invaders' Atrocities. Included in the destruction listed, were: "31,850 industrial enterprises, 98,000 collective farms, 18,076 state farms, and 2,890 machine and tractor stations. The list of Nazi atrocities covered several pages of newsprint. The U.S.S.R.'s total losses in the war were estimated at some 2,600 thousand million roubles (at pre-war prices). To bring this figure home more vividly, we mention by way of comparison, that in 1940, the total state revenue of the U.S.S.R. was 180 thousand million roubles. In other words, the Soviet Union's losses amounted to almost 15 times the annual state income as shown in the last pre-war budget, that of 1940. These losses, as shown above, represented one third of the total wealth of the U.S.S.R. at the time of the Nazi attack on June 22, 1941.

In the face of the unbelievable destruction suffered by the Soviet Union at the hands of the invader, it is not difficult to understand the attitude of the many who questioned the ability of the Soviet people to achieve parity with the world's industrialized nations. It was usual for those who did not understand the Soviet people, to estimate that 25

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to 100 years would be required to rebuild the Soviet Union. But these were the same people who had come back from defeat, to drive the Nazi beast from the Soviet country, liberate Europe and achieve the unconditional surrender of the "invincible" Nazi war machine. By applying the same courage, fortitude and organization, the Soviets, by the beginning of the fifties, had achieved the main indices of pre-war economic development. In this brief period, they had not only re-built the damage inflicted by the war, but had planned, put into operation and completed the fourth five-year plan.

By 1953, the Soviet Union had not only repaired the damage, but had already created the economic basis of Socialism and were entering the lower stages of a classless, communist society.

Since the beginning of the democratic revolution in February, 1917, which grew into the Workers' and poor peasants' revolution of November 7, 1917, The Russian Socialist Federated Soviet Republic, and later, the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, have achieved heights which at every stage have been decried as impossible.

Since becoming the ruling class through the Soviet Power, they have successively crushed the counter-revolution of the Czarist Generals. They defeated the intervention of the early 20's and drove the thirteen counter-revolutionary imperialist armies from Soviet soil. They withstood the hardships of the period of War Communism and the period of the NEP. When the counter-revolution resorted to sabotage and terror, they used the power of the Soviet State to destroy the terrorists and saboteurs. They achieved previously unheard of economic construction, thereby winning the admiration of the world. They tried

throughout the 1930's to prevent war through diplomacy and unity and when this failed, they annihilated the aggressor in the Great Patriotic War. And they prevented the outbreak of nuclear war for forty years following World War II.

Is it not possible that such a working class and the republics will find their way back to Marx and Lenin and return to the Socialist path which they have so brilliantly blazed in the past? □

## THE PHONY YELTSIN & G-7 ELECTION ...

### FOR A "PIG-IN-A-POKE" DUMA, AND A RUSSIAN "CAT-IN-A-SACK" CONSTITUTION

By Ray Stevenson

106 million Russian voters, of whom 38 million live in the country, can well be forgiven if they are baffled, terrorized and apathetic



about the G-7 and Yeltsin imposed election, December 12th. Consider the following:

(1) If less than 50% of the 106 million cast their ballots, then there will be no Constitution, no "Duma". That is the "rule" imposed by Yeltsin's "Election Commission". In that case, the President still would have the guns and firepower to impose his will, as on October 3rd to 6th, and of course, the right to rule by decree, other things being equal.

(2) The entire charade is the result of a series of illegal acts and procedures by Yeltsin and his cohorts (that included Ronald Reagan and George Bush) and now, has Bill Clinton, the C.I.A., the Mafiosi and Western banks, including the I.M.F., the European Bank of Reconstruction, the World Bank, etc., etc.

(3) These illegal acts began with the dissolution by Yeltsin, Krawchuk, Shuskevich and other Republic leaders of the USSR (and with Gorbachev's approval) and then setting up, without mandate from the people, the C.I.S. In fact, the people voted overwhelmingly to retain the USSR! This was followed by seizure of state power in Russia by Yeltsin, in connivance and agreement with the then Supreme Soviet headed by Ruskoi, Kashbulatov and Yegor Gaidar. They had all apparently agreed (with a few honourable exceptions) to proceed to the dismantling of the USSR, "privatization" and the so-called "free market economy" by which they meant "restoration of capitalism". Disagreements between these worthies came with the question of "how to proceed" with the destruction of Socialism, and the division of the spoils.

(4) Because of these differences and the struggle for power between them, and after much posturing and cleavage between Yeltsin and the Parliament, (which meantime had

dumped the voracious "Westernizer", Gaidar) finally, by Presidential decree of September 21st, Yeltsin suspended the Constitution under which both he and the Parliament were elected, banned the Parliament, and eventually after "buying out" General Grachev, the "Defence" Minister, gunned and burned the Parliament Buildings out of existence and wantonly killed an estimated 1,000 Russian citizens. Then followed the arrest of his (by now) opposition leaders, Ruskoi and Kashbulatov, along with hundreds more, an imposed state of terror and censorship, destruction of the Constitutional Court. He then called the election for December 12th. Clearly, these were acts that went far beyond mere "illegality," and were in fact, acts of brigandage, terrorism and counter-revolutionary war. "Normally", the U.N. should have investigated!

It must be underlined that while all possibilities of "compromise" were totally ignored, Yeltsin's bloody rampage for power had the full overt and, we believe without question, covert, support of U.S. President Clinton and the "Group of 7" nations, the U.S.A., Great Britain, Japan, Germany, Italy, France and Canada. Tax payers' dollars were shovelled by the billions to the bloody dictator by all, and there cannot be a doubt that Yeltsin's guilt is shared in full by the overt complicity of these "statesmen" of anti-Sovietism. Left dangling still is the date of Presidential elections, originally called by Czar Boris for June next year, but now of uncertain date, or set off for years.

## A NEW CZAR ERECTS ANOTHER "POTEMKIN VILLAGE"

Why does Yeltsin, apparently already secure following his

installation by the "guns of Grachev", seek so desperately for a "new" hand-tailored constitution? It would provide a kind of "cozy-coat" of alleged "democracy and freedom" (not to mention legitimacy) to wrap his bloody dictatorship in, thus, providing his backers with a "soothing syrup" to feed critics of the G-7 and Bill Clinton's complicity in their blood-stained course, pursued so energetically and avidly on behalf of the bankers!

Even Wm. Safire, former speech writer for Reagan and unswerving minion of the political right, says in

the New York Times of December 2: ... "he (Yeltsin) put his 'cat-in-the-sack' constitution on the ballot, certain that at least half of the electorate would vote, and certain that a majority of that half would buy his notion of a super-powerful President ... now he realizes it's in trouble ..." He goes on to quote Izvestia, usually a tame mouthpiece for Yeltsin, as saying "it (the constitution) doesn't cure dictatorship, it just relieves the symptoms ...". At the time of Safire's writing, only a minuscule minority of the 106 million voters had the foggiest idea of what the document said, or



what it would do, in true "pig-in-a-poke" style. As a result, he reports, "Yeltsin's men are rushing out 20 million copies (and are) predicting chaos if it is not accepted ... "Democratic debate", Safire asks rhetorically? "forget it", he replies.

## IS THERE A REASON TO PARTICIPATE?

One could wonder why any political party of the left, or opposition to Yeltsin, should be involved in this apparent mad power-grabbing charade. NSC knows however that the Communist Party of the Russian Federation, led by Gennady Zyuganov, with whom we have previously been in limited contact, is participating. We have therefore, faxed him in Moscow as follows:

*"On behalf of the CFSP and NSC, we would like to wish you success in the coming elections ... Being aware of the complex and critical situation in Russia and the march toward Fascism ... we constantly fear for the ideals of Socialism that are more and more obliterated in the rush toward capitalism ... we do get a varied picture of the thinking among various political parties ... We have heard from almost all the groups in Russia and have received their programs. In order to get a full picture, we ask you to send us your program and the reasons your party is taking part in these forthcoming elections, knowing in advance the identity of "winners" and "losers". We would like to publish the program of your party in forthcoming editions of our NSC. Hoping to hear from you, shortly,*

Signed, Michael Lucas, President,  
Concerned Friends of the Soviet People

(At this date of writing - December 6th - we regret we have not had a response. It is our deepest hope that we shall, before press time. We will hold open space for such

materials - Editor, NSC)

In any event, the Toronto Globe & Mail, dated December 4th, in headlines over a story by John Gray, their Moscow Bureau Chief, says: "Yeltsin Coalition Cracking" and "Reform Cabinet Could Collapse". Gray writes: "The loose and uncertain coalition Yeltsin has gathered around himself to guide Russia from Communism to a democratic market economy, appears to be cracking under the strain of the December 12th election ... But now, there is even danger that the cabinet may collapse even before election day ..." According to his story, Western and "international institutions are reluctant to risk loans or investments in Russia". These are the forces thus far most closely tied to Yegor Gaidar and Yeltsin. But apparently, the moguls of high finance believe that Gaidar's "shock treatment" of closure and privatization of the gigantic state enterprises, built under Socialism, would lead to unmanageable unemployment, social unrest and economic, and, possibly even greater political upheavals. Gray writes that the "other side" of this division advocates a "softer" approach and a "gradual" transition to capitalism. Izvestia, (according to Gray) warns "it is very likely the opposite views of the budget and their partisan obligations will bring the cabinet members to a head-on collision ... No compromise is possible now. One or another group must resign, and this may happen soon".

## "HEADS UP" WHEN BANKS "BACK OFF"?

NSC, and from a very great distance from the developing conflict, warns our readers that this may not be some simple economic "division" in the cabinet that is now creating tension or possible disaster in the Yeltsin camp. We are inclined to think

that any "bankers' reluctance" to "invest" may have more to do with the long, outstanding revolutionary and Marxist-Leninist Socialist traditions that lie deep in the soul of Russia and its people, and coupled with that, a fear that Yeltsin et al. is not capable, as their kept boy, of delivering that soul and their country to the financiers, whether by military gunnery and diktat, Presidential decree, or social reformist flummery. The Yeltsin and his "partners" situation, more and more reminds us of the parachutist that made nine out of ten successful jumps from great heights, but who forgot to buckle on his parachute for the tenth try. The results were disastrous, to say the least. Could it be that Boris, his friends and backers are now aloft for their tenth leap, and perhaps the "bankers" want out? We think so, without yet breaking out the champagne for victory over reaction!

In previous editions, we have carried information and materials of the All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks, led by Nina Andreeva, and the Russian Workers Communist Party, led by Victor Anpilov, now jailed by the Yeltsin forces, and other forces seeking the restoration of the Socialist Soviet Union and who have called for a boycott of the election. Should Yeltsin, Gaidar, et al., take their tenth leap, the world will know in the next few days. What that might do to the "just cruising along for super-profits" politics of the "Clinton-G-7" crowd will be (shortly) a later chapter. □

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# NEWS DIGEST COMMENT

**Headline: Globe & Mail,  
Nov. 29th, 1993**

**"RUSSIAN PLANE  
VENTURE TAKES OFF"**

**"ILYUSHIN HAS  
TEAMED UP WITH  
U.S. FIRMS ..."**

"Four years ago, the (Soviet) Ilyushin Design Bureau received a proposal from a group that included Armand Hammer and Robert Maxwell for a project to combine Western and Russian aviation technology in a new commercial airliner ... under the venture, Ilyushin is equipping a modified version of its new 375 seat long-range jumbo jet, the 11-96 M. It will have engines from Pratt & Whitney of East Hartford Conn., and avionics (the electronic brains of the plane) from Collins Air Transport Division of Rockwell International Corp. of Seal Beach, California ... By combining a Russian airframe with U.S. technology, the companies expect to sell a plane that meets Western standards. And, because they can take advantage of low Russian labour costs ... about \$1.00 (US) an hour for aerospace workers compared with \$20.00 or more in the U.S. ... they are selling the plane for less than \$70 million, a saving of 30% over its closest Western competitor from the European Aerobus Consortium ..."

**WE COMMENT:**

*Several things hit us in the eye from*

*this story: First, the "deal" that undermines totally the development of Ilyushin and the Russian aerospace industry, was made four years ago (1989) while the Soviet Union was still in existence and we presume, under Gorbachev's "Perestroika". We know that both Hammer and Maxwell (both now dead) were close "friends" with "Gorby" and it looks from here like a clear "sell-out" of Soviet interests. Secondly, perhaps the Russians can consider themselves "lucky" they were left the "right" to build airframes, the least labour intensive and technologically advanced and cheapest part of the plane. They are lucky because usually when dear old "Gorby" set up a deal, some other part of the USSR had disappeared or East Europe had been eaten up. Meantime, the Senators, Congressmen et al., of California, Connecticut and other spin-off areas can tell their electors how very very clever they were, and why they should really be elected once again. There's nothing like "free" enterprise".*

*But the third element of this story cannot be happy for anyone who works the aerospace industry for a living ... or even for Boeing, McDonald Douglas et al., who until now have held pretty much of a monopoly in selling super-jumbo aircraft. The \$1.00 an hour Russian wage scale undercuts aerospace workers everywhere, and provides a competitive edge in the marketing of jumbos that will be very difficult if not impossible to meet. But then, such are the ways of "free enterprise", "competition", "global restructuring", etc., not to mention that other frayed notion, "anti-Communism is good, planned economies that would prevent such things happening are very, very bad". There will be lots of time in the unemployed line-ups for aerospace workers to think about that.*

**We Do Produce Totally By  
Volunteer Labour.**

**Headline: Globe & Mail,  
Nov. 23rd, 1993**

**"CRISIS IN CUBA  
POSSIBLE 'AT ANY TIME',  
C.I.A. WARNS ..."**

**(From: "The Wall Street Journal" ...)**

Washington - "In a classified 'National Intelligence Estimate', issued in August, the C.I.A. warns that with the Cuban economy in free-fall, tensions and uncertainties ... are so acute that significant miscalculations by Fidel Castro, a deterioration of his health or plotting in the military could provoke regime threatening instability at any time ... Mr. Castro can be expected to use whatever force necessary to hold onto power even at the risk of a blood bath ... It concludes that 'serious instability on the island would cause 20 to 80,000 more Cubans to flee to the United States ... A new "Cubans-in-Exile" organization called, Cambio Cubana (Cuban Change) has called for loosening of the embargo, in exchange for economic and political reforms.

"Another group, the Cuban Committee for Democracy, is opening an office in Washington to lobby for an end to what they call the U.S. policy of 'isolation and strangulation' ... William Ratcliff of the Hoover Institute and former Reagan-aide Roger Fontaine have called for the Clinton administration to lift the economic embargo, while refusing any political contact with the Castro regime ... Meanwhile, the administration is making contingency plans for how to cope with a massive flow of refugees, should violence erupt on the island ..."

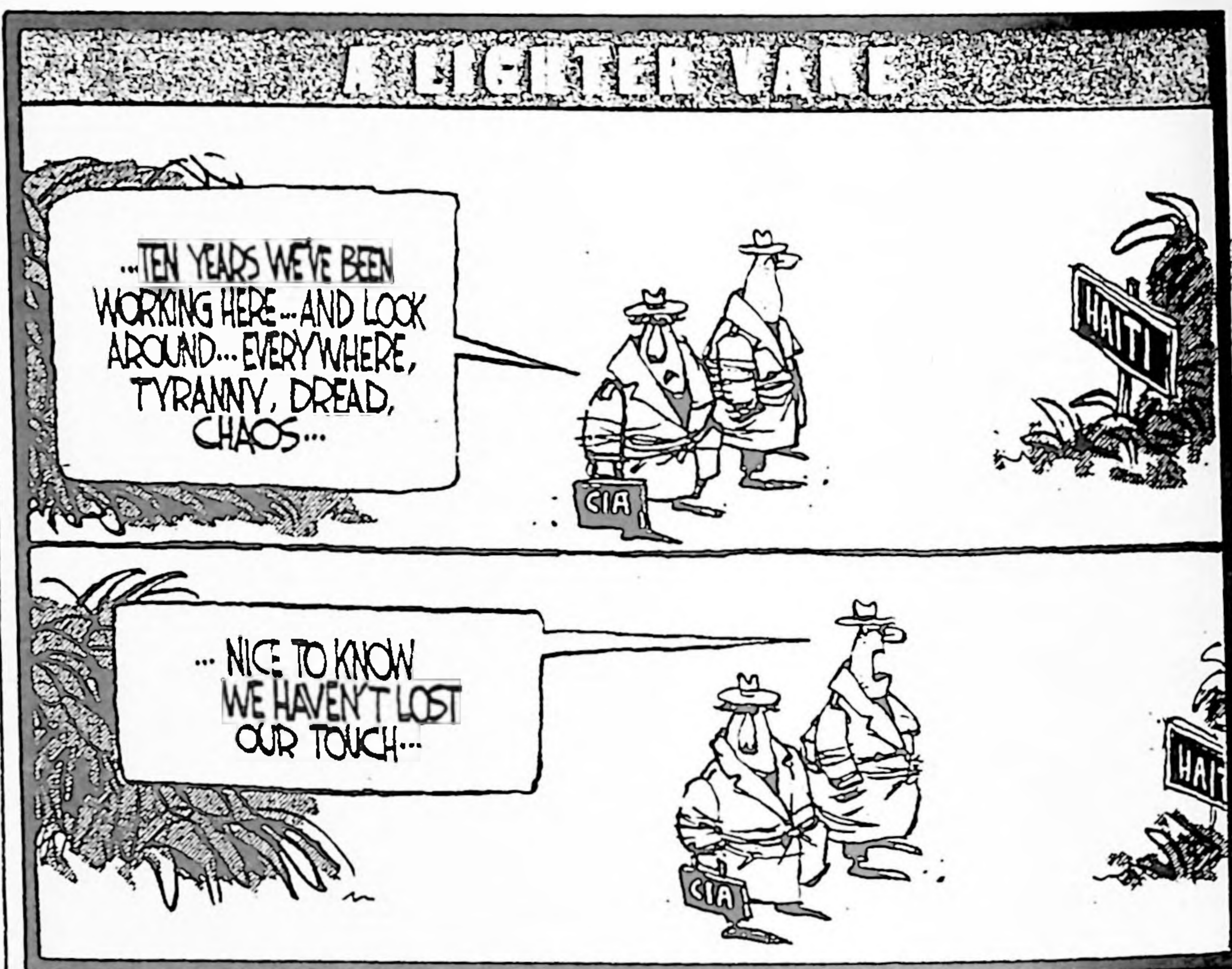
**WE COMMENT:**

*The struggle of the Cuban people for the right to develop their own political, economic, social and cultural life appears headed toward the crunch. For 33 years,*

they have endured the economic blockade of the U.S. Governments, assassination attempts on their lives, and perhaps most seriously, the withdrawal of support from the USSR that began under Gorbachev. The monstrous assumptions underlying the C.I.A. efforts to overcome the Socialist regime, the Bay of Pigs fiasco, the never-ending assaults on their right to "peaceful" development, is a direct poisoned fruit of the U.S. TNC's who regard the entire earth as their "strategic interest zone" and they have the "right" to whatever means, violent, covert, murderous or otherwise to "bomb their version of democracy, and freedom" into any and all people at their whim. Even the most cursory scrutiny of world affairs from the immediate post-war to the present will reveal that to be the case. The gallant Castro and his equally gallant people, deserve better from the world's populations, whether they agree with Cuban Socialism or not. The Cubans are an example that might well be studied in the former Soviet Union and in world Marxist-Leninist circles, of what can be done by a united people, led by uncorrupted leaders in the face of the worst kind of Imperialist assault. NSC, raises our hands in the fullest salute, and pledges to do whatever we can to bring knowledge and information of the Cuban struggle to our readers. □

**Headline: Financial Times  
(of London), Nov. 30th, 1993  
"UKRAINE SHIVERS AS  
ENERGY DWINDLES"**

Ukraines' rapidly dwindling energy supplies have prompted Prime Minister Yefim Zviagilsky to call for an "economic state of emergency" to force energy saving measures ... If nothing was done to import gas and oil ... "Ukraine could expect an Armenian winter" ... The energy crisis is now dominating Parliament ... "Since we cannot stop heating homes or supplying



agriculture with fuel, we must close down a number of high-energy enterprises", said Vilen Semenyuk, energy minister. Meanwhile, with temperatures touching minus 20 degrees, C. Ukrainians are adjusting to power cuts and colder homes in the worst winter in 50 years."

WE COMMENT:

"The worst winter in 50 years" means that since the end of WWII, Ukrainians have received sufficient quantities of oil and gas from Russia to have at least some comfort, under the former Socialist USSR. The "choice" to "Westernize" in the capitalist mode that they are trying to impose under the "leadership" of the "about face Communists" and nationalists and the U.S. state department, is precisely the reason they will now endure "the worst winter in 50 years", cold, shivering and with probable death tolls not before seen in peace time under the USSR. That is a pretty high price to pay for the "right" to what the nationalists and Zbigniew Brezinski would undoubtedly call "freedom and democracy". Or, is it really a historical farce? We think so,

even while we sympathize with the innocent majority of Ukrainians who will suffer for this kind of political skullduggery.

**Headline: Toronto Star  
December 5th, 1993**

**"MOB CASTS SHADOW  
OVER RUSSIA'S LAND OF  
OPPORTUNITY",**

and

**"WHEN YOU LOOK AT  
HOW THE MAFIA MAKES  
MONEY AND HOW  
GOVERNMENTS MAKE  
MONEY, YOU WILL SEE  
A LOT OF PARALLELS ..."**

Olivia Ward, the Star investigator of all things anti-Soviet and now "anti-Russian" and certainly, "anti-Communist", tends to get her directions mixed somewhat in this article. But she comes into the range of truth when she writes: "more than 80% of Yekaterinburg (formerly Sverdlovsk) residents ... want to form a Republic and gain more power

over their economic futures. Here, as in other parts of Russia ... the shadow of the criminal underworld looms over the state as it does over individuals. 'Separatist tendencies in political life are mirrored in the criminal world'. She quotes Editor Plotnikoff of 'Sleuth', a monthly tabloid reporting on crime and investigation. 'When you look at how the Mafia clans make money, exporting rare earths and metals, and how Governments make money, you see a lot of parallels.'

From time to time in past issues, NSC has pointed to some of these "parallels" and informed our readers of vast sums of money that mysteriously "escaped" from the former USSR into Swiss bank accounts. The sums amounted to billions, and we have as well, raised questions as to the particular roles of various bankers and banks, the Mafia, Government representatives, etc., in these dealings.

But side by side with the Olivia Ward story, the headline of the same newspaper of November 13th can be brought into the unfolding scenario of high level crime. That headline said: "Canada Tied To \$150 Billion Bonds Scam". The story, written by Jennifer Gould, reveals that there is an ongoing investigation by "private investigators for the Russian government who have been in Toronto for six weeks, "hunting for stolen Russian bonds, which are linked to international fraud", according to "sources". Also revealed was the fact that while the RCMP are apparently not "actively investigating the case ... they are 'keeping an eye on it'."

That particular scam, according to Gould's story, revolves around North America securities and bonds "that were supposed to have been cancelled in the mid-1970's and early 1980's" but instead, were stolen by Mafia groups who used them by

passing them to "unwitting ... or crooked ... European bankers. Some banks in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union were founded on loans that used the dirty bonds as collateral, said one private investigator", the story reveals. The only bank implicated that has had its knuckles rapped with a \$750,000 fine is the largest U.S. commercial bank, Citibank. The fine was imposed by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) according to Gould. Despite the fact that Canada's federal finance department says it is unaware of the fraud, "securities investigators and others say that, in fact, Canada plays a key role in the international fraud, because: (1) it is likely that American bonds were smuggled ... through Montreal to Palermo; (2) there are \$1.5 billion of Canadian securities among the illicit bonds and stocks that have surfaced; (3) Montreal police obtained a search warrant in a hunt for dirty securities; (4) Missing Russian bonds are being sought in Canada; and finally, according to one U.S. investigator, 'Canadian Government bonds may be involved'."

Gould reveals in her story that: "Juval Aviv, a private investigator on the case said: "... the banks may have to bear the responsibility down the line. This has the potential to



shake the economy of the eastern bloc ... this could become a major scandal. The American Government is aware but (it's) being kept a big

secret ... They're afraid to shake Yeltsin's banking apparatus' ..."

There is more to the story. However, apart from the single exposure in the Saturday Star story, the fact of a \$150 billion scam has apparently died, or been killed as a news item. To our knowledge, nothing more has appeared. That in itself is sufficient to raise eyebrows and curiosity, given the suggested relationship between Czar Boris, the Mafia and Western governments. There are other, possibly unrelated, but curious elements that seem to dove-tail with the Star exposé.

One such is Toronto's "own" Dmitri Yakoubovsky, he of the \$5,000,000 mansion in the Toronto Willowdale area, and who apparently rose from "Corporal" to "General" in record time as a member of the Yeltsin regime's mysterious entourage. In



Dmitri Yakoubovsky  
Toronto Star

July this year, (according to the New York Times of November 23rd) he was forced to flee Moscow to avoid arrest. He was alleged to have been spirited back to Moscow from Toronto at the request of Yeltsin to "sift through suitcases of documents for incriminating evidence against Yeltsin's powerful enemies", the

Times tells us. "After a nerve-tingling journey that began in Moscow railroad station ... the young lawyer made his way back to Canada, where the threats against him continued." Yakoubovsky "was the obvious source of bank documents purporting to link Vice President Rutskoi with a kick-back scheme ... his name also came up in connection with shady business dealings involving a key Yeltsin ally, Vladimir Shoumeiko, who had been his boss, briefly."

Shoumeiko is now a Vice President under Yeltsin, despite the fact he was briefly "out of the Yeltsin circle" for unexplained reasons. Yakoubovsky is likewise the man pictured in NSC, Vol. 2, #2, September edition, with our late unlamented Prime Minister, Kim Campbell. He was likewise rumoured, (although this is not fully established) to be acquainted with Canada's other unlamented Prime Minister, Brian Mulroney, of "Boris & Me" boar shooting fame, or, notoriety. This connection appears to have developed through Seabeco, the Swiss-based trading empire headed by one "Boris J. Bershtein, a Soviet emigre, whose sudden success in business in the mid-1980's has been reported to have been financed by Communist Party money", the Times story says. If so, it appears that the financial "watch-dogs" had disappeared during the Gorbachev, "Perestroika" period. Previous regulations forbade and made illegal the carrying of even a single "rouble" from the USSR. But now, apparently billions float not only across that border of Russia, they have all the safeguards that the Mafia or Governments alike can provide to make their journey in dollars, safely, without impediment and into the safe hands they were dispatched for. Frankly, we cannot prove whether or not Yakoubovsky or his pals in Moscow are implicated. But we think it might be worthy of somebody doing an

"open" investigation. Perhaps such an "open" investigation could likewise influence the public to demand an end to the kind of dismal flouting of legal requirements, etc., by Mafia, Governments or whoever, and without fear or favour and regardless of who might be implicated in thievery and skullduggery. The "parallels" just might disappear to the public benefit of both citizens in Russia and Canada! □

## ITEMS from ABROAD

*From a leaflet distributed all over Moscow and other cities by Communists of Russia during November 7th celebrations!*

### YELTSIN – TODAY'S HITLER!

What the Communists of Russia and former USSR said would happen, did happen! Yeltsin shot down the Constitution, established a regime of fascist dictatorship!

The scenario of a spectacle "Hitler 1932-33" and "Yeltsin 1993" are similar as two drops of water. In July and November 1932, Hitler received 33% in the German elections and the same results were received by Yeltsin. This gave them "legitimacy" and because both of them did not receive enough votes in the country or parliament for their anti-peoples course (just remember strikes of miners, demonstrations, medical strikes, teachers and transport workers, etc., etc.) they organized provocations in order to rule by decree.

In this way, Hitler organized the

Reichtag Fire. Yeltsin organized the 1991 "Putsch", and now, following in the footsteps of Pinochet of Chile, bombarded the Parliament building, killing hundreds of people, including peoples elected deputies to the Russian Parliament! With tanks, cannon and machine-guns, he herded men, women, elderly and children like herds of sheep to the slaughter house. Both of these fascists accomplished this under the slogan of "communist danger". They let loose an anti-communist hysteria while in the meantime, are trampling under foot all rights of the people.

Both of these fascists promise "new elections". What happens in such "elections" could be remembered during the Hitler period: people that were "elected" under these conditions of terror, intimidation, police beatings, slowly disappeared, became impotent and started to carry out the dictates of the fascist dictator or else! We are going to see the living standards fall even lower, while the strikes and demonstrations of the people will grow and grow.

Let us never forget that the ruling class and the bourgeoisie welcomed both Hitler and Yeltsin with open arms ... as a victory "over communism"!

### DEMOCRACY – THAT'S ME AND MY CLIQUE!

Courtesy Kiev Worker



Following all of the principles of Hitler and Goebbels, Yeltsin went even further. On his orders, peaceful citizens, children, women and elderly were indiscriminately shot by the Ostankino TV Tower on October 3rd. The people were herded by tanks into a dead-end and shot, while blaming "red snipers" in buildings. The demagogues state that the provocations was done by the defenders of the Russian Parliament. This cannot be taken seriously, since in every country the elected representatives of the people have the right to defend State Property and to defend their rights as elected representatives of the people. Let us also remember the cardinal truth – the counter-revolution and the Junta was composed of people who, for a long time, were the ones who were robbing the country, selling off its resources and riches, who have long ago made deals with transnational corporations and Imperialism to dismember the country.

Although the defense of the Supreme Soviet was badly planned and there are yet to be uncovered traitors in their midsts who were in touch with Yeltsin forces and the right-wing military commanders who were paid off by Yeltsin and their overseas partners ... nevertheless, the people that defended the "White House" were heroes who deemed it their duty to save at least some semblance of democracy and peoples' rights.

There is similarity between these two fascists, but Yeltsin has gone even further. Having sold their own people and country, the Russian "intelligentsia" (these home-grown fascists) even sold their own nation and nationality to the highest bidder. Hitler at least tried to save "Germany" at all costs. The modern day fascists like Yeltsin sold their own Motherland! This is fascism of the most hideous kind.

How do the communists analyze this tragic situation? With untold suffering and heartache – but we are optimistic. We communists analyze the concrete situation realistically and we know that reactionary regimes come into the scenes but they cannot liquidate the contradictions inherent in capitalism. The forces of progress will come to the fore.

We communists also know and condemn the dealings of deputies who have compromised themselves to capitalism and to Yeltsin's fascism in order to save their privileges and jobs, plus other future considerations. They in essence helped to dismember the USSR.

Today, we bow our heads in front of these fallen comrades, who, late as they did, finally saw the treachery of Yeltsin and came out in defense of the Motherland. Their heroism will be the rallying cry for our future struggles.

Many times our patriotic people fought and threw down the shield and batons of the fascist OMON police and soldiers of Internal Security of Yeltsin. What is Yeltsin going to do when all the main streets of our cities will be filled with millions of Soviet people ... hungry, out of work, desperate people who will have nothing to lose in this struggle for human dignity, jobs, and socialism?

This time is coming soon.

What is heartening is the fact that under the Red Banner, more and more young people are coming to stand. Their energy plus the experience of the older population are causing Yeltsin more and more worry. We are absolutely sure that the fascist fog over our Motherland will be lifted. People's victory is coming. Bandits' fate will be decided by the people soon enough.

Let's keep our heads high! All for the defense of our Socialist Motherland! □

**From Newspaper Rossiya,  
November, 1993**

## **OUR DEAR PEOPLE!**

Yeltsin sold our Russia, given away its riches to his cronies and to foreign interests. This is why the average life-span of our people has fallen as low as it was during colonial times – 53 years. America is demanding that Russia be liquidated to the very end. Under Yeltsin, millions of people will perish.

All those in whose veins flow a drop of blood and love for our Motherland Russia, have abandoned the policies of Yeltsin. In his Junta are left only outcasts of humanity, devoid of any semblance of feelings of wrong or right. They had no other choice than to liquidate those who knew too much about their evil deeds. That is why they went as far as their fascist attack on the Supreme Soviet Parliament buildings, its members and patriots who came to defend the Constitution of the USSR. Keeping the truth from their families as to whereabouts of the defenders, cremating the bodies of both dead and dying, the Yeltsin's Junta has overstepped Hitler's ferocity.

After this last tragedy, those that defend Yeltsin are the ones that cannot be called human beings. But the fog and mist of fascism will not last forever. The peoples' wrath will see no mercy to every traitor to our Motherland.

Comrades! All forward to defend our Motherland! Death to fascism! □

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**From Newspaper of the AUCPB  
Kiev, Ukraine**

## **"FOR THE USSR"**

**November, 1993**

*On the front page of this newspaper, taking up half of the page, is reproduced our Official Statement by the Concerned*

*Friends of the Soviet People which was issued, denouncing the Group of Seven pouring in billions of dollars to prop up Yeltsin – Canada included; over the signatures of Michael Lucas and Ray Stevenson.*

*On the 3rd page of this newspaper, they reproduced the statement issued by the Committee for the Defense of Communists signed by Alex McLennan – Editors.*

*We publish here an article translated from Russian.*

## RUSSIA IN A HAZE

After the Yeltsin clique shot up the Parliament Building and blood flowed in the streets of Moscow, and after he liquidated the Supreme Soviet of Russian and thrown away the Constitution, a fascist dictatorship was established. Boris the Butcher took into his hands both the Executive and Parliamentary functions of Government.

There took place and are taking place mass arrests of the leaders of the opposition, they are denied the press, radio and TV, a curfew was instituted, organizations banned, meetings not allowed – but opportunity was given to all of the reactionary forces to do their evil deeds. Russia now is like Germany during the 1930's when the clique of Hitler came to power. As is seen now, Yeltsin has learned by memory from the book, "Mein Kampf"!

It is of interest to note that the scenario for Hitler as for Yeltsin was written and directed by the same hands – the hands of the "Kreybel Institute" of the USA!

Russian people are wondering now how it was that they listened and got swayed by the pseudo-democrats and pseudo-patriots of Russia – Yeltsin and his clique! How is it that in these critical times, they did not realize and not see the traitor to the Motherland and an agent of American Imperialism?

Truth is that Moscow has repeated the same mistake before when they offered the Throne to Sigmund III (Vladislav). Only the Russian people from Nizhni Novgorod and their leader Mininin and Pozharski saved Moscow and Russia from foreign domination in 1610. History taught us a lesson and we showed Hitler and his backers that the Soviet people will never allow another mistake like that to take place.

Now, we veterans and Defenders of Moscow in 1941 are asking you, our sons, "Is it possible that the blood of the best sons and daughters on October 3-4th was spilled by fascist dictatorship of Yeltsin in defending the gains of our victory and socialism will be given up without a struggle to Yeltsin and fascism?"

We want to tell our fallen comrades for our defense at the massacre in the "White House" by quoting the immortal words of Pushkin: "Comrades, believe me, the star will rise for the happiness of our people, Russia will awaken from her sleep, and they will write our names in eternal remembrance!"

Fascist Yeltsin has attacked even our Lenin, and will give the command to exhume his body and close off the Lenin Mausoleum – our most cherished relic and honour.

Russians, awake ... we shall bring to justice all those who commanded and who shot and killed our people. We shall condemn them and their offsprings forever. This action of Yeltsin will forever be a black blemish in our history.

We shall erect a monument on Red Square to stand as a symbol forever to the fallen heroes for the defense of our Motherland and for the defense of our House of Soviets.

V. Pushkatev, member of AUCPB,  
Veteran and Hero of Labour □

**From Newspaper  
DEMOCRATIC UKRAINE  
October 10, 1993**

## ATTEMPT ON THE LIFE OF EDITOR OF "INDEPENDENT"

On September 25th, an attack took place on Editor Volodimir Kuleba in the evening as he was coming from work to his apartment. The attacker was masked by a balaclava and a black jacket, shot Volodimir with gas bullets and ran away. His neighbours saw this attack and there were witnesses, but so far, the militia is quiet.

"This is not the first time that I was attacked", said the Editor. "A year ago, these hoodlums set fire to my apartment, and physically threatened me many times. They could not scare our newspaper. Our newspaper tells the truth, be it about the President, RUKH or Supreme Soviet. 'Nezavisimost-Independence' as always is in opposition to the present leadership of Ukraine and its policies."

Volodimir Kuleba was lucky that the bullets did not damage his organs too seriously.

On behalf of the Editorial Staff of "Democratic Ukraine", we wish our colleague speedy recovery. We admire his courage. Let God protect you and Internal Security Organs!

WE COMMENT: Both these newspapers are neither Communist nor Socialist. But any criticism, or any different point of view in the Ukraine brings the danger of wounding and physical elimination. □



# NEWS EXCERPTS FROM UKRAINE!

By Michael Lucas

We received so many newspapers and clippings of news items from our correspondents that it is impossible unfortunately to reprint them in full. All of these are extremely important events transpiring there daily. I give excerpts from the items and newspapers. These items are taken from the following newspapers: "Democratic Ukraine", "Izvestia", "Tovarish", "Spravedlivost-Truthfulness", and "For the USSR". Three of these newspapers are not socialist or communist, but many times, truth "slips out" - Editors.

## "GOLOS NATSII" STARTED TO PUBLISH EXCERPTS FROM "MEIN KAMPF"

This newspaper is published in Lvov by UNA and started with the issue No. 33 to publish excerpts from the book by Adolf Hitler. The Editorial asked the readers to look at Hitler in a different light - look at his theory of Nazism and the readers will see that Hitler and his fascists were not idiots or mad men as Communists of the world would have us believe! As Ukrainians, we can just take this "Slavicphobia" as truth, but as nationalists, we have to learn from the theory of Nazism!

## "DEMOCRATIC UKRAINE" October 13

People of Lugansk, Ukraine,

together with thousands of Ukrainians from different districts welcomed General Consul of Cuba Pulio Garcia and together with the district, Supreme Soviet have signed agreements of trade with Cuba, in spite of the ravings of Kiev's nationalists. Cuba in its turn, takes hundreds of children who suffered at the Chernobyl tragedy to Cuba for rest, treatment ... all without costs to Ukraine. This was pointed out by the organizers of the gathering.

## "DEMOCRATIC UKRAINE"

In Crimea, there is such a proliferation of gangsterism that the militia is unable to do justice. The criminal elements are not only "criminals", it was pointed out, many are so-called "bona fide businessmen" during the day, while



at night, they rob, kill and terrorize not only businesses, but people, especially those that have socialist-communist leanings.

In Kiev, the Attorney General is swamped with demands from "private entrepreneurs" that demand protection against the Mafiosi gangsters who have now divided Kiev into different zones of control and gang wars are an everyday occurrence.

The businessmen are arming themselves with guns, bazookas, machine-guns and other technological armaments. The outflow of money from Ukraine is reaching gigantic proportions. The privateers are themselves in gangs of all sorts, dividing their own spheres of influence.

Where is the militia of "democratic Independent Ukraine"?

### **"DEMOCRATIC UKRAINE"**

Communists are coming out from illegality. The official registration of the Communist Party of Ukraine took place. This recognition has the right and centrist parties in a quandary, since even a conservative figure puts the membership of the Communist Party of Ukraine over 120,000, not to mention the Komsomol and other organizations that they managed to give birth to. There is a danger, it is foreseen that the CPU will join with the Socialist Party of Ukraine, the Collective Farm organizations and others.

The present government of Ukraine is worried that the Supreme Court is looking into the demand of the CPU for the return of all finances, building of the former Communist Party of Ukraine, before 1991.

It appears that the CPU is here to stay and we cannot do anything but await the results of future elections.

All translations from Russian, Ukrainian, Byelorussian done by Michael Lucas.

### **"SPRAVEDLIVOST", #132**

Dictatorship does not allow opposition or different thoughts. Yeltsin managed to get rid of Khasbulatov, Ruskoi, Attorney General of Supreme Court Stepankov, Minister of Internal Security Barranikov, other heads of governmental departments, Deputies of Supreme Soviet, representatives of mass information media who dare to think differently and report the truth.

Just yesterday, the Directors of Ostankino TV Tower met, analyzed the situation and the tragedy of October 3-4th did not agree with what transpired during those days, when Yeltsin did not go on TV but sent his henchmen Gaidar and Shumejko instead. They did more harm than good in the tragedy.

This body was fired because the Yeltsinite TV called them "a Politbureau" and the most popular TV program, "600 Seconds" was eliminated from the airways for telling the truth about the massacre.

It's a crime that some journalists are keeping quiet. They will rue the day for their passivism. One day, they too will be thrown out! Fascism is fascism.

### **"SPRAVEDLIVOST", #132**

There is a tremendous scandal around the Ukrainian Red Sea Fleet. No sooner did President Krawchuk and Yeltsin divide the Soviet Fleet, than a scandal of such proportions took place that even the most rabid anti-Sovieters were shocked.

It seems that the new "Ukrainian Command" demanded oil, benzene and other needed oil products for the "Free Ukrainian Fleet". Demanding and stealing the oil, benzene and other products from the Black Sea fleet was in league with black marketeers and the tremendous reserve of oil that was capable to serve the fleet for years and years,

found its way through the black market to foreign countries. The strings go to Sevastapol, to Kiev and to the highest Command.

Oh yes, "Free Ukraine Fleet" is in the business of black marketing the people's hard earned resources that the Soviet people had worked to achieve.

### **"TOVARISH", #44**

Falsification of the school books, curriculum and other materials for school year 1993-1994 is unbelievable. Everything that was Soviet for 70 years is either ignored or falsified to such an extent that it borders on criminality by the present Ministry of Education. They're trying to instill in the children hate, chauvinism and nationalism. Whatever they cannot eliminate from history, they falsify or cover in colours suitable to the present regime. Even Taras Shevchenko gets the falsification once over.

Any criticism by teachers, pedagogues, professors or other strata of the population cannot find a place in the government-run newspapers.

They use Goebbel's idiom "the bigger the lie, the more people believe you"!

### **"DEMOCRATIC UKRAINE", #115**

Under the heading "Veterans of UPA Celebrate Their Victory", this newspaper gives an account of how the Members of Parliament of Ukraine, which is dominated by RUKH deputies, managed to "win this victory". UPA - this is the Ukrainian Nationalist Army which fought together with Hitler against their own people and against the Red Army.

During the discussion on acceptance of UPA into the ranks of Veterans of the Great Patriotic War and the defeat of the analyses and



letter to this effect, Deputy Gnatkevich, in order to save the situation, came out with a compromise in order to at all costs "legitimize UPA" as a heroic defender of the Ukrainian people.

His wording was so ambiguous that it would whit-wash the criminal bandit acts of the Ukrainian nationalists. This resolution was put to a vote in the Ukrainian Parliament and the resulting farce was not to be believed. Sitting in the galleries were veterans of the Great Patriotic War and they saw this themselves.

The nationalistic deputies were running from one empty seat to another in a desperate dash to "fix the votes". Thus, their deputy colleagues whose seats were empty, were filled by these "dashing voters" and when the votes were being counted, they pressed the voting buttons "YES" and then on and on. The speaker of the house and the electronic board showed that the "YES" votes to allow UPA – as a legal veterans' organization – received 224 votes!

But when the count of all of the deputies present in the Parliament were counted, there were only 167!

President Krawchuk overlooked this "minor discrepancy" and allowed this falsification to be recognized and this infamous decision was made law. □

*We give here news gathered from "Demokraticzna Ukraina", "Tovarish", "Izvestia" and "For USSR" newspapers. The only papers that are carrying news about the anti-Yeltsin struggles are "Tovarish" and "For USSR". Others are pro-Yeltsin or pro-Krawchuk newspapers, but sometimes, the truth comes through in their articles and we publish them for insights into the Yeltsin support groups and their thinking – Editors.*

## LENIN IS MORE ALIVE THAN EVER?

By Sergei Mostovshikov,  
"IZVESTIA"

The Commandant of the V.I. Lenin Mausoleum is besieged by the telephone calls in their hundreds everyday from Soviet people, demanding that he not allow the taking away of Lenin's body... or even to rebury him in the Kremlin Wall.

Lenin's grandchildren, nephews and cousins are demanding from Yeltsin and the Commandant of Lenin Mausoleum not to permit such travesty to happen. One of the chief protesters is the niece Olga Dmitrievna Uljanova, daughter of Dmitry Illich Uljanov.

Her letter of protest to Yeltsin said, among other details, "I am against this travesty of reburying my uncle!"

But Yeltsin's advisers (with the help of across-the-ocean "advisors" – Editors) are demanding that he does not go back on his word to obliterate the Mausoleum and the name and memory of V.I. Lenin.

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### From Newspaper

#### "DEMOCRATIC UKRAINE", Kiev, Ukraine

This newspaper is anti-Russian, anti-Stalin, anti-everything that was Soviet and the author of this article (condensed for space reasons – Editors) is extremely anti-Russian ("moskali"! ). But even he, Leonid Pastushenko, is forced to say the truth about the present situation in Russia. Unfortunately, he fails to show facts about the present tragic faith of Ukraine itself!

#### ... THEY SPLASHED OUT OF DEMOCRACY

The present leaders of Russia knew everything, planned

everything, but they could not find out the method of how to reach "capitalism" and make life better for the people. Now, the writers, politicians, Yeltsin's entourage try to analyse the tragedy that is now in Russia, a once mighty State.

Of course, the West did everything it could have to stock up the fires for President Yeltsin and bring him to this fatal step. As seen by the tragedy of Yugoslavia, the Western powers are very eager to start fires with someone else's hands! This is seen by which countries of Europe and Americas were welcoming the putsch of Yeltsin in his anti-constitutional actions – it was very beneficial for the Western powers to see this tragedy happen.

The tragedy is that in the Ukraine, only the left forces, mainly the communists, called the anti-constitutional actions of Yeltsin a putsch and a fascist dictatorship.

I am not in favour of the Russian parliament or the Supreme Soviet of Deputies or the Russian leaders who were responsible for occupying Ukraine, but I see that the same scenario and the same director was responsible for the 1991 Putsch and the present attack on the "White House". I must ask the question for whose benefit was it to provoke the tragedy now? The answer is simply that it untied the hands of Yeltsin to eliminate the left forces and to give him an opportunity to dissolve parliament, call elections, close down the opposition newspapers, organizations and communist and socialist parties.

Burbulis celebrated the "victory of Yeltsin" thus, as reported by Izvestia: "We must demand quick rule by the elite of our society." "He also ended up with these words: "The PUTSCH was No. 1 step, the liquidation of CPSU was the 2nd step, the abolishment of the Supreme Soviet was the 3rd and final step

towards democracy!"

It is a paradox that the Supreme Soviet of Deputies, the majority of whom were pro-Yeltsin, have turned out to be the defenders of democracy and of peoples representative Supreme Soviet.

These "peoples representatives" who were mostly Yeltsin's appointees in the first place, were now considered unreliable by Yeltsin entourage, because, God forbid, they might decide again, as was done in Poland and Lithuania, to become communists and elect a communist Supreme Soviet of Deputies!

This was foreseen by across-the-ocean directors of this event, since there was no role for peoples representatives in the future of Russia and the future of Yeltsin's regime. Because the peoples representatives in Parliament would not allow the foreign banks or transnational corporations to govern here as they do in their own countries.

As Gregory Demidov of the Ukrainian Supreme Soviet Commission against racketeering said: "The crooks that have illegally gathered billions of dollars, now want to legalize this robbery by buying all of the industry, factories, land and mineral resources so that this can be hidden from the law authorities and the people as "investment"! – investments with stolen billions on the country's resources!

Therefore, the new "putsch" at the White House, of course, had to take place. The only question was, as to who will win ... but that was a foregone conclusion.

General Yerin, the butcher of people at the Parliament Building, was honoured by Yeltsin with a Medal as a Hero. After this, of course the logical next step was liquidate the Constitution, which Yeltsin did!

Yeltsin might be the figurehead, but behind him are the "grey

Cardinals", the military Junta to whom the "perestroika-democracy" was a Trojan Horse used to take over the country.

I am positive that after the "grey Cardinals" take over and some time passes by, when things go wrong, these "grey Cardinals" will give up on Yeltsin and he will be shot so as to lay all the blame and problems on his shoulders, thus giving the "grey Cardinals" the respectability they so desire.

Now, the opponents of military Junta are visited at night and spirited away.

We, as Ukrainians, will have to be careful of Russians as we have always considered Russians our enemies.

Even the BBC, after the bloody events in Moscow, said: "It seems that Yeltsin is not such a democrat as he said he is!"

I have to ask a question myself, "Was Yeltsin EVER a democrat?"

Now that there were two bloody Sundays in Moscow – 1991 & 1993 – who is to say that a third one will not happen! But WHO will be the victor this time? □

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From Newspaper

IZVESTIA

October 22, 1993

## **MURDEROUS ASSAULTS CAUSE JOURNALISTS TO GIVE ULTIMATUM TO MILITIA AND COURTS AFTER OSTANKINO!**

By Marina Lebedeva

Journalists of USA and Russia gathered to open up a Fund to promote fairness and truthfulness.

At Ostankino Tower, Ivan Scopan, operator of French TV-1 was together with his friend who operated the Moscow section of TV-1 Patrik Burra. When Ivan fell after being shot by OMON police, his camera was still running as he fell wounded. We later played the tape and we heard him scream, "don't shoot, don't shoot, we are journalists"!

The journalists that gathered on October 20th in Moscow to discuss this tragedy were besides themselves with anger, shouting, raising their fists as they recounted the slaughter on October 3-4 and the beastly actions of the OMON police against journalists and Peoples Deputies in the White House.

People were beaten savagely by batons, by shields, boots – they broke cameras, they broke ribs so that people screamed in agony, demanded dollar pay-offs and only after they received hard currency did they leave the journalists alone.

They herded us like cattle – they did not explain why and what for, they did not allow us to get in touch with our newspapers, editors, family members or friends. Medical help was barred from looking after the dying and the wounded. From 67 journalists that were beaten, 32 were beaten beyond recognition.

No matter how much the journalists of both countries demanded from Courts an explanation as to why nothing is being done to bring the guilty perpetrators to justice, so far, the Russian Courts and judges are quiet. They will not touch any of the complaints or start investigations.

The journalists demanded a court hearing as to the causes of this tragedy against the journalists. The journalists were told that they could cover car accidents, or other natural disaster, but with the ban on newspapers, these journalists are in the hands of the present government in Russia. □

Fax Received From:

**INTERNATIONAL  
COMMITTEE FOR THE  
RESTORATION OF THE  
SOVIET UNION**

Moscow, November 26th, 1993

Dear Friends:

It must be clear to all that the restoration of Socialism in Russia is of vital importance for the fate of Socialism everywhere. We feel that ties of mutual solidarity are required between communists in Russia and the international communist movement.

The I.C.R.S.U. is linked with and gives material assistance to the main communist parties in Russia. The I.C.R.S.U. is in a position to supply documents in translation, information and photographs of developments in Russia. Already, national branches of the I.C.R.S.U. exist in Brazil, Italy, Spain and Syria.

The I.C.R.S.U. informs you about the II Congress of the Communist Workers Party of Russia to be taking place on December 4th and 5th in Chelyabinsk. The C.W.P.R. is one of the three major Communist parties in Russia. The C.W.P.R., under the leadership of Victor Anpilov, has become the strongest political organization in opposition to the Dictatorship of Yeltsin. Now, Victor Anpilov is in jail although he did not take part in the organization of October 3rd and 4th disturbs.

We kindly request you to fax us a communique addressed to the II Congress of the C.W.P.R. to be read out on December 4th and published.

European Section of the I.C.R.S.U. □

By Honest Differences  
of Opinion,  
We Arrive at  
Sound Conclusions.

**SPECIAL**

**FEATURE  
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**THE HANDS OF  
INTERNATIONAL  
SOLIDARITY REACH OUT!**

**On the Eve of the Anniversary of  
Cuban Revolution – January 1**

**FIDEL AND CHE  
IN MY LIFE**

**By Professor Vladimir Herasimchuk  
Lutsk, Ukraine**

Maybe it's a nightmare – the present situation of my people. Sometimes it seems that they're taking my country away, tearing it into pieces. Not too long ago, it was a mighty country of socialism but now, it is being dismembered by bourgeois nationalists. Being groomed by the West as a born again "democrat", Yeltsin has covered in blood the Supreme Soviet. He is affirming fascism. Being born is a new bourgeoisie who look down on the worker, outlawing my party, the party of Communists. They are falsifying history, the heroic history of my people to serve their ends – these renegades who just recently gave up their Party Cards. They cannot defeat the truth of Lenin, they take upon themselves the title of "truth of the people"! October will forever live – history is giving birth to new leaders of the revolution. Although the heart is heavy with tragedy, I'm looking towards the future with optimism. Because there are people like these on our planet, like Fidel – and Che Guevara is living in the hearts of the people. My friends and

I saved their portraits during difficult times of defeats and successes.

I remember the year 1956 in the village of Yasnaya Poliana, Zhitomir District of Ukraine. I was then going to a village school where I was teaching geography ... While at the same time, I was the leader of our Komsomol Organization in the Collective Farm. It was an event that I will forever remember because on December 2 of 1956, we heard that Fidel and his compatriots landed in Cuba at Los Colorados. Even though this news came to us a bit late, we were agitated and followed this landing of Fidel on the small vessel "Granma" with interest and fear, as to the outcome. These heroes were against a despot, well armed and financed by America – the Dictator Batista. We felt that the ideals of Socialism are being carried on all over the world. This gave us strength and courage.

During these times, we had it hard in our lives. Our country was in ruins and devastation after the Great Patriotic War. We rebuilt the industry and agriculture, but lack of necessities were ever present. But we worked diligently – because we firmly believed in the right of our ideals. Young teachers, Komsomols, collective farmers did what was necessary to bring in the harvest during the day, while at night we thrashed the wheat and other products that we took off the land. But we knew that Fidel and Che and other patriots had it worse in the Sierra Maestra mountains, the mountains of Cuba where the partisan movement was swelling with volunteers ready to fight and die to defeat the fascist Batista dictatorship and with it, the Yankee domination of the Cuban people. We also found time for cultural activities, clubs and other events.

We formed special brigades to find new resources, new ways of

promoting better growth of all needed grains, vegetables and other fruits and we made sure that the hidden shortages were brought into the open and steps taken to liquidate these shortages for the benefit of our country.

We took amateur films, had our own wall newspaper. People had trust in us and saw our dedication to socialism. We also believed in our people. Together, we were building and defending our common goal – socialism.

In October of 1958, I and my friends were admitted into the ranks of the Communist Party. What happiness! To me, this was very symbolic, since in about two months, on January 1st, the Cuban revolutionary army liberated Santiago de Cuba. On the next day, the Army headed by Che Guevera liberated Havana, together with Fidel Castro and Camilo Sanfuegos. This is why we, newly admitted Communists, considered ourselves as brothers-in-arms with our Cuban comrades. To this day, my friends and my family are very proud of this historical coincidence.

Following the developments on this island of Cuba, just a short distance from the country of world imperialism and reaction – the USA – this was not just a lucky coincidence. There was taking place a new phenomena of people liberating themselves from tyranny and oppression, right under the noses of mighty imperialist countries. History was following the path of Fidel and Che, new leaders of a revolutionary movements. Colonial countries started to awaken and fight for their liberation. Our Soviet Union gave moral and other support with this movement for the liberation of the oppressed. On our part, we were building up our country, we tapped resources in Siberia, Kazakhstan, built the mightiest hydro-electrical

dams in the world, in Tadjikistan and Kirkghizia, on the rivers Yenesi and Angara – built automobile production facilities like Togliatti. We were on the verge of total self-dependence as a monolithic country, helping the world to maintain peace and progress.

And we, as teachers, were teaching the children to love our Motherland, we told them about the Great October Revolution and its meaning for workers of the world. We told them about the Cuban revolution and all other movement in the colonial countries where people were striving for freedom. We impressed upon our future generation the meaning of internationalism.

No matter how the present traitors try to eliminate from our minds the truth as we were taught, it is impossible. Only those that are blind and full of nationalistic hate believe that this can be done. Only the wolves in sheep's clothing can accomplish this ... because these elements never had any other thoughts in the first place!

But to most of us, Lenin is still living now in our hearts, because Fidel is living. "Aurora" is making the enemies afraid because in the centre stands "HAVANA". They are also afraid that in centre of the main square in Santa Clara, a monument to Che Guevera is standing while in the centre of Havana, the vessel "Granma" is there as a symbol of victory and courage, as is our "Aurora" in Leningrad.

We are going along our path to the future. There is no other choice for mankind.

"You are like Che or Fidel, fanatics", we are told by our opponents now. How can anyone now call us fanatics if we want to defend our Motherland? These leaders of Cuban revolution, like Camilo Santiefuegos, to me, were always a legend, a symbol of



revolutionary courage, high moral values, hate for the enemy, dedication to the ideals for the benefit of the people. The life and dedication of Fidel Castro and his revolutionary comrades is a life of dedication and struggle for humanity and human dignity and happiness.

As a teacher in higher school establishments, I always try to instill in my students the ideals of communism and internationalism, humanity and brotherhood. I never fail to mention the heroic struggles of the Cuban people and other nationalities that struggle for human liberation. "truth", as Fidel always stated, "is the weapon of a revolutionary". That is why our Soviet people were following us – the communists, when our leaders were "real communists"!

Now, I'm a Professor at a University in Lutsk. It is extremely hard in these times of neo-fascism and more and more open fascism to teach – but my principles will not be sold. I talk socialism, I talk communism and I talk internationalism. On my working table are portraits of Fidel Castro and Che Guevera (since it is forbidden in schools to put up Lenin, Karl Marx or others). I talk to them and I believe in them.

But our hearts and thoughts are very disturbed now. Why did the world system of socialism fall apart? Why was the Soviet Union dismembered? Why are the names of our revolutionary leaders erased from our maps, history books? Why are the streets named after V.I. Lenin renamed and now carry names of enemies of my people such as Bandera and other bourgeoisie Ukrainian nationalists, who fought against their own people together with Nazi Germany?

Fidel "talks" to me on my desk. Che "analyzes" the situation together with me. It is certain that we did some things that were not correct, if in

the socialist countries we let Satan in to have a ball! Yes, it is very difficult today! But, wherever was the path of a revolutionary without problems? the main effort now is to save the ideals of Communism and to cleanse it from pollution. "The party of Che, Party of Camilo, the Party of Lenin", said Fidel, "never, are you listening, NEVER! – will stop calling itself Communist Party of Cuba". The Cuban people, in spite of the problems of building socialism, will support that! This also makes our resolve even mightier for the ideals and future of socialism in our Motherland. We will never surrender our ideals and dedication!

The main aim now – we have to resurrect our Communist Party in my suffering country. Because without a Communist Party, there is no revolution, no socialism. Without the party and its authority, we cannot move forward (F. Castro)! Only the reborn and dedicated party can stop the further inroads of capitalism-imperialism and fascism. We have to re-learn Marxism-Leninism again – clean the muddy waters of opportunists and pseudo-communists! It is extremely important to make a distinction between revolution and counter-revolution, socialism from capitalism, international solidarity of people from aggressive imperialism under the flag of United Nations Organization.

Someone even called the Putsch of Batista of Cuba in March of 1952 as a "revolution"! Some of our people even today say that the market economy is a "new form of socialism"! But life itself proves to everyone the falsehood of this argument.

The Cuban communists are right, when they say that the American imperialism has not changed its aggressive policies. No matter how imperialism tries to hide under different cloaks of masquerade, such

as "democratic, humane, people's democracy, etc., etc.", or some other "capitalism", the results are the same. This is confirmed by events in Somalia, Yugoslavia, Palestine and in the Persian Gulf – and not to forget, in the United States of America itself.

Imperialism is afraid of people that are informed and understand what imperialism can do. "When the enemy cannot isolate us, he undertakes by force of arms to liquidate us, and if that is not possible, he tries to weaken us politically", says Fidel Castro.

More and more, louder and louder, we hear voices in my country of nationalists, neo-fascists, demanding the liquidation of communists. I cannot be party to these nationalists! I do not feel kinship with my "blood brothers" as with foreign "anti-communists". My brother, my friend, my comrade is the Cuban revolutionary, who carries the name of Communist and is existing next door to US Imperialism. Let them be Negroes or White Mulato or Sambo – he is my brother. Give me your hand, comrade, across the ocean! Together, we will go forward to our goal and follow the road of the Great Marti, on whose behalf, Che and Camilo gave their lives ... and on whose behalf Fidel is leading the Cuban people. I believe the sun of October will always shine over our planet Earth. Because we are millions. "There is no might, there are no such problems, that the enemy would be able to defeat our resolve to build our future in socialism" – Fidel Castro.

**SOCIALISM OR DEATH!**

**WE SHALL BE VICTORIOUS! ☐**

#### **OUR CREDO**

NorthStar Compass is independent, non-partisan and open to our readers for their opinions and thoughts. In our tradition, we are dedicated to international cooperation, friendship and solidarity in a world at peace.

## TRADE UNION ROUND-UP VARYING VIEWPOINTS, from MOSCOW REVISITED, AS FASCISM LOOMS ...

By John Benson

*(The writer had visited the capital of the USSR on a number of occasions in the past. This year, on October 6-9th, he was there again and saw at first-hand the destruction of the Russian Parliament. He was there as a member of a delegation that met with the leaders of several trade unions as well as discussing with a number of Muscovites. He was formerly the Secretary of the New South Wales Seamens Union, and also served as the Executive Secretary of the World Peace Council in Helsinki from 1978 to 1981.)*

"To be in Moscow in the early days of October was to witness the capital of a once-mighty nation going through a painful political convulsion which has left the people frustrated and confused, and above all, frightened. It is obvious that the armed assault on the Parliament and the killing of the supporters of the elected representatives of the Russian people has left a tragic stain on the restored Russian flag.

Under one ruthless decree after another, explained as necessary to protect democracy, many arrests were made and, reminiscent of Pinochet's Chile, people were being incarcerated for an arbitrary period of three days for a process of "questioning" and intimidation.

Under the "state of emergency" declared by Yeltsin, sixteen newspapers that had questioned the legality of the President's arbitrary measures, or merely reported factually on the extremes being

implemented, were either banned or, on their own initiative, suspended publication in the face of savage censorship.

On the morning of October 6th, our delegation of Australian trade unionists, met President Klochkov of the Federation of Independent Trade Unions of Russia (FITUR). He commenced the interview with the comment that while FITUR had not taken sides in the events around the Parliament, a number of rank and file members, concerned with the threat to peoples' rights, had joined the picket lines. He said FITUR's Executive had produced a document expressing support for Constitutional Government, and that while the Trade Unions did not seek political power, they could not accept violations of workers' rights. He also expressed the view that with Yeltsin's victory over Parliament, they could expect continuous attacks on trade union organizations. Their newspaper "Workers Tribune" had already been closed down.

Throughout the meeting, President Klochkov appeared nervous and distracted. Later events were to justify his uneasiness. A few hours later, a senior aide to Yeltsin telephoned to inform Klochkov that a further decree had been prepared and awaited only Yeltsin's signature. This new decree was in fact the banning and expropriation of all property of FITUR. The aide said the only way the decree would be withheld, would be if FITUR put in place a new leadership. In the face of that ultimatum, Klochkov felt he had no alternative but to resign.

This threw the FITUR executive body into a state of pandemonium with some arguing that he should not have resigned, and with others taking a more conservative view. Following two emergency meetings, a decision was made to defer Klochkov's resignation until October

14th. As there has been no further news since that date, it must be assumed that Yeltsin had his way.

During this period, the attitude of the Union leaders we met can best be described as one of division, uncertainty and near-despair. It is also obvious that all organizations face the same "sword of Damocles" treatment.

Local, elected government bodies throughout all the regions of Russia have been invited to resign and "reform". This is also, of course, a "not-so-subtle" method of introducing "political cleansing" to do away with all bodies who do not give unquestioning support to the Yeltsin regime and program. One citizen told this writer he feared the next steps would be indiscriminate arrests in a campaign of official terror. Another commented that the banning of the media and threats to the trade unions meant that all organizations not supporting Yeltsin, or who had within their ranks any communists or socialists, could expect discriminatory repression.

Several were of the view that the word democracy was a "joke", being used by different people to support differing views and by Yeltsin to justify all of his suppressive activities.

It is clear that not satisfied with the vicious repressions of October 4-5th, the Yeltsin forces are now pressing on with a determined agenda to obliterate all opposition from the Russian political spectrum. That is not only to gain that power for the immediate future, but by intimidation and threats to achieve a state of mind throughout the Russian people that will silence any future criticism or opposition.

**We Do Produce Totally By  
Volunteer Labour.**

The parallel with the rise of Nazism in Germany in the years leading to WWII cannot be ignored.

OUR COMMENT:

*Thank you, John Benson, for this clear and startling confirmation of what we have put forth in previous editions of NSC. The description of the precise mechanics of the Yeltsin "take-over" is most valuable. We look forward to further materials from you – Editor.*

**P.W.W. INTERVIEW**

EDITOR'S NOTE:

*A ranking figure of the Soviet Trade Unions, Igor Yourgens, who visited Canada many times prior to the downfall of the USSR and with it, the All Central of Trade Unions, is well known to both many Canadian trade unionists and to Michael Lucas as President of the former Canada-USSR Association. He has given a lengthy interview to Fred Gaboury, representative of the World Federation of Trade Unions in the U.N. The interview was published in the People's Weekly World of November 5th, this year. We republish excerpts.*

"Igor Yourgens, the 1st Vice President of the General Confederation of Trade Unions of the Commonwealth of Independent States, told the PWW that recent events in Moscow as reported by the media 'deliberately overshadowed the real reasons and the real problems' ... Yourgens said the January 1992 decision of the Yeltsin Government to privatize state enterprises and liberalize prices was 'tantamount to passing over to a new political, economic and social system. This was perceived by many as synonymous with human rights guarantees and prosperity for all.' He said that generations brought up with the knowledge that the state would provide them with 'assured subsistence believed that a "poor welfare state" would be replaced by

a "richer welfare market" ...' the sharp fall in the average standard of living has 'caused these hopes to give way to a mood of growing anxiety. Even as late as 1989, most of the population of the USSR were "average" wage earners ... (but) by the end of 1991 the first Soviet millionaires appeared on the scene, as had the first beggars ...'

After ticking off some statistics indicating the depressed state now in Russia and including the fact that 'consumption has fallen 40% from a year previously in January' and 'Real incomes have fallen 60%'; 'Life expectancy has declined 9-12 years for males and 5-7 years for women since 1991', he went on to say 'It's no wonder that workers and their organizations are questioning the ability of the market system to improve material conditions ...'

Yourgens challenged the conventional wisdom of 'outsiders' who see all Russians that accept the present situation as 'democrats' and those who express disagreement as 'hard-liners' ... He also said the trade unions have two major concerns: 'To guarantee democratic consultation as opposed to authoritarian rule', and 'to preserve social stability and justice. It would be contrary to the principles of the ILO to advocate returning to what some might call "wild capitalism".'

Pointing to 'billions of dollars, pounds and marks invested in Yeltsin's rush to introduce a market economy', Yourgens said that protection of that money is clearly a major factor influencing Western political and financial opinion ... Was it a mere coincidence that just after the bloodshed in Moscow, the Berlin stock markets topped levels not seen since the fall of the Berlin Wall ... Markets are assuming that you can forget Russia being a problem ever again because Yeltsin has won his famous victory ...'

He is quoted in an assessment of the bloody October 4-5th shoot-out of

the Parliament Buildings: 'Hundreds dead, thousands wounded, there is no Parliament, the Constitutional Court is suspended, local councils have been "advised" to shut down and prepare elections, the main opposition newspapers are closed as well as a number of political parties and censorship reinstated ... Both sides are to blame, as they were unable to reach a compromise, yet those in power must accept the real guilt for the schism in society; the original impulse for the bloody conflict was their decision to dismiss the Parliament', Yourgens stated.

The General Confederation of Trade Unions of which Yourgens is a Vice President was founded in December 1990 as the successor to the All Union Central Committee of Trade Unions of the USSR, and is an umbrella group with affiliations from all former Soviet Republics. They have conducted, or led, several strikes during the past period.

WE COMMENT:

*Brother Yourgens' interview comes down hard on the economic problems and disasters confronting the former Soviet people. Of course, the intervention of foreign capital is the mainstay of the drive toward repression and fascism, and the united role of the organized working class, as envisaged by Lenin, should be the element that turns the wheel of fortune once again forward in that unhappy land. For reasons unexplained, but perhaps understandable, given the ferocious oppression by the Yeltsin dictatorship, Yourgens reserves comment on the future tasks of the trade unions in the former Soviet Union. We await clarification of the intense situation. □*

EDITOR'S NOTE:

*The General Council of the World Federation of Trade Unions from its meeting in Warsaw, in its 45th session, forwarded a message of concern and solidarity to the Federation of*

*Independent Trade Unions of Russia, the organization referred to in John Benson's leading article, above. In part, they said:*

"(We) express grave concern at the tragic events that have occurred in Russia in recent weeks and the accompanying loss of lives. We are convinced that in this difficult time for Russia, the trade unions can and must play an active part in the construction of a democratic society and be an element that cannot be bypassed in carrying out economic reforms to benefit the vast majority of the people. The WFTU General Council expresses its feelings of solidarity and wishes the FITUR success in its activities, protecting the rights and interests of workers in the Russian Federation.

WE COMMENT:

*We are heartened by this message from the WFTU Council to FITUR, representative as it is, of working people on all the continents of the world. Such expressions of solidarity between working people will not only force the reactionary forces seeking the return of Capitalism to the former USSR, it will expedite and solidify the massive struggles that must now be undertaken world-wide against the TNC's and their depredations and assaults on working people, not only in Russia, but on a world-wide basis. We express our hope that all trade union centres, both national and international, will follow the WFTU lead. In response to the message, FITUR said they were "counting on your future understanding and support because trade union solidarity is a formidable force.*

Given our interest in supplying foreign trade unions with objective information on how an intolerable situation in which two parallel authorities that existed in Russia was resolved, as well as learning the opinions of delegates with regard to the future of the international trade union movement, we intended to

participate in the work of your meeting. However, developments in Moscow (Oct. 3-6th, and following - Ed.) and preparations for our extraordinary Congress, have prevented us from keeping our plans ..."

WE COMMENT:

*Read in conjunction with the report of John Benson, above, the FITUR response to the WFTU takes on special and ominous meaning ... a meaning not to be missed or evaded by any trade unionist, or trade union organization in the world. The WFTU itself was originally split by Cold War policies that were thrust into the labour movement by the virulent policies and leadership that caved into the U.S. State Department. Now it stands in the leadership of the struggle by unionists everywhere to reunite on a world-wide scale, to confront the TriLateralists and bankers pulling the puppet strings in the G-7 nations and to re-open the doors of democracy, and the right of the Russian and former USSR workers to put in place the society they shall decide, as well as to protect the immediate interests of their families, communities and nation. NorthStar Compass hails and will make whatever small contribution we can towards such world-wide unity.*

The All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks Addresses the Trade Union Question:

A written statement, by General Secretary Nina Andreyeva, prior to the Moscow blood bath, says in part:

"Our working class is learning very quickly how to fight politically for their rights ... Workers are no longer naive as they were before, lulled by traitors in the CPSU and their trade unions. The workers are becoming revolutionized ... the authorities are trying desperately to divide the working class into small units, smaller unions, into so-called 'intellectual-engineering' units and societies, etc. ... On the eve of the disintegration of the CPSU, traitors

started the process among the workers by introducing 'anarcho-syndicalist' tendencies to 'give' the factories over to 'workers collectives' ... the role of the working class is not to exploit other workers in either their own country or in other countries, but to give birth and to build a classless society without exploitation. It is necessary now to know the programs and methods of all the various parties, to analyze these, point out errors and to try and convince them that right opportunism is dangerous and that the role of the working class is international solidarity ..."

WE COMMENT:

*Whether or not full agreement can be reached with Andreyeva's analysis of all that transpired in the past, we believe that differing or rejection of her conclusions is not possible. Under the conditions now prevailing under the G-7-Yeltsin dictatorship, it is inevitable that the pressure toward right opportunism, class collaboration and sell out will increase at a furious pace. Experience of the struggles for workers' rights in the already existing capitalist world, and in the neo-colonialist world underlines that. We also agree with her statement of the historic role of the working class. That is what Marx wrote about! □*

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## COMMUNIST PARTIES, WORLD-WIDE SPEAK OUT ...

*Below, we publish excerpts from official statements by Marxist-Leninist Parties of Japan; Australia (as carried in The Guardian, October 6th, 1993); The Portuguese Communist Party; and the Canadian Communist Party. All deal with the Russian Federation's downhill course of bloody mayhem, the erasure of democracy and Fascist Diktat. Our purpose is to bring to our readers some*



*insights into the potential of world-wide solidarity developing among the anti-Yeltsin forces.*

**From: "The Guardian" organ of the Socialist Party of Australia:**

"The storming of the White House in Moscow was not a victory for democracy, but it's murder ... Forcing Yeltsin's hand to impose a dictatorship was the deteriorating economic and political situation. Attempts to impose a "market economy" (that is, capitalism) have had catastrophic economic consequences ... the conflict was sparked by the unconstitutional action of Boris Yeltsin in attempting to disband Parliament ... Western leaders are chorusing their support for Yeltsin. He is their 'man' in the Kremlin who can be expected to carry out the demands of the World Bank and the IMF ..."

The Secretariat of the Socialist Party called on their Government "to reconsider its hasty and short-sighted blanket endorsement of Yeltsin's actions. This position discredits Australia's claim to stand for democracy and the rule of law ..."

**From: The Portuguese Communist Party, September 13th and 22nd, Statements from their Press Office:**

"All these (Yeltsin's) decisions are outside the presidential powers, and represent yet another shameless abuse of power with a view to eliminating, by coup d'Etat, any institutional obstacles to setting up dictatorial and arbitrary personal power ... It is particularly timely to stress the authoritarian and anti-democratic course of subversion of constitutional legality which Yeltsin and the reactionary circles around him have continually conducted. It is

an inseparable tool of the savage policy of capitalist restoration in Russia and the plunder of Imperialism ..."  
- September 13th, 1993.

"The Portuguese Communist Party renews its profound solidarity with the workers and people of Russia, with the Communists and other democratic and progressive forces who fight against despotic projects that are inflicting painful suffering on the Russian people ..."  
- September 22nd, 1993.

**From: The Communist Party of Canada: (People's Voice, November 1993)**

"The Communist Party of Canada joins with supporters of democracy around the world in condemning the illegal seizure of power by Boris Yeltsin ... the revolt against Yeltsin (Oct. 3-6th) was a desperate and spontaneous upsurge, lacking the necessary leadership and mass support required for success. ... We are witnessing the establishment of an authoritarian regime with the trappings of bourgeois democracy ... We warn against any attempt by the U.S.A., NATO or the U.N. to intervene in Russia ... Russians who built socialism on Soviet soil will never accept this new form of tyranny in the name of so-called reform."

**From Japan:  
"Akahata of October 8th,  
commented editorially on the  
situation in Russia"**

"The intensified situation in Russia, which started from Yeltsin's unconstitutional decree to dissolve Parliament, has entered a new phase ... the killing and wounding of many people shows there was no democratic spirit or capacity to settle their dispute by peaceful means by either side ... Capitalist countries such as the United States and Japan

(and Canada - Ed.) which have supported Yeltsin since he took power and gave him full support for his actions this time, including dissolving Parliament and armed suppression. On October 6th, the heads of state of the G-7 countries sent a joint statement to Yeltsin and was initiated by Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa ... There is a strong tendency in the media to describe this Russian catastrophe as a struggle between 'democracy' and 'Communism' ... But Ruskoi, Kashbulatov fought with Yeltsin ... in August 1991 and shared the common attitude of being against Communism and in favor of capitalism. The would-be 'Communists' in the anti-Yeltsin forces are alien to scientific socialism. What is now going on in Russia has nothing to do with socialism and communism ..."  
- From editorial, October 8th, 1993

OUR COMMENT:

*In the mid-1930's, the Communist International developed the universal anti-Fascist policy of "The United Front of the Working Class Against Fascism and War". Our understanding tells us that Marxism-Leninism is an international science of the working class. It was that "United Front" policy of the Communists that many historians give major credit to for the final military defeat and "unconditional surrender" of the Axis Powers. As we re-enter the dark world of finance-capital backed fascist aggression in Russia and ferocious attacks on the peoples of both the industrial and under-developed world, cognizance of this past history is a major need. The internationalism and solidarity of workers and all progressive forces now becomes more and more an immediate requirement. We are happy to see more and more the emergence of this among the Communists of the world, and we raise our hands in salute to all parties, communist or otherwise, who travel the road of unity*

of the people for eliminating the corporate sponsored resurgence of the fascist threat ... regardless of its various disguises in 1993. □

## Discussion BOX

### THE BLOOD-STAINED TRAIL OF U.S. HISTORY

By Dan Ross  
Toronto

The history of the United States is a blood-stained trail which reaches to the furthest corners of the globe. To understand the full significance of the course which has been taken, one must go back to the time of Christopher Columbus and his crew setting afoot in America. It is a story of pillage, plunder and slaughter.

Following Christopher Columbus came the Spaniards to continue the course of destruction. Then came the British who brought in African slaves in chains to work on the plantations of the South. The actual

story of U.S. development began after the revolution of 1776.

The next major U.S. development began with the Civil War. A myth has been propagated in the history books that the Northerners fought the war to free the slaves, whereas their aim was to provide the equivalent of slave labour for the emerging factories of the industrial age. Lincoln supported this aim.

The U.S. achieved its greatest prominence following the Second World War, in which it did not participate until it was attacked at Pearl Harbour. In the meantime, it amassed huge profits from trading with both sides. After World War Two, U.S. assumed the role of world policeman. Its military incursions involved many countries which it proceeded to invade one after another.

In their attempt to mislead people, United States has rewritten the dictionary so that words mean their opposite. This is often referred to as "engineering consent". Thus, "free world" means Capitalism, "Evil Empire" refers to the former Soviet Union. "Retaliatory Strikes" are the justification for their military incursions, the "Defence Department" means the War Department, "Peace Makers" mean the armed forces and "Peace Keepers" mean standing armies of occupation, "Freedom Fighters" are the paid forces that enslave

people!

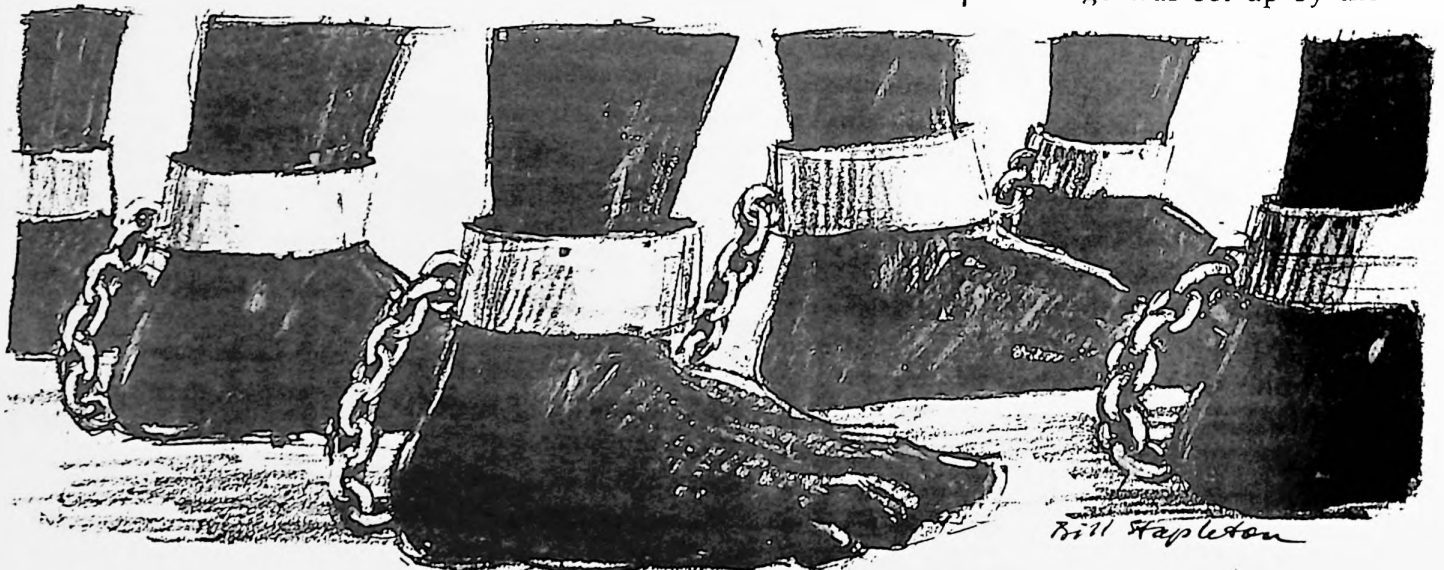
The essential function of that is to design, propagate and create a system of doctrines and beliefs which undermine independent thought. In this, the state has established a whole system of fabricating and spreading false information, in which it has willing helpers consisting of the Press, TV, Magazines and Universities and Schools.

While the Civil War was fought ostensibly to free the slaves, there was no hesitancy at slaughtering hundreds of thousands of Native Indians, destroying their homes, seizing their lands and driving the survivors onto reservations. The Indians fought bravely but they were no match for American fire-power.

After 1960 came a series of military encounters directly and indirectly involving the United States, spread throughout the world. We cannot record all of them, so we will select some of the more outstanding ones.

Most of the U.S. adventures came into being as the result of the "Cold War", when the Americans developed a paranoia about the "Evil Empire" which had to be destroyed. These military encounters involved many countries.

In 1962, the Kennedy administration launched a major terrorist war against Cuba. An embargo was set up by the U.S.



and still exists to this date. It included attacking civilian installations, bombing hotels, sinking fishing vessels, poisoning crops and livestock on quite a significant scale, assassination attempts on the head of state, murders, bombing aircraft and bombing of the Cuban missions abroad.

Indonesian Genocide began in 1965. A further incident followed when 700,000 people were massacred, within a couple of months, with the support of the United States. It was greeted in the U.S. with applause because it returned Indonesia to the "Free World"!

Israel became involved in 1967 when it defeated the Arabs in the

In turn, the U.S. has supplied Israel with arms and military support against its neighbours. Some people in the Jewish community regard anybody opposing this role as a self-hating Jew and a traitor.

In 1975, another massacre occurred in East Timor, similar to the "killing field" of Pol Pot, except that it was carried out under the guise of a Peasant Revolution.

In 1950, United States, behind the banner of the U.N., attacked Korea as "security against the Soviet Union". There was no justification for this since the U.S. had already more security than had even been attained by any country in history. It had no enemies nearby; it controlled both

Then followed the Central American holocaust which started in 1980, after years of U.S. Imperialist domination. This will be recorded as one of the blackest marks of U.S. involvement in the invading of these countries, where the leaders were assassinated or forced to flee for their lives. Foremost among them was Nicaragua. The Sandanistas were finally pressured to sign an agreement with the Contras which produced very little positive results. The former democratic countries were replaced by a blood-thirsty group who terrorized or murdered more than 100,000 people. The situation has not improved to this day.



Solidarity: The Propeller Song

Seven Day War. It has been regarded since then by the U.S. as a strategic asset, serving its interests as an "attack dog", together with Saudi Arabia and Iran. The major American interest in this region is not Israel but the energy resources which, for 40 or 50 years, had become the largest and the cheapest in the world.

oceans and was overwhelmingly the most powerful state in the world. There wasn't a shred of evidence that the Russians had anything to do with the Korean attack nor is there today. The U.S. was forced to withdraw its armies by the strong North Korean Forces prepared to defend themselves.

In 1983, the little island of Grenada was attacked by the U.S. because it was deemed a "Soviet outpost". Grenada is a little pin point island. By the furthest stretch of imagination, no one could envision this tiny spot as a menace to anybody!

In the early 1960's, American military attention was on Vietnam

where one of the bloodiest wars in history was fought, resulting in more than 2 million casualties. Here for the first time, Agent Orange and Napalm were used against the people. The reason given for the attack by the U.S. was "Internal aggression", another concoction of American lingo.

In June 1985, "Peace for Galilee" was marked by the Israeli invasion of Lebanon, with the blessing of the United States. Israel had further goals, namely to take over Lebanon and install "A new order" which would mean a client regime based on the right-wing Christians and selected privileged Muslim elites. Omar Quadaffi, a popular leader, was now labelled as "mad dog" of the Middle East and the "king of international terrorism" who had to be destroyed.

In the attack on Panama in 1989, the aim was to eliminate its former henchman Noriega, who had turned against them. Apparently, Noriega was not under control, so he had to be replaced and U.S. defence forces accused him of drug-running and arrested him. He was thrown into jail and is still awaiting trial. He has been identified as a C.I.A. agent. It is suspected that this affair was motivated mainly by the upcoming negotiations on the Panama Canal Treaty.

The Gulf War in 1990 in which the main cause originally was oil supplies in the Gulf area, and over which the U.S. was determined to retain control. Saddam Hussein, who had formerly also been an agent of the U.S. and had supported their aims in the Gulf, turned against them. He was now described as the "Butcher" of the "Near East" and also, "Little Satan". Israel and Saudi Arabia remained faithful to serve the needs of the U.S. All of the invasions were the result of the Alliance for Peace in support of the

U.S. program of destruction as set forth by John Kennedy.

At the time of writing, U.S. troops are engaged in Bosnia and their helicopter bombers are attacking Somalia in their attempt to enforce acceptance of their policies.

Recently, an American-engineered peace treaty between the Palestinians and Israelis was concluded in Washington. There was a great deal of hype published in the press with glowing pictures of a new world in the making. A great many questions remain unanswered with strong opposition from elements on both sides. Will it succeed? Only time will tell.

Now that the Soviet Union has temporarily fallen, the U.S. can no longer claim that its armies are defending the free world against the "Evil Empire". With its one million troops, it now has the most powerful armed forces in the world. What justification can it offer at this time for the trillions of dollars that it spends on its up-keep? A feeble reply is that it is providing jobs for those in service. Just as much can be accomplished by digging up the roads one day and replacing them the next day.

The U.S. now dominates the United Nations Organization, with that body being merely its rubber stamp. The U.S.A. remains the greatest military force but it has fallen behind Japan and Germany economically. Ultimately, a new global order must arise conforming to social and environmental laws. Presently, the thieves, scoundrels and traitors have seized positions in high places.

One is reminded of Walt Whitman's poem dedicated to the defeated French Revolution:  
Liberty let others despair of you,  
I never despair of you,  
Is the house shut, is the master away  
He will soon return - his messengers

come anon.

The future lies with the people  
Even though it seems so far away.

#### POST SCRIPT:

At this time, recent changes predicted in the above article have taken place. Yeltsin has destroyed the constitutional parliament by gunfire and called spurious elections. In Poland, reaction received a severe defeat when a new government led by Communists was elected. In Georgia, Eduard Shevernadze is desperately trying to cling to power.

We issue a caution to the United States, where President Clinton has already declared that Yeltsin receives his support. "Keep your nose out of affairs beyond your jurisdiction. The people of Russia can very well take care of themselves without your interference."

#### EDITOR'S NOTE:

*As always in this space, we welcome articles, essays, expressions of points of view. We also welcome the comments of you, the readers ... or differing points of view. We thank Dan Ross for his contribution here and we regret having to have made some abridgements.* □

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## FRIENDSHIP NEWS

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**From: New York, U.S.A.**

Dear Mike,

Enclosed you'll find three photo prints from our Nov. 8 action at the Russian Mission in New York City. We're also sending you an article on the Campaign that appeared in the *Amsterdam News*, New York's largest African American-community newspaper.

We look forward to seeing your magazine. Please keep in touch!

Sincerely,  
Greg Butterfield & Bill Doaris  
for the Campaign for Solidarity  
with Labor in Russia

## GROUPS PROTEST YELTSIN MASSACRE IN MOSCOW

The campaign in Solidarity with Labor in Russia charged that the Yeltsin regime ordered a cold-blooded massacre in Moscow on

October 4 and 5. There is evidence that the real death toll was many hundreds, perhaps close to 1,000. To date, many people are still missing and unaccounted for. The group also charges that there is a conspiracy of silence on the part of the Clinton administration and the U.S. media.

The Campaign protested on Monday in several U.S. cities, including a picket outside the Russian Mission to the United Nations, and a public meeting in San Francisco was held last Saturday.

"There is a cover-up going on, and we want to expose it," said John

Daly, an organizer for the Campaign. "We also want freedom for the Yeltsin regime's political prisoners. It is the butcher Yeltsin who should be on trial, not those who defended Russia's Soviet-era constitution and working class ownership of industry.

"The Clinton administration is supporting Nazi-like terror in Russia. The U.S.-backed Yeltsin regime massacred hundreds of workers to secure his plans for capitalist economic reforms. Sixteen legislators and leaders have been imprisoned, including Victor Anpilov of Labor Russia. All elected bodies have been



abolished and working class parties and newspapers have been banned," Daly added.

According to Daly, on October 15, the pro-Yeltsin newspaper *Komsomolskaya Pravda* cited reports that hundreds of bodies of people killed in the Parliament Building by Yeltsin's forces were being removed through underground passages and secretly cremated.

Campaign organizer Laurel West added, "Clinton says he is for democracy, but to him, 'democracy' is whatever makes Wall Street and the big corporations richer. Yeltsin is targeting anyone who doesn't want Russia's wealth handed over to the capitalists and U.S. corporations. Yeltsin plans to take away what legally belongs to the workers and create mass unemployment and homelessness for the people of Russia."

The Campaign in Solidarity with Labor in Russia was formed to fight against U.S. support for Yeltsin dictatorship. The Campaign is calling its first activities, on the anniversary of the 1917 Socialist Revolution, in solidarity with working women and men of all nationalities in Russia. □

## USA FRIENDS ARE EXPOSING YELTSIN'S FASCISM!

Before press time, we received by Fax from Angelo D. Angelo, Staten Island, N.Y., a subscriber to NorthStar Compass, 13 pages of articles written by progressives who outline the role of USA imperialism in Russia and the former Soviet Union.

These articles are hard-hitting, factual, substantiated and also eye witness accounts as to what Yeltsin and the multinational corporations are doing in Russia.

We just mention the headings, due to space limitations in this issue.

In future issues, we shall carry their excellent materials.

*Here are the headings over the articles: "Czar Yeltsin doesn't deserve our support", "Support for Yeltsin undermines democracy", "Yeltsin's decree was inexcusable banditry", "Condemn Yeltsin's use of naked military might", "Capitalism causes most U.S. and Russian woes", "media boosted Yeltsin with flattering lies", "Nothing democratic about Yeltsin's rule", "Russia isn't free of crime and corruption", "Letter from Moscow shows Yeltsin's cruelty", "Yeltsin massacre had U.S. support", "Did we really 'free' Russia?", "Do Russian tanks now kill freedom?"*

On behalf of the Editorial Staff, we would like to thank the U.S. comrades for excellent articles and for support. We are not alone, the movement for the resurrection of Soviet Union and socialism is growing all over the world.

Our sincere thanks to Angelo D'Angelo for these articles.

Editorial Committee □

## ATTENTION ALL READERS!

Our expansion to 44 pages in this edition is not particularly linked to the Holiday Season. We do however wish you Happy Holidays and a constructive 1984.

In a real way, history has forced our hand. There is deep growing and an increasing need for the exchange of information and deep discussions as we move into our future.

Past events made us ever more conscious of the simple fact that less and less empowerment lies in the hands of the common people and more and more power in the hands of the exploiters and oppressors of the monopoly capitalism.

It is against this undemocratic trend that we have, and will, continue to struggle.

In a real sense, the lessons learned in the class struggles of

the 20th century have been displaced if not forgotten.

The avalanche of disinformation TNC's sponsored brutality, violence and crime daily floods all of our lives. As well, we have growing poverty, illiteracy and disease that spring from the same TNC source and literally threaten our very survival.

The old Marxist-Leninist revolutionary lessons then must be re-learned first and foremost by the working class and all progressive humanity.

NorthStar Compass will continue to work for that end. Simple economics tells us we must increase our quality and reduce our number of published pages. While we see this 44 page edition as a part of the emergencies that are covered by our Capital Fund, we do not wish to deplete this further.

NorthStar Compass asks that you assist us in the vast re-learning and development of Marxism-Leninism. □

## FRIENDS ARE FOREVER!

A hand-delivered cheque for \$300.00 was received by the Concerned Friends of Soviet People for the NorthStar Compass fund. The people that this cheque came from are patriots of Soviet people and socialism, and over the many many years that our friendship organization was existing, these people ALWAYS supported us.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank our Macedonian friends from the Macedonian Cultural and Educational Organization for this support now as they have done for scores of years.

Again, many thanks from all of us!

Michael Lucas, President  
Ray Stevenson, Editor □

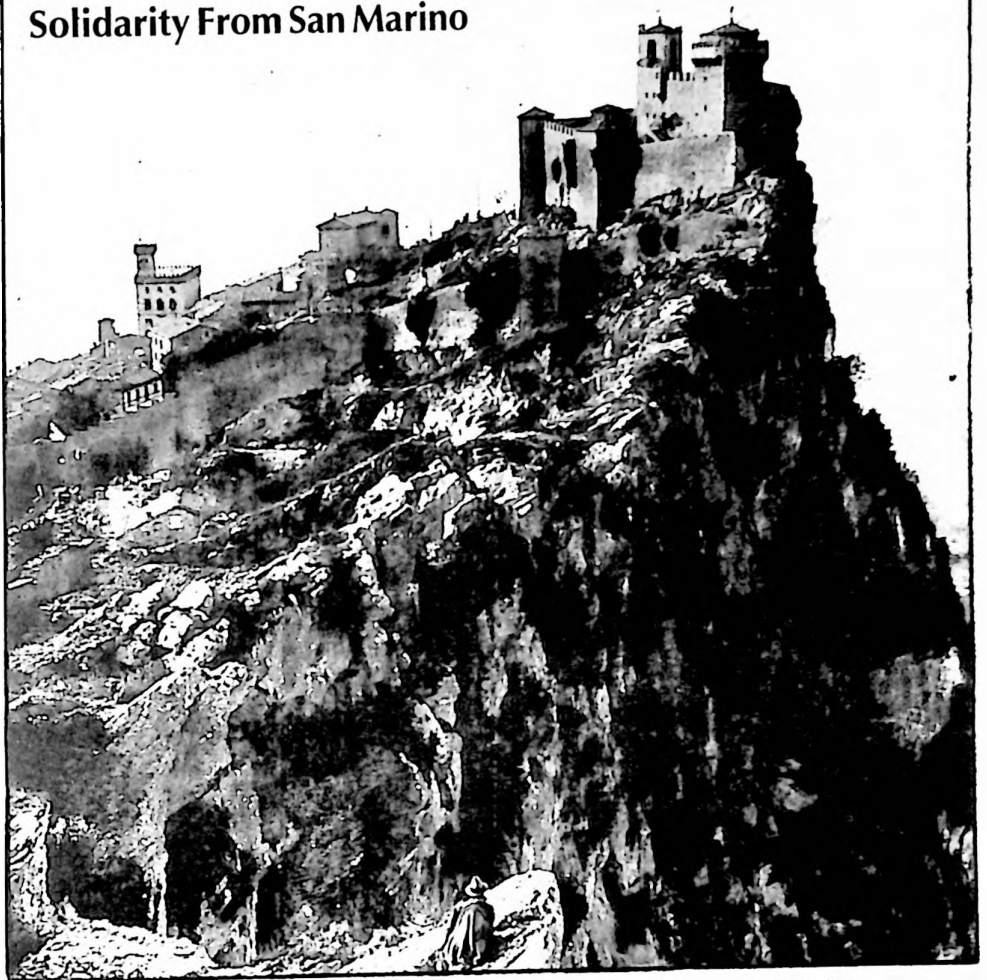
We have the greatest pleasure in assigning "pride of place" to our most recent correspondent in our growing family of friends from around the world. It comes from the world's smallest Republic ... the Republic of San Marino. Situated mostly on the slopes of Monte Titano in the northern Appenine Mountains, it is surrounded by Italian Territory. We welcome with open arms, Comrade Aldo Righi to our columns. He has written to us on the letterhead of the 7th Congresso, Partito Progressista Democratico of San Marino, in his own hand, and dated November 25th, 1993. Welcome Comrade Righi, with warmest Comradely greetings. How our journal, NorthStar Compass came to his hands we haven't the slightest idea, but we express our joy that it did:

Dear Comrades:

Today, I have read your NorthStar Compass, #4, November 1993. It is wonderful to know the TRUTH of what is happening in the USSR. Here, we have very little information and sometimes the local left-wing newspapers are not well informed about Russia. Only the Communist Party of Italy's newspaper, "Liberazione" gives the real truth of what is happening in the world and the USSR. But this newspaper comes out only once a week. L'Unita, the ex-Communist newspaper is now in the hands of the Democratic Party of the Left, and is sometimes like reading capitalist news of the events of the world.

Fortunately, I read English quite well, so I also read the Peoples Weekly World and Political Affairs, the newspaper and journal of the Communist Party, U.S.A. that I received from Comrade Helen Winter in Detroit. Please send me copies of the Canadian Communist newspapers of September, October and November. I will send you the money. I have the August issue, #6 of People's Voice so can you send me the

## Solidarity From San Marino



THE TOWN OF SAN MARINO, CAPITAL OF THE REPUBLIC

San Marino, founded probably in the 4th century, is situated on the slopes of the mountain whose steep sides and crags constitute in great part the territory of the Republic. It has three citadels, all overlooking Rimini (Italy) and the Adriatic. The turreted building on the left is the Parliament house

first five issues? Can you also help me to subscribe to the People's Voice for 1994? Please tell me how much money I must send in either dollars or Italian Lira, whichever you wish. In the letter, you will see the four videos, and if you have them, please forward them and tell me also how much I should pay. Thank you. I really appreciate the true information in NorthStar Compass and all the other articles you distribute. I wish you all success and good health and all the best wishes in your wonderful work to give the truth to all the world, even here in the Republic of San Marino, my small nation.

With Communist greetings,  
Comrade Aldo Righi,  
Republic of San Marino

P.S. I hope you understand my letter.

Dear Comrade Aldo Righi:

If we were not to understand your letter, we would be without understanding of international solidarity, friendship and the great indestructible and international bonds that there are between working people and all honest and progressive people of our world. That is what we understand your letter to mean, and we believe our readers will agree. Your letter means that in the great international struggles for unity against reaction and Imperialist oppression of ANY PEOPLE IN THE WORLD, either we shall stand together for victory, or we will fall separately in defeat. First of all, we must reach out across international borders to learn of each other, and to demand that if, (as the Constitution of the United States says) "all people are created equal", then each of us across the world must have

*the right to join hands to help each other. That is what your letter means to us, and we believe, Comrade Righi, that is the reason you sent it to us. Please write us more of yourself, your people and your country. That way, NorthStar Compass will be able to tell all our readers in whatever country more of the history and struggles of your Republic. If, indeed, as we suspect may be so, Comrade Helen Winters of Detroit forwarded a copy of NSC to you, then we cannot thank her enough for opening this new door of friendship and solidarity. If not, then we send her greetings in any event for her lifetime of struggle on behalf of the working people and progress. We have forwarded your request for back issues of the Communist Party of Canada's newspaper, "People's Voice" to them for their attention and action. Again, we grasp your hands, in friendship and solidarity and thank you for making contact with us. Bravissimo! - Editors*

## OBITUARY

### THE PASSING OF A GREAT CANADIAN ...

Dr. James Gareth Endicott died on November 27th in Toronto, in his 95th year. The obituary in the *Globe & Mail* of November 29th states: "Dr. Endicott was possibly the most vilified Canadian during the 1950's when the Federal Government in a sort of knee-jerk reaction to Communist witch-hunts in the U.S.A., considered charging him with treason." His "crime"? The revealing of evidence that the U.S. and U.N. forces had used "germ warfare" against the Korean and Chinese defenders of North Korea. For those then involved in the Canadian Peace Congress, which Dr. Endicott had headed up and helped to organize, it was clear that the McCarthyite anti-Communism of

the day lay at the roots of the efforts to vilify and subject him to "character assassination" had not succeeded. This was totally confirmed at a huge Maple Leaf Garden meeting in 1952. Estimated at a minimum 18,000 people, backed onstage by his father (also the Reverend James Endicott and former Moderator of the United Church in Canada) and by Nels Thibault, head of the Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers Union in the country, Dr. Endicott's devastating charges were overwhelmingly approved and accepted by the huge throng. The Government of Louis St. Laurent backed off of their announced intent to place "treason" charges and returned his mailing rights, which they had tried to ban.

Born in China of missionary parents, in 1925, he joined the United Church Missionary Service there for 21 years. As a key advisor to the ruler Chiang Kai Shek, in the later years, he broke with him over the war against the Communist forces conducted by Chiang and the ruling Kuomintang in the face of almost overwhelming Japanese aggression. He condemned Chiang and publicly voiced his support to the revolutionary advances of the

Communist forces led by Mao Tse Tung.

On his return to Canada, he undertook leadership in the growing peace movement organized against the Cold War and the intense dangers of a nuclear holocaust. On platforms from Victoria B.C. to the Maritime Provinces of the East coast, he brought his message of peace, international brotherhood and solidarity among the people. He toured the country with the redoubtable Dean of Canterbury, and on at least one occasion, in Timmins, Ontario, speaking to a capacity crowd jammed both upstairs and downstairs into the Ukrainian Labour Temple, and with a milling crowd of two thousand outside, delivered the Beatitudes "Blessed are the peacemakers" to the accompaniment of the loud shattering of every window in the hall. Fortunately, "peace security" forces had firmly blanketed the

It was a great moment when Very Rev. James Endicott, D.D., LL.D., (left) rose to introduce his son, James G. Endicott, D.D., (right) to the 11,000 people who came to hear his peace message, and his account of germ-warfare, in Toronto's Maple Leaf Gardens on the evening of May 11.

Incomparably bitter had been the attacks that had met the younger Dr. Endicott from the moment he announced his investigation of germ warfare.





windows on the inside to protect the audience from flying glass and the rocks thrown by an organized handful of hoodlums in the crowd outside.

For his sterling activities as head of the Canadian Peace Congress, he soon became a Senior officer of the World Peace Council, headquartered first in Geneva, and later in Helsinki. His world travels and efforts on behalf of ending all wars, whether "Cold" or "hot", won for him high honours, acclaim, and acceptance in the world peace community, including in the Soviet Union and in China. Sometimes barred from entry to the U.S. to attend U.N. meetings there, he found official governmental rejection but great warmth and support among a large section of the American people.

Fearless, indomitable, possessed of a keen and searching mind, Dr. James Endicott may truly be said to have given an immense contribution to holding off the dire threats of nuclear holocaust, on a world-wide scale.

For those of us fortunate enough to have been his friend and fellow peace activist, we extend our condolences to his family. His gigantic leadership for peace is a matter of pride to Canadians. We dip our banners in solemn salute to a great Canadian, and vow that his precious torch of life and peace will be carried forward in these dark days.

Concerned Friends of the Soviet People, and NorthStar Compass, sincerely honour his memory and his deeds. We are honoured to have walked side by side with him for a way in the never-ending struggle and quest by the people of the world for Peace.

Ray Stevenson, Editor, NSC,  
Former Vice President,  
Canadian Peace Congress, and  
Canadian Secretary, World Peace  
Council, Helsinki, Finland

**Fax Sent To:**

## **INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR RESTORATION OF THE SOVIET UNION**

Concerned Friends of Soviet People and the NorthStar Compass extend revolutionary and warmest comradely greetings to your II Congress of the Communist Workers Party and to the International Committee for Restoration of the Soviet Union.

From our inception, we have called for the removal of all restrictions and bans on the Communists and working class of all Republics of the former Soviet Union. The emergence of Yeltsin and his entourage of counter-revolutionary forces, installed by the disgraceful military destruction of the Soviet Parliament, the wholesale murder of at least 1,000 patriots calls for the widest unity of all anti-fascists against all transnational and corporations on a world-wide scale.

Our publication and Concerned Friends is devoted to these ends in every way in which we can.

**WE DEMAND IMMEDIATE  
RELEASE OF ALL POLITICAL  
PRISONERS, AND IN  
PARTICULAR, VICTOR ANPILOV  
NOW INCARCERATED BY THE  
YELTSIN FORCES!**

Our dedication to international solidarity, friendship and peace is indestructible. We join with you and embrace you in all your struggles.

Michael Lucas, President  
Concerned Friends of Soviet People

Ray Stevenson, Editor  
NorthStar Compass

**We Do Produce Totally By  
Volunteer Labour.**

**November 24, 1993**

## **OPEN LETTER TO VALENTINA TERESHKOVA**

### **Former President of the Union of Soviet Friendship Societies**

Dear Valentina:

Having received your new address from a friend in Moscow, I hasten to write these few lines, after a period since 1991 when all contact between our Canada-USSR Association (Concerned Friends of Soviet People) was broken with the USSR-Canada Society and the Union of Soviet Friendship Societies.

Yes, we are still alive and striving to be true to Socialism and to the Soviet people who are going through a traumatic experience which is speedily deteriorating and creeping fascism is there and growing with the Dictatorial rule of Yeltsin.

I feel very perturbed that since 1980's when you became President of U.S.F.S. and since in those years we exchanged delegations, tourist and performing groups, besides establishing a friendly rapport... all of a sudden when the counter-revolution took place in the USSR in 1991, all contacts were stopped!

Whether U.S.F.S. willingly dissolved itself or was made to abandon its tremendous work over scores of years, it was to be expected that you would send a message to us, informing us of this tragedy - not just leave us in mid-stream to make our own conclusions!

We can have differences of opinion, Valentina, that does not preclude the courtesy of officially informing us of the demise of U.S.F.S. Although we knew the reasons, judging by our former friends who worked for SSOD and the USSR-Canada Society becoming businessmen and switching their party labels, the courtesy of an official

reply from you as President was in order.

We do hope that in your new capacity in another organization you have success.

We ALL hope to hear from you soon.

Michael Lucas, President

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## STAND UP AND FIGHT, NOW!

O, Russian people, stand up and be counted!  
Stalingrad, Leningrad looms from the past,  
Heroes, buried at the Piskarevsky Cemetery  
Shout in their graves: NO PASARAN!  
Fascism has to be stopped!

The bloody butcher in the Kremlin did not spill enough blood!  
He is licking his swollen, ugly lips  
He wants more blood,  
Bloodthirsty, venomous monster!

The children of Haiti demand the destruction of fascism!  
The children of Israel and Somalia, Venezuela and Brazil,  
Children of Brazil, my sobbing heart goes out to you,  
You are being hunted by drunken policemen,  
The Gestapo of Brazil.  
You are being killed everyday,  
Every hour, every minute ...  
NO PASARAN!

The Republicans of Spain  
Were dying with this battle cry on their lips,  
The countless soldiers and officers  
With Red Stars on their caps  
Were dying ...  
NO PASARAN!

Sergei Gaidar  
Toronto

## COMMITTEE FOR DEFENCE OF COMMUNISTS DEMANDS ANPILOV RELEASE

To: COMMUNIST WORKERS PARTY OF RUSSIA

Dear comrades:

On behalf of the Canadian Committee for the defence of Communists, we would like to send you our sincere, warm and revolutionary greetings, on this the II Congress of your Party.

The fascist butchery that was done against the Soviet people at the Russian Parliament Building will go down in history as a crime against humanity.

We demand the release of all political prisoners and patriots who are now languishing in jail and detention!

We demand the release of Victor Anpilov!

We sincerely hope that this Congress will undertake all the steps necessary to achieve UNITY of all anti-Yeltsin forces in order to save socialism not only in the former USSR, but for mankind as a whole. We in Canada also know that if socialism is again triumphant in the Soviet Union, the conditions for Canadian workers will be that much better and conducive for the work of all progressives.

The word "SOVIET" cannot ever be erased from the minds of the people!

Again, we send you our comradely greetings and we wish you success during these extremely dangerous times for the whole of humanity who are fighting against the "New World Order", headed by American imperialism.

Comradely yours,  
Alex McLennan, Chairman

## SURPLUS VALUE

A writer in the media  
In that section called business  
Writes so his readers may know  
Which way the market will go.  
He weighs the lights against the darks  
But he does not let his readers know  
It was all figured out long ago  
By another writer, Karl Marx.  
Das Kapital is complex and long  
And no matter what the experts say  
It is never wrong.  
Marx is right about unions and value  
And it is his purpose to dwell  
On surplus value.  
People work six hours he says  
To buy food and pay rent.  
But they work another two and this  
By a capitalist is spent.  
He tells us we cannot see the woods  
For the trees and begs us  
To get off our knees.  
To start using our heads.  
In 1917 after a concerted fight  
The Soviets proved that Marx was right.  
We are still surrounded by sharks.  
Let us put down the media  
And pay attention to Marx.

Harold Bates  
Toronto

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## SIBIRYACHKA

(continued from Vol. 2, No. 2 of September.) Translation from the Russian Book, "Twelve Girl Birches" by Semyon Tutochenko

By Editorial Board Member,  
Max Rinis

*(We had stopped where Anya Divina, born 1919, her mamma Ukrainka, papka (papa - endearing) a Chaldon - a Siberian nationality, is lying on the ground seriously wounded, the vicious battle with the murderous German-fascists raging all around her. Though unable to move or even turn, through her mind float through many happenings of her*

young life – in Siberia, the Ukraine and with the heroic partisan brigade.)

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"The girls' faces are flushed, ruddy, not like on your faces, stern muzhiks. Dressed like for a holiday into long, flowery dresses all the way down to their very heels, red ones, blue ones and bright yellow ones. On their feet – exquisite, high laced, shining, sparkling shoes, upon a high heel. They are not walking, they are floating like gorgeous peacocks.

Where are you running? Why are you passing me by? ... Probably for a stroll to the river, to see the lyodokhod ...\* They floated by like a vision ...

They are too excited to stop for me ... I myself would have galloped away, to ... once more – see ... at least once more to glance at the lyodokhod on the Siberian rivers; don't know anything handsomer!

The entire village poured out onto the river bank – a spree, a merry-making. From joyous excitement, the accordions are getting flabbergasted, with matching little verses are dancing and hopping the girls, disclosing in their little verses their thoughts during those past long winter days, about a darling, about love, about jealousy. And I really don't know how it all winds up, but only, as a rule, they are always dancing and jumping and stumping and singing, with the rivals and telling in the verses what would have been impossible to speak in ordinary conversation. And in those verses, for whom it is being sang, her darling, he's supposed to catch onto it, how she is longing for him, how much she loves him ... And she sings about this openly, in front of everybody ...

... "Mayakovsky: 'Read, Envy, I - am a Citizen of the Soviet Union!'

... Chelyabinsk ... shipbuilding factory-mill ... Mamochka ... we

gathered at the rail-road station ... I'm helping to evacuate the mill to the East ... Why I then left Chelyabinsk? ... At the station, old men are untying some-kind of knots on their handkerchiefs and are laying out the few rubles which they, obviously, put away for their old age, and now: 'Take it, dochka!', (endearing 'daughter') ... And the Germans want to conquer such a people – it won't be! ...

Why I left Chelyabinsk?

Mama! Dearest mamochka! I could not live in the rear any more ... Onto the Front! 'People are needed here!', was saying the factory

Mama, mam ... Where are you kind, good mamochka? I carried out my duty to my motherland. Don't cry mama, I did what I was duty-bound to do ... Don't judge me, mama ... Proshchay! ...\*\*\*

MOTHERS! The heart-rending sufferers in every war. They never forget. Carl Sandburg wrote this of Abraham Lincoln:\*\*\*\*

Just after the battle of Gettysburg, a woman came to see Lincoln - crying. Her husband and three sons were in the army. She had lived for a time on part of her husband's pay till money from him stopped. She was hard put



manager. Did not convince. The Republic is groaning under the heel of the German fascism, the iron-shodded heel of the fascists ... I must be at the front, and, better yet, in the rear of the enemy. Of death I'm not afraid!"

Feeling a sharp pain within her heart, she had the time to think:

"... I'm afraid ..."

'Get up, get up dochka\*\* – Time to go to school ...'

Right away, mama – I'm getting up ... But I can't ... Why? ... Here, I understood – I've been killed ...

to scrape a living now and needed one of her boys to help. Lincoln wrote an order to discharge one of her boys.

In a few days, she was back – crying. She had found her boy, wounded, dying in a hospital and followed him to his grave. Lincoln, head bent low, at his desk, began writing again. The mother, stood by his chair, put her hand on Lincoln's head and smoothed his thick and disorderly hair with her motherly fingers. He placed the priceless paper into the mother's hand and choked out one word: "There!" and was gone

from the room with her sobs of thanks in his ears.

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Nina Sozina (Red Seagull)

Sibiryachka is from the book: "twelve Girl Birches" by Semyon Tutuchenko, himself one of the partisans. He knew, yes, fought together with these valiant Soviet girls, young women. We hope we will continue to be able to translate and to print these true stories about these partisans. Some of them were still alive in 1980 and we hope are still alive today. Here is a picture of one of them - Nina Sozina - nicknamed The Red Seagull - Krasnaya Chaika.

#### FROM EDITORS:

*The story of 12 Beryozkas is a saga of heroism, love for the Soviet Motherland during the Great Patriotic War whom the present counter-revolutionaries are insulting and besmirching the glorious partisan movement which played such a vital role in the war.* □

#### A Glossary:

\* Lyudokhod: Spring - melting, breaking down of the river ice.

\*\* Dochka: daughter - endeared.

\*\*\* Proshchay: Farewell!; also, Forgive!

\*\*\*\* Lincoln: Karl Marx corresponded with Lincoln, very affirmative in support of Lincoln's leading the fight to abolish slavery.

## LETTERS

### From: Trail, B.C.

Dear Ray, Michael and friends:

Please find enclosed \$100 for now, in the continuing fight against fascism. I'm still driving my 1983 Niva car which by now takes a little propping up now and then.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you Ray for sending me the issue of WFM-Mine and Mill history. Enclosed please find a clipping I found of interest from a couple points of view.

Keep up the good work and let me know when my sub expires.

P.S. Any later windfalls I will add to this donation.

Al Warrington

*Thank you Al Warrington, Canadian front lines anti-Fascist soldier in WWII; never tiring battler for workers and trade union rights and gains in Local 480 of the Mine Mill & Smelter Workers, internationalist and citizen of renown. Your support tells us we are on the right track. Your clipping shows your continuing interest, during your retirement years, in the welfare of your fellow workers. All of which "comes naturally" to Albert Warrington of Trail, B.C. Thank you!*

### From: Chicago, USA

Please send me your NorthStar Compass that I was informed about.

John J. Pruger

*Welcome to our ever-growing list of U.S. subscribers!*

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Would like to subscribe to your publication. Enclosed is my subscription.

Yours, Walter T. Wittman

*The news is spreading about our publication, thanks to the story in the People's Weekly World by Marilyn Bechtel.*

### From: San Rafael, Cal., USA

Enclosed is my subscription to NorthStar Compass. Please put me on your mailing list.

Coleman C. Persily

*Welcome to our readership fraternity. We would like to hear from you on our pages of NorthStar Compass.*

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I read of your publication in the People's Weekly World. Can my subscription start with the October issue?

Lillian Adelman

*Of course, it can, and we're sending it right away as well as welcoming you as a subscriber.*

### From: Westchester, Ill., USA

Dear friends:

Enclosed please find \$30.00 for a subscription and the text of the Statement by Eric Honecker.

Milton Berlin

*Sincere thanks for becoming a subscriber and for the donation towards the Erich Honecker statement which is almost sold out.*

**From: Sparta, NJ, USA**

I would like very much to subscribe to your publication which was mentioned in the People's Weekly World. I enclose a cheque for a year's subscription.

Philip Boothroyd

*We thank you for becoming a subscriber and the People's Weekly World for giving us the credit for doing the work that is necessary at this time of creeping fascism.*

**From: Bronx, NY, USA**

Dear friends:

I read the review of your NorthStar Compass by Marilyn Bechtel in the PWW. I would like to subscribe. I also would like to get the October issue.

Respectfully yours,  
Doris Murphy

*We have sent you the October issue with many thanks for subscribing to our little "gleam of light". We will keep it shining.*

**From: North Vancouver, B.C.**

Please send the 8 VHS videos to me as quickly as you can. Enclosed please find \$109.50 cheque to cover the costs and shipping.

Arthur Harvey Burt

*We thank you Harvey and we hope that you will enjoy these historical videos that show the accomplishments of Socialism before it was sabotaged by internal and external enemies.*

**From: Brookline, MA, USA**

Dear Friends:

Enclosed is \$15.00 cheque for a year's subscription to NorthStar Compass. I would also appreciate the text of Erich Honecker's trial speech

and a list of publication contents of special issues, if available.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,  
Al L. Sargis

*We thank you Al L. Sargis and will forward the 'Honecker' document.*

**From: Schnecksville, P.A., USA**

Hello:

I read about your group in the People's Weekly World and was hoping you could send me a few issues of NorthStar Compass, as well as some information about your group.

Thank you! I am enclosing \$2.45 for your response.

Fraternal Greetings,  
Jim Fortney

*We thank you cordially, and are pleased to comply.*

**From: White Lake, MI, USA**

Dear friends:

Kindly send me the last four issues of NorthStar Compass. Enclosed is my subscription. I enclose an article on your publication from the People's Weekly newspaper that prompted me to subscribe.

S. Shunia

*We have sent you the back issues and we thank you for subscribing to our publication and for informing your friends to do likewise.*

**From: Fair Lawn, NJ, USA**

Dear friends:

Reading about your publication in PWW, I'm asking you to send me a subscription form. Thank you for your cooperation.

Respectfully yours,  
David Reid

*We're very glad to receive so many new subscribers from the USA after the story about our publication appeared in the PWW. The subscription form was sent as per your request.*

**From: University of Toronto  
Department of Philosophy**

Dear friends:

Please find enclosed a cheque for the historical videos: Chronicle of October 1917, 900 Days, Babi Yar, Invasion of Grenada and V.I. Lenin.

Danny Goldstick

*The videos are on their way to your Department and we hope that they will be informative and beneficial.*

**From: Rhode Island, USA**

Dear friends:

Enclosed is a cheque for \$15.00. Kindly send me a subscription for one year.

Yours truly, Dave Kolodoff

*We thank you, David!*

**SOME CRITIQUES**

**From: Buffalo, New York, USA**

Hello:

I was reading NorthStar, Volume 2, #1, August 1993, and came across the article, "Czarism and Social Progress". On page 7, you speak of the Greek Orthodox Church as being the greatest landowner. Wasn't it the Russian orthodox Church you mean? The form was adopted from Greek but in Russia, it would be the "Russian" Orthodox with Russian language services and customs native to its own country.

Rose Touralchuk

*Our Encyclopaedia Britannica tells us on this subject that "From 1037, the Russian Church was subject to the Constantinopolitan Patriarchate and for two centuries nearly all Metropolitans and most Bishops were Greeks. Eventually the Russian and Slavonic element prevailed. After Vladimir's death in 1015, his son Svyatopolk "the damned" assassinated his brothers ... but was defeated by another brother Yaroslav, elective Prince of Novgorod, who reunited all territory under the grand duchy of Kiev and embellished his capital with a cathedral in Byzantine style ..."*

*Tracing the development of the Byzantine (Greek) church, in part, the Britannica says: "In 873, Pope John VIII ... Allowed the Slavonic services ... (but) in spite of the triumph of the Latino-German party, (in the west - Ed.) the Slavonic liturgy was not quite stamped out ... and survived in out-of-the-way corners of Great Moravia ... it appears to have penetrated into Bohemia, Poland and Croatia, but all these countries finally accepted the Latin (Roman) Church and so were permanently cut off from the Orthodox Serbians, Bulgarians and Russians ..."*

*From all of that, we deduce that the essential divisions, wars and separations of "Orthodoxy" in the East European, Greek and Russian Churches took place over harsh and often violent disputes that clothed themselves in liturgical problems and differences, but were really about land, dukedoms, etc. We know that the "Russian" Orthodoxy came to central and majority religious hegemony over the last named by the Britannica, (i.e., Serbians, Bulgarians and Russians) while those pursuing the non-Slavonic liturgies, etc., were confined to smaller followings, properties, duchys, etc. It is probably true that the former (the Russian Orthodox Church) held more land and wealth. We suppose our concern now is whether or not they will support Yeltsin and the Western bankers in their mad-dog rush toward Presidential and even Fascist empowerment in Russia. Thank you for writing us on this subject.*

**From: Kitimat, B.C.**

Dear Michael and Helen:

Can you believe it, I've just gone through a stack of papers on my desk and guess what I found? A cheque I thought I had sent you in the latter part of August! Well, what the hell - here it is for you. The \$50.00 I am sure you can use much better than we can. Happy holidays next month!

Rob Goffinet

*Many thanks, Rob Goffinet. Perhaps there may be others who haven't looked through the piles of paper on their desks. To everybody, "good looking" ... and be sure to turn over everything!*

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**From: A reader who wishes anonymity ...**

"Just a small matter: The slogan 'By Honest Differences of Opinion We Shall Arrive At Sound Conclusions' is not Bolshevik, not based in practical truth. Many Fascists presented THEIR honest opinions and arrived at very UNSOUND conclusions - to both us and all humanity. The ghoul Yeltsin was born, petted, fed, and "discussed" and even mouthed some "truths". The result? A bloody fool, a liar, traitor, vandal, etc. Building a better more secure world is not done by yacking in endless discussions. It's built by staying on the practical truth ..."

Name withheld.

*Firstly, we never claimed nor do we now, that the "slogan" was "Bolshevik". We certainly never found such a phrase in any "Marxist" works we have read. In fact, the "phrase" is a part of the swearing in ceremony for membership in the old Western Federation of Miners. Every new member was constitutionally required to take the oath of membership. The origins probably will be found in the anarcho-syndicalist ideology and*

*theories that underlay the development of many of the early trade unions of North America, particularly the Industrial Workers of the world. We agree that "staying on the practical truth" is the way to go, but then what would we have if we tried to arrive at "sound conclusions" "by dishonest differences of opinion"? Now, there's a head-scratcher for you, but in "truth", we really have had enough of "dishonest differences" to last us a few life times, so from time to time, we will continue to assert the need for "honest" differences of opinion, and hope we will catch the promised land of "sound conclusions". Besides, can a "Fascist" ever have a truly "honest" opinion? Thank you, anonymous! □*

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## MYTH ABOUT THE "EVIL EMPIRE"

By Sergei Gaidar

"Evil Empire"! That was the name given to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics by those who 76 years ago wished to destroy it by sending into our country spies, saboteurs and other shady characters. These enemies of the Soviet Union were trying to destroy our Motherland by printing anti-Soviet books, by films and poisonous radio broadcasts - besides the sabotage and buying-off people.

The question, "Was the Soviet Union an 'evil empire'?", needs an answer:

How can you call a country which defended the whole world against fascism, where millions of Soviet citizens gave their lives, so their and all of the worlds' children could live in peace and have a bright future?

No, the two words, "evil empire" do not describe the USSR at all. On the contrary, these two words did great harm to my country, to the first socialist state in the world! My Motherland understood immediately the meaning of the dropping of the

Atomic Bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki! It was meant to scare the Soviet people before the "might" of the USA.

The USSR was devastated after the Great Patriotic War. They had to rebuild a ruined country, but nevertheless, they understood the necessity to build their own defense capability – they knew that history repeats itself and they dared not be caught unprepared. During the 40 years, the USSR defended the rights of nations against the warmongers and there was overall peace, thanks to the deterrent that the Soviets had.

Most Ukrainians do not agree with this term of "evil empire"! It was thanks to the existence of the USSR that Ukraine was in a family of nations of the Soviet Union after centuries of being enslaved under foreign domination. Only under Soviet Union could the Ukraine reclaim its Western lands that were subjugated under foreign terror for the Ukrainian people.

Only as a member of the great family of nations could Ukraine have achieved the industrial, cultural and economic might and have become a member of the United Nations Organization as a sovereign country.

Was the USSR an Empire?

Of course not! Soviet Union never had colonies around the world. To blame the Soviet Union for "enslaving" other Republics is stupid and ignorant. The whole idea of "enslavement" is to grab the wealth of the colonies, export it to the home country, exploit the working force, sucking, so-to-speak, the lifeblood of the country.

Time has come to forget this term, "evil empire"! This term rightly belongs to the USA who is now the Transnational Evil Empire, ruling the world. It is this "US Evil Empire" that has temporarily dismembered the Soviet Union for its own ends. But this is a temporary period. The masses will arise again and destroy all

kinds of Yeltsin's, Gaidar's, Yakovlev's and Shevernadze's and Shumeiko's.

The red flag of victory will be seen again over the Kremlin and the dead body of Czar Boris will be thrown into the garbage heap of history. □

## Letters from ABROAD

### THE BATTLE OVER MONUMENTS (Thoughts about the Obelisk to Glory)

By Vladimir Herasymchuk  
Lutsk, Ukraine

Night covered the city with its wings. Just here and there, the lamplights shine over the streets. The moon cast a look of anguish at the monument to the fallen soldier, who was clutching his chest to stem the flow of blood. This Soviet soldier never made it to Berlin in 1945. He remained here, forever alive on the Memorial Square in Lutsk alongside thousands of graves of my countrymen who found their eternal rest under the shade of firs. Others laid down their lives shot by the treacherous Ukrainian bourgeois nationalists.

Please stop your walk onlooker ... are you listening to the voices of the grass and leaves? This is not a wind that is blowing among the graves. This is a prayer for those who died at the hands of traitors. Let us remember that time here when one of the sons of mankind died in 1941. The Red Army in horrendous battles was retreating further east. Bleeding profusely, a

wounded Soviet soldier ran into the nearest village house, not far from Lutsk, in order to change the blood-soaked bandages and find someone to ask for some food. But in this village house lived not a man, but a traitor, an Ukrainian nationalist. He, together with other bandits, pounced on the Red Army man, broke his arms, tied him to a horse and dragged him over roads and into the forest ...

In the Western territory of Ukraine, at the hands of OUN-UPA (Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists – Ukrainian Underground Army) thousands of peaceful citizens met horrible deaths while trying to liberate mankind from Nazism. Basing ourselves on the records of UPA, they themselves admit that they received from Hitler over 700 mortars, 10,000 machine-guns, 26,000 automatic rifles, 22,000 pistols, 100,000 grenades, 70,000



mines, plus millions rounds of ammunition. In a book published in Toronto, Canada, 7 volumes "Documents of UPA" on page 208, the story goes that in just one small locality, the bandits received from German Army 2,000 rifles and 3,000 machine-guns. All these armaments were utilized to fight the Red Army and to kill innocent people of Ukraine.

During spring of 1943, the bands of OUN-UPA started a mass terror campaign against the Polish people living on the territory of Western Ukraine. During a religious holiday of Peter and Paul, over 5,000 Poles were liquidated. Under the direction of Stelmashuka "Rudogo" on 29 - 30 September, there were 15,000 people killed. In May of 1943 in the village of Stepankaya Huta, Rovensky District, a band of OUN with Taras Borovec at their head, gathered all the population, over 300 people, including children, women and old people, into a church and set fire to the wooden building. In particular, the bandits were beastly against the family of Valentin Turovskij, who was a member of the partisans. They beheaded his wife and cut off her breasts. Two small girls of 2 and 4 years of age, they left by the house, their heads chopped off and wooden stakes driven through their bodies.

On May 30th by the villages of Horlupy and Olyka, the bandits captured any peaceful citizen that was walking the road or was tilling his land and who was Polish, and cut off their tongues and gouged their eyes out.

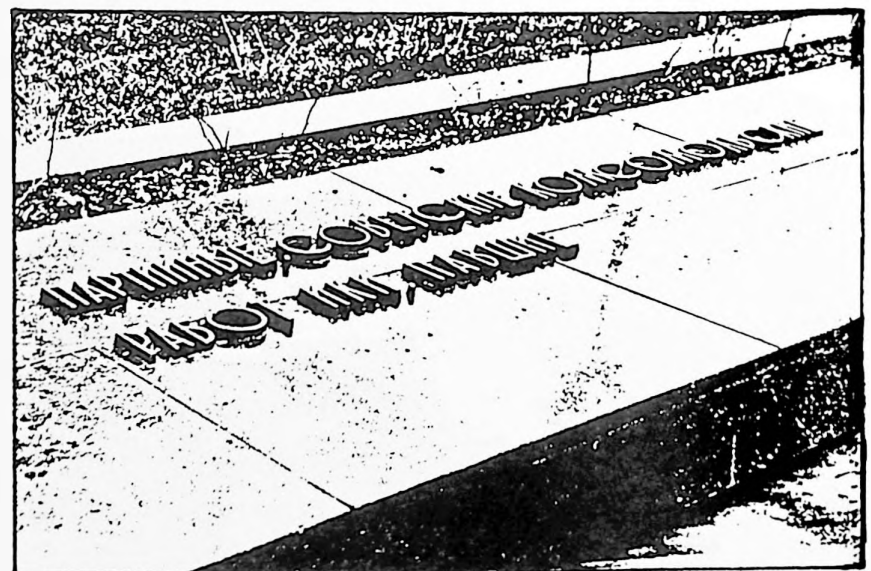
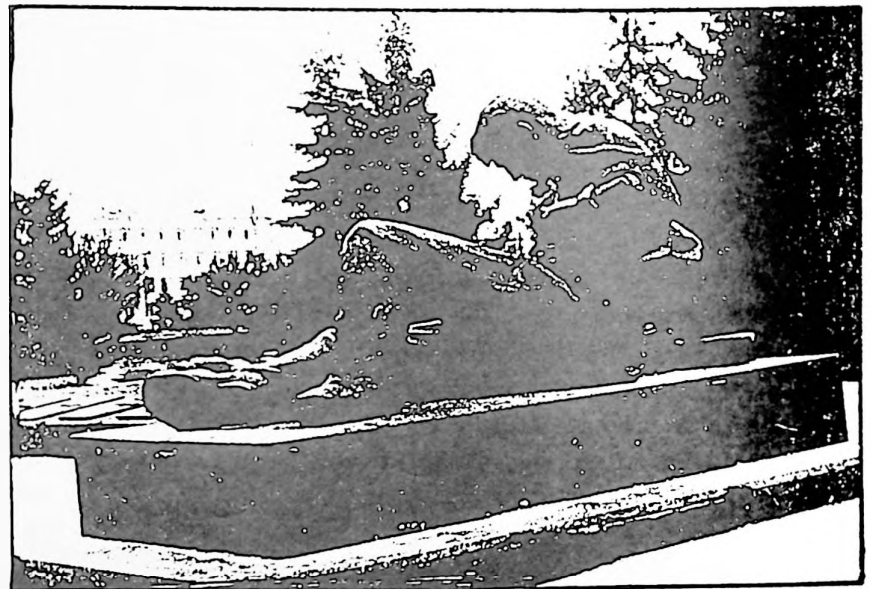
The genocide was carried on by these nationalists even after our land was liberated from the Nazis. The limited sources of the archives that were preserved from September of 1943 to 1951 after the Poles were nearly exterminated; in the Volyn district alone, there was more than 8,000 murdered by these bandits, among them, 1,055 children. The Banderites always organized

diversions against the Red Army. In the village of Kotov, Kiverchiskyj District, September 17, 1944, UPA got hold of Artemchuk, village chairman. In front of people gathered for the execution, a bandit cut out his heart, put it in the palms of his hands and smiling, said to the people: "Look at the strong heart of a communist! The heart beats even on the palms of my hands."

Unfortunately, there is no peace even for the dead in their graves. Just like before, the soldier is holding himself by his heart, as if again someone has put a bullet in his chest. Again, we see the raising of nationalist heads. Let us take a look at the Memorial Tablet, under which lay the remains of heroes that

gave their lives so that we can be free. On this plaque was written, "Party, Soviet and Komsomol members, died at the hands of Ukrainian bourgeois nationalists". It is obvious that we have elements that are enemies of their own people, as was Judas. As can be seen, the wording was defaced, and the words which say that these people were killed by the Banderites, were eliminated. The Banderites are seeking revenge.

Even during our so-called "perestroika period", the bandits in Lvov, the son of a bandit-terrorist Y. Shuhevich who yelled out "Kill Jews and Moskals (Russians)" dispersed a Conference of Russian Cossacks. Appearing in 1991 in Ivano-Frankovsk at an evening affair





dedicated to the 100th anniversary of one of the founders of OUN, E. Kovalevec, member of the Council of Capovich declared: "Only with guns in our hands can we defend our democracy. Without arms, there is no democracy or no Ukraine."

What is scary now is the fact that these elements with the permission of the Ukrainian authorities are again pushing Ukraine into nationalism. In Western Ukraine, Banderite bandits are demanding to be recognized as patriots of the Second World War! During a state visit of the Polish Deputy Minister of External Affairs officially stated, if OUN-UPA is rehabilitated by the present regime of Ukraine, Poland will break off diplomatic relations.

... It seems to me now, that all of our monuments, memorial squares, which depict the heroism of our people in the fight against fascism, are fighting together with us against this black plague. People must save these monuments for their children, grandchildren and future generations. Towering over the Memorial to War Heroes is an Obelisk dedicated to Victory. On top of the Obelisk is a Medal of Victory. There is already a campaign by the authorities to dismantle not only the Obelisk but the whole Memorial Complex, because it "does not represent anything - it is the wrong symbol!"

But the Medal of Victory is not just a "symbol", the red stars on the Memorial represent the highest medals the Soviet people are able to bestow on their fallen heroes!

"Hands Off Our Sacred Monument!" - roar the voices of the dead. Are you not listening, people of the earth? Listen to the mother, standing near the Obelisk whose tears are shed for her son. How important are the words of a man who will live in our heart forever: "People, I love you! Be vigilant!" - Julius Fuchik □

## WHERE ARE WE BEING LED BY OUR LEADERS?

Nationalism is like a cancer growth which must be removed or the patient dies. Our cancerous growth got started with Gorbachev - he was banking on the nationalistic elements in all of the Soviet Republics. This is a lesson that we must never forget - every sickness has a remedy or a remedy must be found quickly, before the body disintegrates.

Western Europe is uniting (for their own purposes, of course) but our "democrats" want Ukraine to be alone and have the best economy and best defense! How can our Ukraine accomplish this impossible feat, when the plans of US imperialism and G-7 countries want it to be a dumping ground for surplus goods and a reservoir of cheap labour?

But the nationalists think that Ukraine can be strong economically and be a military power. These present leaders of Ukraine live by instinct as wild animals.

Socialism did not start to disintegrate from the bottom but from the top, starting with Gorbachev who put a knife into the back of Socialism. Our only salvation is to resurrect the USSR. This is the only path that will stop the ethnic conflicts and get rid of the present "democratic Mafiosi" in power in the leadership of former Republics.

I am an Ukrainian. I was never a member of the CPSU, but now I see that the only way to fight these enemies is being in the progressive avangard movement for socialism. Every one of us should make a conscious decision. Time to stop dying slowly. Either we defend our Motherland, which is defending ourselves, or die trying to defend our people heroically.

Nikolai Volskij  
Volyn, Ukraine □



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## DECLARATION

of the Secretariat of the Central  
Committee, All Union Communist  
Party of Bolsheviks on the Results  
of the Elections and Referendum

Elections of December 12, 1993 completed the pre-election blitz-marathon, which, as was expected, unfortunately gave a semblance of law to the Yeltsin plan of the Constitution and the election of a Duma. The election campaign was held with wholesale buying of have-not electors, social demagogy, hooliganism and trickery, the composition of which the hidden "democrats" will have to study and analyze. All stops were pulled by Yeltsin's machine to "guarantee" their results in the referendum on the Constitution. The Yeltsinites suffered defeat in their aim of getting an "improvised" parliament which, as we see, will become unworkable and an odious buffoon, than even more all previous "monuments" of Russian bourgeois the polarization of political movements in the country and imminent growth and danger of reaction and fascism.

The results of the election "extravaganza" and the crash of the promised television reception of the elected body to open up the "New political year" showed, that the participation of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation (CPRF) in the elections not only split the communist movement in the country,

but guaranteed the acceptance of the Yeltsin constitution and the temporary victory of the counter-revolution. This Constitution, makes possible in Russia the foundations of future Feuhers. As the results of the elections show, the non-participation of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation would have guaranteed the downfall of the referendum and constitution. Messers, Zyuganov, Kupcov, Belov and other partocrats (members of Gorbachev clique – Editors), Pharisee's manipulated "communist's dedication" which saved Yeltsin and his clique; allowed the selling out of communists and the working class. – This traitorous act, if we study it closely, excels even the traitorous acts of Gorbachev.

Even if we take the results of this "falsified election" and the underhanded "referendum", more than 50% of the electors of Russia did not take part in the elections! This was done either consciously or unconsciously by the people who were tired and outraged at the manipulations of the Yeltsin clique. Step by step, we realistically promoted the boycott of the elections and referendum. The All Communist Party of Bolsheviks objectively reflected and stated the people's interests, feelings, hopes and expectations of the great majority of the people of our Motherland. The near future will confirm our position,

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will bring into the open the false promises of pre-election campaigns and their non-capacity to solve the problems of our Motherland. The results of the referendum made much stronger the social upheavals in Russia, and will slide the country into civil and ethnic wars.

The danger of future reaction and serious cataclysms in the "New political year" makes it imperative to call all patriotic forces, democrats and people of good will to create an All Russia Anti-Fascist Front, capable of stopping in its tracks the governmental banditry, and all pretenders to be Feuhers of our country; to turn the country onto the path of peace, democracy and a truly socialist future for the working class. We cannot allow during these critical times for our Motherland that the usurpers of leadership, the "leaders" and "little leaders" with their pretences, to subvert the anti-fascist front for their own narrow-party interests, as was the case during the beginning of this year. Robbed and humiliated by traitors and falsifiers, the people are awaiting some words from you, workers of culture, arts, education and technical personnel. Time has come to make a decision and not "be above" the calamity that has befallen our Motherland!

All Communist Party of Bolsheviks are ready to support all people of positive thought and actions towards the salvation of our Motherland.

**FASCISM AND REACTION  
WILL NOT PASS! MOTHERLAND  
OR DEATH!** □



## A CALL FOR WORLD-WIDE SUPPORT TO AN ANTI-FASCIST FRONT, and

## A COMMENT ON THE RUSSIAN "ELECTION" CHARADE ...

As we go on the press, early results filtering through the commercial press indicate that the illegality, not to say immorality, of the charade of "democratic elections" under the Yeltsin regime has plunged Russia into an even deeper state of chaotic misgovernment.

The claim by the Western media, in harmony with the Yeltsin & Company gang of "Westernizers" (meaning those engaged in the I.M.F., the European Bank of Reconstruction, the World Bank, et al., rush to capitalism) would have us believe that 50%, plus, of the 108 million voters in fact cast ballots is directly challenged by the most knowledgeable sources in Russia. We await further developments on that score.

The emergence of the neo-Fascist Liberal-Democratic Party led by Zhirinovskiy is a chilling development, coupled as it is with virulent anti-Semitism, proposals for the re-establishment of the "Russian Empire" (which can only mean an attempt to return to the barbarism of the Czars) and other wild and unbelievable demands and proposals. Press reports, as this is written, indicate that Party may well have taken something approaching 30% of the ballots cast. We suggest however that equally unsubstantiated suggestions that the extreme right wing advance is like the rise of Nazism should not at this time be fully accepted, although some elements of that are present, including the role now in Russia of international finance capital. The

question around this surge to the right appears to us as whether or not the Western financiers, who have propped up Yeltsin-Gaidar and their so-called "reforms", will now shift their support to this openly Fascist grouping in their efforts to establish open-house for their investment and exploitation of Russian resources and cheap labour. That is as yet an element that has not appeared, but which may well be in the process of surfacing. Coupled in that particular and very possible scenario is the fact, published else-where in this edition, that the bankers of the West seemed to have second thoughts in some quarters at least, as to the ability of their pet buffoon Yeltsin, to deliver Russia to them.

In a summary story written for this edition, we have quoted a fax to Gennady Zyuganov, head of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation asking for a statement of their program since they had agreed to participate in the election, so we might publish it to enlighten our readers, now world-wide, as to their position. We have not received a reply as we go to press. This, we find both distressing and difficult to understand. We now reveal, that at our expense, last year, we brought to Canada, an activist from Moscow (whose name we shall not reveal in order to protect his security) in a genuine effort to deepen our knowledge and understanding of the situation there. This anti-Yeltsin activist spoke to us as a member of the CPRF. It has been our continuing hope since that time that political charges against the CPRF by other Communists in Russia would prove resolvable and that eventual unity would develop between all the Communist parties.

It is now clear that failure to reach a united position to boycott the election, and participation in them by the Zyuganov group was an essential element for the pro-capitalist crowd, including Yeltsin and the Western bankers, to reach their goal of a

fundamentally repressive and dictatorial constitution so they might govern at their will. On this basis, we now take most seriously charges of reformist and social democratic policies levelled against Zyuganov and his associates. It is now impossible to believe that the CPRF, whether they call themselves Communists or not, will be able to defend the true interests of the Russian people and their Republic in the face of Yeltsin's Constitution from the onslaughts they will now suffer under the new Constitution of dictatorship. In this light, the accusations of the All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks gain clear credibility, and the danger of rule by Presidential diktat is consolidated. We can easily understand the reformist and Social Democratic nature of the CPRF if as charged, the Gorbachev forces stand behind Zyuganov and his associates, as hidden advisers.

In future, we should be pleased to find we have erred in this estimation, and that unity will emerge between all Communist forces in Russia, but we now accept the estimations of Andreeva on this score, and fully comprehend and support their call for "all patriotic forces, democrats and people of good will to create an All Russia Anti-Fascist Front, ... to turn the country into the path of peace, democracy and a truly socialist future for the working class."

The illegal pseudo-elections have advanced the cause of T.N.C. reaction on a world-wide scale, presenting all people with a growing threat of fascist dangers. It is time for all citizens to think of what each of us can do to repel once again the monopoly capitalists threat of fascism to the Russian and former Soviet people, as well as to the world at large.

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