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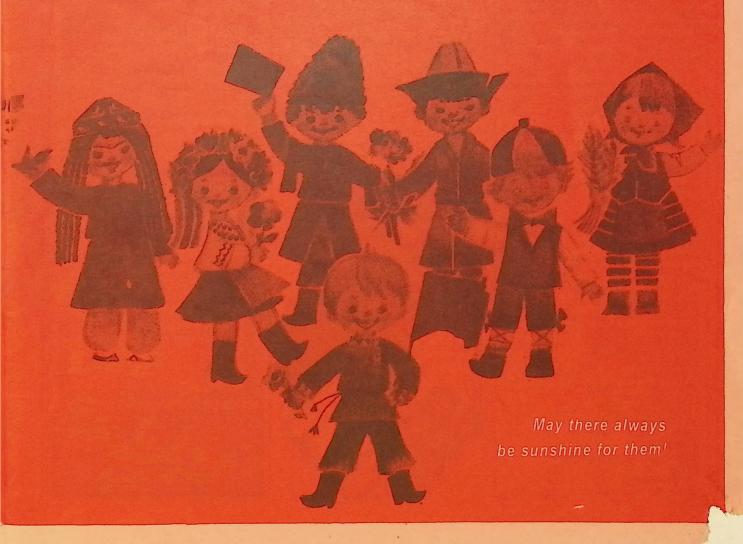
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May all the children know happiness of Socialism!





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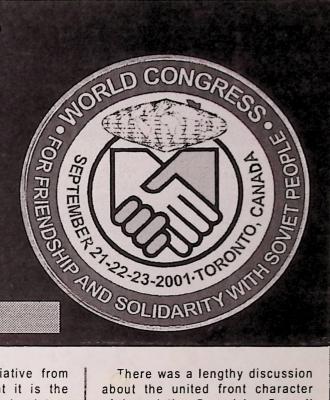
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MINI CONFERENCE REPORT ON PREPARATIONS FOR THE WORLD CONGRESS OF FRIENDSHIP AND SOLIDARITY WITH SOVIET PEOPLE to be held on SEPTEMBER 21-22-23, 2001 TORONTO, CANADA



EDITORIAL

On Saturday, October 28th, Michael Lucas, Editor of NSC and also Chairman of the Organizing Committee for the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People, called to order the 27-30 delegates gathered at the Friendship House. We began deliberations to prepare for the upcoming World Congress for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People which will take place on September 21-22-23, 2001 in Toronto, Canada.

The first order of business was the selection of Michael Lucas and Ray Stevenson, NSC's Associate Editor, as chairpersons of this Mini-Conference. Due to illness, brother Stevenson was unable to attend, so Michael Lucas chaired the two day event from beginning to the end. Rose and Ray Light were then elected to provide the official minutes of the proceedings. A decision was then ttaken to send the minutes to all ssignatories of the call to the World Congress and to communicate the news of this Mini-Conference to the readers of NSC allso, plus an overview of it to be published in the December issue.

There were delegates from Canada, USA, Spain and Brazil. Thie composition of the delegates refflect the fact that this has been

a Canadian-based initiative from the beginning and that it is the Canadian brothers and sisters who will be hosting the World Congress in 2001.

Michael Lucas provided the political leadership and initiated an upbeat, "can-do" spirit for the Mini-Conference with his Conference Report. Among other things, the Report raised the fact that, "as of now there shall be 37 countries represented by at least 94 delegates. That is a great achievement that all of us should be proud of!"

The Main Report also guides us on the kind of organization we should construct at the coming World Congress.

"The most important task now is for us to succeed in 2001 to set up an International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People. Our grandparents did so in 1918 in many countries of the world when they set up the "Hands Off Russia" Committees. We are going to be the forum and the UNITED FRONT of people who are determined that the Soviet Union and Socialism be resurrected in the first land of Socialism. We cannot allow American imperialism to carry on the work that Hitler's fascism was not able to accomplish."

There was a lengthy discussion about the united front character of the existing Organizing Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People and how the struggle against revisionism and imperialism relates to this Council's work. While Michael Lucas emphasized the united front character of the Council, the representative of the Communist Party of Spain (Reconstituted) emphasized the need to follow the teachings of the classic leaders of Marxism-Leninism and wage constant struggles against revisionism and imperialism. In the course of discussion and debate of our differing views which in essence pointed to the intertwining of revisionism and imperialism, all aimed in creating disunity in the progressive movements. Despite its intense character, this debate was carried out by main protagonists with a fraternal and optimistic spirit. In the end there was general agreement with the approach as outlined in the Conference Report: "Shall we allow all of these differences to be debated at our World Congress...? Of course we cannot allow this since we are NOT A COMMUNIST PARTY FORUM! But we shall give all these comrades a chance to express their ideas..."

Following the acceptance of the Report, which was passed unanimously, a strong round of applause was given to Michael Lucas for his excellent leadership of Northstar Compass and of the Organizing Committee. A second ovation was given to Helen Lucas for all her dedication and hard work in these efforts.

Michael Lucas read a strong message of solidarity from Luis Jalandoni of the National Democratic Front of the Philippines. The Editor also reported on the excellent work being done by Pedro Castilho of the Organizing Committee in Brazil.

Among the many decisions taken at this Mini-Conference with regard to the upcoming September 2001 World Congress were the following:

*Registration fee was set at \$40.00 Canadian for all delegates to the Congress.

*A committee to host delegates coming from former USSR was initiated.

*A procedure for handling resolutions was adopted. Translation work at the Congress was addressed. Finances were fully discussed. Five chairpersons for the Congress were proposed.

CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE WORLD CONGRESS:

There was agreement with the suggestion of Ray O Light that anyone who agrees with the Credo, as published in the March 2000 issue of NSC, should be welcomed to participate.

"Northstar Compass is the organ of the Organizing Committee to establish in 2001 an International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People as a Socialist State. Northstar Compass carries on the traditions of "Hands Off Russia Committees" which were internationally established in 1918 to help protect the young Soviet Republic from foreign intervention. The aim of all Friends of Soviet People is international cooperation in building

socialism and solidarity with Anti-Imperialist forces of the world who are struggling and fighting against U.S. Imperialism - the main enemy of mankind. Northstar Compass is the voice of all Friends of Soviet People.

Northstar Compass acts as a unifying force to consolidate and help to also co-ordinate the Anti-Imperialist forces of the world with the ongoing movement to restore the Soviet Union. We act as a united front, but we are not a forum for ideological debates. Soviet people themselves will choose the path towards socialism."

- *Right top: Katarina Kostic, secretary of Canadian Slav Committee.
- *Below: Mrs. G. Hess and Helen Lucas, Financial Secretary.
- *Ramon Grajo, making a point.
 *Dr. A. Paquin from Quebec-URSS
 Society.
- *Below: Dr. Angelo D Angelo, US Friends of Soviet People
- *George Hess, Chairman of the Canadian Slav Committee

- * Michael Lucas, Editor of NSC and Chairman of Organizing Comm. Delegates following the Main Report
- * On the left are delegates from Spain, USA, Brazil, Canada.
- * Conference appeal





ESTABLISH AN INTERNATIONAL COUNCE FOR FRIENDSHIP AND SOLIDARITY WITH SOVIET PEOPLE

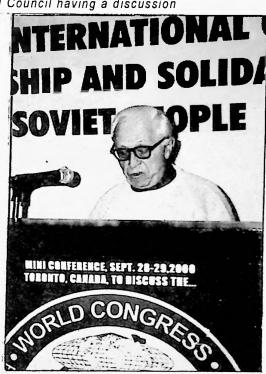


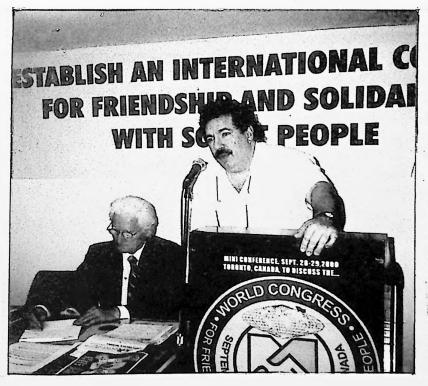




Jerry Morse, member of the Editorial Board and Professor Michael Ukas, University of Toronto, member of the Organizing Committee for an International Council having a discussion









At Michael Lucas' suggestion, the Mini-Conference added eight people to the Organizing Committee. They are: Professor Michael Ukas, George Hess, Dr. Adelard Paquin (all of Canada); Helen Blau (Georgia former USSR): Mate Zalka (pseudonym, Spain); Teddy John Frank (Sweden); George Gruenthall and Ray O Light (both of USA).

<u>Highlights of the Mini-</u> <u>Conference included the follow-</u> ing

*The commitment of Dr.Adelard Paquin to organize a French Canada (Quebec) branch of the Canadian Friends of Soviet People "Amis Quebecois du Peuple Sovietique. Section de Canadian Friends of Soviet People". Dr. Paquin also volunteered to lead efforts to spread NSC in the French language.

A generous financial donation from the Communist Party of Spain (Reconstituted) and their commitment to help spread NSC to the Spanish speaking world.

*The writing and adoption of a solidarity greeting and invitation to the participants gathered at the 2nd World Congress of Cuban Friendship with peoples in November in Havana, Cuba.

Materials and literature was available for all delegates plus documents for them to base their discussions upon.



Below: During the Conference there were different ideas expressed. The prepared materials in the cases for delegates were full of materials which helped the delegates in their presentations.







'The decision to send up to three delegates of NSC to the International League of Peoples' struggle Founding Assembly, May 25-27, 2001 in Europe.

*Financial pledges were made by almost all of the delegates in attendance to support the work of the upcoming World Congress.

*A letter to Soviet friends was written and adopted regarding the decisions of the Mini-Conference. The decision had been taken to ask each one of the dozen or so

*Delegates in the newly renovated Friendship House.

*Jesse Papapavolou, expressing his thoughts.

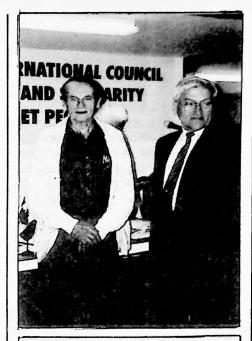
*Frank Trampus, translator from Spanish.

*Delegates during a session.

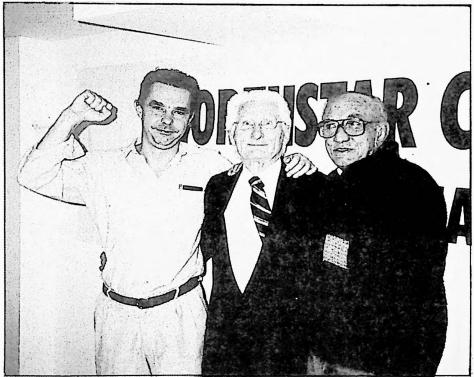
*Top: Professor Juan Manuel Olarietta. CPS (R), Michael Lucas, Chairman, Pedro Castro, Brazil

*Top right: Steve Sajban, Ivan Petrik. Canada, who took these photographs.

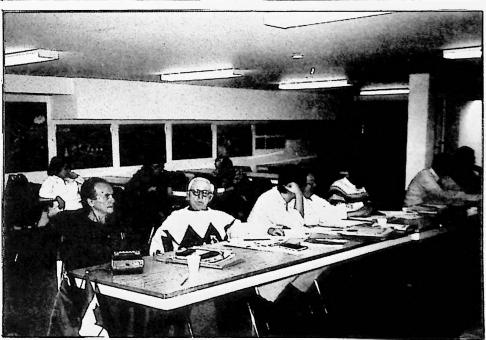
Below right Jerry Morse, Canada during discussions.











affiliated organizations, publications and parties from the former USSR to be prepared to answer the following two questions in the course of their 15 minute presentations at the Congress: (1) What is your party-organization doing to further the cause of restoring socialism in former USSR? (2) What do you believe that we (the International Council of Friends of Soviet People) can do to assist in this effort?

The final session was devoted largely to a frank assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of NSC and the Organizing Committee and how to improve the influence and quality of this valuable publication and promotion for the World Congress through Internet. With an international spirit, determination was expressed to extend NSC publication into French, Spanish, and Russian languages in the future.

Right: Two delegates - Helen Long and Paula Bukta listen

to reports.

Below: The slogan of Northstar Compass The Mini-Conference concluded with the singing of The International and toasts were made to the future success of the September 2001 World Congress in Toronto, Canada for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People.



ADDITIONS TO THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE ELECTED AT THE MINI-CONFERENCE

*HELEN BLAU - Georgia

*TEDDY-JOHN FRANK, Sweden

*MATE ZALKA - Spain

*RAY O LIGHT - USA

*DR. ADELARD PAQUIN -Canada

*GEORGE HESS - Canada

*GEORGE GRUENTHAL - USA

*MICHAEL UKAS - Canada

TO ALL SUBSCRIBERS

The Mini Conference held at the end of November discussed NSC and unanimously decided that due to the upcoming postal rate increase in Canada, starting in January 2001, the subscription to NSC shall be \$25.00 per year for 12 issues.

We certainly need donations coming in order to publish until the World Congress takes place on September 21-22-23, 2001.

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Above: John Baby our Chef and reader of NSC.

Left: some of the delegates at the closing moments of Conference pose for a photo.

NEWS FROM THE SOVIET UNION

IMPERIALISM SHALL NOT PASS!

STATEMENT BY THE THE CC AUCPB

The dangerous situation in the Near East and Yugoslavia again sheds the light on the great danger, which imperialism threatens all of mankind.

Well fed by US imperialism, the Israeli beast of prey has openly attacked the Palestine National Autonomy. Against the defenseless Palestinian people, aggressive State of Israel has used fighter planes, helicopter gunships, rockets and artillery. Using missile rockets they attacked the residence of Yasser Arafat and many residential Palestinian districts. The Israeli army is on a full war footing. Israeli tanks have invaded the autonomous territory and are waging an undeclared war.

Together with this, as was reported on the BBC, USA and England are bombarding Iraq, the country that is publicly supporting Palestinian liberation.

Full of success in toppling the Yugoslav president Milosevic by by "peaceful means" USA and cooperating with them all other countries of NATO are now focusing with all their might to dislodge and overturn the government of Hussein in Iraq, in order to dismember this country and defeat this brave nation fighting for their freedom.

Overall, Near East presents now a very dangerous situation that could lead to an all out war between Israel and all the Arab countries. The aim of NATO and Israel is to stop the formation of a Palestinian State, to sink their roots into this territory and to defeat and disperse any opposition to imperialism in this strategic region of the world.

The setting up of war bases in the Balkans was the main aim of NATO. They have now completed a NATO shield there, under which cover genocide is proceeding against the Serbs in Kosovo and

installing a marionette regime in Belgrade, splitting Kosovo and Chernogore and to forever put down the Yugoslav state. This is all tied in to the overall policy of NATO... proceeding to get nearer and nearer the borders of Russia.

Utilizing the strategy of "peacekeeping", US imperialism is now using the so-called Madrid Agreement as far as Near East is concerned or the US arranged Dayton Agreement of 1995 which made Yugoslavia a neocolony of the West.

The USA is arming Israel with all the most modern and deadly war hardware, but keeping well hidden that Israel has atomic and hydrogen bombs and also missiles, while completely boycotting the United Nations decision regarding Palestine State.

In Yugoslavia, US and NATO, through their world-wide media coverage, are masking this open attack on Yugoslavia by propagating that it is a necessary "UN humanitarian intervention". NATO for 79 days and nights bombed Yugoslavia and now, after the defeat of president Milosevic, are attacking resolution No. 1244 of the United Nations Organization from June of 1991, which agreed that the unity of Yugoslavia as a state must be maintained.

Today, from the lips of the present Russian regime, you can hear the words of agreement as to what transpired in Yugoslavia or what is happening in the Near East. It is good to remember that some statements made for public relations only by Russian leaders regarding Yugoslavia during the attacks by NATO forces, now are forgotten and are closer and closer to the official position of US/NATO. This, in spite of some disagreement on the discussion of PRO, which only stopped because of the US presidential election.

The aim of the present Russian regime is to be seen as a partnership with the US policies in Yugoslavia and the Near East. The role of V. Chernomydrin of Russia, sent by Putin for discussions in Near East was in the interests of USA only. There is no difference in the course being taken by Putin to that which was being pursued by Yeltsin.

It is a sad state to see that the Russian official bourgeois policy in the Near East is being supported wholeheartedly by the



Nina Andreeva -AUCPB

Communist Party of Russian Federation (CPRF) even though in some small ways the CPRF criticizes this policy. The leadership of CPRF has thrown out the principles of Lenin regarding international situations and imperialism. The CPRF "Zyuganovites" are trying desperately to "enmash" themselves into the present policy of the Russian regime. The revisionists even hope that the present Putin regime will return back to socialism!? There is no parallel to such cynicism on the part of the present revisionists.

Imperialism shall not pass!

We are certain that sooner or later there shall be formed in the world a great united anti-imperialist front, which shall give a decisive defeat to imperialism, and it shall return the planet back to peace and friendship, eliminating exploitation and violence.

During these dangerous times, the AUCPB is utilizing all forms of struggle against the policy of imperialist states and their helpers in the Near East and Yugoslavia.

Down with imperialism!

Let solidarity become firmer of all the peoples struggling against imperialistic aggression and for a durable and just peace on our planet!

FELIX Gorelik



President of Russia Putin told journalists, before his trip to India: 'To return back to totalitarianism is impossible. There is no social basis for this. A new generation, which grew up in the last 10 years shall not ever accept it. Russia will go on developing on the road to democracy and market economy". In all of these few words there is not an ounce of truth! Yes, of course the "new generation" has no inkling or understanding of socialism. In the past 10 years they grew up when all of their "minds were being cleansed", absolute falsehoods are being taught in schools, on the television, and in the press. If for the Soviet school children before, their dream was to become a Soviet Cosmonaut when they grew up, a physician, a scientist, teacher or an engineer, now, according to a survey taken of school children in the last four years of "reforms" the most ambitious and the most prestige profession given by the children (teenagers) was to be a prostitute, a Mafia killer, a racketeer, a banker, and businessman, Instead of the noble aim to serve mankind, the aim now is how to get richer and richer. This situation in the minds of young people is one of the greatest crimes committed by these "democrats" against humanity. No wonder that Russia is experiencing a great dark cloud of crime. The young generation sees no future for themselves - it is either to swell the ranks of unemployed and beggars or paving the road ahead by joining bands of bandits, or selling yourself.

But Putin is quiet as to who was it that taught all this and brought up these children, or who was it that was proceeding with plans to make certain that the USSR is not reborn again? This is the work of the "fathers", to which Putin cer-

GANNIBALS

tainly belongs - a servant of Yeltsin, a student of Sobchak.

No one could have predicted as to how low the present youth has sunk, all these children and grandchildren of that heroic generation, who were victorious in the Great Russian October Revolution, who laid the foundations of Socialism, who were victorious in the Great Patriotic War. Gorbachev is just the standardbearer of the traitors, who had converted a large section of governmental bureaucracy. He now sells himself to the highest bidder, he tries to get out of his own skin in order to demonstrate to capitalism his Judas's soul.

"The aim of all my life was to destroy communism, the terrible dictatorship over the people,-said Gorbachev at the American University in Turkey - it is the reason that I utilized the communist party in the country...and in order to fulfill my plans, I replaced all the leadership of the CFSU and the USSR, and also took steps to replace all leadership in the socialist countries". Yes, Judas, compared to Mikhail Gorbachev is just a small fry. The problem was that Gorbachev was not alone, he was a typical traitor of a mass of reformers, who, as microbes were eating away at the womb of the socialist society, eating it away from within. All of these present leaders in Russia. Ukraine and other "independent" states have no other aim, except to get rich personally. They are willing to go along this road over the carcasses of many millions of people, these are underhanded cannibals. The many representatives of all these cannibals - such as all those Nemtsovs, Kirienkos, Hakhamadies, Yavlinskies, Putins and others, they hide these ambitions of theirs, under the terminology such as "reforms", "human rights", "freedom", "democracy", "market economy". They all came from the "new thinking" of Gorbachev, he was not able to accomplish everything he set out to do, because he was booted out by another cannibal, Boris Yeltsin. But what actually is hidden behind all of these terms?

My neighbor in the Spanish hotel was a bald man, puffy nose like that of a drunk and a tremendous stomach to boot. He was, it seems an administrator in some kind of department in Moscow. He took me in as his "own kind", therefore he did not hide his true feelings. What all of the present "democrats" keep quite about, this neighbor let loose his feelings. With a terrible hate for the poor people, he said: "These are loafers, they never want to work. They can be forced to work only through hunger. They always want to take away that, which does not belong to them." I mentioned that now there are people in Russia, Ukraine and in other former Soviet former republics who are dying from outright hunger. He retorted back: "there's too many of them anyway, we do not need so many!" These elements feel that God gave them the right to do as they please

In a beautiful summer vacation spot called Puzatyi, I met a friend of mine that used to teach German in a University and was also an administrator? He had 6 assistants and now he is the owner of two hotels, thanks to the cash he demanded from students for giving exams! But to take "dollars" for giving an exam from students is not that much money. As is now shown, he is a typical rabid anti-Communist and his hate is unbelievable, but not too long ago he was also a member of the CPSU! Three times he applied for membership in the CPSU, and only the fourth time was he successful, and became a propagandist, recommended by the Moscow City Soviet. But in reality, he is now a nephew of a rich private owner (illegally of a factory) but he used his "party card" as a stepping stone to get ahead, since there

was absolutely no cleansing of these elements regularly from the CPSU.

These are the poisonous elements that started to fill the ranks of the CPSU after 1953, and that dismembered both the USSR and the CPSU. Putin lies when he states there is no social basis for the resurrection of Socialism. In our great USSR there are millions of workers who want socialism, but it is these "New Russians": who have usurped all power and now want to drown the country in blood. in order not to let the working class take power.

In order to gain popularity, Putin is willing to curtail some of the more brazen multimillionaires such as Gusinsky and Berezovski, but he does not touch but actually makes stronger privatization and the market economy. This he calls "democracy" and "market economy".

What kind of democracy can we talk about when the state power is in the hands of such capitalists? In order to have Yeltsin get "elected" for a second term, these bankers gathered One Billion dollars. From a 6% rating for Yeltsin, and besides the falsifica-

tion of ballots and votes, Yeltsin somehow got a majority of votes. No one knows for sure as to how many millions of local and external dollars was needed for the election of Putin...with daily TV ads, which at that time was defaming his opponents. Even the anti-Communist Russian newspaper "Arguments and Facts", wrote "that in order to elect a Governor of a region, it costs over tens of millions of dollars, while in order to get elected to the Russian Duma as a Deputy costs a minimum \$300,000! These dollars go towards TV ads, newspaper advertising, leaflets and pay off."

All of this is demagogy, false-hoods and trickery, having nothing to do at all with "democracy" or even "fairness". This is in fact "totalitarianism of capital". There is not even a whiff of democracy! This is "capitalbureucracy"!

"Market Reforms", was the falsehood meant to instill upon society the growth of capitalists who showed themselves to be cannibals. Even Putin himself had to admit the fact, basing himself on the prognosis of economists, scientists, that inside of the last

15 years the population of Russia has fallen by 22 million people. Every year the population of Russia gets smaller by at least 1 million people. Is this not genocide?

In the first half of 2000 the population already has fallen by 0.5 million people. Births have fallen off drastically by over 1.5 times, but the deaths have grown alarmingly. Only in 1998, from 520,000 Russians dying in the best of their working years, 202,000 died from many different causes, such as: killings, suicides, from heart attacks and stress. The longevity has fallen off during this period of "reforms" to an average longevity of only 59 years, while in the USA during the same period the average age longevity is 76 years. It is predicted that by year 2003 the average age of longevity will be only 53 years of age. The same is happening in the Ukraine and other former republics of the USSR.

The reason is only one - the cannibalism of the present regimes and "reforms". The pensions are low and this accounts for the early deaths of people on pensions, due to malnutrition,

Protests are mounting all across former USSR. Here you see protests in Lugansk, Ukraine, demanding back payment of pensions that sometimes are 6-8 months late.



hunger, no medical care and yes, even suicides. The pay for doctors and teachers is from \$10 to #30 per month. Is it possible to live and guarantee a healthy life style for you and the family? Medical help is very costly. On top of all this the growth of crime, and in mussia itself, there are more people killed than for 10 years in Afghanistan by 2-3 times. Accidents in mines, factories due unsafe conditions is catastrophic.

That is why the profits of such as Berezovski has grown now to 3 billion dollars! This is the kind of *reforms* that is ruining the country while making rich richer and the poor poorer!

This capitalist might prevents for the moment the return back to socialism. This prevents "the return back" to what a majority of the people want. If this was allowed to happen, these crooks would be brought to justice and pay the supreme price.!

Cambibals - you cannot call all of these present "reformers" - "democrats" otherwise!

LABOUR UNDER ATTACK IN RUSSIA!

Below we reprint the letter of protest sent to President Putin of Russia from the Organizing Committee for an International Council and the Northstar Compass, plus from the Canadian and US Friends of Soviet People.

To:

PRESIDENT PUTIN OF RUSSIA:

As you know the Second All-Russia Day of Action against your draconian anti-union laws (Labour Code-KZot) takes place on December 1, 2000. The first protest took pace on May 17, brought out way over 300,000 workers across Russia.

Since the introduction of privatization in Russia, workers and all of their families have suffered enormous hardships. They have seen the average male life expec-

tancy plummet from Western levels to just under 56 years of age. Non-payment of wages has become normal, schoolchildren have had to stay home because their schools cannot afford heating. Diseases of poverty like tuberculosis have become epidemic, and all over the country people have been forced to live off what they can grow on their back plots. Now, on top of all of this suffering, your government intends to introduce a new Labour Code that will destroy the basic rights held by workers for decades.

The new Labour Code, devised with the enthusiastic encouragement of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), will impose a system of casual labour everywhere, removing from the trade unions all power to act. While at present workers cannot be legally fired if the trade union opposes it, the new Code will allow the bosses to fire at will, as well as to spy on the private lives of workers and, blacklist any who have been active trade unionists. The length of the working day shall be increased from 8 to 12 hours, and employers will be able to impose a 56-hour week without any overtime pay. Additionally, the new Code legalizes child labour and forces pregnant women to work night shifts.

We, as part of the world of workers and progressive movements protest against your barbaric new Code.

We demand that the right of workers to organize in trade unions be maintained. We condemn your attempt to legally impose upon the workers the Nineteenth Century working conditions. We affirm our solidarity with the All-Russia Campaign Against the Labour Code, who have called for a mass Day of Action on December 1, 2000 against this disgraceful attack on the working class.

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YOU HAVE AN OPINION ABOUT NSC? WRITE!

FROM NEWSPAPER "VOICE OF A COMMUNIST" RUSSIA

NSC readers will remember that we published the text of Mikhail Gorbachev's speech at the American University in Turkey. Today we reprint just one of many comments on this vile admission. The Open Letter is under the heading of:

"YOU ARE A SCOUNDREL!"



"Your appearance and speech at the American University in Turkey - this was a political striptease, and not only insulting the communists. It has brought defamation of our honor and what our Motherland stood for, and defamed the memory of the Soviet Union.

It was not enough that you carry the full blame for what transpired in our country under your leadership. You went forward to the dismemberment of the Soviet Union and of the CPSU willingly and with malice. You, who for scores of years were worming your way up and down the ladder of power, you lied to your comrades, you lied daily and monthly and yearly to more and more Soviet people.

When you became the head of the country, you came out with a slogan: "More democracy, more socialism!", which was supported by the people. But you yourself already knew that you were lying. And even with happiness in your heart you left the Kremlin in 1991 during the counterrevolution - as a man who knew that he had done a good job.

The fact that you are not a communist, is well known by al the people. For 10 years I looked upon you as a social democrat, and maybe more "honest", not like the type as Messrs. Yakovlev or Shevernadze. Your absolute

shameless anti-communism is like a spike into the soul of all, who in their time, but not for very long, idealized you.

Even today, you are lying. You are the one who dismembered socialism inside the USSR and in other European socialist countries...but you will never ever be able to liquidate Communism, not its ideas, not its organizational form - nor us, the dedicated Communists!

You have done the most ignoble political betrayal!

With your actions you are now helping those of our and foreign communists who are trying hard to legitimize Stalin's repressive actions. If the top leadership of the communist government of USSR during 1980's were traitors and double-faced, then its easier to believe, that such were many leaders before who were Lenin's comrade in arms. If there would have been killed even one million more people, then there would not be the "perestroika" that you brought in!

You are making deeper cleavages between the communists and social democrats. Our party, the Russian Communist Party-CPSU wants to cooperate and unite with all masses who are for socialism and against the fascist danger. We are always against any misunderstanding and animosity between all of the left wing movements.

And last but not least - you are threatening Communists in China. You cannot do this and it is impossible by the likes of you!

I am unfortunately not powerful enough to bring you to justice. But in all truthfulness I am saying this to you, you scoundrel, Mikhail Sergeivich!

The dictionary of Ozhegov describes the word meanness as "despicable, no honor and very vile". The dictionary by Ushakov, says that this word means- "low immoral, disgraceful". All these two meanings belong to you!

YOU HAVE AN OPINION AROUT NSC? WRITE!

Please regard this letter as public. I am appealing to you to come and give yourself up to the courts to defend your honor. Try to show the courts that you do have some honor left.

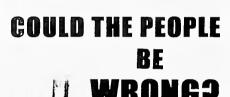
A. PRIGARIN

Secretary Central Committee Russian Communist Party-CPSU

COMMENT

An excellent "Open Letter" to Gorbachev by comrade Prigarin. Unfortunately there are even now "anti-Stalinists" both inside and outside the borders of former Soviet Union. This anti-Stalinism now, 45 years after the death of Stalin serves only Imperialism and all other enemies of socialism.

FROM NEWSPAPER
BOLSHEVIK OF STAVROPOLYA
RUSSIA



In the period of Soviet Union (after 1953) it was always stated: the people are always right! Yes, the people were right, the party was right and the working collective was right before 1953. We were brought up to honor and believe in the wisdom of the people and the collective. We did not listen to the liberal-democratic personalities like Bulkagov, Ligachev, Sakharov, Solzhenitsyn and others before.

To my estimation, 1991 showed that the party, the collective and the people leading the party were wrong. Otherwise things in the former USSR would not be the way they are now. All the years since 1991 has now confirmed this. Not taking away the facts of Imperialism and of the West mixing into our internal affairs and of the pro-Western leanings of our intelligencia that caused the debacle and the dismemberment of the CPSU and the USSR in 1991. we must look at other "attacking battalions who took part in this dismemberment frenzy of our Soviet Motherland, its consequences in all other socialist countries and also the progressive movement all over the world.

Where were our Soviet people and all of the working collectives? Most were quiet and asleep during "perestroika" and the blood-



shed of 1993 in front of the Supreme Soviet white house. They enmeshed themselves into the "new Russia" under the Vlasov flag, while in Ukraine in the "new Ukraine" - under the nationalist Banderite flag. We were zomberized with the technological media day in day out. They adopted personal interests instead of collective interests. They all wanted to live as "they live in America" these leaders always told us.

And where was or is the glorious Soviet working class and the dedicated Soviet collective farmers? Where is our revolutionary Soviet Hammer and Sickle?

Where are our Heroes of Labor. the Heroes of the 5-Year Plans? Some are in "yellow trade unions" (former schools of communism) while others have become businessmen or the new so-called Russian "middle-class", while still others have adopted a new ideology of political revisionism and are now finding and dissecting Marxism-Leninism and looking for a "third way". Where are all the "Red Directors" of the Collective and State Farms or the Soviet enterprises? They all became the owners of the industries and the dismembered lands of USSR that comprised the collective and state farms.

Where are our "Komsomols-volunteers" of all ranks? They are now in all of the commercial structures, together with their elder "comrades" who said "we need it" and the Komsomols answer "yes, we'll do it!"

Where are all the "defenders of the sacred Soviet soil, the Soviet Army?" Where are all the Soviet Marshals...they are serving the new masters now. It is they (most of them) who have with their own hands helped to dismember the Soviet Union. They are now just servants and soldiers of fortune for the new bourgeois regime. We do not even talk about the Generals who obeyed the command of

Yeltsin and drowned in blood the defenders of the White House in 1993!

Where are the Soviet Academicians, Scientists, Professors who were the elite of Soviet society, who were trained and supported by the Soviet working class? They are now members of different Western Capitalist Funds, Societies, Agencies in the service of capitalism.

Therefore we should no only blame the West, Imperialism and NATO, these external enemies whose hands are bloodied in the dismemberment of the USSR, as some are doing now, even though the treason committed by the likes of traitors like Gorbachev, Yakovlev. Yeltsin and others, is self evident, but we must also look closely at the former Soviet intelligencia whose guilt is enormous and cannot ever be washed away or forgiven.

All of us, Soviet citizens must also take blame upon our shoulders. We only now realize as to what we allowed to happen to our Soviet Motherland. Our Soviet people are clever, and are ready to admit what happened. But this is just the first step.

What is needed now, above all else is a dedicated son of the Soviet people to lead one Communist party, the party of dedicated Communists to defend the people. The people need a dedicated leader, a genuine Marxist-Leninist who has the courage to lead the masses towards Socialism.

Heroic leaders are born in the heat of battles and struggles, that are seen and honored by the people, not in constant discussions in the corridors or in secret agreements. The Soviet people are ready to follow such a leader-this then will be the correct road to Great Victory!

PROLETARSKA GAZETA
LENINGRAD



This newspaper is published by volunteers and by volunteer donations and is aimed at the Russian working class. In their appeal to the readers they have stated their aims, which we publish some excerpts from:

*We do not want to slowly die without any struggle against the present parasitic regime

*We do not want to be just an ignorant mass of sheep.

*We do not want that our children should die in the mountains of Chechniya for all the oil barons and parasites, that our children should kill other children such as they are

*We are guilty in that we allowed these class parasites to impose upon us the bourgeois exploitive regime, who laugh and besmirch our glorious heroes and history who died for our and the freedom of the world

*We are responsible for the future of our children and grandchildren. We defeated the ruling class in 1917, we defeated German fascism and liberated our Great Motherland. Our fathers, mothers and grandfathers had to bear a terrible cost in human sacrifices for all of mankind. Our grandparents build up our Socialist Motherland they laid the foundations for our future. We cannot let them down!

Workers of the World Unite!

GET YOUR FRIENDS TO SUBSCRIBE TO NORTHSTAR COMPASS!

HOW ZYUGANOV HELPED PUTIN WIN THE ELECTION!

A press release over the Internet by the magazine "The Moscow Times" is very revealing in detail as to what happened during the presidential election in Russia. This magazine is certainly not left-wing or to be confused as a pro-socialist publication...but its very well researched article is worth quoting...although in a very summarized form.

"Moscow Times" has documented enough falsification in the last March 26th presidential election to question the legitimacy of the vote. Yevgenia Borisova reported from the districts like Dagestan, Tatrarstan, Inqushetia, Bashkortostan and Moscow, plus telephone interviews in Novosibirsk. Kursk, Nizhny Novgorod, Kabardino-Balksariya and Mordovia, Kaliningrad, Vladivostok and also Chechniva...to declare outright that Putin stole the election and Zyuganov knew it and did not do anything about this outright falsification!

On Sunday, April 16th, three weeks after the March 26th election it was "officially" confirmed that Putin received 52.94% of the vote.

The CPRF and Jabloko parties indirectly accused Putin of falsification...and charged that it was a deadly serious federal crime. But no direct challenge was made to Putin or through the Russian courts by their Central Committees.

An officer appointed by the State Duma came to Makhachkala to investigate and hear a report by a Security Guard, Magomedov who saw and tried to comprehend two dark limousines of the State apparatus when they went into the polling station, took out bags full of ballots and burned them, threatening him with loss of jobs or worse if he interferes. These ballots were all destroyed. The next day he filed a complaint to the authorities, but no action was

taken. He is willing to testify in court but he is being warned that harm would come to him. His, as were other complaints also went through the same ordeal, threatened in no uncertain terms.

During the six months of investigations since the elections. The Moscow Times had uncovered scores of fraudulent actions and outright thievery of ballots. In Dagestan alone it is possible to definitely document over 87,000 votes that were stolen by Putin. And this is only a tip of an iceberg of those districts that were not afraid to tell us this...others were very afraid even to cooperate with our investigation, due to threats. In Dagestan over 700,000 votes were wrongly awarded to Putin from Zyuganov. After this Dagestan expose, it is possible to challenge outright almost a fourth of Putin's national margin of victory as highly questionable.

In Tatarstan and Bashkortostan, where we are told that Putin won 2.87 million of the 4.46 million votes cast...we found out that the ballot boxes were stuffed with ballots for Putin, using all falsified names, names from the dead in cemeteries and also adding 2-3 stories to many apartment buildings that never did have that high buildings.

It was found out that in most districts where Putin won, regional governors went to vertical chain of bullying. Everyone from collective or private farm chairmen, to college professors were forced to vote for Putin. Some critics have gone as far as to point out that people in positions of authority forced people under them to cast their ballots for Putin openly or lose their jobs!

Even in war-torn Chechniya where human bloodshed is rampant, where their loved ones are dying in this war, Putin was proclaimed a winner...getting over 50.63% of the vote!!??

Perhaps the most startling dis-

covery of our six month investigation was the one that emerged from Central Election Commission of Russia and their Web site: the official number of registered voters grew by over 1.3 million in the three months between the December 19th State Duma elections and the March 26 presidential elections - and there are no good explanation as to why. It is obvious the over 1.3 million voters were "dead souls"!

Also, we found out that in some village voting booths pens and ballots were snatched from the hands of voters and the election officials then marked those ballots themselves for Putin. These people are willing to testify about this crime. Some pensioners were even threatened by officials that their pensions shall be taken away if they do not vote for Putin.

The inescapable conclusion is that Vladimir Putin would not have won outright on the first ballot on March 26, 2000 without cheating.

It is tellingly interesting that the same top members of the CPRF who so indignantly laid out evidence of fraud in the first round, all freely conceded Putin would have easily won in a second round anyway!??

There were about 440 law suits filed in courts across Russia to contest the election fraud, besides the election commission receiving untold thousands of formal complaints. But there was no FORMAL complaint from the CC CPRF, including the presidential candidate himself - Gennady Zyuganov."

COMMENT

Zyuganov and the leadership of CPRF knew what was going on!

Why did not the CPRF call upon the people to go into the streets to protest all over Russia?

When such bourgeois publications as the Russian "The Moscow Times" write about this and make this point, the Soviet people must realize as to who is a "Trojan Horse" amongst the Communist ranks!

HELEN BLAU





NO SMOKE WITHOUT TEXTS TEXT TEXT

Rumors, rumors and rumors...Rumors are afloat, rumors reach us and we cannot escape them. It is advised to believe only half of what we hear. But are we always good at distinguishing these halves? For instance, if we touch upon the subject of foreign adoption, shall we believe that all the children adopted from Georgia by foreign parents are disabled, suffering from serious health disorders or that there is nothing serious about their health at all? Shall we believe that these children are brought up in foreign prosperous families as potential donors (for a possible transplantation of human organs) or that only unclouded happiness expects them in the well-off families? Shall we believe that the adoption system in Georgia is corrupted or that it is free from dishonest practices?

Widespread rumors mean that there must be some substance of truth behind them, though they might not be entirely true. In order not to try and pick out some relevant information from all of the Georgian mass media and then call it in question, I decided to get it at first hand and in June of 2000 visited the relevant department of the Ministry of Education of Georgia, where they personally deal with adoption.

As it turned out from an hour and a half talk with an official, there were no foreign adoptions from Georgia before 1992. Accord-

ing to the official statistical data, foreign adoptions began here with 2 children in 1992 and 1 child in 1993. Then there was a rapid increase in the process within 1994-1995. The year of 1996 witnessed the highest level of foreign adoptions - 90 children. Then the number of adopted children began to decline. Last year (1999) there were 21 of them. The total number of foreign adoptions from Georgia for the previous 8 years is 215. As I was told that 22% of all foreign adoptions are to Canada and the USA.

The process of adoption in Georgia is carried out under the Adoption Law passed by the Parliament of Georgia in October of 1997 and under the Civil Code passed by the Parliament of Georgia in 1998. All the infants (babies) children adopted by foreign parents have health problems. Foreigners get the necessary information about the registry and apply for infant (baby) child adoption through the relevant Embassies.

There is one Home for Infants in our country for keeping 200-250 infants there. The infants are usually kept in this Home until they are 3 years old. But if a baby (child) suffers from health disorders, it can be kept there until it is 4 or 5 years old. As I was informed at the Ministry, 75% of the infants (babies) children, kept in the Home for infants have health problems. Any fact of the illegal adoption has not been officially

registered. If the infants (babies) children on a national registry are not adopted by Georgian parents within 6 months on the registry, they can be adopted then by foreigners.

In Georgia there are all in all 10 Child Houses and 3 Boarding Schools for children who are not in the charge of parents. Children from 3 until 17 are admitted to both of them.. According to what the official at the Ministry of Education said (I wasn't shown and I didn't ask for the document to confirm the figures) there were approximately 1,000 children in these child institutions in 1989. The word "approximately" was used by the official. Then the number of children kept there declined within the following four years to approximately 700 in 1993. Within the following year it began to increase and in 1998 reached the highest level of approximately 1,500 children. Last year it declined again to approximately 1,200-1,2500 children.

National adoption, which is officially free in Georgia, is a matter of special discussion and maybe investigation. Omitting the details in the talk I had at the Ministry of Education, this is in fact all that I want to report officially on the matter of adoption in Georgia.

Now I would like to express my views chiefly on foreign adoption and will start by saying that adoption refers to the sphere of National Security, I think, as citizens is the primary subject of it. It is ensuring of inalienable rights and liberties that in the whole system of National Security is dominating for the citizens. Adoption refers to the non-military group of factors of the National Security per the following three factors, I think: FACTOR 1: Social factors, comprising side by side with others, moral and demographic ones. FACTOR 2: Factor of State Se-

nality and corruption.
FACTOR 3: Human factor - its level of development as part of the integral system of National Security.

curity per item of organized crimi-

Speaking about human rights in the narrow sense, i.e. about the rights, which are not granted, but are only ensured and guaranteed by the State, it should be underlined that these rights are inherit in every person's birth and are in force irrespective of their constitutional and legal security and state borders. These rights comprise first of all the right to life and corporal inviolability, respect for human dignity, liberty from arbitrary illegal arrest, liberty of faith and conscience and so on.

In view of the above that is stated, it should be stressed that the matter of adoption process should be placed under special control of the National Security Services I think. The present article, however, is just an overview of the subject of adoption in Georgia. As I am not an investigator. I certainly could not expect to obtain a stream of complicated information on the matter. Nor could I carry out an independent journalistic investigation of the adopting process not for the purpose of producing some sensational material by exposing probable facts of either violation of the Adoption Law or corruption, but for the purpose of analyzing the real state of things in the entire system of adoption in our country with subsequent proposing of the ideas to improve it.

I have not even the least of intentions to insult any official of any establishment, or any Ministry by being distrustful. But I think that any serious matter must be approached with the maximum of accuracy and truthfulness. To manage that one should be fully convinced of the correctness of the whole information and the many details of it. It is generally agreed that it is better to see once than to hear twice. This saying accentuates the need of visiting the Home for infants (but I was told that I will never be allowed to do it), the needs of meeting and talking with a few foreign adopters and the children, adopted at the start of foreign adoption process in Georgia, who must be 7-8 years old now, if they were adopted as infants. (Shall I ever be allowed to?). Some documents are also to be carefully studied. What could significantly clear up the matter is a thorough investigation by the specialists of the medical records of all the infant's/ babies/ children kept in the Home for infants and in the psycho-neurological clinic in Tbilisi as well as an official statement prepared by a group of experienced Georgian doctors testifying as to whether an infant's / baby's / child's organs can be used for transplantation or not, and if there really are many children's diseases which cannot be cured by the native doctors.

It would be inappropriate to comment on the corruption in the adoption system in Georgia as 1 am not armed with the evidence of it. Yet, should be very naive to believe that the process is entirely free from corrupt practices. Who knows, maybe still there was a case either officially or unofficially registered, but which for certain reasons became confidential, or for the same reason was not investigated at all. No doubt, any violation of law is to be stopped and the criminals are to be punished, though prevention is better than a cure. What could make the citizens undertake immoral dishonest actions? Is it a matter of bribes that attract some individuals so much so or maybe the adoption system itself is not as perfect as it should be? Do the local officials make serious effort to look for foster parents before allowing foreign adoptions?

People have various views on adoption in general but foreign adoption is approached by them mostly from two different angles hence the two conflicting ideas: The supporters of the first one regard foreign adoption as an act of charity, the supporters of the second one claim the care of foreign adoptions stems from and centers in self-interest of affluent foreign parents. Really, is foreign adoption to be regarded as humane legal institution or a kind of business?

Possessing only scanty information, liable to be spread, I mediated much upon this and won-

dered what really makes well-off foreigners adopt foreign infants (babies) children with serious health disorders. An opinion was expressed that the Americans for example, are very religious people, so that they do it for religious reasons. Having already several children in the family, American parents adopt another one to bring it up for God. "But the Georgians, thought I, - do not seem to be less religious than the Americans." At least in the post-Soviet period the History of Reliaion is studied at all the educational institutions and schools of Georgia. Crowds of people, both the poor and the rich, the rich and the poor regularly go to church. Why don't then the prosperous Georgians, the citizens of our country, apply for adopting these poor things, while they are still on a national registry in order to also bring them up for God, but on the territory of their native country?

However paradoxical it may seem, it should be admitted that there cannot be a one-way approach to this point at issue. If an infant/ baby/ child urgently needs serious medical treatment, but it cannot be provided with in our country, foreign adoption would be only merciful to it. But in this case our side should take the control of the future life of the adopted child. A new well-thought out system should be applied. I think which could prove to be efficient. One should not treat my idea ironically by asking if I mean controlling whether an adopted child eats cabbage soup or Lobio (a plain Georgian national dish) and how much of it. What I really mean is introducing of such an official system of control which would allow our side to make sure that all the rights of the children adopted by foreign parents are secured. Any speculation with adoption is sacrilegious.

We, people, cannot be indifferent to what is going on around us. We, human beings, have no right to be indifferent to life of these small poor creatures, who cannot take their destiny into their own hands.

Dear readers:

Maybe the subject matter touched upon by me in the present article is a focus of special attention in other countries of the world too. Maybe it is becoming or has already become a matter of global concern.

In view of this, it is important to stress that in the contemporary world the observance and ever enriching concrete content of personal rights is the most essential criteria of the domestic and foreign politics and of its human estimation. In separate states and in the whole world supreme personal values are strengthened through the respect of human rights.

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APPEARS

Below we publish a photo of the first issue of "Council of Workers Deputies" newspaper that appeared in Moscow in October with a condensed version of its Editorial by the Editor, I Gubkin.



We publish this condensed Editorial since it shows the anxiety, unhappiness and demoralization with the present situation in former Soviet Union. Young people are ready to take up arms and fight and die for Socialism and the rebirth of the USSR. Our readers might not agree with what Gubkin writes, but NSC always presents different currents that are appearing in former Soviet Union as the struggle starts to intensify.

"The Third Congress of the Citizens of USSR" has proclaimed that this newspaper shall be its

official organ. Why have we decided to publish this newspaper but not from any communist party that now exists? Because not one of the existing Communist parties has declared itself for an armed struggle against the present regime. All of these "legal" parties and the "contemporary" communist parties are but a legal entity of the present counterrevolutionary regime. They consider themselves as "opposition" and trying in a "civilized" manner to fight the predator regime. Not one of these parties are of any danger to the Russian regime...and present some of them do not want to present any danger to the bourgeoisie. The only movement that is dedicated to the overthrow is the movement called "For the Soviet Union"

The only real danger for the present regime in Russia is a strong and united peoples front, not based on patriotism only, but based on the feelings of the people as they deem themselves SOVIET! When there is an enemy on our territory (as was Fascism during the Great Patriotic War) the first steps that were and should be taken, was to immediately start formations of the Soviet army and the partisan movement.

This first number of our newspaper will be the vanguard of organizing armed insurrection by all means at our disposal. We know that the present regime will consider us as anti-constitutional and a jail term of 5-6 years awaits not only its Editor but the Soviet patriots willing to chase the enemy from our soil. We are going to publish this newspaper until we get enough financial backing to have it published also illegally. Have we got those people now? No we have not at the moment. But, what are we going to do, just wait until the decision from the heavens comes that will get rid of the present regime?

We decided that we must not wait but start the armed struggle, as did our parents and grandparents before us. Taking the place of the to be jailed comrades, other

fighters shall fill their ranks. Success will come when hundreds of thousands of people arise, following the call to arms. The Soviet World War II Commissars knew that to lead the army, they must be at the front and they went into battle with the cry of "For the Motherland! For Stalin!" They did not wait or debate or hold constant meetings.

The most important thing is for the masses to understand, see and follow the movement for the liquidation of the present regime. Starting in Russia the wind shall blow and bring other Soviet people into the war of liberation. Parliamentary means is there in order to hoodwink the people only. Fallen heroes will be replaced by hundreds of others. There is no other way. History has shown this to us over and over again!

Our path is correct, victory shall be ours!



One of the best Komsomol orators in Moscow is Anatoli Plevo who warns the "legal Marxists" in their offices.

RUSSIAN COMMUNIST WORKERS' PARTY TENTH CONGRESS

The Tenth Congress of the RCWP took place on October 20-22 in Cheliabinsk. The report by the Central Committee on the political situation in the country and on the tasks of the party was welcomed by the delegates and participants. In particular, the report noted that: "Uninterrupted crisis of the capitalist economic system in Russia as well as in other former Soviet republics, has been forcing the ruling class to abolish even the limited bourgeois freedoms and parliamentary principles for the sake of staying in power."

By interpreting the Russian constitution without encumbrance, by violating human rights, Putin's regime is setting up a structure of his own absolute Presidential power with quite a specific composition of cadres. Harsher labour code and severe laws regarding political parties and elections are in preparation.

The delegates came up with the task of converting all present independent workers' organizations to the positions of struggle for the basic class interests - the working people's power While working to build the workers' trade union "Zashchita", the RCWP branches are to campaign for the unity of trade unionist's actions, and to agitate the ordinary members of the official Federation of Independent Trade Unions of Russia (FNPR), to change to the positions of class-based trade unions.

In light of the present deepening problems in Russian agriculture, the Congress instructed the party Central Committee (RCWP) to intensify the work amongst the peasants.

Particular attention was paid to working amongst the youth, and the next Plenum will be devoted to this question. New opportunities for much closer relations with the Revolutionary Young Communist League have been found. Their leader, Oleg Alesksejev has

been accepted into the Central Committee of the RCWP.

The Congress identified the necessity to oppose absolutism, which aims to restrict bourgeois democracy, and has drawn up specific measures to prepare the party work in more complex and representative conditions, which are to be expected with Putin's political system which is tending to fascism.

The party's profile depends on the condition of its official organ, the newspaper "Trudovaya Rossija" (Working People's Russia). The Congress encouraged party members to raise more funds for the newspaper and to contribute

with local reports. The resolution on party press sets the task to improve its contents and to make it more easily available to workers in other former Soviet republics.

There was a very clear indication that the Party enjoys an authority in the labour movement world-wide. Fraternal and friendly parties in over 20 countries sent their messages to greet the Russian Communist Workers' Party on the occasion of its 10th Congress.

A program was passed to outline the future steps in the process of unification of all communist forces in Russia and the rest of Soviet territory.

Comrade Victor Tiulkin was reelected to the position of the First Secretary.

Victor Bourenkoy

URGENT ACTION NEEDED!

SEVEN SPANISH MILITANTS ARRESTED

At midday, November 8th in Paris, France, the French police in collaboration with the Spanish Guardia Civil detained seven militants of the Communist Party of Spain (reconstituted) (PCE(r)) under the accusation of being members of the "leadership of GRAPO". Among the seven arrested is Manuel Perez Martinez, General Secretary of the PCE(r).

These detentions take place within the Spanish regime's new terrorist offensive, which has as its fundamental objective to prevent, using all means available, the vanguard organization of the popular resistance being able to continue with their work of denouncing the regime and gaining greater support among all the people.

The anti-people counterrevolutionary strategy of the pre-

sen! Spanish fascist regime is nothing new, since it has been put into practice many times by the previous governments of the monarchy. It is sufficient to remember the dirty war of the Felipe Gonzalez period, through which they tried to find a "short cut" to liquidate all resistance to the regime in a very short space of time. As is known, this strategy ended up being a failure, resulting in, on the one hand, the strengthening of the revolutionary organization and guerrillas, and, on the other hand, an even greater deepening of the crisis of the regime and the political bankruptcy of the social-fascists of the PSOE.

After the arrival of the Partido Popular in government, it was very clear that this counter-revolutionary strategy would be

applied maintained and deepening some measures of the previous period and adding other new ones. Now, prompted by the pressure of the latest actions of the guerrillas and the growing influence of the PCE(r) among the working and popular masses, the setting into motion of this strategy has been accelerated. Thus, in addition to the suffocating police pressure which has been seen in the last months and the disproportionate very heavy sentences handed out to youth arrested for participating in acts of sabotage, there are now projects to reform the Penal Code and the Juvenile Law (in order to lower the penal age to 14), along with the re-establishment of life imprisonment for "terrorists".

The objective of all these legal reforms, which count on the support of the parliamentary parties. consists of eliminating the last remnants of freedom and expression and of association, while at the very same time giving carte blanche to the police and special tribuna! (Augencia Nacional). All

these "legal" measures aimed at trying to isolate the revolutionary and popular organization, there is no doubt that the regime will attempt to annihilate, using any methods in can, from assassination to arrest of militants wherever they find them (as in the case of Paris), to slow extermination of the political prisoners (the bourgeois propaganda media have already put under pressure the leadership of GRAPO, citing among these Francisco Brotons Beneyto, in a clear attempt to confront the great solidarity that is building up in the campaign for his liberation). In addition to all of this, there is the criminalization of all the solidarity organiza-

The "new" principle with respect to previous periods is that all of these measures, as happened in the General Franco era are situated with the "legality" of the regime itself, making even clearer still the turn of Spanish "democracy" to its fascist origins, which in any case it had never abandoned.

We call upon all popular and revolutionary organizations, on all anti-fascists and genuine democrats to express their solidarity in every was possible with the comrades arrested on November 8th. with the political prisoners and with the anti-fascist struggle in Spain.

STOP THE REPRESSION! FREEDOM FOR ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!

AFAPP-ACPG thanks in advance all those who want to contribute and also to help them confront the financial costs imposed by legal support of the people arrested in France, as the French lawyers who are now representing them have to be paid.

The Editorial Board of Northstar Compass journal, the Council of Canadian Friends of Soviet People and the Organizing Committee for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People have sent protests to France and are taking steps to help financially these arrested comrades.

Send your protests to: Judge: Jean Louis Bruguiere Bureau 124. Palais de Justice de Paris, 4 Boulevard de Palais 75001 Paris, France

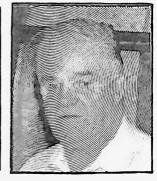
"harvest" equivalent to "29 trillions" of dollars. Of this staggering sum "23 trillions" is "still held" by the USA, Canada, "and a few other advanced economies". The unidentified "few others" could be Germany, France, Great Britain and Japan along with the two North American (USA & Canada) "economies" specified. Than 10% of the world population command 80% of the world's annual wealth production.

Taken together, these TNC dominated countries are the socalled G-7 Group, who for many years have been meeting as some sort of "Central Planning and Executive Board" to open doors and "smooth the rough spots" for TNC

EDITORIAL ANALYSES

THE MATERIAL BASIS FOR "INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY", and THE SPECTER OF "CRISIS" HAUNTING THE TNG'S 'GLOBALIZED" WORLD...

ENSO STEVI



In an editorial comment, "Global Fairness", on Sunday, October 29th, the Toronto Star (Canada) says it its lead paragraph that Canada's Finance Minister Paul Martin, told the recent G-20 Summit in Montreal that "Globalization" is no so much a threat to the developing world as it is an unfulfilled promise".

"Tell that to the 1.3 billion people who live on less than \$1.00 a day" - says the editorial in a well aimed harpoon of sarcasm.

Further along, the editorial gives figures that tell us our TNC-NATO (Transnational Corporations and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization) dominated world produces an annual "good and welfare". For the most part this has been done under the domineering and watchful scrutiny of the world's "Unipolar" super power, the U.S.A.

THE G-7, NATO ROLE

It would be naive (in extrimus) to think that such "planning" was confined to matters of economic division of the world, plunder and human exploitation. This same group of TNC power elitists are (not accidentally) the central military powers of NATO, whose murderous war acts have more often than not bypassed the United Nations, and include unrestricted and unlimited "bombing rights". This has been "fully exercised" on the sovereign states and peoples of Yugoslavia, Iraq else where deemed "necessary to protect" the selfdeclared G-7 (most often USA) "rights". "defined" by Pentagon and TNC strategic "policy makers". Very often these "perceived rights" can be traced directly to massive oil monopoly interests, in the Middle East, the Caucasus, Africa, Asia, or Latin and South America. Another "pirated" and assumed favorite "legal right" to defend "perceived national interest" or "national security" is the weapon of embargo as applied for the past 40 years to Cuba and North Korea, or to Iraq and elsewhere in a flip-sided application of the phony, vaunted "free trade" drivel for the TNC "globalized" control of all resources, peoples and territory. The hundreds of years long colossal destruction and grotesque mutations of development and life on the world majority of people that V.I.Lenin the epoch of defined as "Imperialism", today wears another disguise. It is now called "freedom and democracy". But the "globalized" TNC economic, political, cultural hammer-blows, many times from the hands of TNC collaborating, and often CIA supported "native" despots well armed and treacherous, carry even more hideous and painful results. The lists could begin with countries such as Sudan, Somalia, Uganda, Kenya, et al of Africa; virtually all states of the Caribbean, Latin America and countries of South and East Asia. In this process of adding to the embattled "have nots" we can now name the countries of Eastern Europe and Eurasia. With 91% of the world population receiving less than 20% of the annual world wealth production, the escalation of the TNC plunder can only bring constant shrinkage and distortion of economic development and accelerating impoverishment to them. In fact that is what is now currently happening among the vast majority of people in the "brave new" millennium.

ECO-SYSTEMS DESTRUCTION

As the world has already witnessed, again and again vicious wars, starvation; violence across the board, rapidly developing impoverishment...all of these and more are the growing human experience. More, we now witness immediate suicidal trends in the mindless destruction of the very basis of human and other life on the "one and only" space ship from which all sustenance comes and that we call "Mother Earth". For how long such "sustenance" can or will be drawn is today, according to top-level scientists, a matter of conjecture. Under the mindless TNC thrust for "profitpower-money" we see continuing destruction and despoiling of the Eco-systems that has made life as it has evolved possible. In the name of TNC "progress" the water, the earth, the air we breathe are poisoned and polluted. TNC aircraft fly through and destroy the protective shield of the ozone layer into which are dumped annually, and directly at precisely 35-39,000 feet altitude, millions of tons of ozone destroying carbons from fossil fuels burned in

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internal combustion multi-engine aircraft. Then we are told to wonder as to why we have holes in the Ozone layer, or why we confront "warming trends" on Mother Earth. Of course any examination of how we live without constantly accelerating multi-billion dollar transport industry; or conversely; to put to work the science and technology that could lessen or eliminate the suicidal course of fossil-fuel dependency means to look right down the rigidly held gun-barrels of capital investment and TNC control... not to mention the fate of tens of thousands of higher paying jobs.

Unchecked, it is not an exaggeration to suggest we are on course for a cataclysmic and suicidal future. The power of selfdistrust is clearly with us, and as years ago one cynic (not unreasonably) placed the question: (which will come first, destruction of Earth's life support systems, or do we blow ourselves to hell with nuclear fission and fusion to benefit capital investors who stole our money in the first place, and who control our pasty-faced government so we don't have a hope in hell of either influencing or booting them out to get real change?" The question that remains...must all humanity blindly accept the laws of TNC rule? Is there a basis for a real change...a "flip side" or alternative???

WHAT ALTERNATIVES?

The immense power of the TNC "globalized" world and their seeming growing multi-faceted. iron 'control" of first of all the massive, growing international army of workers who produce all wealth (to the tune of \$29 trillions that goes into the coffers of monopoly capitalism (for the most part) as accumulated capital, rests on two essential foundations. First is the steadily accelerating material force of capital accumulation of TNC's have purloined or grabbed. Little or no "national" or "international" blocks stand in the way of unrestricted foraging, plunder and

above all, investment under the phony "Free Trade" arrangements. The ideological umbrella carefully erected and maintained is the Big Lie "fairy tale" of "privatization", "down-sizing" etc. Excepting Socialist Cuba (and in somewhat different way) North Korea, Vietnam and Chins, who remain embattled in a vast hostile sea of TNC design, in a real sense effective opposition to TNC dictatorship resides primarily in resistance from the intensified class struggles of all workers and peoples. TNC's second "essential foundation" is endless, intensive promotion of the division of la-

Ten or more years ago the existence of the USSR, even under severely revised and deteriorating terms of "Socialism", remained an immense barrier to TNC expansion. As we know, that barrier no longer exists. Thus, when eleven years ago, Texas oilman President Bush of the USA proclaimed the hideous "New World Order" as "Victory" Cold War style, brazen and despicable announcement heralded something "new" in world affairs...no matter how intense the stench.

UNPRECEDENTED ACCUMULATIONS

Since that event, the world has witnessed massive, proliferating capital accumulation on a scale never before experienced in all of human history. And it has occurred somewhat incredibly despite latent, non-remediable (at times invisible) competition and division between the TNC-NATO-G7 pirates...(more or less to this date.) So...how stable is this "New World Order"? It can be correctly said, despite outward appearances...Not a damned bit!"

On June 10th, 1999, the front page section of "Business Day" in the "Holy of Holiest", the New York Timed asked plaintively: "Is the financial crisis that...erupted in the global economy two years ago really over? Or is there a lighted stick of dynamite somewhere out there just waiting to

explode?" In the eighteen months since they have repeatedly published accounts of the zigzagging, economic and stock market up and down fortunes...some it even amounting to "small explosive dynamite sticks" rumbling around the sick TNC bowels!

But the real answer to the Times soulful lament is "Yes, Gretchen. (author of the item) there is something out there infinitely more powerful than a mere "stick of dynamite" stalking the "good and welfare" of TNCdom."

Some years ago the top-drawer British "Economist" told the world that the TNC world productive capacity in automotive units outstripped possible sale consumption in the vaunted "free market" by at least 20% (i.e. 80 million units produced cannot be sold to 60 million buyers). They had announced a production and market crisis that has only slightly and uncertainly abated since then. When farm and agricultural production of food careen wildly and uncertainly between Government subsidies and the ominous world control now well advanced by the TNC food monopoly Cargills et al, and the bio-tech Monsanto TNC control mutated seeds for reproduction, that is a crisis for producers and consumers alike. We could go on enumerating industry after industry mounting crisis (plural) resulting from the social character of production and consumption rigidly held "privatized" competitive investment and control of all values. Sooner or later in glutted markets "use" values vanish when "exchange values" flounders and disappears from advancing impoverishment, industrial cutbacks and unemployment. This crisis is of over investment and production in the sea of economic sharks...the self-same

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TNC's. For short periods of "fancied-up" (and very illusory) "information and technology revolutions" (that are neither "revolutionary" or economically even "progressive") when utilized and controlled solely for capital accumulation (as in Microsoft, Big Apple, etc.) Short term illusions have been created of monopoly capitalism "re-investing" itself. In fact it has intensified the private accumulation of capital...but can continue to do so only on a temporary basis.

Long ago Marx and Engels detailed this process within the adolescent years of European and world capitalism. Their studies and work pinpointed in detail the hidden processes and the social, political, economic and class force relations that arose from the 19th century capitalist development. These apply with equal force in our 3rd Millennium, multiplied on a scale of millions to one.

THE MARXIST FINDINGS

Central to their finding is the fact that private capitalist ownership automatically gave total control of all values produced to be sold at "prevailing" prices. These are the result of the "law" of maximum profit...or "all the traffic will bear." On the other side of the " equation" are workers who receive "the price of labour"...(wages) from the employer's accrued capital accumulation. The workers can only live by selling to the owner the one and only commodity, the "ability to work", doled out in hours, days or weeks in "individual" contracts with the boss

For this workers are called "free!!" In periods of "unemployment" (the inability to sell "precious labour power") they have the perfect "freedom" either to starve, freeze or live by stealing etc. etc. More latterly any "smoldering" tendency toward rebellion or revolutionary change has been met by so-called unemployment "insurance" etc. (Read the "Beveridge Plan" in Great Britain or the Canadian "Marsh Report" of the W.W.II years for instructions on this.)

Wages are not a "share" or "part" of "value produced"" by sale of the "labour power commodity" and the consequent production of "use" and "exchange" values. But the owner holds exclusive and sole right to these in the capitalist "free" market sys-"price of labour" The (wages) is paid from the previously "accumulated capital" just as the owner pays for other "capital investment" in machinery, energy, etc. In economic terms one is called "variable" capital for (labour power) the other "constant" capital for (buildings, land rent, machinery, resources etc.)

"PENNILESS" INVESTMENT RETURNS

But no matter how intensive or massive is the owner's payment for "constant capital", not an iota or pennies worth of "salable" commodity value will be produced unless he buys the absolutely essential "variable" capital...or plainly said, the commodity of "labour power". Thus the worker not only produced by working "capital accumulation" for the owner. As well, workers receive wages (hopefully above starvation income) to purchase other "use (food, shelter, clothing maybe a beer or two etc.) to sustain their own and the lives of a family destined to become future "free" labourers in the capitalist mode of exploitation and production. Thus the neverending "class struggle" begins and continuos as constant struggle by the exploited workers to, increase the "price" (wages) of their commodity (labour power) as an increased cost against accumulated capital, (already produced as a social activity in work previously done by the working class.) Naturally the sults...social and political, and other effects do not end there, but those are extensions of "class struggle" beyond the scope of this article. But as long as capitalist ownership remains that primary struggle will continue as an

integral part of the system of capitalism. It will only end when the "system" of capitalism is removed from human activity in producing "use" and "exchange" values (commodities) to sustain and enhance the life of humanity.

That coming change is "revolutionary" in character. It is also historically unavoidable. By turn that is the historic task assigned by "development" to the working class itself. In our billions (last year, world wide) the working class "sold enough labour power" to produce \$29 trillions...almost \$5,000 for every living human (\$4,833.33 to be precise) based on a world population of Six Billion. (Note: 1 trillion=1000 billions).

"CLEANSING INHERITED "CAPITALIST" MUCK"

Shorn of shibboleths, lies, flights of fancy, "statesmen" of indecipherable "integrity", the simple fact emerges that whether it was workers of hand, muscle, brain or the highest "digital" technology; whether in the child labour sweat shops of Bangladesh or elsewhere, or in the decorous work areas and labs of Monsanto, Microsoft, Coral, Apple, the Silicon Valley, mining in an Inco mine; or on the speeded up "assembly lies" of GM, GE, Chrysler-Daimer-Benz; or where ever...in every continent and country...each and every worker contributed to the skyrocketing "capital accumulations" for the TNC monopolies. They did so under "globalized" mutual, allinclusive exploitation. In the same way, they contributed and created the massive killing machines of the military (profitably owned and controlled by the TNC's). That (as the world famous hymn, the "International" says ensure inhuman "thralldom" that will be broken. The greatest, mostly hidden (particularly from the working people) "Big Lie" is that no economic, social, political or other relations between workers exists within all of this. Cut-throat competition, isolation and alienation. interracial conflict, war, religious

or any and all other divisions...these are the massive ideological piles of capitalist garbage that for centuries have been heaped on all...but most intensively on the working people. In fact, the TNC globalization" of our world now has opened up...albeit initially in an indistinct, blurry way) the precise material, and commonly held social and poupon which litical bonds "International Solidarity" can and will grow.

Such will, not be a simple, straightforward "line of march". The dross and disabling ideologies, culturally inspired that not only are legacies of hundreds of years of societies dominated by cultures and ideas of competitive greed under capitalism. These are relentlessly day and day out deliberately thrown in sickening waves of decadent ideological filth on all people everywhere. Thus there has been, what Engels described as the "muck" which clogs the minds of masses of people and that must be overcome. Such "cleansing processes" can only arise effectively in the course of the development of genuine mass struggles and revolutionary movements, born on the TNC's material world in which we all live. Whether we are workers, farmers, professionals intellectuals, common dangers are shared. How long will be the process, no one can say. But the struggles, of a character still unfolding and being born in the womb of TNC "globalization" can now be clearly seen...almost daily...stretching before us are the time-posts of our history slide by...whether violently, noisily or otherwise cannot easily be determined. What is already easily seen and determined is that they will grow....intensively, massively and inexorably.

In the final article of this series the "nuts and bolts" underlying the massive international and national struggles for "solidarity, friendship and pace" - particularly as confronted by the organized working class will be discussed.

NEWS DIGEST COMMENT

A HAWK AMONG PIGEONS

By Joseph Frey NATIONAL POST - OCT.19-2000

A quite revolution in aviation is taking place at a remote airbase in the Southern California desert. The United States Airforce has developed a new high-tech jet fighter that will make all other warplanes obsolete and will give USA complete domination of the skies for decades to come.

The US Air Tactical Fighter Program, the F-22 Raptor embodies a radical; new philosophy of fighter design. This new aircraft combines stealth, supercruise (supersonic cruising speed), agility and full integrated avionics in one aircraft, making all other jet fighters obsolete.

These fighters are located at the US Edward's Air Force Base, which is the center of jet aircraft experimentation and development. Here also, General Chuck Yaeger reached speeds of up to Mach 6.

"When USAF takes delivery of the first of its 339 operational F-22 Raptors in 2003, it will have an aircraft that will catapult the United States from having one of the best air superiority fighters, the F-15C Eagle, to owning the world's premier air dominance aircraft', said Randy Neville, a Boeing test pilot who has flown 80 aircraft types including jet fighters from the United States, Russia, Britain, France and also Italy.

As well as carrying out air dominance against US potential enemies, it will be able to attack ground targets and penetrate enemy air defenses as they evolve. The F-22 is the first aircraft to have a three-sensor data fusion, fusing communication, navigation and information with electronic warfare and radar sensors. "No other aircraft has true sensor fusion!" said Michael Harris, Boeing's manager of F-22 avionics development.

Some Canadian pilots who were bombing Yugoslavia said that it was crucial that aircraft should be able to exchange silent messages without detection. The F-22 does not have radio, navigation equipment, instrument landing systems or radar in the traditional sense. These functions are performed by a common integrated processors modules. These can imitate any electronic function through all automatic reprogramming, which makes the F-22 fighter resistant to combat damage.

The USA is three decades ahead of other jet manufacturing nations such as Russia. Britain, France and Sweden in stealth technology. These planes can reach speeds of over 1,200 miles per hour, pass by enemy radar and fly through their air defense before the enemy can lock on to the Raptor and fire off a missile.

The F-22's supercruise and integrated avionics will let it fly in a combat environment where it will clearly dominate the aerial battlefield with its "first look, first shot, first kill" capability.

A hawk among pigeons, the F-22 is likely to dominate the skies for decades to come.

COMMENT

Of course all this "readiness with new technology meant to kill" is all in the name of "peacekeeping" to defend the TNC's and NATO!

ERNIE TRORY

1913-2000

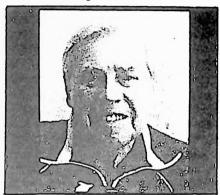
This address was given by Ken Ruddock at Ernie Trory's funeral.

Dear comrades and friends:

As vice-chairman of the New Communist Party I wish to express the sympathy of its Central Committee and members to Ernie's wife Joyce and sons Rob-

ert and John in their sad loss.

But we are also here to celebrate the life of a staunch member of the working class.



It may be a surprise to many that Ernie's first experience of politics was at the age of 15 when he joined the Junior Imperial League, a conservative youth organization, and became involved with the Brighton Parliament of the Tory benches. It was here that he first came into contact with Communists and was impressed by their arguments in debate.

But it was later in his formative years when he attended Communist and independent Labour Party meetings that he realized that he was not a conservative at heart.

He joined the Friends of Soviet Russia, the forerunner of the British-Soviet Friendship Society, and soon after in 1931 he joined the Communist Party of Great Britain. In later years he took up the struggles of the unemployed. His fight against unemployment continued throughout his 69 years of political life.

During the same period we saw the rise of Oswald Mosley's black shirted Fascists and the battle of Cable Street. It was just a short step from fighting the British fascists to building support for the Spanish peoples fight against Franco.

Ernie's dedication to the working class was recognized by the Communist Party by appointing

him as party organizer for its Sussex district.

In 1939 came the war and Ernie was called up into the Queen's Bays Tank Regiment. He was soon let go due to his activities.

In 1977 after a long struggle against reformism in the Communist Party of Great Britain, the New Communist Party was formed and Ernie became its founding member,

He wrote and published many books and also wrote many articles for different publications.

We will miss him as a comrade, friend and recorder of history as weapons against those who would re-write history to deceive the working class.

Seeking an appropriate Epitaph for Ernie I came across words on the Membership Card of the old Young Communist League which reads:

"Man's dearest possession is life, and since it is given to him to live once, he must so live as not to be seared with the shame of a cowardly and trivial past; so live that dying he can say: "All my life and all my strength were given to the finest cause in the world - The Liberation of Mankind!":

SUCH A MAN WAS ERNIE!

ERRATUM

In the NSC November issue we left out the last paragraph in the article by Ray O Light "TV's. Survivor" Below is the omitted paragraph

"A bright future for the international working class and oppressed peoples lies not in individually trying to "survive" the hostile environment under capitalism, not in the divide and conquer schemes of the imperialists for it is only through the collective effort to destroy the capitalist system in its last, dying imperialist stage that we can replace it with a socialist and communist future of human cooperation based on proletarian internationalism,"



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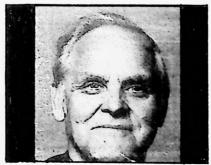
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COMMUNIST, WORKING CLASS LEADER, GUS HALL, PASSES...

Gus Hall, long time leader of the Communist Party of the USA died Friday, October 13th, in New York City at the age of ninety. Born into the working class in the U.S. of Finnish immigrant parents in the iron ore mining range of the Mesabi in Minnesota, he was himself a lumberjack, steelworker who developed into a Communist worker-intellectual and activist who lent his entire life to working class economic and political organization. He was a pioneer or-



ganizer for the John L. Lewis led Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO) in the steel industry of the USA, a fact later officially recognized, (after many years of Cold War denial) by the United Steelworkers of America. During the years of the Cold War he was constantly under surveillance of the FBI and the vicious activity of the Fascist like Cointprelo plan designed to destroy and impede open activity by the Communist Party and other democratic, anti-Cold War resistance. He was jailed for years-long periods under the US McCarran and Smith Acts as were hundreds and thousands of others in the USA, whether they were Communists or not. He remained steadfast in his activities and beliefs under the heaviest persecution by the US State authorities and during the most vicious periods of McCarthyism to the end of his life.

Widely known and internationally respected in the working class and Communist circles prior to the downfall of the USSR, he condemned the CPSU leadership of Mikhail Gorbachev and the Yeltsin gang as "renegades and wreckers" following the counter revolutionary events in the late 1980's and early 1990's. He was the author of many books and pamphlets seeking to deepen Marxist-Leninist understanding and knowledge of the hard fought class struggles of the working class and peoples for Socialism as well as significant concessions from capitalism.

Northstar Compass dips its banners and salutes the life of this outstanding working class leader in the Communist movement of his country and the world. We express our profound regret that he did not live to see the resurgence of a re-constituted Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and a world at Peace, friendship and solidarity for which he fought.

UNDER SOCIALISM, WOMEN HAD JOBS... CAPITALISM'S ANSWER: PROSTITUTION

"The best from Moscow". "Sweet fresh Poles". "Ukrainian Pearls!" read the Ads in a Berlin tabloid. For what? Jewelry? Produce? Caviar? Nope, they're advertising for prostitutes. Now that free market economy capitalism replaced socialism in the whole of Eastern Europe, "half a million women from Eastern Europe are being shipped abroad each year."

"Communism put women to work, post-cold war capitalism does not," reports **New York Times** (9-19). "More than 60% of Russia's unemployed are women."

"The business of trafficking for sexual exploitation is booming. It's an industry worth several billions dollars per year," says an official of the European joint police force, Europol! The trade in women from East Europe has spread throughout Europe.

It is "a world of violence. disease and misery." Children are born as a resul of this capitalist "business". Child prostitution is growing as well. Three cases involving 12 young children in Usti, a Czech border town near Germany, included one 9-year old.

"Prostitution is the only way to feed their needy families," admits Times. "Others come deluded by Western propaganda, lured to work as baby sitters or barmaids, forced into unpayable debt, deprived of all freedom in the end."

'The women are terrorized," often unable to pay off the debt to the gangsters for their transportation or visas to the West. And they're terrified that the gangs will harm their families back home if they try to escape. Most of the 7,000 prostitutes in Berlin, Germany are from Eastern Europe.

Under socialism all these women would have had jobs!

So capitalism's "human rights" campaign marches on, over the ravaged, exploited bodies of mil-

lions of women. Despite some of the shortcomings that were in the Soviet Union and China, under communist workers power prostitution was wiped out for the first time anywhere in human history. With full-blown capitalism comes full-blown degradation of women.

LABOUR MOVEMENT IN

By VIJAY SINGH
From the magazine
"Revolutionary Democracy"

The working force in India constitutes less than 60% of the total population of the country. Of these the agricultural labourers constitute the largest segment of this force, accounting for more than 44% of all wage workers. This latter is the least organized, most dispersed and the most oppressed segment of the class. It is also a growing segment and its

In the mining and manufacturing sectors, we see the workers engaged in them to be but a very

new entrants in all probability

being the marginal and dispossed

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TO OUR SOVIET FRIENDS: ARISE, YOU MIGHTY LAND! small segment of the total working force. These two combined sectors amount to only 10.8% of all the work force and perhaps 18.8% of all wage workers.

After analyzing the statistics it is a fact that the industrial proletariat accounts for less than 11% and it also implies that capitalist development is yet to displace precapitalist forms of production and that socialization of production that forms the basis for socialist revolution is still a distant goal. In other words, the overwhelming large segment of the labouring people of India cannot be treated as having been objectively placed in the role of a vanguard of social change. It means that overall nearly 80% of the proletariat is engaged in nonfactory sectors.

Another interesting statistic is that the real earnings of workers in the manufacturing sector have steadily gone down. If in 1983 a worker earned Rs 100, by 1995 this wage has gone down to 46 Rs. This is clear proof of the erosion of wages after the TNC's and globalization sunk its teeth into the economy of India.,

Years 1973-74 saw the heyday of the Indian labour movement; as many as 47% of all workers were involved in strike actions. Strikes accounted for 83.5% of all mandays lost due to industrial disputes. The ruling class panicked and in 1979 they again restored the Congress government.

To conclude, the strike actions now are on a decline and only about 6% of workers take part in strikes now as opposed to as many as 47% in 1974. We have to find the reasons why this downtrend in militancy of the working class up to 1983, when this census was taken.

Today the situation is starting to radicalize again quickly and labour unrest and strikes are again on an upswing.

FEATURE ANALYSIS

"An Historical
View of Canada's
Labour Movement
& Special Features
of 'Division'...

By RAY STEVENSON

Speaking before the 1901 convention of the Trades & Labour Congress of Canada, President Raiph Smith gave vent to what was even then an escalating and a major dilemma for Canadian workers and their unions. "The results of our work are not as extensive as we desire" he said, and went on to suggest in very clear terms that: "a Federation of American Unions, represented by a national union and a federation of Canadian unions represented by a national union, and each working with the other in special cases would be a great advantage over having local unions in Canada connected with national unions in America.." (emphasis added - RLS)

His pointed proposal, slightly cloaked in civility by the phrase "connected with" rather than "controlled by" came because the American Federation of Labour (AFL) exercised unconstitutional and extra-territorial "assumed" rights to charter unions in Canada, most often at the expense of the T.L.C. under Smith's presidency. In one or another guise since that time, almost 100 years past this "historic" problem has bedeviled Canadian workers and their unions. Even as this is written it reverberates across Canada, from one end of the country to the other in the current dispute involving the U.S. based and controlled Service International Employees Union (SEIU), the Canadian Auto Workers Union (CAW) and the "national" parent Canadian Labour Congress (CLC).

Root causes of both the current division of labour in Canada, and the multitude of disputes, confrontations and splits of the past hundred years must be traced to, and have arisen from in a very basic sense the intertwined, historical "internationalism" of so-called Canada-USA economic, political and fluctuating social developments, "Benefits" to Canadians have come at a price of important (some would say very "essential") downgrading, and loss of "national sovereignty", up to and including the Canadian state. For the labour movement in Canada, with small exceptions, it has brought forfeiture of independence, as well as enforced compliance on issues of Canadian labour's national rights and needs. Above all, for the past century this distorted relationship has brought division and even outright brutality, violence and destruction of the already organized Canadian unions. A particular case in point was that of the militant, highly organized deep sea and lake-shipping union of the Canadian Seamen's Union. In that case it cannot be disputed that the connivance with the US State Department of the Liberal Government in Ottawa, under Louis St. Laurent was exercised to bring a gangster thug from the USA in the person of the criminally convicted Hal Banks, to brutalize and smash by any and all illegal means the Canadian workers union. In fact this episode of overt criminal activities against Canadian workers found a ready conduit into Canada through the US Seamen's International based Union (SIU). The role of the TLC

and its leadership of the day left not only "much to be desired" but was in fact knee-deep in compliance and cowardice. It was the TLC who had chartered the CSU.

While the SIU "raiding" debacle to smash the CSU is the most abhorrent and disgusting of US unions "cross border" actions to either control or reduce to irrelevancy Canadian established unions, it far from being an isolated case. There are a multitude of examples of US based interference on union after union established in Canada, some with US Union "generals" headquartered south of the US-Canada boundary. Canadian leaderships were arbitrarily removed from US headquarters, memberships were flooded with hyped and misleading propaganda and as with the CSU, battered into extinction in others, "Divide and rule", internal, often falsified disputes were created and illicit "pay-offs"...all were included under the umbrella of "internationalism". For employers it was a golden opportunity to not only "laugh all the way to the bank", these divisive activities, spawned south of the border provided new avenues to control the working people in every phase of life...economic, political, social and even culturally. The story of the twenty year assaults, undermining and subversion of this writers union, which I joined in 1939 is very instructive and deeply ingrained in my consciousness sixty one years later the Union I joined was in the massive gold producing mining area of Kirkland Lake, Ontario. It was called Local 240. Kirkland Lake and District Mine Mill and Smelter Workers and was confronted not only with horrendously dangerous working conditions, low pay, mostly unlimited hours of work underground. Even more difficult was the fact that we confronted a legal situation where employers were not compelled to even meet unions mandated by a majority vote or otherwise, let alone to "bargain collectively". I say with some measure of satisfaction and pride for and on behalf of my fellow strikers long ago that Local 240, Mine Mill and what became over 4,000 membership fought the seminal strike in the bitterly cold winter of 1941-42 that eventually compelled the Canadian Federal wartime Government of MacKenzie King to enact an "Order of Council" P.C.1003. This was not an act of Parliament that placed "compulsory collective bargaining in good faith" by the Federally legislated Labour Law of the country. It was in fact a drastically watered down version of US Wagner Act, finally enforced there in 1936 by the burgeoning pressures of the Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO) into the American law. In fact, our parent union, first established as the Western Federation of Miners in 1893, and renamed the International Union of Mine Mill & Smelter Workers in 1916, had been a founding member of the CIO in the USA and in Canada of the newly formed Canadian Congress of Labour (CLC) in 1940. We fought for unity in labour's ranks and for victory in the war over the Nazi-Fascist forces.

But in post-WWII the political aims, emanating from the USA with Canadian Government dutifully tagging along in its "junior partner role. We had entered the era of vicious anti-Sovietism, anti-Communist hysteria and efforts to make totally docile the working peoples trade union movement and organizations...political and otherwise. The product of the aims of world domination of the top echelons of US monopoly, anti-Communism was elevated to the level of a "new theology" and was hurled in blanketing, mind numbing floods at and over the body politic. It was called the -Cold War against a concocted "Soviet aggressive threat", "spy trials", screaming headlines, false labeling of individuals, official executions by the state as in the case of the Rosenbergs, despite Papal and world wide appeals for clemency, loss of employment, black-listing and thought control, firings...all of this and more was wrapped up in the evil stinking blanket of what was then called "McCarthyism". Masses of people were physically and intellectually terrorized.

What was really involved had little to do with "Communism", or



the false "impending Soviet world threat, spies, or the sex life of mosquitoes on the make." What it had to do with was first: the world wide division of labour...as between the wartime unification of world labour in the World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU) the World Federation of Labour (WFL), the 1948 split-off from WFTU of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU)...mainly by the US, British, French, Canadian forces. All these divisive forces came from within the newly formed North Atlantic Treaty Alliance (NATO) undermined the central authority of the United Nations, creating obstacles for world peace in a war weary world. Secondly, what was really in the works was the removal of militant and democratically elected leaderships of trade unions, making almost impossible alternative policy directions for those spelled out and enforced by the monopolies and their state apparatus.

The immense growth of world wide labour and working class unity, was the product of the victory over Nazi Fascist forces. and that included the working class of the Soviet Union which was the real & prime target.Control of a docile labour movement. prepared to further even the wildest war aims of the "masters" became the order of the day. Any Union or group of workers or citizens who resisted immediately wore the "red tar and feathers" of McCarthyism. The Taft Hartley Act of the US Congress deprived the US union membership of their free right to elect what ever officers they might choose. Any union member aspiring to be elected in the USA had first to take an affidavit that "he (or she) was not now and never had been a member of the Communist Party". This repressive measure that essentially reduced the secret ballot choice of ten millions of US workers in Union elections extended to Canadian candidates for office on the top boards of socalled "International Unions".

In the case of Mine Mill, precisely because of the overt and (as we saw it) dangerously undemocratic legal restrictions of Taft-Hartley, and of the Landrum-Griffin Act that had together effectively gutted the original Wagner Act we discussed and reached agreement with the US officers of Mine Mill to establish an independent, autonomous Mine Mill in Canada. Because of their position calling for a united trade union movement opposed to McCarthyite devised of control, as well as for world peace and friendship with the USSR and a genuine struggle by all American workers for economic, political and social advances, they were in many cases charged and victimized under the Smith and various other repressive US laws. Following the vote of all the 34,000 hard-rock mine workers in Canada, a separation

of control vested in them all Constitutional rights in their Union. The fury of the assaults on Mine Mill Union increased and during the five years of my personal tenure on the Canadian National Mine Mill Executive Board. no day passed without increasing "raiding" against our organized jurisdiction and in new, particularly uranium mineral developments (for the atomic weapons program of the USA). The democratically developed pro-peace, pro unity focus and action of our Union on both sides of the border were treated as "treasonous" or worse and held up to public ridicule as the "work of Moscow agents, all Commies".

Were there Communists in Mine Mill, even in leadership? You may bet there were. I myself became a member of the Communist Party in late 1939 in Kirkland Lake, a fact that thereafter was never either hidden or denied in the following years As such, my life in the trade union movement whether as a mine "steward" or elected union officer or appointed Union Staff, was never other than under the truthful colors of Communism and Marxism-Leninism as I understood it. It was that which taught me in Jepth of my class and caused me to be an "activist" member of the work force. Canada s McCarthyite charges of "Red domination of my union were absurdity because I know there were probably less than one Communist to every 2,000 members in Mine Mill. hardly a formula for " domination." But our policies, decided by membership votes and action in the Union were hated and anathema to top "strategists" of both US and Canadian monopoly for the simple reason that our UNITED AND COLLECTIVE strength brought economic, social and cultural improvements to the membership that cost the corporations both money and a measure of their previous ABSOLUTE CONTROL OVER ALL OF THE WORKERS. Every possible means was used by the monopoly capitalist owners to WEAKEN AND IF POSSIBLE, TO DESTROY OUR UNITED AND SOLID STRENGTH. Their central weapon for this was to "Divide and Conquer" no matter how corrupt or violent were the means.

Today these same "moguls of exploitation and control" on a wider international scale seek world control of all human and natural resources under the flag of what they call "globalization" The people will pay is their assumption and already in-place program!!!

In Canada, the hard lessons of our one hundred years of failures to win real working class unity and independence either in the trade unions, or bluntly put; po-



litically, is cause for the greatest alarm. In itself such stands as both the greatest assistance to monopoly TNC design and the gravest threat to Canadian workers, and indeed to Canadian democracy and progress. There must be international solidarity as never before. But that cannot be achieved by a divided labour

movement still embroiled in the misshapen and distorted relations with the US oligopoly of TNC capital.

The real creators of all real value and wealth, the workers of hand, mind, and scientific progress for human progress and not profits must now assume their responsibilities both to the present and the future. As a beginning, unequal and foreign trade union extraterritorial "assumed rights and controls with over bearing influence must be ended as the Canadian working class now confronts the immense tasks of effectively bringing a minimum level of economic security, effective stability and introducing democratic reality into the lives of Canadians. More, that will require in this stage of "globalized" control and economic anarchy, joining hands and fighting shoulder to shoulder with workers of all lands and literally curb today and to smash tomorrow the insensate TNC drive for world-wide hegemony and control of the world's people. Neither aim can be pursued even in the tiniest degree without an independent "standing erect" Canadian labour.

To fail to reach such New Horizons of responsibility and action not only permit "loudest laughter ever on the way to the bank" by the TNC oligopolies, but it will consign the future well being lives of the current and succeeding generations to the "deep black hole" now being created by insensate, greed inspired capital in their noxious "after us the deluge" slobbering mis-management of human destiny and life. It is a challenge, once accepted that will bring to its side new massive forces of hope. of determination and above all the irrevocable "will to win" that has brought the human species thus far on its journey to the stars and... beyond.

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1999 and also the current "war on drugs" campaign, the hysterical campaign about the "scourge" of AIDS is designed to terrorize vilified peoples into acceptance of the very medicine prescribed by those who diagnose the disease.

Already the World Bank has positioned itself to add to the indebtedness of all the Third World through the issuance of new loans to be used to finance infrastructure to support drug trials and the salaries of foreign "experts".

In a speech before the Security Council of the United Nations in January of this year, the World Bank confirmed that Aids is currently its "central development issue." Child-bearing women in the Third World countries will receive special attention - that is, all of the experimental drugs - in World Bank approved programs.

The U.S. Clinton administration considers AIDS in the Third World a threat to the security of the-United States.

President Clinton asked and received from US Congress double AIDS funds. An increase from US Congress will mean that the US army, the largest funder of AIDS research in the world, will assume a much more powerful and visible presence in the Third World.

This strategy is described by the present US government as their "Marshall Plan for AIDS." This Plan, in actuality, is brazenfaced imperialism.

Observe the pandemonium created by the hysterical media. This is a psychological ploy designed to force the oppressed people to consent to all medicines which has been predetermined for them.

AIDS, hunger & imperialism

By Sandra AwangFrom the Caribbean Camera newspaper

The AIDS experiment is setting in place the conditions and justification for a second Scramble For Africa by European militarized powers. Because imperialism seeks to re-distribute the immense resources of Africa as occurred at the Berlin Conference, the virulent, specious media campaign of a "dying continent" has been stepped up.

At the same time, the rhetoric justifying "stewardship" of African economies through "humanitarian intervention", a refrain which echoes the tired and tiresome "white man's burden", has intensified.

This "intervention" will facilitate the migration again of European overseers and administrators to Africa. It opens the door for pedophiles to prey on "street children" since, as the story goes, teachers are dead or dying.

In a "reunified" Germany more than a million people are unemployed and the many unemployed fascist elements will then take up positions as bureaucrats in the service of an empire, content to make their "homes" in Africa as the Germans did before in Namibia, the Belgians in the Congo, the Boers of Holland in South Africa, the British, the French, the Italian, the Portuguese.

Indeed, one of the first visitors to post-revolutionary Czechoslovakia and also Hungary about ten years ago was Pik Botha, former Foreign Minister from South Africa.

Belatedly, Chris Hani, anticipated successor to Nelson Mandela, was murdered by a fascist immigrant from Europe.

South Africa's fascist elements, untouched by the South Africa charade of "Truth and Reconcilia-

tion", has now strengthened itself through welcomed fascist elements migration.

The apartheid virus carried by white supremacists, is replicating itself invisibly and speedily, as Afrikaner-owned megafarms establish themselves with World Bank assistance in neighboring countries. In this Scramble, the Afrikaners control fully the agriculture. They created Bantustans and game reserves, destabilizing African economies ever benefiting from the largesse of imperialism.

Although no cure for AIDS exists, the pharmaceuticals wish to benefit from gigantic loans meted out at high interest rates to African countries to "fight AIDS."

Like the IMF, these companies prescribe and demand that the African countries purchase and swallow their medicines. One of these, AZT, is a "toxic chemical whose primary biochemical action is the random termination of DNA synthesis...fetuses then cannot develop into babies without the DNA synthesis. The catastrophic effects that result from indigesting AZT merit a special place in the medical hall of great shame." Marshalled in is the PLAN "cure" AIDS, AZT failed stunningly its original mandate - to cure cancer.

The World Bank, the World Health Organization, UNICEF and INAIDS along with the developed countries and all other agencies, have constructed a global AIDS policy which is a model of HIV law enforcement.

In this model, the Third World is compelled to submit to mandatory testing, case reporting, individual surveillance and directly observed treatment (DOT). Under the HIV

law enforcement policy, the Third World countries wishing to receive foreign "aid" may be compelled to "allow" human drug trials of foreign-made experimental HIV vaccines and mandatory AIDS tests of all its citizens.

The World Bank is assuming even more sweeping powers in surveillance and enforcement in the Third World. As a global cop, the World Bank will rely on military personnel and security forces from countries, which refuse to be signatories to the International Criminal Court to carry out this mandate. This is the face of end-of-the-century imperialism.

There are researchers and specialists who have argued that AIDS amongst Third World and Indigenous Peoples is chemical and also biological warfare in the service of white supremacy and imperialism.

In her book, *The Medical Ma-fia*. Guyline Lanctot, a Doctor from Quebec, Canada, has suggested that AIDS was spread in Africa through Hepatitis B vaccines.

Under IMF/World Bank structural adjustment programs, organized hunger has been firmly entrenched in the Third World over the last two decades. In tandem with an increase in malnutrition, large quantity of genetically engineered foods are increasingly offered by the developed world agricultural producers to peoples whose food security has been eliminated by the Agreement of Agriculture of the World Trade Organization. It comes as no surprise that the impact of these two, taken together, is to destroy the immune system.

Contaminated water from rampant exploitation of resources by transnationals - is the lot of many Walkertons everyday- (Walkerton is a small town in Ontario-Canada where scores of people died due to water contamination due to cutbacks in financing -Editor) and is the lot of many countries where

the World Bank is advocating the privatization of all water. Private sector water barons even stipulate that it is now "illegal" to save rainwater in barrels. At the same time health care systems in Third World have been dismantled and forests, where herbs and medicines were once freely gathered, have been clear-cut for so-called "development."

Already, these herbs have been appropriated and also patented by pharmaceuticals which now demand to sell "cures" back to the Third World countries!

Six years ago, the Rural Advancement Foundation International (RAFI) revealed that the blood of Indigenous and Third World Peoples had been collected in "expeditions" by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Center for Disease Control and the US military. RAFI informed that a medical agency of the US Intelligence Agency (DIA) now "produces all current intelligence focusing on foreign military and civilian medical capabilities, public health conditions and infrastructure...and also the impact of HIV/AIDS on military and general populations."

Four years ago it was Thailand. A deafening silence exists on the drug trials that were undertaken there. Today its Africa. Tomorrow the Caribbean and Latin America. The obverse of the race to clone

life forms and produce lifelike robots through nanotechnology is genocide. Imperialism has decided who are expandable.

"The wealthy world tries to forget that the source of underdevelopment and poverty were slavery, colonialism and the brutal exploitation and plunder to which our countries were subjected for centuries. They attribute the poverty we suffer to the inability of Africans, Asians, Caribbean and Latin Americans - in other words, blackskinned, yellow-skinned, indigenous and mixed-race peoples - to achieve any degree of development, or even to govern ourselves.

"The current economic order imposed by the wealthy countries is not only cruel, unfair, inhuman, and contrary to the inevitable course of history, but it is also inherently racist. It reflects racist conceptions like those once inspired by the Nazi holocausts and camps...mirrored concentration today in the so-called refugee camps in the Third World, which actually serve to concentrate the effects of poverty, hunger and violence. These are the same racist conceptions that inspired the obnoxious system of apartheid in Africa."

Fidel Castro, January 2000

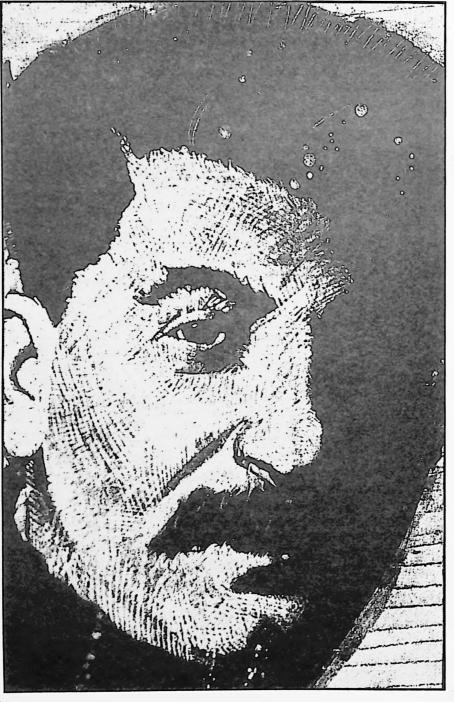
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FEATURE ANALYSES

1942- STALIN GHOSEN MAN OF

TIME MAGAZINE JANUARY 1943



"Joseph Stalin: Die, But Do Not Retreat!

"The year 1942 was a year of spilled blood and strength. The man whose name means steel in Russian, whose very few words of English include the American expression "tough guy" was the Man of the Year in 1942. Only Joseph Stalin fully knew how close Russia stood to defeat in 1942, and only Joseph Stalin knew how he brought Russians through.

But the whole world knew what the alternative would have been. The man who knew it best of all was Adolph Hitler, who found his past accomplishments turning to

Had the German legions swept past the steel-stubborn Stalingrad and liquidated Russia's power of attack, Hitler would have not been only the man of the year, but he would have been the undisputed master of all of Europe, looking for other countries to conquer. He could have diverted at least 250 divisions to his new conquests in Asia and Africa. But Joseph Stalin had done it all before - in 1941 when he started with all of Russia intact. But Stalin's achievement of 1942 was far greater. All that Hitler could give he took - for the second time.

Churchill, Roosevelt, Chaing Kai-Shek cannot stand up in stature and accomplishment to Stalin. Worthy though all these 3 leaders may prove, they inevitably pale by comparison with what Joseph V. Stalin did in 1942.

At the beginning of the year, Stalin was in an unenviable spot. During the year before he had lost over 400,000 miles of territory at the price of saving most of his army. Gone was a large fraction of precious tanks, planes and war equipment which he had been hoarding for years, knowing full well that Hitler is going to unleash the war. Gone was nearly one-third of Russia's war capacity, on which he depended for replacements. Gone was nearly hall of Russia's best farmland.

Stalin had the magnificent will to resist as did all of the Russian people who had as much claim to glory as did the British people who withstood the blitz of 1940. Would the Russian people withstand the loss of their territory after losing so much? The strongest will to resist can eventually crack under continued defeat.

With these reduced resources, Stalin tackled his problem, trying to pick able leaders for his Army, trying to improve its resistance, trying to maintain the morale of his people, trying to extract some aid from his Western Allies and to get them to open up quickly a Second Front.

Only Stalin knew how he managed to make 1942 a better year for Russia. But he did. Sevastapol was lost, and the Don basin was nearly lost, the Germans reached the Caucasus. But, City of Stalingrad was held. The Russian people held. The Russian Red Army came back with four offensives that had the Germans in serious trouble at year's end.

USSR was displaying greater strength than at any time during the war. The general who had won that overall battle was the man who is running Russia.

The Man. In his birch-paneled office within the Kremlin, Joseph Stalin, an inoperable but soberly persistent Asiatic, who worked at his Kremlin desk 16-18 hours a day. There were new streaks of gray in his hair and new etchings of fatigue on his granite face. Stalin was 63 on December 21 of 1942. There was no break in his leadership and there was a long-neglected recognition of his abilities by all of the nations outside the Soviet borders.

The West was always very suspicious of Stalin and his work-

ers' state. Stalin pointed out to the Allies that the Second Front was needed and demanded from Britain and USA to do so as quickly as possible.

For the Soviet Red Army a slogan was coined "Die, but do not retreat!" Stalin planned cleverly and also knew that a fortified city like Moscow cannot be taken by a mechanized force. The same plan was used for Stalingrad. Stalin called upon the Soviet people for sacrifice. Children and all women forged in the woods for wood for heat. A Bolshoi Ballerina canceled one performance because she was too stiff from chopping wood. Production norms were increased. Apartments went without heat during the winter, electricity was turned off 4 days per week. There were no presents for children on New Year or merrymaking. But the people were rejoicing. The Rodina (Motherland) was organizing the winter offensive which burst into the Don basin with a fury of snowstorms that accompanied it.

Seeing that the Russians were on an offensive and the German nazi hordes were reeling before their advance, the trek of world dignitaries to Moscow in 1942 such as W.A.Harriman of USA, Winston Churchill of Great Britain. Wendell Wilkie of USA saw in Stalin a pleasant host and an expert in playing cards in international affairs. Stalin drank vodka straight and he talked the same way. He sent Molotov, the Foreign Minister to London and Washington to promote the opening of the Second Front.

Stalin did not get his Second Front until late in 1942, but not in Europe, but in Africa!"

(NSC readers know very well as to why the Second Front was delayed by Imperialist West. They hoped against hope that the German hordes would again go on the offensive and crush the Bolsheviks, then the West would

march in as the victor in Europe. But Stalin, knowing how the West was thinking, was a step ahead of their plans. No sooner than World War Two was won, Western Imperialism, starting with Churchill began the Cold War-Editor)

"Within Russia's immense disorderliness after the Great October Revolution and the Civil War. where the West certainly played a dishonorable part. Joe Stalin faced the fundamental problems of building up the economy, ravages of war and strife and providing the people with enough to eat. He then started the industrialization and collectivization and built Russia into one of the worlds industrial powers. How well he succeeded was evident in Russia's world-surprising strength in World Ware II. Stalin's methods were tough, but they paid off.

The USA, of all nations, should have been the first to understand Russia. As Allies, together fighting the common enemy, the Russians have fought the best fight so far. As post-war collaborators, they hold many of the keys to a successful peace.

In his 25th Anniversary speech Stalin emphasized that the most important event in foreign affairs, both for war and peace, was Allied collaboration. "We have the facts and the events," he said. "pointing to a progressive rapprochement among the members of the formed Anglo-Soviet-American coalition and their uniting in a single alliance." This was a frank approach to the postwar period world, as realistically sensible as the Stalin's expressed ideas on dealings with Germany. "Our aim," he said, "is not to destroy all of the armed forces in Germany, because any intelligent man will understand that this is as impossible in the case of German as in the case of Russia. It would be unreasonable on the part of the victor to do so. But to destroy Hitler's army is possible and necessary."

It is a well known fact that Stalin has no need for new territories except at points needed to make USSR impregnable from invasion.

COMMENT

Today, magazines like "Time Magazine" declare Stalin as the VILLAIN OF THE YEAR. Unfortunately now, after the temporary demise of the USSR, even some "communists" vilify Stalin and that is why there is so far no

UNITY amongst all the many communist parties inside former USSR and internationally! It's an eye-opener that the actual enemies of Stalin and Socialism saw the greatness of the leadership of Stalin and of the Soviet people during the life and death struggle against German Fascism. while today, some of the present left wing leaders are totally blind to the historical facts.

Many thanks to Vic Ratsma, Winnipeg, Canada

TROTSKYISM AND MAOISM; PRETENDERS TO LENINISM

By DAVE SILVER

It is helpful to look at some of the historical roots of Trotskyism which was to impact later the Left movements including the "Maoist Thought." In a speech to the Plenum of the Communist Group in 1924, Stalin exposed Trotskvist theory as not only anti-Leninist but also obstructionist and revisionist. Keep in mind the urgent tasks that faced the Bolshevik Party just a few years after the victory over the attempted White counter-revolution and Western imperialism. This was period of "War Communism" and the necessary compromises of the New Economic Policy (NEP), whose aim was the elimination of "free enterprise" and the planning and control by the State of the entire economy.

Trotsky was severely critical of Lenin, alleging that he underrated Soviet legality, that Lenin failed to appreciate the importance of the All Russian Congress of Soviets taking power on October 25. In fact the uprising was launched before the All Russia Congress of Soviets and power was taken by the Petrograd Soviet, and the Revolutionary Military Committee was headed by Trotsky. Trotsky's falsehoods of the historical facts were combined with his efforts to

obstruct the work of the Bolshevik Party at this critical juncture. Trotsky called for a "discussion of October" in order to discredit Lenin and the Party.

It is important to note that at one time both Trotsky and Mao subscribed to Marxism-Leninism, which views theory and practice as a combined science. An immediate contradiction can be seen in the post Soviet era where the movements claiming fidelity to



both men that bear their name have been and continue to offer a "corrective model" to Marxism, which has made the use of code words such as "democratization, pluralism, centralization" and at the cutting edge, "Stalinism" in the hopes of attracting new recruits to a "revised" Marxism.

In the U.S. in June of 1962, approximately 50 members of the Communist Party felt that the Moscow oriented CP was wrong and that the Chinese position was correct. Thus the Progressive Labor Movement (PLM) was born. By 1964 the PLM dominated the anti-imperialist group called the May 2nd Movement, (M2M). The Socialist Workers Party, under the new leadership, in 1980 announced in their newspaper, "The Militant" that they, "no longer consider themselves Trotskyist and were separate from the world Trotskyist movement and its various competing parties and international groupings."

While these splits were taking place, a tendency within the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), the Progressive Labor Party, came on the scene as a disillusioned offspring of the Old Left. While lumping both the SWP and CP in the revisionist camp, the PLP flip flopped on Cuba, condemning its ties to the Soviet Union and urged the National Liberation Front (NLF) of Vietnam not to accept Soviet aid. In 1968, former Trotskvite and SWP members at the USA's Colombia University formed a "Labor Committee" under the leadership of Mr. Linden LaRouche, which then evolved into the National Council of Labor Committees (NCLC) whose actions infiltrated trade union and Solidarity movements in order to destabilize them.

At the height of the 1968 Resistance at the Democratic National Convention, both Maoist and Trotskyite factions called for "Long Marches" and "French Barricades". This ultra leftism served to encourage an anarchist and syndicalist approach, weakening the unity of a diverse group of activists with differing political and ideological perspectives on

some other issues. Meanwhile the PLP turned completely against the Cuban revolution, designating the regime as "bourgeois." Both the SWPP and some Maoist trends called for a separate Black Political Party.

In 1969 incorrect analyses and other contradictions led the PLP into the reactionary and opportunist swamp of attacking the NLF in Vietnam, the Black Panther Party and the Black Student movement. In fact, the PLP attacked every revolutionary nationalist struggle as being racist and reactionary. Two of the largest Maoist groups in the U.S., Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP) and the Communist Party Marxist-Leninist (CP-ML) differed in their approach to labor with the latter accusing the RCP of dual unionism, while the CP-ML was attacked as opportunist for what it regarded as uncritical support for reformist union leaders.

The anti-Soviet stance of RCP, became evident when it supported the Albanian position that the two super powers (USA-USSR) were equally dangerous. While the Trotskyites called the Soviet Union a "degenerated workers state" both the RCP and the CP-ML described the USSR as "state capitalist". In fact these Maoist trends viewed NATO as a positive anti-Soviet force in Europe. The essential anti-communism in the form of anti-Sovietism ("Soviet Social Imperialism") led these elements into the imperialist camp as we witnessed the Peoples Republic of China supporting the counter revolution in Angola. while the followers in the U.S. refused to condemn any third world country, no matter how fascistic it was.

Theoretical contradictions among the Trotskyiet groups surface when we consider their approach to the "Third World" revolutions and toward solidarity networks. While the SWP for instance tended to be supportive of the FSLN and FMLN insurgencies in Nicaragua and El Salvador, the Spartacist League was severely critical of those insurgencies and attacked all their leaders as

"bourgeois politicians." Many other differences surfaced over the "Solidarity" movement in Poland, which became a precursor to the counter revolutionary "new thinking." In 1982 a faction of the SWP split from the North Star Network, a California group that rejected the Leninist concept of a vanguard Party. The Freedom Socialist Party left the SWP over differences on nationalism, the creation of a separate Black Nation and an independent Black Political Party.

In the 1980's when the anti-Marxist and revisionist so called "Eurocommunism" still exercised some influence, some factions within the Trotskyite and Maoist movements began to question the need for a "vanguard organization" and called for a rejection of "orthodox" or "traditional" Marxism as no longer valid in the era of a global economy. A successor to the CP-ML was the League of Revolutionary Struggle (M-L) that strongly supported the un-Marxist Theory of Three Worlds and softened its position as China softened its attitude toward the Soviet Union. However, the reactionary and pro-imperialist position continued as they attacked the Soviet role in Afghanistan and Kampuchea and the Cuban support of Ethiopia and Eritrea.

The Communist Workers Party (CWP) within the Maoist domain exhibited in a stark way its infantile leftism when it sacrificed the lives of several of its members because of its extreme adventurism in going south to fight the Ku Klux Klan. The RCP guru, Avakian in the September 1997 "Revolutionary Worker" viewed the PLP as a pseudo and largely irrelevant movement. Two months later, he repeats Mao's concept of "protracted and uninterrupted war", reminiscent of Trotsky's "permanent revolution". Avakian calls upon comrades to "seize power" while failing to spell outwhat are the "qualitative changes in the objective situation."

The Trotskyism of the 1920's and the Maoism of the 1960's and 70's shared a hatred for the first Socialist state and Stalin's lead-

ership of the CPSU and Soviet People. Those movements have been great obstacles to the development of a united Communist movement frequently undermining struggles against oppression and exploitation at home and imperialism abroad. The Sparticists for instance, tried to undermine an anti-racist demonstration in Boston, USA, involving broad coalitions with the slogan "smash busing." Others have been guilty of setting up competing demonstrations with slogans in conflict with the main organized event.

Many followers of Trotsky and Mao today seem to be in accord with the neo-Marxists and Social Democrats that have lost confidence in the working class as the main agent of revolutionary change. They also agree with the revisionists and opportunists that there never was nor is now a really existing socialism. Many use leftist slogans like "Prepare for Revolution" as a substitute for daily organizing, and the raising of class-consciousness for more effective struggle. Under the quise of enriching Marxism and advancing socialist movements, they deny basic Marxist principles by rejecting it.. Frequently their anti-Communism is all dressed in Left disquise. They are caught in an antagonistic contradiction, for one cannot be anti-imperialist or anti-racist and also be anti-Communist.

As the late Cameron noted in his "Marxism-A Living Science" - "that the world revolutionary thrust that Marx and Engels projected and Lenin witnessed. is still operating, inexorably. like the giant forces of nature - with which it is increasingly blended."

INDEED IT IS!

COMMENT

To supplement this article we urge our readers to order from NSC an excellent Marxist historical analyses by Harpal Brar in his well researched book called "Trotskyism or Leninism?" The cost is \$28.00 plus shipping. It is one of the most comprehensive analyses anywhere!

LETTERS

FROM
GATESVILLE, TX.

USA

Regarding the letter and statement from the Communist Party of Spain(r) to the Organizing Committee for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People, I agree with the reply on behalf of the Editorial Board of NSC by Ray Stevenson. While the comrades of Spain have good intentions in turning the World Congress into "the most adequate forum to tackle" revisionism, are very pious, to me that sounds diversionist, that will lead to a "wild goose chase" (as the Americans say) of endless philistine discussions, which isn't at all what is needed

What we need now is UNITY of "all that is decent and alive in the ex-USSR", expressed in a truly resurrected CPSU, reconstructed on Bolshevik bases, so as to recapture POWER. All else, however pious sounding, is either conducive to this goal, or diversionary at this time.

Here's an idea to consider! Maybe Professor Vilma Paez of Cuba, member of the Organizing Committee would arrange through the Institute of Friendship and Solidarity with Peoples (ICAP) to arrange one or two weeks before the World Congress on September 21-22-23 in Canada, to have the Organizing Committee, NSC and all the leaders of the communist parties in ex-USSR who have signed the CALL to meet in Havana (about 40 people in total) and their take steps to reconstitute the CPSU by setting up a Coordinating Committee to reconstitute the CPSU as a fait accompli! Then these 40 delegates would fly to Toronto and attend the World Congress of Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People!

On "revisionism" of course we

must fight revisionism in all of its manifestations, but an important step to that end is to realize that nowadays, and for the past 2 decades, "revisionism" is often used as a code word for "anti Communism", just as anarchists use "anti-authoritanism" and Trotskyites use "anti-Stalinism".

While Mao accomplished much for socialism, and was correct in his denunciation of Krushchev, I propose that the "late Mao period", following the death of Lin Piao, which brought on "ping pong diplomacy", the Nixon visit, restored China-USA diplomatic ties, China admission to the United Nations (expelling Taiwan), then theyn formed a military US-China alliance against the USSR, was not at all helpful to worldwide revolution.

Chairman Mao rationalized that "a revisionist is a revisionist and must not ever be supported". meaning that since USSR was, as he called it "social-imperialist", it was correct for China to ally itself with US imperialism against the Soviet Union.

On that basis, China abandoned all, support for Vietnam in midwar, armed and financed such Maoists as Jonas Savombi in Angola, and de facto split the communist parties everywhere in the world.

In fact the final demise of the USSR can be blamed on several factors: the Cold War; Krushchev revisionist policies, degenerating all the way to Gorbachev; things being (after the death of Stalin in 1953) from the top down instead of emanating from the people... besides other details.

But to this must also be added, as a very important factor, the overt US-China military alliance against the USSR. This fact doubled the resources that the Soviet Union had to develop to fight the Cold War and also helped to bankrupt the Soviet economy.

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From

ANN LOGOYDA

This force ended up as a very powerful counter revolutionary tool. We must not ever allow such things to happen again, whether at the upcoming World Congress in 2001, or elsewhere.

Comradely Ana Lucia Gelabert

ONLY IN AMERICA, YOU SAYP

Here we see Capitalism at its very best! Covert pooling booths, smart hidden ballots, confusing electronic hole punchers...just to name a few "democratic" events in the US presidential election. Capitalism is getting a few holes punched in it!

Capitalist media had and has a hard time to explain as to how US applies the humanitarian rights to vote for their choice. Over 20,000 ballots are spoiled (that was accidentally reported). They certainly need "quality control". Or even better still, maybe they could have asked President Putin of Russia how to win elections by burning thousands of ballots, inserting thousands of names of dead souls...and coming out with over 4,000,000 votes more than there are electors!?

Isn't capitalism grand? Now, tell me, isn't this not real democracy? Yes Jognny, you too can run for President of USA if you have scores of millions of dollars!

Unfortunately there are now some "progressive" parties in the USA that were serious when they condemned Bush the Republican, but not a word about Gore the Democrat... whose chief Clinton, the Democrat, bombed into submission Yugoslavisa plus many other crimes. You would think that US progressives would know that there are absolutely no differences betweebn the two capitalisat parties ruling USA.

Jerry Morse Nova Scotia, Canada

PEOPLE ARE ON THE MOVE!

By A.K.PASKULIN MONTREAL, CANADA

I feel that the downfall of capitalism is nearer than we all think. The economic blocks are crashing, many currencies are collapsing, the inflation and over evaluation of shares is a boomerang upon the stock markets with phony money. Speculation in stocks is rampant and the ignominious bourgeoisie is planning its dictatorship.

Living in Quebec, Canada, I'm seeing a revolutionary fervor. People are demanding sharing of wealth. Unemployment and underemployment hits about 80% of the population. It's no longer the question what the masses want, but now it's what the masses do not want. They want solutions and not lies. I am convinced the revolutionary zeal is spreading among the working class in most countries. We must turn this temporary defeat into victory.

There are more and more predictions by economists and scientists about the collapse of the world financial system.

Keep up the good work in NSC VENCEREMOS!

FROM

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE OF PEOPLES' STRUGGLE

Dear friends:

Our best greetings to the Canadian Friends of Soviet People and Northstar Compass.

We wish to inform you that the International Initiative Committee (IIC) in charge of preparing the First International Assembly of the International League of Peoples' Struggle has decided to postpone the Assembly to May 25-27,2002, and shift the venue to The Netherlands and adopt a three-day program of activities to enable all delegates, guests and observers to attend the plenary sessions and workshops of their choice.

We request that you note the

changes and send in the new participation form and the continuing commitment of your delegation.

We thank you for your cooperation and with best wishes.

Professor Jose Maria Sison
Chairman
International Initiative Committee

FROM
OREL
RUSSIA

Thank you for being interested in the book I wrote: "Once more about the personality of Stalin" where I open up facts as to the role of the many traitors that were working against socialism and the USSR. Trying to get the book published is very difficult. I thank you for your interest. I shall send you floppy disks so that you can have your own copy that you might use in NSC.

The NSC journal serves very noble purpose by leading the struggle against imperialism and for the liberation of mankind. Although now I cannot save \$20 (Canadian) for a NSC subscription, I am willing to help you with articles, especially the task much need to debunk the lies about Stalin.

I wish all you comrades success in our common struggles.

I.M.Komarov

FROM
GEORGIA

Dear friends:

The contrast of the two worlds which we had in the past, i.e. socialist and capitalist, has now become vivid as never before.

More and more people are beginning to understand the undeniable advantages of living under the Soviet system of power.

Let the number of supporters of socialism throughout the world increase every day!

Best wishes

Helen Blau

SEPTEMBER EVENTS!

FROM
PRAGUE
CZECH REPUBLIC

Now that the "September events" in Prague against the IMF-WTO and the massive demonstrations are over plus the police attacks against the protesters, I write to you comrades.

I acquainted myself very thoroughly with the materials sent to NSC by the Central Committee of the Communist United Party of Azerbaijan, I find that comrade Sayad Sayadov answers to question are very, very interesting and many facts are acceptable. Nevertheless, there are some problems which must be solved in the near future among the communist parties exclusively.

We cannot (at the forthcoming World Congress 2001) involve ourselves in this problem! I agree with the Organizing Committee's position that "...any and all such processes belong to the political parties and their activities in support and leadership of the working people and their allies"!

I also agree that at the present...it would be premature to lend endorsement to this material in principle or in detail.

Also...not only on the territory of former USSR, but in our country as well, the menace of opportunism and revisionism is relevant, namely for the KSCM...and not only there!

Professor Dr. Mirko Svoboda

FROM
MELBOURNE
AUSTRALIA

UNITY, WHAT KIND OF UNITY?

NSC contains many articles calling for unity of all the various groups in the former USSR so that socialism can be restored and life as it was be returned back the people. There is also criticism in NSC of groups who "split" and "indulge in ideological rhetoric" instead of getting down

to unity.

What kind of unity?

The same kind of calls for unity are also made here in Australia. What these calls mean is unity without a Communist Party and without any guiding ideology.

The Committee for a Revolutionary Communist Party of Australia (CRCPA) believes that the ideological basis of unity must be Marxism-Leninism-Maoism that is applied to the concrete conditions in each country. The reason for being of the MLM party is the overthrow of imperialism and the establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat. State power can only be gained through armed struggle, through a People's War to sweep away the old state and replace it with a proletarian state, the dictatorship of the proletariat.

MLM is the universal ideology of the proletariat.

Many NSC writers call for unity around elections to the Duma. Rather, NSC should call for unity in reading what Marx said about elections in bourgeois dictatorships..." every so many years the oppressed are authorized to decide which members of the oppressor class will represent them and crush them in parliament!"

The Russian Duma has the same class character as the parliament in Australia, full of outright lackeys of capitalism, full of reformists and revisionists who obey their masters, the owners of the means of production. When those calling themselves communists urge voting in parliament, they only strengthen bourgeois ideology amongst the proletariat, and reinforce illusions about the nature of this society and about the oppressive apparatus of the ruling class political control.

The NSC omits to conduct an analysis of the military science of proletarian revolution laid down by Mao Tsetung and now followed by the Communist Party of Peru, led by Chairman Gonzalo, other

countries in Latin America, of Nepal, the Philippines, several parts of India and Turkey, etc. There, People's War is raging. The practice of proletarian internationalism demands all out support for all of our comrades waging People's War.

The Bolsheviks waged armed struggle to overthrow the Czar and imperialism. The Red Army, under the leadership of Stalin and the CPSU, waged armed struggle to defeat the Fascist butchers, the Communist Party of China, led by Chairman Mao Tsetung won political power after 25 years of people's war...it is a universal principal. So, away with the illusions in parliament, such as the Russian Duma!

There is a long history of revisionism in the world working class movement. It has existed since Krushchev attacked Stalin and Marxism-Leninism in 1957 and the collapse of the Socialist block and also some of the Communist parties around the world. Therefore it is correct to examine the past in order to sweep away the rubbish for a new beginning.

Revolution is the main trend in the world today. Only proletarian revolution will lead to Communism. This goal will be reached if we build a party of a new type, guided only by Marxism-Leninism-Maoism and also learn from the People's War in Peru, where the red flag is raised higher and ever higher, to show that revolution is possible.

Committee for a Revolutionary Communist Party of Australia

COMMENT

We welcome to our pages the above from Australia and publish it as part of ongoing discussion concerning the central, historic struggle for unification of the working class and people as understood and applied by Marxist-Leninist activists. We suggest

that a beginning in this must revert to some rather widespread and important understanding of what Marx-Engels-Lenin and Stalin and dozens more had to offer of the dialectical, historical (and above all) materialist analyses of humanities journey on earth (today) towards the stars. Northstar Compass and the Canadian Friends of Soviet People (CFSP) seek to display what history has assigned as our "central" weaponry. That is neither guns (from which we admit, sometimes forms of "democracy" have come) armies or even "revolutions" by violent means. That does not mean that "revolutions" by violent means is rejected by us. On the contrary, it means that in common with the above mentioned leaders of Marxism-Leninism we believe that revolution by the way of peaceful paths is unlikely, but under no circumstances can be totally ruled out under what would be the most extraordinary of conditions where total unity to rebuild a new socialist society, and ultimately to reach communism existed in an overwhelming majority of people. In short, there is no single path, no single strategy or tactic that will effect the downfall and removal of monopoly capitalism. Further, leadership in all such struggles must come from highly developed Marxist-Leninist political forces to assist the working class and masses of people in first executing revolutionary take-over of political power, and secondly to lend every possible assistance, ideological, and otherwise, to help the revolutionary forces rid themselves of the inherited "muck" (as Engels placed it) from the decadence, corruption and false notions as practices of monopoly capitalist ownership and control. Obviously none of us is "pure" in these matters...no matter what we call ourselves.

As for the study of Mao and his "military science of proletarian revolution" thought and writing, as well as his historic heritage, at Northstar Compass we cannot accept out-of-hand responsibility for that. anymore than we can for

the activities (and to exclude "theoretical" works of revolutionary leaders in other lands. Revolutionary tactical and/or strategic direction will, in our view, be forged in many crucibles of conflict now encountered everywhere in the Transnational Corporate (TNC) "globalized" planet and on the separate but increasingly enjoined driven material development or crisis.

We thank CPRCS for sending us their views. NSC's central "weapons" however, remain open debate on all relevant matters that affect the human progress under the banners of "friendship, solidarity and peace". The ultimate development and decision making concerning revolutionary action belongs elsewhere, in the hands of all the actively engaged revolutionary political movements...which we are not and never have been. We suggest "revisionism" was rampant quite some time before Krushchev was even born. Having defended the Soviet proletarian revolution since 1918, our organization is somewhat well acquainted with "sweeping away" the rubbish of a multitude of origins.

The Editors

APPEAL OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE PRODUCING RESULTS

In preparations for the World Congress for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People in 2001, an Appeal was sent to all countries to organize Friendship Societies for a broad representations in 2001 at the Congress in Toronto, Canada.

In Canada, Dr. Adelard Paquin has started the process of reorganizing in Quebec a French Canadian Friendship Society. We hope that other countries shall follow his lead. Below we publish the Appeal that is also on the Web Site of Northstar Compass.

"I appeal to all ex-members

and friends of the "Societe Culturelle Quebec-URSS" which during the 25 years fought to deepen the bonds of friendship with the Soviet people. We also appeal to all those who now realize the importance of the resurrection of the Soviet Union, to adhere to the organization "Amis Quebecois du peuple Societique" a section of the Canadian Friends of Soviet People.

The publication of Northstasr Compass explains and analyzes the temporary collapse of the USSR in order to be able to better help our Soviet friends in their determination to get their Motherland back unto a socialist path.

When we use the term Soviet people, we mean the people who are citizens of Soviet Union and do not agree with the collapse of the Soviet Union and are fighting against this artificial collapse of the USSR and for its resurrection...in this us using this terminology is correct.

We as friends of the Soviet Union consider that their work of resurrecting the Soviet Union will be better facilitated by organizing an International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People. This work will not be easy. The CIA and imperialism worked for scores of years to dismember the Soviet Union. We live at a time when the immediate and distant perspectives requires and demands from each one of us full awareness of the gravity of the world situation.

In the ex- USSR there are more and more people who devote all of their energy for the restoration of their Motherland.

Let us help them! It is our duty!

We must struggle against the new "world order". against anti-Communism and its most depraved current of anti-Stalinism!

Dr. Adelard Paquin Chairman



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