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Three generations ago in the mid 1930's, the peoples of Canada and the world confronted the most ominous threat in human history ... the rise of German Nazism, Italian Fascism and Japanese Imperial expansionism. War had come to the world in China, Spain, Ethiopia and the Nazi hordes were on the march in Europe with the blessings of their international imperial friends in high places. Hundreds of millions of peoples groaned under Imperialist colonial oppression, seeking bare survival in Africa, Asia (including India) and elsewhere.

What was afoot? Simply that Imperialist monopoly capitalism in its voracious aggressions for "spheres of influence", "lebensraum", "colonial holdings", etc., etc., ad nauseum. bombed, strafed, destabilized, slaughtered, corrupted and conquered "new" possessions in order to overflow their Imperial profit baskets and crowd their rivals out of the perceived profit troughs, to gain power and control of the resources and riches of the world. The people paid. In a decade, by the end of 1945, more than 50 millions had died and whole countries and continents were laid waste. Incidentally, the economic crisis confronting the Imperialists was temporarily done away with in the macabre orgy of bloodletting.

But the year 1935 saw something else happen that brought hope and new vision, as well as a perspective

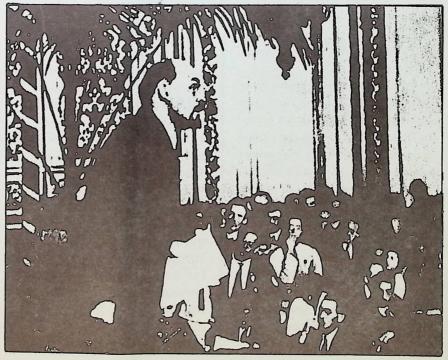
## HAMMERING THE UNITY ANVIL ...

of eventual victory. At a world conference of the Comintern, the Third International, with representatives worldwide of Communist parties and progressive, anti-fascist forces, a policy diametrically opposed to the new fascist Imperialisms and their barbarous conduct and aggressions was put forward. The new Comintern policy targeted Nazi Germany, Fascist Italy and Japan. The (as now) the Imperial aggressors appeared united in their

drive to prosecute their wars, expand their powers, and most definitively, to destroy the first state of the working people, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

For their part, the USSR stood unwaveringly against the wild adventures of the Imperialists, despite previous wars of intervention, diplomatic isolation, massive internal sabotage and subversion and Imperialist sponsored terrorism against Soviet leaders. The Comintern proclaimed as a central all embracing strategy, "The United Front of the Working Class Against

THIRD CONGRESS OF THE COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL. LENIN SPEAKING AT THIS IMPORTANT CONGRESS, 1921



Fascism and War". That meant exactly what it said; the working class of the whole world was to be mobilized to stop dead in its tracks the spread of Fascism and to defeat it politically wherever it was to raise its talons. The aim was to secure a world free of war and aggression, and in which international disputes and confrontations would be resolved on the basis of political and negotiated means through a world body, such as the then existing League of Nations.

## IT WAS UNITY THAT DEFEATED FASCIST AGGRESSION ...

It is correct to say that the policy of The United Front was the basis upon which eventually, in June of 1941, Prime Minister Winston Churchill was to proclaim the birth of the British-Soviet war alliance, soon to become the world alliance of the United Nations. That was the essential united force, that by 1945, brought total and unconditional surrender of the Axis Fascist powers. The Hitler-Mussolini-Hirohito dreams of world domination and for the "greater glory" and profits of their monopoly masters, went glimmering.

From the United Front grew the Popular Fronts and the alliances of all anti-Fascist forces and the birth in 1945 of the United Nations. Additionally, the world shaking end of Imperialist colonial rule over more than a billion oppressed people lay on the immediate horizon. British Imperial rule in India was broken in 1948. No one can deny that without the Communist strategy and policy of the United Front that Hitler, Mussolini and Hirohito might well have succeeded in winning the war aims of their monopoly masters.

Why is it important now, sixty years later, to recall this history? Plainly, today, the war purposes of the Nazi coalitions have now been effected in Europe in most essential features. The Soviet Union no longer exists. Monopoly capitalism (and particularly, international finance capital) rides roughshod and seemingly without restraint over the affairs of peoples, world-wide. In particular, Western monopolists today seek to exercise such "rights" over the people of the former Soviet Union. One sixth of the world's surface with untold treasures of natural resources and wealth are there for the reaping unless there is a reversal of the "persuasive" powers of "smart-bomb" diplomacy now exercised by the "tall in the saddle" and the "drang nach osten" (march to the east) mentalities of U.S. and German spokesman, Clinton and Kohl. Of course, they speak on behalf of their respective monopolists. Only massive, enlightened, unwavering and vigorous unity between the peoples will either reverse or influence the insane aims of the post-Cold warriors in the 1990's.

## MONOPOLY UNITY IS SUPERFICIAL ONLY ...

While the G-monopolists give the appearance of unity in NATO and the truncated and now displaced United Nations, that "unity" is something of a Potemkin village ... more facade than reality. Trade competition and incipient trade wars, contradictions and even confrontations and war point to something very different. The three major areas of TNC influence: Europe, the Americas and the Pacific Rim under the economic domination of Germany, the U.S. and Japan each has intractable economic problems, approaching crisis and is the foundation of new

barely concealed rivalries and inevitable confrontation.

Added to this, the powers of the TNC financial and corporate world daily slide ever more deeply into fiscal and monetary, and potentially, political crisis.

Somewhat obscured and smothered by "smart-bomb"



YELTSIN'S STATE EMBLEM OF RUSSIA, ADOPTED 1993

diplomacy and military excursions such as "Desert Storm", the Falklands War, Panama, etc., etc., in an unending string of calamities, nevertheless, the crisis of instability springs up anew in the Balkans, or Mexico, or almost anywhere in Africa, or the world. Or it springs to life in increasingly angry and militant demonstrations by the "throwaway" people of the unemployed, or deprived and dispossessed farmers. There is no end to it anywhere, and monopoly capitalism is immediately, historically and directly culpable. At the end of the 20th Century, monopoly capitalism teeters more and more precariously on rotted away foundations of "monetarism" and exploitation that daily creates more and more economic, social and political instability in their system.

Their choice to resolve it? More guns, jails, drugs, oppression and the use of "smart-bomb" diplomacy and war. But neo-fascism cannot resolve the problems of monopolies

future simply because those problems are part and parcel of the system itself. As a result, the peoples of the world stand at the threshold of yet another era of change and movement, just as they did during the 1930's. The costs then were incalculable in human misery, death and destruction, but from the monopoly-fascist morass of W.W. II emerged a world capable of immense changes. The deprivations and miseries of colonial rule were thrown off. Human advances all along the line were the order of march. Only the abysmal and degrading politics of the Cold War and the development of supernuclear and other weaponry temporarily preserved the world of the TNC predators, thus creating our current world situation.

But tragically in the face of such developments, and under the devastating impacts of 45 years of psychological warfare, ideological Cold War distortions, lies and practices, horrendous mutations and distortions and political crisis have appeared and taken root even among the very Communist forces that wrote the original script of the "United Front" and the unity that brought defeat and "unconditional surrender" to the monopolists and their fascist death and goon squads of Germany, Italy and Japan. The historical irony is that the fascist ideological and political aims lived on in new forms, deeply disguised by outpourings of the Goebbels "Big Lie" by the monopolists. It must be said however that this appeared and took root even among leading elements, who displayed supreme forms of opportunism in the Communist movements, as well as in the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

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## IS IT NOT TIME FOR A NEW WORLD CONFERENCE OF COMMUNISTS?

In the Concerned Friends of the Soviet People and NSC, we welcome every effort and move to overcome these shortcomings and wounds among Communists and other progressive forces who seek a new, principled unity for new anti-Imperialist, anti-Fascist action by the people. We hail the action of the Communist Party of India, Marxist, in calling the International Seminar on the 175th anniversary of Marx.

We applaud the forthcoming Conference of the Communist Parties of the Americas. We support and endorse the immense efforts internationally to examine, assess, revive and develop the "science of the working class", Marxism-Leninism. We know that to travel that road is a long arduous task.

But in all modesty, we suggest, as a non-partisan, independent antifascist organization, devoted to international friendship, co-operation and solidarity in a world at Peace, that the time has now come, and is perhaps overdue, for the convening of a world conference of Communist and progressive anti-fascist, antimonopoly forces. It is time once again, and obviously in new ways, to hold aloft the banners of new programs, new strategies, new tactics, for all the anti-monopoly-Imperialist forces. We vigorously and unflinchingly call for the burial of any narrow, distorted ideological outlooks and practices, fashioned in the maw of neo-Imperialist aggressions, whether or a social reformist, bureaucratic, chauvinist, nationalist or other opportunist character. The future and fate of all humanity hangs in the balance today. Tomorrow may be too late. Irreversible, unrelenting struggle to

unite the peoples in their own defence, for their own future, is demanded by the times created by the TNC monopolists. For our part with whatever energies, skills and strengths we may lend to these ends, we pledge to do so. Let no one of good will stand idle or aside. The peoples and working class unity of an anti-Imperialist character is the strength for the future of the people.

#### **SPECIAL**

February 18, 1994 Rt. Hon. Jean Chretien Prime Minister of Canada House of Commons Ottawa, Ont.

Rt. Hon. Sir:

We most urgently call upon your Government to immediately rescind support to NATO forces who threaten air strikes on the Bosnia-Serb military forces around Sarajevo in Bosnia Hercegovina. We further urgently propose that the Canadian Armed Forces now in the war areas of the former Yugoslavia with the United Nations Peace Keeping Forces be withdrawn and that there be a negative response to any request for the sending of more Canadian troops to the area.

We regard the threatened air strikes as an extremely grave threat to the peace of the world and in Eastern Europe.

We call upon your Government to take an immediate initiative in calling for the rescinding of the NATO air strikes and that there be immediate peace initiatives through the United Nations and negotiations. News reports have made it abundantly clear that far from air strikes effecting any immediate or long term peaceful solution to the war in that area, there is not even agreement between NATO and the

U.N. as to what peaceful purposes can be affected by the air strikes in either a tactical or strategic sense. NATO forces say that the air strikes will proceed on February 21st if the Bosnian-Serb military emplacements around the city are not withdrawn to an area beyond target range of the city. On the other hand, U.N. spokesmen say that such withdrawal is not required and that a U.N. supervision of the military would remove the threat of the strikes.

But nobody, as far as we have been able to discover, has revealed what either the tactical or strategic purposes of the escalation of air strikes and war is designed to accomplish. From many quarters, we are informed that such would have an "intimidating" effect on the Bosnian-Serb high command or political authority. That is primafacie nonsense, but it comes repeatedly from U.S. sources, the main and essential force calling for the strikes.

Such confusion and obscurantism (whether deliberate or not) serves to conceal the pre-eminent fact that such strikes could easily, and even irrevocably, catapult Eastern Europe, and even the world, into yet another conflagration of war. The aims and purposes of such a war have neither been defined by those instigating the air strikes, or revealed to the general public. It takes no imagination to understand that such would be a catastrophe of immeasurable dimensions.

We are convinced that the shallow and unbelievable suggestion that the recent mortar attack on innocent civilians is sufficient reason for the air strikes is false and untenable. The city has been under siege for almost two years during which time, thousands have died, but there was no military intervention of this nature. The identity of those responsible for the

mortar attack has not been established even by the U.N. forces on the ground despite demands of the Bosnian-Serbs that this be done. Militarily, there can be no guarantee that such strikes would be even minimally effective in silencing the Bosnian-Serb guns. Military history confirms this, and in particular, at Monte Cassino in W.W. II. Had the U.N. forces been able to identify the origin of the mortar round as Bosnian-Serbian – we believe they would have said so, with emphasis!

Some things, however, are very clear. Firstly, it was under the leadership (perhaps coercion?) of U.S. President Clinton and Chancellor Kohl of Germany (although not exclusively them) that the so-called "Partnership for Peace" opened the door for an eastward shift of NATO military power, UNDER A UNIFIED PLAN AND COMMAND DOMINATED BY THE U.S.-GERMAN HIGH COMMAND. Secondly, this force has pre-empted the peace keeping role of the United Nations and turned it into a mere rubber-stamp of U.S.-German and G-7 powers. These now appear poised as a NATO military force, pointed eastward.

Of course the world should be generally aware of the fact that it is precisely these European and American powers of G-7 (including Canada) who have financial and corporate interests as well as "strategic" concerns in Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia-Hercegovina and generally in Eastern Europe and extending even to the territories of former Soviet Union. Similarly, history has taught the bitter lesson that when Imperial financial and corporate interests perceive their "interests" at stake, they go to war ... sometimes even to avoid economic or financial crisis. It is plainly evident that in this case, it is the hands of President Clinton and Chancellor

Kohl, who are heading up these immensely dangerous actions.

In the name of international friendship and solidarity, we call upon you, Rt. Honourable Sir and your Government to take into account the above and to reject the current drift towards another potential regional or even world holocaust of war. The proud name of our country is at stake, and we respectfully remind you that that proud name was earned in part, on many a battlefield of war, worldwide, as well as in the diplomatic arena.

We are as well calling upon all peace loving forces in Canada and the world to act with extreme urgency to forestall any possible impending disaster, and that all war forces be withdrawn from the current war areas so the peoples there may reach honourable and peaceful agreements to live in peace on their own territory.

Sincerely:
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President
Concerned Friends of Soviet People

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## FEATURE ANALYSIS

## "SPECIAL REPORT FROM UKRAINE ..."

EDITOR'S NOTE: - We welcome to our pages the following special report from Lugansk by a writer on the Editorial staff of "Luganskaya Pravada". He is Feliks Gorelik who combines with his report a strong appeal to save Ukraine from the nationalist-fascist groups that seek to follow the ideological and political directions laid down by U.S. Imperialism. We run a series of items from mostly Western news sources following his article under News Digest and Comment for corroboration of his charges. The article referred to by our correspondent, from Toronto, allegedly written by one "Stepan Gorlach", "a teacher", attacks NSC as receiving "Moscow gold" and other such miserable slurs. If he were to reveal his true identity to us, we might be tempted to examine possibilities for legal action against such hoary and scurrilous attacks. Meantime, as a great man once remarked: "the jackals yowl, but the train goes on just the same". We would appreciate comments.

## UKRAINE, LUGANSK ARE PREPARING FOR ELECTIONS

By: Feliks Gorelik

After a warm, rainy January, February covered Ukraine in snow and ice. Cold has taken over the hearts of people: how to survive? The future is covered with fog: catastrophe is deepening with every day. Ukrainian diaspora over the world does not know the truth and consequently, stands on the side of those who bring the Ukrainian people unbelievable hardship and harm.

In answer to my article, "There is another Canada", where I told about the solidarity of Canadian friends of Soviet people, the newspaper "Life of Lugansk" printed a reply to my article from someone in Toronto, signing himself as "teacher from Toronto" Stepan Gorlach, if that is his real name! He writes, "What is this Soviet people? To cry about a people that never existed is useless!"

I wonder why is it that this "Canadian" is teaching us, and not Canadian children? What is he doing in Lugansk, is he maybe fulfilling the task given to him by secret services here and abroad? To those who really love the Ukrainian people, I say: the disintegration of the USSR, with the help of the fighters for "Independent Ukraine" has brought with it the death and agony of the Ukrainian people! As was stated by the Defence Ministry of USA, on the territory of former Soviet Union, they predicted about 12 serious armed conflicts, during which there could be at least 600,000 armed personnel dead, 20 million people will become displaced, 90 million will die from starvation and 50 million from the spread of epidemics! Does anyone think that Ukraine will be spared this catastrophe? Ukrainian nationalists have sentenced millions of Ukrainians to die!

## UKRAINE HAS ENTERED ECONOMIC CATASTROPHE!

Figure this out yourself. From the first place in Europe in the economic might, Ukraine is now in last place! The economy is completely in ruins, since gas, oil, timber received from

Russia and other Soviet Republics constituted 80% - but the economic ties are now broken. The biggest industries and factories in Lugansk are paralyzed, its workers are let go without pay - in fact, Lugansk has become practically unemployed. The enterprise "October Revolution" previously manufactured 95% of railway engines and cars of the USSR. Now, in January, this enterprise did not produce even one. Manufactured goods in Lugansk in January fell by 48% since January 1993! Even at that time (1993), the output was already 30% less since 1990! Manufacture of shoes was down 17%. Here is your "results of independence and reform", Imperialism, and its dictated "reforms" through the International Monetary Fund!



LOOK AT WHAT THE BIRD HAS LAID?

In agriculture, the story is the same. Because November being without snow, grain seeds died, and if the spring and summer will be dry, we shall have "famine of 1994". Why? Because now we cannot get help with grain and feed from Kazakhstan or Russia – because these are now "foreign governments and countries"!

The "Market economy", together with "independence", have given Ukraine another deadly blow. Free speculation, "free prices", commercial banks, stock exchanges, privatization together with no central planning

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of agriculture have brought us to hyperinflation and complete disaster. Prices have jumped from 10% to 114 thousand times more! We cannot even think of catching up to the inflation rate. Savings of the workers are worth absolutely nothing. Death is overtaking the birth rate tremendously. This is a program of genocide of the Ukrainian people. In place of a national "awakening" a la "nationalism", they attempt to "eliminate Ukrainians" as a nation.

Who is the winner and who is the loser?

Five hundred citizens of Ukraine already have taken out of the country 18 milliard dollars. The capitalist class is growing rapidly from the yellow-blue capitalists, civil servants and thieves. That is why our children are robbed, our youth have no future, our pensioners are suffering badly - this constitutes 90% of the nation! For medicine that is needed by everyone, such as my wife, who had to pay 131,000 coupons (1/3 of her pension) for 30 tablets! No wonder the dying curse this "independence" with their last breath.

## RUKH AND NATIONALISTS ARE RESPONSIBLE!

Who is going to be responsible for this crime? It must be RUKH, other bourgeoise-nationalist parties, together with former leaders of the CPSU Krawchuk, Plush and other Judases from the "party hierarchy"! They are afraid of elections, and depend on the fabrication of lies to an uninformed electorate. Since the media is in their hands, they feel that they can hoodwink the population. Unfortunately, even the progressive newspapers that we have, are forced to undertake advertising for money (which they desperately need) to

produce their newspapers, from those bourgeoise candidates! These candidates pay millions to promote themselves. There you have your "democracy" – really the dictatorship of "money bags"! With us communists, we have only meagre means at our disposal and thus, it is nearly impossible to reach every potential voter with our message of truth. People are scared, threatened and in many, many cases, physically beaten, or even killed, if they oppose the ruling class.

#### LIFE IS THE REAL TEACHER!

But, the best teacher is "life itself"! More and more, you hear from people the following: "Yes, we lived in communism before, but we did not know it"! "We had near near-heaven before, but did not appreciate it"! The fact is that people with tears in their eyes are reminiscing about what was and what is now. The main appeal of socialism-communism was: a belief in tomorrow, no worry about yourself and your job, and that the Communist Party will look after your welfare. No one was afraid that they will be unemployed. Our children went to Pioneer Camps, kindergartens, pre-school classes and all with no cost. When you got sick, your hospital and medical help was free. On your holidays, you got on the aeroplane and flew to the Black Sea or wherever you desired. The coast of the Black Sea became a second home for the people. If you had a complaint, you went to Raykom of the Party and other agencies to get your wrongs righted and justice done.

Now, the people have lost all of their former rights. To get into University is for the rich people's children, unless you have a couple of millions to give. If you are sick and have to go to Hospital, you must bring with you your own medicines, needles, gauze and other needed things for your sickness. The resorts down south are in the hands of privateers and mafia and you pay millions. You have no one to defend you! The government has ceased to become the mother, father – this government has become a hateful stepmother to the Ukraine people!

To fill 5 seats to the Supreme Soviet of Lugansk, there appeared over 100 candidates! Aside from the few communists-socialists, the rest are opportunists, new bourgeois, and mafiosi. Communists are candidates only in every fifth district. They are workers, tradesmen and people who joined the Communist Party after the CPSU was liquidated in 1991. These candidates know and understand that a counter-revolution has taken place.

Communists will be able to solve the problems ... and ONLY communists will defend the rights of the working class. We have good, honest and dedicated communists as candidates. We had to have at least 300 signatures for our candidates in each riding, and it was heartening to realize that more than 70% of those signing told us that they must vote for the Communist candidates since that is the only road out of the terrible situation that Ukraine is in now.

The anti-Communist hysteria now is at a fever pitch, from morning to night on radio, TV and the press which is controlled by the Krawchuk nationalists. Many people are lost and panic stricken – "We do not believe in anyone". This is promoted and plays into the hands of the reactionary forces.

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#### SPECIAL

#### THE "RESHAPING" OF EUROPE ... ARE HITLER'S AIMS BEING FULFILLED?

By: Ray Stevenson

Under a front page headline "Kohl Wants Union of 20 States", "The European" of March 4 - 10th, informs us that "Germany is poised to take a controversial initiative to bring former Communist countries quickly into the European Union ... The moves are part of a drive towards European integration that Bonn plans to launch ..." Of course, such were precisely Hitler's aims, for which millions died.

The historical irony of this is apparently lost on the editors, or perhaps, they are convinced that 49 years after the military destruction of Nazi Germany, the more than fifty millions dead; the holocaust and virtual total destruction of Europe and other areas of our world, the death camps, and the horror have all been forgotten. But dare humanity forget its history? We think not, if we are to survive. For example:

"We have agreed on common policies and plans for enforcing the unconditional surrender terms which we shall impose together on Nazi Germany... It is our inflexible purpose to destroy German militarism and Nazism and to ensure that Germany will never again be able to disturb the peace of the world ... It is not our purpose to destroy the people of Germany, but only when Nazism and militarism have been extirpated will there be hope for a decent life for Germans, and a place for them in the comity of nations ... Victory in this war and establishment of the proposed international organization (the United Nations Organization) will provide the greatest opportunity in all history to relate in the years to come, the essential conditions of such a peace."
Signed:

Winston S. Churchill – Great Britain. Franklin D. Roosevelt – U.S.A.

J. Stalin – U.S.S.R. February 11, 1945

That statement from the Yalta (or Crimean) Conference should never be forgotten! Similarly, words of the U.N. Charter should burn in all peoples' consciousness.

The United Nations Charter, emerging from that Crimean Conference and the U.N. Security Conference of June 1945 in San Francisco, sets forth the following:

"We, the peoples of the U.N. have determined: — To save succeeding generations from the scourge of war which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to mankind ... — To practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbors, — To unite our strength to maintain international peace and security, — To insure ... that armed force shall not be used, save in the common interest, — To employ international machinery for the promotion of economic and social advancement of all peoples ..."

Then came the "Cold War" in which Canada with its notorious "spy" trials, and advocacy, played a leading role ... at the behest of monopoly and the U.S. President and State Department.

By April 1949, a new world military bloc led by the U.S.A. was in place, aimed precisely at their wartime ally, the USSR. The Wall Street Journal of April 5th that year, editorially pronounced the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) as "nullifying the principle of the United Nations." ... the most cursory analysis reveals [that] it makes military might determining factor in international relations ... We think [said the WSJ] the jungle principle of the Atlantic Pact fits the facts better than the ideally-human principle of the

United Nations ..." The WSJ endorsement of "jungle law" comes as no surprise. Its candid appraisal of NATO does.

The destruction of the aims, hopes and dreams of the world's people had begun and tragically, continues to this day, 45 years later.

Western monopoly capital, through the Governments of the U.S.A., Great Britain, France, Canada, had reversed themselves and nullified the signed agreements of both the Crimean Conference and the United Nations Charter. Of course, the "reversal" was to be concealed under a flood-tide of "anticommunism". The same year, 1949, Germany was welcomed into the European Community, including



Western military and economic alignments and organizations, by a conference of the foreign ministers of the U.S.A., Britain and France, held in Paris in November. By May 1950, the three powers accorded "sovereignty" to West Germany. In September that same year, the NATO Council said "Germany should be enabled to contribute to the build-up of the defence (meaning "military" defence and preparedness) of Western Europe". The NATO Council approved the setting up of the European Defence Community (E.D.C.) with participation of the Federated Republic of Germany, France, Italy and the Benelux countries. By May 1952, the Western

Powers lifted the Allied occupation statute placed on Germany by the Potsdam Agreement, and proclaimed the "sovereignty" of Germany. All of this was done, while rejecting numerous appeals and opposition from their wartime ally, the Soviet Union, who called for "settlement of the outstanding German question on a peaceful and democratic basis". Included was a Soviet draft proposal in March 1952, "Principles of a Peace Treaty With Germany". Particularly vociferous was the NATO rejection of a Soviet proposal that Germany "should not join any military alliances, coalitions or alignments aimed against any country that had fought against the Nazi war machine". In October 1954, the Paris Agreements were signed, extending to Germany membership in NATO.

A U.S. military mission was set up in the F.R.G. in December 1955 to train German instructors for the military, and by January 1956, the U.S. Bonn Embassy announced that the FRG "would receive from the U.S.A. the same kind of modern weapons as other NATO countries". Agreement on German occupation between the wartime Allies and United Nations victors had come full circle to become a Western alliance with Germany in a military bloc aimed at the USSR that could not be seen other than "aggressive" by that country. The arms race, the setting up of the German Democratic Republic and unrestricted "Cold War" was underway and had been achieved through the NATO military alliance that had been "preferable" as "jungle law" (to the W.S.J.) over the "ideally-human principle" of the U.N. By May the same year, 1956, more than \$1 billion of U.S. weaponry was in the hands of the FRG military and in 1957, agreement was reached to build 29 new NATO airfields on FRG territory in addition to an already existing 19. The same year, the German military was equipped with U.S., M-48 tanks.

Of course, high West German "officialdom" who had never accepted Nazi defeat, continued their relentless drive for "restoration" of Germany, plus aggression to the east. Chancellor Adenauer, in July 1951, proclaimed this outlook: "It is highly desirable the West should build up its strength because THAT IS THE ONLY MEANS OF RESTORING GERMANY'S EASTERN AREAS", he said in Essen. In 1953, Herr Seebohm, Transport and Communications Minister in the FRG Government, said: "The German east does not include only the Elbe and Oder, but also, Bohemia (Czechia) AND ALL THE LANDS ON WHICH GERMANS HAVE EVER LIVED". Herr Von Papen, in a Spanish newspaper "A-B-C" in 1954: "We must realize that the conquest of the eastern provinces AND THE MISSION WE HAVE TO FULFILL ARE A HISTORICAL AND ALL-EUROPEAN TASK OF THE FIRST MAGNITUDE." "In Russia, THE LAND IS WAITING FOR US. WE MUST TAKE ROOT THERE. WE MUST LIBERATE NOT ONLY THE 17 MILLION OF THE GDR, BUT ALSO THE 120 MILLION INHABITING THE EUROPEAN USSR." - Herr Oberlander said on June 1957 in Bremen. Herr Strauss, President of Bavaria, February 1960, while attending military exercises: "THE OPERATION MUST BE SIMILAR TO HITLER'S ANSCHLUSS OF AUSTRIA AND INVASION OF THE THE SUDETENLAND ... THERE IS CONVICTION AMONG THE GENERAL STAFF AND GOVERN-MENT CIRCLES THAT IN THE EVENT OF SUCH A SURPRISE ATTACK, THE WORLD WOULD BE FORCED TO ACCEPT SUCH A SOLUTION ..." (All emphasis added - R.L.S.)

Many more equally revealing and unbelievably revanchist and aggressive statements as to just who the NATO forces were now allied with are available, but it is not necessary to repeat them here. The aims of nascent and current German Imperialism (precisely the same monopoly corporate powers - such as the Deutch banke, Siemens, Farben, et al. - that had backed Hitler and Nazism to establish "lebensraum" and dictatorship in Europe and the world in W.W. II) did not attempt to conceal their aims and purposes. Under the NATO military umbrella, Canada, the U.S.A., Great Britain and the other NATO nations have been allied with those war-making aims since the end of W.W. II in the unholy, military, psychological, economic and diplomatic Cold War. Gorbachov, Yeltsin & Company must have been totally aware of these conditions when they led the treacherous sell-out of the Soviet peoples' interests. If they did not, they were total idiots capable of nothing but treachery and betrayal to the memory of not only their country, and Communist Party, but to the tens of millions of heroic dead of the USSR in W.W. II. It was they who brought Hitler to his death throes, it is they who, first of all, are betrayed in a treacherous conspiracy so shameful as to be beyond human comprehension. Without conscience, still they must contemplate their unspeakable alliances with Reagan, Bush, Clinton, Kohl, Thatcher, et al.'s

For it is precisely on the basis of

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these actions of betrayal and the fifty year long shameless, vengeful and totally voracious and predatory lusts and appetites of Western finance and monopoly capital who have engineered the current infinitely dangerous situation, that the boundaries of Europe today are being re-shaped and redrawn with Germany and the U.S.A. leading the pack. The promises of Yalta and the United Nations for peace lie in ruins, before the assaults of the neo-Imperialists of the 1990's and NATO, with the U.S.A. in the lead. Recent history bears this out whether in the Middle East, in Yugoslavia, Panama, Grenada, Somalia or Korea, or just about everywhere in the world. If the people would stanch the blood letting, the toll of human degradation, sorrow, misery and pain that potentially await them, then the time for united actions and recognition of the perils has come, in spades! To unite for peace and free development before the awful apocalypse hanging over humanity strikes, is the first priority for all peoples. It is not too late, and Kohl's and the neo-Imperialists plans of economic and military control for Europe and the world can still be averted and defeated. United, the people can yet win their own future of peaceful and constructive development and freedom. But awareness and action by the people are demanded as never before. That will come when the veil of secrecy, whether under the hoary fogs of anti-Communism or otherwise, are torn aside so that the people can see for themselves what is happening. NSC is devoted to that end, and for our readership and beyond, we dedicate ourselves to that purpose.

All quotes from: "What the Informed Citizens Needs to Know", Duell, Sloan & Pearce, New York, 1945: Clippings – Wall Street Journal, International Affairs, Vol. 11, 1966 – R.S.



## OPEN LETTER TO CANADIAN READERS

By: Vladimir Herasymchuk, Lutsk, Ukraine

Dear Canadian readers!

Although we are long distances apart, the world is one. Scientists tell us that geologically long ago our continents were joined together as one - called Lavrazia. We are one mankind. That is why we must know more about each other, help each other in our struggles for the betterment of a working man. Canadians of course hear about the tragedy that has befallen my Motherland. Soon, there will be new elections for parliament and the presidency in the Ukraine, where I live. People demand that the present rulers resign.

Last December, there were elections in Russia. A new Constitution was adopted and a new parliament was elected. It seems that everything is normal. But, do you really know how this Russian referendum was held? Even the "official results" as given by the Central Elections Commission is hard to take seriously if you analyze it carefully and in detail. It looks as if the Election Commission has a hard time with its own arithmetic. The numbers that voted "for" and "against" does not match the total number of people that cast their ballots. The percentages given by this Commission absolutely does not match the ballots cast?! To believe, and to explain these opposing facts is impossible. To this letter of mine, I suggest you print the article by V. Trushkov from newspaper "Pravda" of December 28th about the so-called arithmetic manipulation of the Election Commission. Maybe, you readers will be able to make sense out of this arithmetic riddle. But any normal person will not be able to believe the juggling that was going on. How can anyone (unless he is an enemy of the people and socialism – Editors) take these given results seriously?

Nevertheless, I will try to analyze some aspects of the results. Now, can we say that the Constitution was agreed upon? "Of course" - is the answer of the friends of Yeltsin. Did not 33 million people vote for the Constitution?" It looks as if everything was done legally. But what about the other 73 million voters? -(It's interesting that the Election Commission never once gave us a clear figure as to how many voters were registered)?! A large majority of the registered voters disgusted with their "leaders", as a sign of protest at the policies of the pseudodemocrats, did not bother to take part in the elections! Can anyone in their right mind agree that the minority of the people who voted for the Constitution can rule against the majority who are opposed? It looks, according to Yeltsin's logic, that the minority has the right to rule over the majority.

Let us now analyze the situation according to law, which was signed by Yeltsin himself. One of the laws is – "Law about the Referendum". He said that the Constitution is agreed upon if half of the registered voters (not percentage of the cast ballots) take part in the elections and vote for the Constitution. What is the result now and what was done? Yeltsin now ignores his own guidelines that he signed into law! What

about the 1/5 of the voters of district of Tatarstan or the people of the Chechen Republic, where elections did not take place, although these two Republics constitute part of the Russian Federation? If logic is to be followed, this fact alone makes the result of the Constitution invalid! But, according to Yeltsin, everything is possible. (Interestingly, the Western media was aware of this, but did you ever read it, see it or even hear a comment about this outright election fraud in our "free press"? Of course not! – Editors)

Yes, Yeltsin's clique bankrupted itself. It is long past that they should resign from their posts. But they are not ready to relinquish all the stolen wealth of the people that they hoarded and invested in foreign bank accounts. So now, they will rule as "leaders" based on falsified election results. Looking at the facts, even using their own official figures, the leaders of the block "Election Russia" received just 8 million votes out of 106 million voters! Because of this catastrophic result for them, the "pseudo-democrats" and the so-called "liberal democrats of Zhirinovski" are in the Government now! People who voted for Zhirinovsky, voted not for the program and its leader, but voted as a protest against Yeltsin's sell out. (The Communist parties, with their press banned, finances taken away, had no possibility of even getting TV time, while majority of the Communists boycotted the elections, knowing that it's a farce. Unfortunately, the Russian Communist Party took part in the elections, thus breaking the boycott which would have seen Yeltsin defeated - Editors).

"There are many poor people in Russia" - Yeltsin was forced to admit.
These "poor people" voted for the promises of Zhirinovsky, not as a 10 leader, but were swayed by the

unrealistic promises, demagogic promises, which played into the hands of Yeltsin. In spite of the hysteria of anti-communism, and despite the break-up of the united actions by the Russian Communist Party under Zyuganov its leader, the party received over 8 million votes. Majority of Communist Parties of Russia (as the All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks) looked at the "elections" as theatre, not elections and boycotted the elections. If the Communist Party of Russia would have also boycotted the elections, the Yeltsin Constitution would never have been accepted and put into effect.

Because of the situation as I have explained, Yeltsin took upon himself authority of such magnitude. This was done against the wishes of the majority of Russians. Even in this atmosphere of falsification, Yeltsin got a Parliament which is not very happy with his policies and will not jump at his command. It's a conglomerate of all sorts of movements, ideas and programmes. Yeltsin says that it's just as bad as the Parliament that was disbanded by cannon and Tank fire at the Supreme Soviet Building in Moscow. Looking at this scenario, is it not possible that "His Excellency Tsar Boris" will not again let loose the

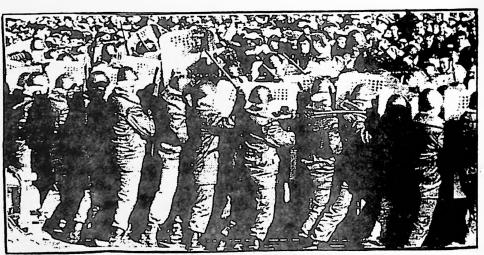
YELTSIN'S DEMOCRACY!

Tanks against this Parliament? Laws against such action are not written!

Even the present "adopted Constitution" was broken by Yeltsin already on December 25th, 1993 in the first day of it becoming law. On this date, Yeltsin gave the command to disband the Supreme Court of Russia. This is in direct opposition to the Constitution that he rammed through Parliament. This is confirmed by the article by V. Trushkov in the "Pravda newspaper", which I am sending you together with this letter.

Yes, it is very hard to live in my country, where unlawful laws are taken as lawful, and breaking the law is now looked upon by the leadership as "heroism". Tell me now, is the person that takes an oath to the Constitution and then proceeds to break it, is he not a criminal? Is this person not a criminal who gives orders to shoot his own elected Members of Parliament? Is this person not a criminal who, in a short span of 3 years, sold off the country and its resources - liquidating the most powerful country in the world and brought its people into hunger and ruin?

We are certain – the truth will be victorious. Presidents come and go, but the people remain forever. I am certain – that the star of happiness will shine again over my Mother-





#### TOVARISH, Number 31, 1993

School Board of School #9 in Lvov has sent an open letter to President Krawchuk of Ukraine. It talks about the thoughts of the teachers, parents and citizens of Lvov. This protest is against a law enacted by the Lvov authorities to close this school because it teaches children Russian, besides Ukrainian. Among other things, the letter says, "When are you, Mr. President, going to live up to your promises of freedom, pluralism and no discrimination?"

The Socialist Party and the Communist Party have also protested the following facts: In 1990-1991 there 24 schools in Lvov teaching Russian, where more than 20,000 students were enrolled. Now in 1993-1994, there are only 9 schools teaching Russian with 7,500 students. The RUKH movement is responsible for this nationalism, closing of the schools, together with their financial helpers from Canada, USA.

#### PRAVDA, December 30, 1993

On the eve of the 49th Anniversary of the Victory over fascism, Meliton Kantarija, one of two Red Army soldiers who, in Berlin on the last day of the war, took the Red Flag and hoisted it over the top of the Reichtag. He died in Georgia at 74 years of age.

## From Newspaper TRUD, December 21, 1993

In a long article by Vitalij Golovachev, Political Observer of newspaper TRUD, gives details of the conditions of the workers and the falsification of the authorities as to "who constitutes to be called poor and derelict".

- According to even the government's statistics, there are over 49 million Russian classified as living below poverty level. That means over 30.3% of the population. They get a wage of only 300-330 rubles per day. This does not even pay for one meal!
- But what about those families that have children? It is impossible to realize that we have so many beggars on the streets, robberies, prostitution people desperate to make ends meet.
- The most shocking news is, even according to the present governmental statistics, is the following: For the last 11 months, the population of Russia alone has decreased by over 670 thousand people. Birth rate is dramatically down due to the economic conditions, while the death rate has soared! Deaths are 30% more than births.

The average span of life now is even below 66 years of age. This is a critical signal!

# From Newspaper PRAVDA, January 5, 1994 BYELORUS DOES NOT BELIEVE ANYONE

Sovietskaya Byelorussia newspaper has published results from a poll among Byelorussians. More than 73% of the population replied that their standard of living has decreased dramatically, 17.8% said that they felt there was no difference – it was as bad as before and they cannot see any improvement at the present time. Some 9% said that their lives have improved (these were businessmen, mafia operated enterprises and

This photograph taken in front of the House of Soviets shows Evgenii V. Ivanova – a portrait of her son 17 years of age, Moscow student, killed by OMON police on October 4, 1993. Photo was published in Pravda newspaper, January 5, 1994.



former "party bosses".) Only about 0.3% thinks that Yeltsin will help Byelorussia improve. They also do not think that Count Prushinsky from Canada, who is now planning to run for President of Byelorussia, will improve the situation. People want to return to the normalization of the previous period.

Oleg Stepanenko, Correspondent of Pravda in Minsk

# From Newspaper PRAVDA, December 23, 1993 HONEY CAKE BAKERS IN TORONTO

For national-democrats of Ukraine, the success of Vladimir Zhirinovsky and Gennady Zyuganov in the elections in Russia was a gift from heaven. They were happy and ready to utilize this victory in order to feed their mill of nationalist propaganda.

They started immediately to scare Ukrainians with the news that there is danger from Russia ... and therefore, there is no need to promote or cooperate with Russia. Therefore, God forbid that Communists and Socialists should happen to win in the upcoming elections in the Ukraine.

As became known in the Carpathian Region of Ukraine ... there are portable wagons, full with vodka, meats, cakes and other delicacies that the average Ukrainian does not have – all this with the help of the capitalist elements in Slovakia – they are ready to roll across the border during the election day. They are offering (these nationalists that are in power in the Ukraine – Editors) each voter \$10.00 American dollars plus all the

drinks and eats during ELECTION DAY!

Where is all this money coming from?

It seems, according to "News from Ukraine", which boasted of this in their columns – there took place in Toronto "Honey Cake" gathering by the World congress of Ukrainians in November of 1993, at which a Commission was elected to "cooperate with democrats and for democracy with headquarters in Kiev". The Honorary Member was none other than Zbigniew Brzhezhinski. In order to guarantee the "democracy in Ukraine", there was collected over 3/4 million American Dollars!

Knowing this, the Deputy of Ukraine Ivan Drach said, "The finances which are in different Committees in Canada and the USA, is a definite guarantee that the elections in the Ukraine will go as planned". Present also was the Vice Premier of Ukraine Mikola Zhulinskyj, who said "If we work together, it will guarantee that our government will be victorious". The former Defense Minister of Ukraine, Konstantin Morozov,

present at this gathering said, "We must gain the majority in the elections, and this will be done with your help"!

Illegal armed bands are existing and they are against the present Constitution of Ukraine. These armed bands are organized all over the Ukraine, with the connivance of the present Krawchuk Government — they are just waiting for the moment when they will come out into the open.

As Boris Oleynik, poet of Ukraine said: "All this subterfuge, all these methods, are geared to bring into play extreme nationalists as was done in Russia, when Gorbachev paved the road for Yeltsin. The forces now in the Ukraine, led by Vladimir Grinev who has a specific mission to pave the road for a future nationalist dictator in the Ukraine as Gorbachev has done for Yeltsin and Yeltsin is doing for the future dictator of Russia. We all know what is ahead, unless the people take a stand!"

Victor Drozd, Correspondent for Pravda

#### **RESULTS OF CAPITALISM IN THE UKRAINE!**



From newspaper TOVARISH

### **SPECIAL**

Dear readers:

Here, we publish photographs from the front page of Pravda newspaper of December, 1993. We were asked by our correspondent Vladimir Herasymchuk to publish these photographs of the young heroes and patriots who were butchered by Yeltsin's OMON goon squads. They represent over 1,500 people killed during the defence of the House of Soviets.

Look at them - full of life, their future stopped by Yeltsin's bullets and the connivance of internal and external enemies who are pouring billions of dollars to shore up this traitorous clique that is trying to

impose fascism of the former Soviet Union.

Let these photographs remind us of the tragedy and let us never forget that the enemy is organizing, manipulating everyone of us. Let us be on guard and save other lives that might be taken away if we are not vigilant.

GLORY TO THESE YOUNG HEROES, THEIR LIVES SNUFFED OUT BY YELTSIN'S AND WESTERN SUPPORTED BULLETS!

THEY WERE BORN IN THE LAND OF SOVIETS. THEY DIED FOR SOVIET MOTHERLAND

### PRAVDA, January 6, 1994 "IF THERE WILL BE

### ANOTHER DEMONSTRATION, AT THEIR HEAD WILL **BE US – WITHOUT** ARMS OR LEGS"

In an article that brings tears to your eyes, the former defenders of the Constitution and the Supreme Soviet in Moscow on October 3-4th, 1993, we publish just a synopsis and include a photograph of one of the defenders without his arm, who is ready to lead another, and another demonstration against the Yeltsin clique and his march towards fascism.



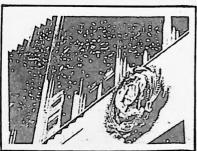
















Eugene Markov, 20, Andrej Vuraki, 21, students Aleksej Devoniskij, 37, Engineer

Roman Denskov, 15, student Marina Kurysheva, 16, student Yurij Shalimov, 30, Engineer Dmitryj Obuch, 18, student









Oleg Adamliuk, 18, Farmer Dmitrij Marchenko, 28, Engineer Dmitrij Yareshko, 19, student Sergei Zotov, 41 years old

Here is just one of the survivors, whose picture appears here: ALEXANDER

"I heard about the events at the Ostantkino Tower and speedily went to help the people. When shooting started, I could have ran away, but since I came there, I felt that I must be of some help. I started to help carry the wounded away from the line of sniper fire. I ran towards one of the fallen victims, but he was already dead. Young man of 18, with a Komsomol Card in his pocket. I bent over him and started to think what I could do and where I could take him. I felt a bullet enter my arm, shattering it. Some other people were now carrying me away and not the one I tried to help, who was already dead. Someone took me in his car to a hospital. The OMON police did not allow the Red Cross Ambulance to pick up the civilians, as a matter of fact, I saw the nurse carrying the wounded, herself was shot."

# "IF THERE WILL BE ANOTHER DEMONSTRATION, AT HEAD WILL BE PEOPLE LIKE ME – WITHOUT ARMS OR LEGS!"

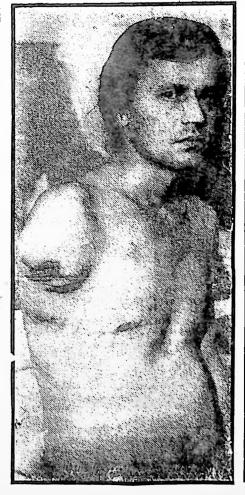
Take a good look at this photograph of Vladimir, one of the heroes that defended the Constitution and socialism. Below is his story (abridged – Editors).

## VLADIMIR, 37 years old, married, two children, oldest daughter 14 years.

From the sidelines of Rochdelskoj Street, we saw cannons and machine guns – and then also from the side of the Mayor's Office. As they were advancing, they were firing at us. Against the people, point blank, the devils! We fell down on our faces. They came up to us and while we were laying on the ground, they opened fire again. I was blown off my feet.

I looked, my arm immediately got swollen to three times its original shape ... became black – as if it was a piece of wood sticking out of my body! I managed with my left hand to lay the severed arm on my chest and then I lost all consciousness.

The large calibre bullet was not weak, it broke my collar bone, went down and broke two ribs, went through my kidney. I had 4 operations because of one bullet. The doctors tried to save my arm many times. I was one of the lucky ones to have been able to get to the doctors. Others were shot on the spot.



Liudmila, Doctor:

I was on the 3rd floor of the "White House", trying to see to the needs of the wounded and dying on October 4th. I, together with another Doctor, were rushing from one floor to another in order to save as many wounded as we could.

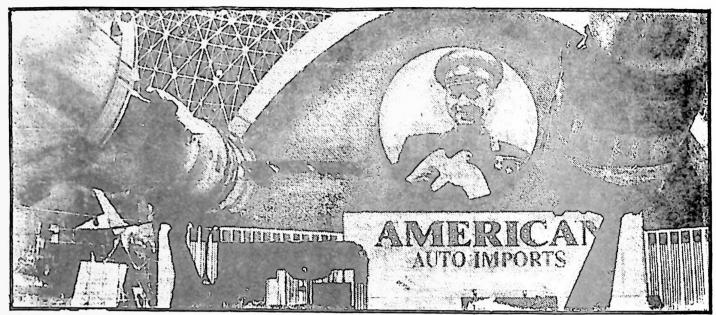
The shells were falling all over the floors as rain. Then the OMON soldiers stormed the floors, stairways. These youngsters behaved like mad dogs, kicking, pummelling and shooting people on sight. Their eyes were glazed as if in a trance.

I pleaded with them: "Young men, here are Russian people, with no guns in their hands! Whom are you killing?" One of the young OMON soldiers became hysterical when he saw what carnage they did. He blurted out that his commander told him that there were over 20 armed Gestapo bandits fully armed inside on our 3rd floor.

I fully remember another moment. Some of our people inside heard stamping on the corridors and in anticipation that help was coming to the beleaguered defenders, cried out: "Ours are coming! Help is coming!" The OMON soldiers became panic stricken, started to hide themselves among the wounded and dead defenders on the 3rd floor. We were all happy, but not for long. It turned out that the OMON soldiers brought in machine guns right into the corridors of the building and started to shoot wildly.

#### From Newspaper PRAVDA, January, 1994

Take a look at this photo of the Cosmos Exhibit in Moscow, where the history and exhibits of Soviet Space Program is displayed, and where millions of people from around the world marvelled at it. This was the pride of the Soviet Union.



This photo, published on the front page of Pravda, shows to what depth the Yeltsin government has fallen when they sold out the Cosmos Exhibit, pride and glory of Soviet people. As you can see below, the smiling face of Yuri Gagarin, first man in space, is a sign as to the REAL OWNERS – AMERICAN AUTO IMPORTS!

There, you see Yuri Gagarin, the first man in space looking down at the exhibit. But what does he see? American Auto Imports which has taken over the whole Exhibit.

Not only that – the Baykonur launching pad, where all Soviet Cosmonauts went into orbit, is now sold to American businessmen, which means that Soviet cosmonauts will land not on their own land, but on a foreign-owned launching pad with all the advertising and promotion that goes with the "USA HOOPLA"!

But not only that ... practically, all the world renowned exhibits are now either sold or on sale to the highest bidder – including the cosmonaut suit worn by Yuri Gagarin.

We wonder what he would say if he was alive?

There are numerous protests from the Soviet people and people from all over the world at this treachery, this selling-off of national treasures and pride. But this is to no avail.

American Astronauts are now

taking over, lock, stock and barrel. Soviet Cosmonauts are strangers in their own land!

As one of thousands of letters flooding Pravda newspapers and other publications said: "How are we going to raise our children and grandchildren to be proud of our Soviet people, of our heritage, of our science and heroes? My heart breaks that they would sell Yuri Gagarin's flight suit, besides his personal memorabilia. Where is this justice? Is our country so poor that we must sell these national treasures to foreigners?"

The nilitiism and hate for their history and heroes is the mark of the present government of Russia – Editors.

Children all over the former Soviet Union are opening their own Cosmos Museums and they will forever remember the name of the first man in space – Yuri Gagarin!

Anatoliy Pokrovskyj

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# AN APPEAL TO THE UKRAINIAN DIASPORA

I appeal to the Ukrainian diaspora outside our borders. Do not believe in Mr. Chernovil, Lukyanenko or other nationalists! To save the Ukrainian nation is possible only through the brotherly help and cooperation of the Russian, Byelorussia, and other peoples of the USSR! Returning to the "capitalist market economy" will not be accomplished by a "transitional period", as promised, but 50-60 years, according to Western During that time, economists. millions of Ukrainian will perish from hunger and sickness, or from war. The rabid nationalists are arming themselves and Ukrainian fascism is being born. Here is proof! In the newspaper "Unconquered Nation", published in Western Ukraine, Lvov, there was an article by Anatoly Scherbatiuk, "First steps towards cleansing". The author demands cleansing - Ukraine of Russians, Jews, Poles with the help

of "Squads of 8", all armed with automatic machine guns.

"Violence against lower class foreigners is a social game", writes this fascist, "and must be done systematically and without remorse, because even our neighbours will thank us and give thanks to our dedication for the cleanliness of our nation. In this experiment ... this must be a forgone conclusion and method"!

A. Scherbatiuk is one of the members of the Ukrainian National Assembly, registered by the Ministry of Law of Ukraine. These are not only words! This Assembly has already set up armed bands of the "Ukraine Self Defence League", whose members have already seen action in Georgia, Prednestrovia and are preparing to fight in the Crimea to forcibly make it part of the Ukraine. They are eyeing the Donbass region which does not play the tune of the nationalist or Krawchuk. They are attempting to get the miners there organized into the "Independent Union of Miner". Their leader there said to the correspondent of "Luganskaya Pravda" the following about the veterans of the Soviet Army: "I would choke them, hang them, cut them up into pieces!" This "trade union" is getting financial and moral support plus advisers from the American Federation of Labour!

## "SOCIALISM OR DEATH! WE WILL WIN!"

On the pages of the newspaper "Voice of the Nation", in an article "Who is to blame", Y. Ridkoboroda says: "Ukraine is for Ukrainians only ... We are for an Ukraine, who will have STRENGTH, LAW AND ORDER and an Ukraine which will rule the world"! This is a call for a world war in order to have Ukraine rule the whole world! This appeal

is also supported by the fascist Vitovich, head of the Lvov nationalists.

It is impossible to predict the results of the elections in the Ukraine, if they will take place at all. Our Communist Party is still not fully organized from the Gorbachev-Yeltsin liquidation. President Krawchuk has fallen between two fires: from the left, he is attacked by communists and socialists; from the right, RUKH, nationalists, to whom he opened the door to the government of Ukraine. The victory of nationalists will bring with it the fascist nationalist dictatorship.

Whatever the results will be in the elections, the mass of people will gain another lesson in political shenanigans of the present rulers. More and more people are coming to realize, that only a socialist system, even though it was flawed by the opportunists, is more humane, progressive than capitalismnationalism. We know and learn what capitalism is now, not from books or lectures, but we see it working everyday in front of our eyes. We are face to face with it!

The future lies in socialism – there cannot be any question about this! As Fidel Castro said: "SOCIALISM OR DEATH! WE WILL WIN!"

## From Newspaper POLITIKA, from Slovakia

Hungary is in debt to such an extent that it will not be able to pay the interest on the huge financial loans. New York bankers and the International Monetary Fund is putting a squeeze on Hungary. The Bankers are demanding "swapping of debt for equity". What does this mean?

It means that Hungary will have to give up its factories, industries or land to foreign owners.

There is a danger that Hungary leaders will start provocations by demanding territory in former Czechoslovakia where hundreds of thousands Hungarians lived for hundreds of years.

#### RACISM RAMPANT IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

According to the Ministry of Internal Affairs, there is a very significant growth in pseudo-fascist groups, neo-Nazis with ties to Germany and the fascist movement there. Attacks against Gypsies, Jews, Vietnames and African students are getting more vicious and have an international organized character. All this is caused by the break-up of Czechoslovakia, social deterioration, corruption and unemployment. The fabric of unity is dissolving fast.

This is the price of the rush towards capitalism and the selling away the peoples' gains to the transnational corporations and traitors-mafiosi that now rule the Czech and Slovak Republics – Editors.

## GLORY TO OUR LIBERATORS

Forty Nine years ago, Red Army and the 1st Czechoslovak Korpus under General Sloboda liberated the city of Presov in the eastern part of Czechoslovakia. The population welcomed them with flowers, tears and erected a monument in the centre of Presov to this momentous occasion.

The monument was not erected to Communists of USSR or Czecho-slovakia as is now being propagated by the Slovak reactionaries and nationalists. It was erected to pay tribute to ALL soldiers who died liberating the population of Eastern Slovakia.

The movement to demolish the monument to our liberators is being supported by leadership in the government of Slovakia. Not only that, there is a plan afoot to erect another monument to the German fascist soldiers that died fighting the Soviet Army!

January 19, 1994 marked the 49th anniversary of our liberation. People gathered together with veterans to lay flowers to the memory of those who died so that we may live.

Signed,

Members of the Communist Party of Slovakia Presov District □

## RECEPTION COSTS MILLIONS ...

When President Clinton of USA came on a visit to the Czech Republic, the taxpayers had to foot the bill to the tune of over ONE MILLION CROWNS!

President Clinton, not trusting his "new market economy friends", came with his own cooks, body guards and entourage. There were 800 people in Clinton's entourage in Prague!

President Havel of the Czech Republic, is trying to explain this phenomenal cost to the Czech people by stating that this will guarantee acceptance of the Czech Republic into NATO, European Union and IMF loans. Judging by the reaction of the people, this line of reasoning when unemployment, privatization and mafiosi shysters running the country, is not very satisfactory to the people – Editors.

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# NEWS DIGEST COMMENT

WHAT
"NATIONALISM"
AND THE
"MARKET
ECONOMY"
(CAPITALISM)
HAVE BROUGHT
THE UKRAINE ...

From TORONTO STAR, March 7, 1994

Headline: "RUSSIA CUTS GAS SUPPLY TO UKRAINE OVER NON-PAYMENT OF MASSIVE DEBT ..."

Moscow (Reuter) – Russia's gas giant Gazprom said yesterday it cut supplies to Ukraine by 80 million cubic metres a day, effectively telling Kiev to pay up or freeze. Gazprom said a threatened complete cut-off would go ahead unless cashstrapped Ukraine took steps to repay debt of 1.5 trillion roubles (\$1.25 billion) for previous deliveries. ... Turkmenistan cut off supplies February 20th because of non-payment on a debt of \$1 billion ...  $\square$ 

From NEW YORK TIMES, March 4, 1994

#### Headline: "U.S. READY TO HELP UKRAINE AND GEORGIA, IF THEY HELP THEMSELVES"

Washington - "With Ukraine having tentatively agreed to destroy nuclear weapons ... President Clinton would double aid to Ukraine to about \$700 million a year ... Clinton would urge the International Monetary Fund to withhold \$1.1 billion in loans for Ukraine unless it takes bolder steps to privatize industry and lower inflation which is about 90% a month ... One White House official said. "Krawchuk is the President and therefore, he is the one we deal with ..." Secretary of State Warren Christopher told a Congressional Committee Tuesday he was not convinced that the Mr. Krawchuk was a lame duck. Bowing to demands made by striking miners (Donbass region), Krawchuk has agreed to hold elections (Presidential) in June ... Before leaving Kiev (for Washington), he said his message to create an economically strong Ukraine is critical. In seeking billions in aid, he said "... if a democratic and independent Ukraine exists, and is given the necessary support, then Imperial policies, not only of Russia, but of any European country will fail ... (He) was once the chief ideologist of the Ukrainian Communist Party ..."

#### From THE EUROPEAN, February 25 - March 3rd, 1994

## Headline: "KRAWCHUK TO STAND DOWN IN JUNE"

Kiev – Ukrainian President Leonid Krawchuk is to stand down in June, casting doubt on the country's promise to reduce its stock of nuclear arms. Krawchuk said he would not seek re-election because he felt he could not "defend the economic and social situation to his people". The presidential election has been tentatively set for June 26, two years earlier than scheduled ... His departure may undermine the deal (with Clinton and Yeltsin) to rid Ukraine of nuclear weapons. The March elections (for Parliament) will take place amid mass disenchantment ..."

## From NEW YORK TIMES March 8, 1994

Headline: "UKRAINE RULES OUT ACCORD WITH RUSSIA TO DIVIDE FLEET"

Moscow - Celestine Bohlen - Special to NYT - "Ukraine has ruled out handing over its share of the Black Sea Fleet to Russia as part payment of a mounting debt for oil and gas ... Ukraine's huge energy debt to Russia, estimated at \$3.2 billions surfaced again last weekend ... Gazprom announced that a Ukrainian delegation would arrive later this week to discuss a \$900 million payment ... In the meantime, Ukraine has been building up its own navy, which now has five ships, four of them new ..."

## From TORONTO STAR, February 13, 1994

Headline: "UKRAINE HOCKEY TEAM PUT ON ICE"

Sub-headline: "PLAYERS LEFT BROKE AFTER PROMISES FALL THROUGH ..."

By Wendy Darroch, Staff

"Members of a Ukrainian hockey team who came to Canada with the promise of an all expenses-paid tour were left broke and eating raw bacon in a Niagara Falls motel room. The Sokol Kiev hockey team was promised 20 games ... in arenas around Ontario and Montreal ... 'there are no words to explain', team captain Konstantin Buczenko said ..."

## From NEW YORK TIMES, February 15, 1994

Headline: "U.S. WILL TRIPLE ITS FOREIGN AID TO KAZAKHSTAN"

Sub-headline: "MONEY WILL BACK EFFORT OF U.S. OIL CONCERNS"

By Gwen Ifill, Special to NYT

Washington, February 14 -President Clinton pledged today to triple foreign aid to Kazakhstan to help efforts of political reform, assist in the dismantlement of nuclear weapons, and provide critical underpinning for the dozens of American businesses who are profiting from an oil boom there. President Nazarbayev, who met Clinton today, signed a number of agreements with the United States ... Kazakhstan has become a valuable strategic ally since the discovery of 25 billion tons of oil and gas reserves. These have attracted 70 U.S. companies and spurred concerns that the new nation might build a pipeline to transport oil through Iran ..."

WE COMMENT: Our comment is hardly needed for the most part, except to recall that NSC predicted some time ago the oil and gas plight of Ukraine that has led to school closings for lack of heat, misery and dropping health standards. With the insane rush by the new "bosses" of former Soviet Republics to embrace the so-called "privatization", "market economies" and capitalist notions of "competition", "greed", etc., as a "way of life", what Ukraine is now

experiencing is inevitable. Formerly, as a Soviet Republic within the USSR, oil and gas prices were kept below world monopoly prices as they crossed borders between the Republics at specially reduced prices. With the takeover of the "capitalist business" mode, "all the traffic will bear", or world monopoly prices, are the order of the day. Human need, cooperative and constructive relations are gone. The Ukraine has become, under Krawchuk and the Westernized "nationalists" that are directed and kept by bosses in the foreign lands of Germany, the U.S.A., Canada et al., a shell of its former Soviet greatness. These forces are now entrenched temporarily in power positions. The people pay, in every way. The false and treacherous path placed before the Ukrainian people by the neo-Imperialists of the West will be replaced and driven from power as our feature writer from Lugansk has assured us. In some respects, efforts to "understand what has happened" are difficult and as the "lost" hockey team captain said, "there are no words to explain ..." The perfidy of foreign encroachment and domination of all former Soviet Republics is as clearly shown as it can be in the digest of the story of Kazakhastan. As this is written, oilman James Baker's friend, Edouard Scheverdnadze is in Washington with his hand out and getting "instructions" from U.S. President Clinton. In case you have forgotten, it was on Baker's (then President Bush's Secretary of State) Idaho ranch where Scheverdnadze cozied up for the "big" oil deal for Chevron Standard. That was while Scheverdnadze was still Foreign Affairs Minister of the Soviet Union, working under Gorbachev. What perfidu! Will all oil, gas and natural resources of the former Soviets wind up under the control of the Western monopolies? The struggle to prevent that is vital to all people, everywhere, first of all, in Ukraine.

#### From THE EUROPEAN, February 18-24th, 1994

Headline:

#### "EAST EUROPEAN WOMEN'S LOT IS NOT"

By: Tessa Thomas and Julie Read

"Eastern Europeans under Communism were all just workers. (Now) the disparity between the sexes is nowhere more apparent than in health care ... Women can still expect to outlive their menfolk by six or seven years (but) the gap in the East has shrunk since the fall of Communism. ... it is now five or six years below the European average ... a recent survey by the World Health Organization (WHO) has shown that ill-health afflicts more women than men ... 'illness and its causes are not specific to Eastern Europe, but they are much more extreme. Women there endure a considerably higher level of stress in their lives', said Dr. Ilona Kickbusch of the WHO.

"Nothing shows marginalization of health care more than a country's maternal mortality rate. In the newly independent states of the former Soviet Union, this almost doubled between 1981 and 1990, and now stands at 40 per 100,000 live births ... more than 200 times the European average ... Cancer is becoming increasingly common in the East. Most of these trends are related to smoking and 'women and the young are the main targets of cigarette manufacturers seeking new markets', Dr. Tapani Piha of WHO said, "and they are succeeding" ... Sexually transmitted disease requires massive new educational programs on sexual education. In Russia, there has been a sharp increase of syphilis and gonorrhea over the past three years. HIV, the virus that can lead to AIDS, is clearly the biggest worry ... the disease is spreading among heterosexuals ... Women are biologically more susceptible during sex, but forced into prostitution by unemployment and rising costs, women are clearly perpetrators as well as victims ... In Prague, there are around 300,000 prostitutes ..."

#### From INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUTE March 7, 1994

Headline:

#### "DEATH RATE RISES AS RUSSIANS WORRY"

"... Life expectancy of adult men has plummeted to 60 years, Russian and Western demographers say. That means that men in Indonesia, the Philippines and parts of Africa live longer than the average man in Russia. At the same time, the number of children born to each woman, averaging 2.7 five years ago, has fallen to slightly more than 1.4 ... Deaths exceeded births by 800,000 last year ... Dr. David Coleman, a lecturer in demographics in Oxford University said, "A decline in life expectancy this dramatic has never happened in the post-war world ... It shows the malaise of society, the lack of public health awareness and fatigue associated with people who have fought a pitched battle their whole lives just to survive" ... It is the changing death rate that has most astonished government officials and Western analysts ... the suicide rate has risen sharply in the last two years, now accounting for almost one-third of unnatural deaths ..."

WE COMMENT – The longer the time lapse from the downfall of the Socialist systems of the USSR and the Eastern European states becomes, the deeper,

more bitter and tragic are the effects on the lives of the peoples who live (and die) Every "spin-doctor" and there. sycophant seeking to climb higher in the scheme of things in the capitalist world, tries might and main to find the reasons for this in the past "horrors" ... (that have no limit in their fevered minds) and "failures" of Communism, Socialism, etc., etc., ad nauseum. But as time goes on, the entire world can plainly see that "reasons" for the "horrors", the "failures", etc., belong elsewhere ... precisely on the shoulders of the forces that created the current situation, and day by day, are making it ever more intolerable, ever more tragic. Citing the above story regarding the downward escalation of the health of the women of Eastern Europe, we are aware that March is the month of the celebration of International Women's Day ...

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March 8th, a day born on the streets of New York City, but celebrated officially by Socialist Governments and at levels never before seen, in the lands of Socialism. This was before they were battered down and unhinged by their own rotten opportunist and treacherous leaders. Those who have created these conditions have indeed sown the whirlwind and they will indeed reap the fearful results in days ahead. Let them beware!

#### From THE MANCHESTER GUARDIAN WEEKLY March 6th, 1994

Headline:

#### "EASING UP ON THE THIRD WORLD"

By: Michael Meacher, Labour Party Front Bench Spokesman on Development and Co-operation

"This month's meeting of the Paris Club on debt is potentially explosive for North-South relations ... Third World debt has now reached terrifying levels in excess of a trillion pounds. (Roughly, that is \$2,000 billion dollars - Ed.) ... it is crippling economic development in countries that contain three-fifths of the world population ... in the last two years, these countries' debt has increased by 280 billion pounds (roughly, 560 billion dollars – Ed.) ... In 1982, the external debt of the Third World was 550 billion pounds (roughly, 1,100 billion dollars – Ed.). Since then, the debtor countries have paid back 9,940 billion pounds (roughly, 19,880 billion dollars – Ed.) in debt service payments (in "interest" - Ed.) to creditors. Yet, they still now owe 1,150 billion pounds (roughly 2,300 billion dollars - Ed.) ... Servicing debt now costs the Third World 170 billion pounds (roughly 340 billion dollars -Ed.) (while) the world's main aid donors (a strange and upside down description to say the least - Ed.) provide the developing countries with about 50 billion pounds (roughly 100 billion dollars - Ed.) ... In fact, this crisis has been brought about by factors over which the developing countries have had no control: plummeting commodity prices (sold by them - Ed.) and soaring interest rates. (The) collapse of (their) buying power plus skyhigh interest rates in the 1980's crippled them ..."

WE COMMENT - This could well be called, "Why there are deficits - and who doesn't have them". NSC has repeatedly warned of the gathering world economic fiscal and monetary crisis that is now engulfing both the former colonial countries (what we now call the "developing" world) and the equally misnamed, "Western" Industrialized world. No more proof than what is outlined above is required for even the least expert in economic affairs to understand. The debt Meacher writes of is a double edged sword, dangling over the heads of everybody world-wide and perhaps, excepting only the bankers and bond holders to whom the above amounts are owed. Lest there be some mistake, while the peoples of the debtor (Third World) countries groan under their mountainous and for a large part, unrepayable debt, in turn, the peoples of the creditor nations, such as the U.S.A. and the G-7 cabal are already compelled to guarantee "losses" that might be incurred. (As we know in Canada, the whole country is held hostage with a national debt of \$415 billions.) In addition, with such astronomical accumulations of capital flowing into the vaults of the bank-masters, or international finance capital, it must in turn be re-invested or become a-dead weight and anchor dragging down the entire system of capitalism into a new globally crippling economic crisis of both a financial and an industrial production character. The total responsibility for this abysmal state of affairs rests squarely on the shoulders of the monopoly capitalist system, and those who have lived by it and have run it ... and included are the merciless assaults against the peoples of the Socialist world, as well as the indigenous population of their "own" capitalist countries. It is that "ownership" that will be challenged in the days ahead! As some wag said, "this is no racket, this is a system!"  $\square$ 

#### NORTHSTAR COMPASS OFFERS A

#### "NEWS SERVICE"

Through our ever-growing contacts in the former Soviet Union and other former Socialist countries, we are receiving newspapers, periodicals, fax transmissions and letters from Russia, Ukraine, Byelorussia, Uzbekistan, Kyrghizia, Czech and Slovak Republics, Republic of San Marino, Germany, Belgium and other countries. All of these publications report on the growing struggle against the usurpers of power, backed by the transnational corporation and the IMF!

Our NorthStar Compass is not able, due to space and finances, to print or reprint all items from these newspapers, letters, periodicals or faxes. We therefore offer other publications the opportunity to utilize these extremely important materials. Materials of these kind unfortunately do not find their way into most of the Canadian bourgeois or progressive press.

These materials are on hand in

our offices and can be had for the asking - either untranslated or in translated form for a nominal fee.

Below, we list materials that are available in these newspapers, starting with the month of March. This list will be updated with every issue of NorthStar Compass.

We shall give you the name of the publication, where it is from, in what language, and list the headings of articles that we deem very important for readers and potential readers to know.

IMPORTANT: These periodicals contain photographs that are NOT available in any other publication in Canada or even in other countries, and can be used to illustrate your articles.

#### **PRAVDA**

#### Moscow, Russian

- Encircled by OMON police and bloodshed around the Parliament building, October 4-5. Never before published eye-witness reports.
- Why Yeltsin is desperately trying to privatize farming.
- Unemployment curse of privatization.

#### **TOVARISH**

#### Kiev, Ukrainian and Russian Newspaper of the Socialist Party of Ukraine

- October and Lenin lives on!
- Appeal to Kievites on the day of the Great October Revolution.
- Veterans are attacked by Ukrainian nationalists.
- Tell me who is your enemy and I will tell you who you are!
- They are proposing to deport Russians from Ukraine, policies and programme of the Socialist Party of Ukraine, Veterans are forbidden to march down Kreshchatik Avenue in Kiev!
  - "Aurora" is standing on the

Dnieper River.

- How does the attack on the "White House" in Moscow affect Ukraine?
- Where are you leading us now, you "masters of culture" in the Ukraine?
- How to avoid bloodshed in the Ukraine!
- Communist, Socialist, Agrarian Parties join forces for Ukraine.
- Who brought Ukraine to near catastrophe?

## SPRAVEDLIVIST (TRUTHFULNESS)

#### Volyn District, Ukraine Ukrainian

- Socialism or Capitalism?
- Appeal to workers of Volyn District.
- Defeat and tragedy of pseudodemocrats of Ukraine.
- Who is promoting nationalism in the Ukraine?

#### **BOLSHEVIK**

## Donetsk District of Ukraine Russian

- Speech by Nina Andreeva, General Secretary of the All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks.
- We have lived to see the day Ukrainians speak about nationalists and their attacks against the veterans of the Great Patriotic War.
- Working class and its road to political understanding.
- Hour by hour details of the tragedy of Russia at the "White House"!
- Results of the Second Conference of citizens of Sevestapol.

## INDEPENDENT COMMUNIST DIGEST

#### Kiev, Ukraine Russian

Note: This newspaper is now banned by President of Ukraine.

- Road to safety while it's still open.
  - · We are with Lenin!
- What is happening now in Berlin?
  - The main threat to Ukraine.
- Is fascism threatening Ukraine or the nationalists who are gathering armaments?
- Messrs for three only one pair of pants.

#### **TOVARISH**

#### Kiev, Ukraine Ukrainian and Russian

- Reports on the 3rd Congress of the Socialist Party of Ukraine.
- Socialist Party of Ukraine and their participation in the elections.
- Bandera and death camps in the Ukraine.
- No dictatorship for President Krawchuk!
- Get more knowledge Mr. Editor of "Voice of Ukraine"!
- Cuban people believe in their future.
- I would not accept medals from Yeltsin for killing my own people!
- Ukraine and Russia forever together!
- Where is this truth in the Ukraine?

#### NASE PRAVDA (OUR TRUTH)

#### Czech Republic In Czech and Slovak

- Who is causing the split in the Czech Communist Party of the Left Block?
- Why is Trotskyism being revived and what foreign sources are involved?
  - Slovakia in a crisis.

#### **POLITIKA**

#### Czech Republic In Czech

 President Havel buys a villa for \$30 million dollars, besides his other holdings.

• We have returned to hell now in the Czech Republic.

#### **PECKA (HOT SEAT)**

#### Czech Republic In Czech

- Horrors of Czech TV.
- What does it take to be an anticommunist?
- Who was Gorbachev and the break up of socialism?

#### **SOLIDAIRE**

#### Belgium French

- Trade Union struggles all across Belgium for wages, against IMF and for solidarity with Russian workers.
- Imperialism and IMF behind the events in Russia.
- European Union is a trap for Belgium!
- 35 Belgian organizations unite to fight the European Union.



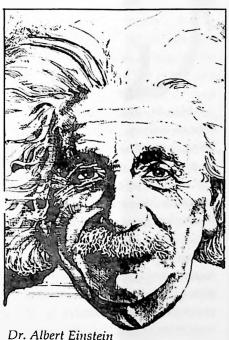
#### **EDITOR'S NOTE:**

We are deeply indebted to a number of people, living and dead, for what follows here in our Open Forum. In 1949, Leo Huberman and John Sweezey embarked on a new venture in the publication of their journal, Monthly Review. They requested Albert Einstein to contribute his thoughts on the question, "Why Socialism". The great and leading scientific mind of the century responded with what we republish here. Our indebtedness and deepest appreciation to those

three first of all, for placing within the human grasp Dr. Einstein's response. We do not have any copyright permission to republish but we are certain that the three would agree to once again place the work before the public and the readers of NSC. Finally, we are most indebted to Bessie Touzel, veteran anti-fascist woman of Canada, who both provided a treasured copy of the work and drew it to our attention. We think it is timely and relevant to republish the work in this day when the tiny minds of anti-Socialism and hatred have declared Socialism, Communism and the class struggle all dead. We agree with Einstein (what could be safer than that?) that Socialism is relevant, living and of great importance to all "living creatures", particularly the species homo-sapiens, or just plain people.

# WHY SOCIALISM?

By Dr. Albert Einstein



Is it advisable for one who is not an expert on economic and social

issues to express views on the subject of socialism? I believe for a number of reasons that it is.

Let us first consider the question from the point of view of scientific knowledge. It might appear that there are no essential methodological differences between astronomy and economics: scientists in both fields attempt to discover laws of general acceptability for a circumscribed group of phenomena in order to make the interconnection of these phenomena as clearly understandable as possible. But in reality such methodological differences do exist. The discovery of general laws in the fields of economics is made difficult by the circumstance that observed economic phenomena are often affected by many factors which are very hard to evaluate separately. In addition, the experience which has accumulated since the beginning of the so-called civilized period of human history has - as is well known - been largely influenced and limited by causes which are by no means exclusively economic in nature. For example, most of the major states of history owed their existence to conquest. The conquering peoples established themselves, legally and economically, as the privileged class of the conquered country. They seized for themselves a monopoly of the land ownership and appointed a priesthood from among their own ranks. The priests, in control of education, made the class division of society into a permanent institution and created a system of values by which the people were thenceforth, to a large extent unconsciously, guided in their social behavior.

But historic tradition is, so to speak, of yesterday; nowhere have we really overcome what Thorstein Veblen called "the predatory phase" of human development. The observable economic facts belong to that phase and even such laws as we can derive from them are not applicable to other phases. Since the real purpose of socialism is precisely to overcome and advance beyond the predatory phase of human development, economic science in its present state can throw little light on the socialist society of the future.

Second, socialism is directed towards a social-ethical end. Science, however, cannot create ends and, even less, instill them in human beings; science, at most, can supply the means by which to attain certain ends. But the ends themselves are conceived by personalities with lofty ethical ideals and – if these ends are not stillborn, but vital and vigorous – are adopted and carried forward by those many human beings who, half unconsciously, determine the slow evolution of society.

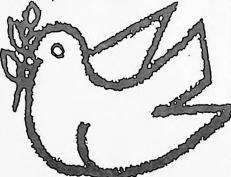
For these reasons, we should be on our guard not to overestimate science and scientific methods when it is a question of human problems; and we should not assume that experts are the only ones who have a right to express themselves on questions affecting the organization of society.

Innumerable voices have been asserting for some time now that human society is passing through a crisis, that its stability has been gravely shattered. It is characteristic of such a situation that individuals feel indifferent or even hostile toward the group, small or large, to which they belong. In order to illustrate my meaning, let me record here a personal experience. I recently discussed with an intelligent and well-disposed man the threat of another war, which in my opinion would seriously endanger the existence of mankind, and I remarked that only a supranational organization would offer

protection from that danger. Thereupon, my visitor, very calmly and cooly, said to me: "Why are you so deeply opposed to the disappearance of the human race?"

I am sure that as little as a century ago, no one would have so lightly made a statement of this kind. It is the statement of a man who has striven in vain to attain an equilibrium within himself and has more or less lost hope of succeeding. It is the expression of a painful solitude and isolation from which so many people are suffering these days. What is the cause? Is there a way out?

It is easy to raise such questions, but difficult to answer them with any degree of assurance. I must try, however, as best I can, although I am very conscious of the fact that our feelings and strivings are often contradictory and obscure and that they cannot be expressed in easy and simple formulas.



Man is, at one and the same time, a solitary being and a social being. As a solitary being, he attempts to protect his own existence and that of those who are closest to him, to satisfy his personal desires, and to develop his innate abilities. As a social being, he seeks to gain the recognition and affection of his fellow human beings, to share in their pleasures, to comfort them in their sorrows, and to improve their conditions of life. Only the existence of these varied, frequently conflicting, strivings accounts for the special character of a man, and their specific combination determines

the extent to which an individual can achieve an inner equilibrium and can contribute to the well-being of society. It is quite possible that the relative strength of these two drives is, in the main, fixed by inheritance. But the personality that finally emerges is largely formed by the environment in which a man happens to find himself during his development, by the structure of the society in which he grows up, by the tradition of that society, and by its appraisal of particular types of behavior. The abstract concept "society" means to the individual human being the sum total of his direct and indirect relations to his contemporaries and to all the people of earlier generations. The individual is able to think, feel, strive, and work by himself; but he depends so much upon society in his physical, intellectual, and emotional existence - that it is impossible to think of him, or to understand him, outside the framework of society. It is "society" which provides man with food, clothing, a home, the tools of work, language, the forms of thought, and most of the content of thought; his life is made possible through the labor and the accomplishments of the man millions past and present who are all hidden behind the small word, "society".

It is evident, therefore, that the dependence of the individual upon society is a fact of nature which cannot be abolished – just as in the case of ants and bees. However, while the whole life process of ants and bees is fixed down to the smallest detail by rigid, hereditary instincts, the social pattern and interrelationships of human beings are very variable and susceptible to change. Memory, the capacity to make new combinations, the gift of oral communication have made possible developments among

human beings which are not dictated by biological necessities. Such developments manifest themselves in traditions, institutions, and organizations; in literature; in scientific and engineering accomplishments; in works of art. This explains how it happens that, in a certain sense, man can influence his life through his own conduct and that in this process, conscious thinking and wanting can play a part.

Man acquires at birth, through heredity, a biological constitution which we must consider fixed and unalterable, including the natural urges which are characteristic of the human species. In addition, during his lifetime, he acquires a cultural constitution which he adopts from society through communication and through many other types of influences. It is this cultural constitution which, with the passage of time, is subject to change and which determines to a very large extent the relationship between the individual and society. Modern anthropology has taught us, through comparative investigation of socalled primitive cultures, that the social behavior of human beings may differ greatly, depending upon prevailing cultural patterns and the types of organization which predominate in society. It is on this that those who are striving to improve the lot of man may ground their hopes; human beings are not condemned, because of their biological constitution, to annihilate each other or to be at the mercy of a cruel, self-inflicted fate.

If we ask ourselves how the structure of society and the cultural attitude of man should be changed in order to make human life as satisfying as possible, we should constantly be conscious of the fact that there are certain conditions

which we are unable to modify. As mentioned before, the biological nature of man is, for all practical purposes, not subject to change. Furthermore, technological and demographic developments of the last few centuries have created conditions which are here to stay. In relatively densely settled populations with the goods which are indispensable to their continued existence, an extreme division of labor and a highly-centralized productive apparatus are absolutely necessary. The time - which, looking back, seems so idyllic - is gone forever when individuals or relatively small groups could be completely self-sufficient. It is only a slight exaggeration to say that mankind constitutes even now a planetary community of production and consumption.

I have now reached the point where I may indicate briefly what to me constitutes the essence of the crisis of our time. It concerns the relationship of the individual to society. The individual has become more conscious than ever of his dependence upon society. But he does not experience this dependence as a positive asset, as an organic tie, as a protective force, but rather as a threat to his natural rights, or even to his economic existence. Moreover, his position in society is such that the egotistical drives of his make-up are constantly being accentuated, while his social drives, which are by nature weaker, progressively deteriorate. All human beings, whatever their position in society, are suffering from this process of deterioration. Unknowingly prisoners of their own egotism, they feel insecure, lonely, and deprived of the naive, simple, and unsophisticated enjoyment of life. Man can find meaning in life, short and perilous as it is, only through devoting himself to society.

The economic anarchy of capitalist society as it exists today is, in my opinion, the real source of the evil. We see before us a huge community of producers the members of which are unceasingly striving to deprive each other of the fruits of their collective labor not by force, but on the whole in faithful compliance with legally established rules. In this respect, it is important to realize that the means of production - that is to say, the entire productive capacity that is needed for producing consumer goods as well as additional capital goods - may legally be, and for the most part are, the private property of individuals.

For the sake of simplicity, in the discussion that follows, I shall call "workers" all those who do not share in the ownership of the means of production - although this does not quite correspond to the customary use of the term. The owner of the means of production is in a position to purchase the labor power of the worker. By using the means of production, the worker produces new goods which become the property of the capitalist. The essential point about this process is the relation between what the worker produces and what he is paid, both measured in terms of real value. Insofar as the labor contract is "free", what the worker receives is determined not by the real value of the goods he produces, but by his minimum needs and by the capitalists' requirements for labor power in relation to the number of workers competing for jobs. It is important to understand that even in theory, the payment of the worker is not determined by the value of his product.

Private capital tends to become concentrated in few hands, partly because of competition among the capitalists, and partly because



capitalism, whereas, Stalin was the representative of the progressive, revolutionary elements of the world's working class.

In his reference to Boris Yeltsin's inability to "halt his country's descent into a chaos reminiscent of that of Weimar Germany before Adolph Hitler came to power", Laxer exhibits the same ignorance of politics and economics and a consequent inability to correctly interpret history, which is common to all apologists for capitalism. Consequently, he comes to all the wrong conclusions.

#### TWO SYSTEMS – TWO WORLDS

There was nothing unique in the crisis of German capitalism during the period of the Weimar Republic. The crisis in Germany was a part of the economic crisis which affected the entire capitalist world. Unemployment was rampant. In Germany, there were 6 million jobless. In Great Britain, 3 million; Canada, 1 1/2 million, and the United States led the world with 13 million. In fact, the only country not affected by the crisis was the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics.

In the U.S.S.R., unemployment had been abolished in 1928 by the planned production of Socialism and did not re-appear until the return to capitalism with its false economic policies in the 1990s. The return to unemployment and poverty was achieved under the guidance of Gorbachev, Yeltsin and Yakovlev. This was supplemented by the benevolent supervision of Western imperialism.

The Weimar Republic was a democracy in the accepted Western definition of the term. In 1993, the German capitalist class realized that they could no longer rule in the "old way". The working class was refusing to exist in the "old way". Seeing that power was slipping out



of their hands and into the hands of the working class, they, the German capitalists, directed the then-president of the "democratic" Weimar Republic, Field Marxhal von Hindenburg, to appoint Hitler, as Chancellor of Germany.

This meant that for weeks prior to the elections of March 1933, Hitler, as Chancellor, was in complete control of the state apparatus. This power was used to give Hitler an electoral victory which did not

represent the wishes of the electorate, least of all the wishes of the working class. It represented rather the wishes of the German capitalist class and their friends and supporters among the Western "democracies".

Stalin, on the other hand, was first elected General Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union at a party congress in 1924. He maintained that position as a result of his leadership and guidance in the building of Socialism at a time when the U.S.S.R. was encircled by a hostile capitalist world. He defended Socialism and its peaceful development against imperialist intrigue and provocation: and when all efforts to maintain peace failed, he accepted the position of Supreme Commander of the defence forces of the Soviet Union. In that capacity, he led the Soviet Army and the Soviet people in driving the "invincible" Nazi war machine from the territory of the Soviet Union and in the liberation of the occupied countries of Eastern Europe.

To state the position differently is to falsify world history, and it is precisely this falsification over a period of seven decades that is responsible for the morass of political stupidity and ignorance which becloud the thinking of present-day society.

## CAPITALISM FRUSTRATED BY TRUTH

There is nothing that the enemies of socialism would like so much as to prove that Socialism had failed as a political philosophy and as a political system. But this, they cannot do. Socialism as it existed in the U.S.S.R. was an overwhelming success. The semi-feudal conditions of existence of the people in the period of Czarist Russia and the social conditions of the early 1950s were worlds apart. (And this in spite of

the fact that only five years earlier, 1/3 of the wealth of the country had been destroyed by the fascist onslaught of 1941-45.)

#### THE CAPITALIST ALTERNATIVE

In order to discredit Socialism, the only propaganda alternative left to the falsifiers, was to vilify those who had played a leading role in the creation of this society. And who would be a more likely candidate for this vilification than the person who had so devoutly carried out the behests of Lenin and who was the foremost exponent and defender of Marxism-Leninism?

And so, the enemies of socialism, put forward a hitherto unknown "philosophy" which the perpetrators of counter-revolution chose to call "Stalinism", which surpassed all previous efforts of imperialism to falsify the history of the 20th century.

Laxer stated that "the taint of 'Stalinism' has diminished the viability of radical alternatives to Western capitalism." It is precisely our point that those imperialists who perpetuated the demonization of Stalin, aimed not only to disrupt the building of Socialism within the U.S.S.R. and Eastern Europe, but also, to destroy the effectiveness of the Communist Parties in the Western world, and to effect their disintegration, which in fact, did for a time, succeed.

It is unfortunate that there are honest and well meaning people within the workers' movement who believe these lies, perpetuate them and consequently, do the work of the enemies of progress.

Laxer's tirade is completely lacking in political or historical substance and represents only hate and malice. The purpose behind the efforts of the present crop of anti-Socialist propagandists since the now notorious "revelations" of

N. Kruschchov is to achieve by subterfuge, lies and slander, what capitalism failed to do by blockade, war and intervention.

#### CONCLUSION

In a reference to the aforementioned "revelations", Kenneth Neil Cameron, a biographer of Stalin and one time leader of the Canadian League Against War and Fascism, has this to say: "In the light of the growing anti-Socialist influence, we have to view Kruschchov's 'speech'. The speech has nothing to do with Marxism. It does not examine the class or even the political forces behind events, but is a superficial, essentially bourgeois narration, centred around a personal vilification of Stalin. Moreover, it is a reactionary document, applauded by the world bourgeoisie, and serving to split the world Communist community."

It is to be noted that no evidence has ever been adduced, either by Kruschchov at the time of his speech, or by any one since.

In the early days of M. Gorbachev's presidency, he named Alexander Yakovlev to head a committee to investigate and report on the "crimes" of Stalin. To this day, this committee has found nothing to report, because the entire story was the invention of the intelligence services of world imperialism.

Future generations will realize that the so-called "revelations" of Stalin's "crimes" was the point of the dagger that, over the years, was driven into the body of the U.S.S.R. and Eastern Europe.

Nevertheless, the struggle goes on between the forces of revolution and the forces of reaction, the forces of good, and the forces of evil. Evolution moves on and carries the revolution forward. We know the direction in which we travel.

But where are you going, Mr. Laxer, with your bourgeois "liberalism" and your distorted brand of "socialism"?

## ODDITIES IN THE NEWS ...

When arch-anti-Communist octogenarian ex-President, Richard Nixon, who twenty years ago teetered in the U.S.A. on the brink of impeachment, goes to Moscow in 1994, we might expect to trip over rolling red carpets (if these are still in use in the post-Soviet era) and 'hosannahs' of official welcome and praise. After all, his vicious Cold War attacks, his "good ole boy" relations with Kruschov and other Soviet misleaders, had much to do with the downfall of the Soviet Union and the temporary "lassoing and corraling" of that country under the thumbs of the G-7 financiers and the blood stained Yeltsin. Not so! The eighty years (plus) relic and ideological descendant of such "All-American" heroes as Al Capone, the John Birch Society, Henry Ford and his 'Murder Inc.' (that tried by might and gun to stop auto workers from forming the United Auto Workers Union), Joe McCarthy and the "Un-American Committee" did it differently. Instead of meeting Yeltsin, first he met Rutskoi ... Yeltsin to come later. The result ...

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no meeting with Yeltsin.

What was the ancient and Devious practitioner of "now you see it ... now you don't" magic up to? Who sent him there, and for what was he "shaping" the future? It is a good guessing game, so we hazard a guess. (You reader might have a better one - Ed.) We think he was "carrying a message" (not for Garcia obviously,) but for Yeltsin. Something like this ... "Boris, old boy, we (the financiers and Bill Clinton) think despite your obvious contribution to misery, anarchy, crime, etc., etc., on our behalf, you should take a rest ... for good! We (as above) think you might get one from the Russian people in any event. Therefore, gently, gently into the night, Boris."



Is Rutskoi now the man of choice of the David Rockefellers of this world? With Helmut Kohl hanging in by a thread, does the "upper echelon" of the high command of German money bags feel Rutskoi can deliver while Boris no longer can carry the mail?

Perhaps even the bankers of London, Tokyo, Paris, and Rome, (not to say that "small" bankers voice of Toronto) looking down the tube see a blackout disaster coming with Boris at the helm. Maybe, just maybe (stay tuned) the dawn of Imperial monopolies "restructured global village" requires that trusty old nag known as Boris Nicoliyevic should go to pasture (or the boneyard) and the fresh new and "controlled" Rutskoi stud should take over. What a pot-boiler! We don't suppose Nixon was discussing the sex-life of the "antedeluvian" buffalo with Rutskoi ... or was he? With some people, you just never know, do you?

Meantime, back at the ranch, the people are moaning and groaning and gnashing their teeth in a rage that may well spill over into something not so frivolous ... like the return of a new, more highly developed democratic system of Socialist development, in which their children will not have to die or become prostitutes and gangsters, for the Mafia! That may be the happy ending ... We believe so, here. What about you, dear reader?

## FRIENDSHIP

NEWS

#### From: Lugansk, Ukraine

Dear friends:

I'm celebrating a holiday – my friends gave me a new ribbon for my typewriter, thus, I'm able to send you articles for NorthStar Compass. Unfortunately, this little gift means a lot to me, since our economy is in tatters.

Regarding the possibility of getting a video made of events being

held, this will be difficult. We shall make a video of our forthcoming May Day celebrations. We are doing our agitational work, issuing leaflets, typing them out, since we have no access to copy machines—and explaining to people what must be done.

In Lugansk, there is a movement to unite all left forces: Communists, Socialists, Citizens Congress. Unfortunately, during the elections this month, instead of one candidate representing the left forces, each party is putting its own candidate ... Socialist Party and Citizens Congress is very small in our locality.

I wish you health, successes and long life!

With friendly and Communist greetings,

– Felix Gorelik

Elsewhere, under "Feature Analyses", you will find Felix Gorelik's fine and insightful article on Ukraine. We deeply appreciate his efforts and recognize that such activities may well confront him with great personal danger as it does others of our correspondents. We salute his courage and hold out our hands in solidarity and friendship to him.

#### From Uzhgorod, Ukraine

Dear Michael:

I'm sending you our warmest greetings from my husband and two daughters. Not hearing from you for a long while, I guess it was because my husband and I were in Germany as my husband is in the Russian Army as a career officer from 1987 to 1991. We are now in our city of Uzhgorod, but I cannot believe the conditions now.

The depravity, the economic hardships, the raw nationalism that is being hoisted on our Carpathian people by Ukrainian nationalism is unbelievable! Our people are terrorized and hundreds of my friends

are moving away from Ukraine, from our beloved Carpathian mountains and emigrating to either Germany, Slovakia or other European countries in order to give their children and themselves some peace of mind and future aspirations.

The prices grow with every hour practically – the shelves are empty, the situation is getting desperate. We do not see any sunshine ahead!

My ownsister with small children has moved to Slovakia because she could not live with her husband unemployed and no social security or help such as we had before these nationalists took over.

Hope to hear from you soon. Our delegation well remembers how you people in the Carpatho-Russian organization and Canada-USSR Association welcomed us artists during the 50th Anniversary of your organization.

Yours respectfully, Oksana

#### **OUR COMMENT:**

It is sad to hear this news from the Carpathian district of Ukraine where people always looked across the mountains to the "Big Brother"! Now, the Big Brother has led everyone astray and the people are floundering, but there is growing opposition and it will swell into a mighty hurricane which will sweep these temporary traitors into oblivion.

We do not give Oksana's last name, due to security for her family.



#### From: Staten Island, New York, NY

Dear Comrade Michael: Enclosed are four, one year subscriptions to NorthStar Compass, totalling \$60.00.

Please rush these new readers the January 1994 issue. Comradely,

- Angelo D'Angelo

The Editorial Board and the editors extend our deepest appreciation to Angelo D'Angelo of Staten Island. For many months now, when he first saw us in print, he has become almost another "unpaid" agent of our journal and has worked consistently and unfailingly to extend our readership. We know that such activity flows from a deep going dedication to not only the general aims NSC stands for, but as well, to the immense, never ending struggles of ordinary people to find the truth so they may defend themselves and advance their own interests in the vast collectivity of purpose and will we call humanity. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts and we are indeed honoured to walk with you and your Comrades in that struggle. Thank you, Angelo D'Angelo, we embrace you in friendship and solidarity.

#### From: Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Dear Friends: Thank you very much for the tape done by Ray Stevenson. It is very interesting and informative and shows what we are up against. Excellent. I will always treasure it. Please accept a \$15.00 cheque, postdated as a donation on February 28th. I have been to Las Vegas and it was sad to see the Moscow Circus at a Casino, superbly trained, but it was like diamonds thrown through the window, stealing wealth from the Soviet people. I am sure people appreciated them and no doubt they were well paid, but that kind of genius belongs to the Soviet people. But somehow, nobody can buy the "soul" of the Soviet people. Maybe that is just being borrowed. I will send you some information I have on the Rogues. We may all know it, but it is well written and shows what and how the break-up of the Soviet Union came, and how Ronald Reagan had a sub-orbital lobotomy. Very interesting and he talked too much about using the atomic bomb! Comments about NorthStar Compass are excellent ... With very best wishes,

- Madge McConnel

From Saskatoon, we look forward to the letters of Madge McConnel. They are always of a "special" character that tugs at and straightens out our sensibilities of all things finer in life. Thank you, Madge, keep writing and let us know how all our friends are progressing.

#### From: Toronto, Ontario

Dear Comrades and Friends: I am sending you \$130.00 to renew a subscription for my friend Barvenko. The money is for a \$100.00 donation and \$30.00 for renewals. Also, I thank you for the book, "Stalin, Man of Contradictions". I am now 86 years old which makes me an old man. I am wishing you all good health to fight for socialism. Sincerely,

- Steve Kovacs

Thank you, Steve Kovacs. We are aware of your long and distinguished career in the struggle against fascism and for social justice. We know that you were among more than 1,400 brave and farsighted Canadians who were the first to step forward and lay their lives on the line to break the fascist attack in Spain as a member of the proud Mackenzie Papineau battalion. We are proud that you find our work worthy of your support and assistance, and we thank you profoundly for that.

#### From: Winnipeg, Manitoba

Dear Ray: Enclosed herewith \$50.00 for a subscription to NorthStar Compass and a contribution. This is for Edward Chesley, Petersfield, Man., ROC 2LO. With best regards, – Wm. Kardash

Our appreciation for your continuing support and attention to NorthStar

Compass. In particular, we thank our new reader, Edward Chesley for his subscription. We hope we will be able to bring significant information and analysis to him as we aim to do for all our readers. Thank you, Wm. Kardash.

#### From: Moosejaw, Saskatchewan

Concerned Friends of the Soviet People: This is a line from one of Joe Hill's books of song:

Shall we still be slaves and work

for wages

It is outrageous, and has been for ages, This earth by right belongs to toilers, And not to the spoilers, of Liberty! I will pay for a two year subscription to NorthStar Compass.

- Al Holmberg

Dear Brother Holmberg. Your placing of Joe Hill in these columns,

"sure takes the cake, and without any ache, So we'll jump in the air, and take any dare To rid us of spoilers and make sure the toilers

Have liberty and freedom, and will so declare.

That is not Joe Hill, but your editor as a former miner and member of the Mine Mill & Smelter Workers Union, giving special greetings to those who know and appreciate the great Swedish born martyr of labour and its premier poet and songster, Joe Hill. Thank you, Al Holmberg. We hope you enjoy NSC.

#### From: The Bronx, NY

Dear Friends: I had a subscription to a magazine from Canada for years called Northern Neighbors. I am 82 years old and still believe in Socialism. – Joseph Small

It is heart-warming and gives us great courage and determination that a man like Brother Joseph Small should write to us. We are happy indeed that he did so and thank him deeply for his note. We hope that we will be able to provide Brother Small for many more years with material he will find of

assistance and that will even strengthen his great belief and conviction in Socialism. Thank you again, Joseph Small of the Bronx, New York, N.Y.

## From: Swift Current, Saskatchewan

Dear Michael: I am enclosing a letter I forwarded to the Agricultural Minister Saskatchewan. of Understandably, Russia has gone through a period of political confusions. The "quick fix" projected in the communications media there is a reflection of our consumer society, but is being replaced by reality. I was pleased to note the beginning of grass roots and labour of "quick fixing" being replaced by this reality. Your caption, "Attention All Readers" for a "relearning of Marxism-Leninism" applies also to us here. The economic displacement of labour also has the same process in Agriculture. The enclosed letter is an attempt to better understand that we can inject policies that will stop that process by the management of the farm debt structure to maintain the rural population. I believe Saskatchewan is the key to that development. Send me the film of Babi Yar and Grenada. Best regards, - John P. Saum

Dear John P. Saum - Thank you for the thought provoking enclosure with your letter which regrettably we cannot, in this issue, find space to republish. It is obvious that your wide reading and experience in the agricultural field makes you conversant with the vital problems confronting Western Canadian farmers. We are impressed with the thought in your letter published here that finds common ground between labour and farmer ... a concept that at one time was strong in Canadian political life, but which has been pushed to the background by the unsympathetic media in both cases. Thank you for your interest and concern, and we take under advisement your suggestion that there is a necessity to "re-learn and develop the working class science of Marxism Leninism". We believe that is a vital world-wide requirement that must be addressed. Thank you for corresponding with us.

#### From: Toronto, Ontario

Dear Michael and Helen: I am here sending my subscription to NorthStar Compass and some more. I am sorry I cannot come to see you, but I now walk only with two canes.

– J. Rumisek

Dear John -Those that know your life and dedication to the progressive movement wish you speedy recovery. You set an example that the young generation should follow.

#### From: London, Ontario

Dear Helen and Michael: I am sending some back copies if you can use them. Keep our magazine going because it is important. I wish I could send you some money now, but I will, as soon as I can. I wish you all well and would like to ask about a few dear old friends of mine, but perhaps that will come later. Sincerely yours,

#### - B. Frankel

We thank you for your trouble in sending back the copies and we can certainly use them as we constantly have requests for back editions. Please do not in any way over-extend in "sending us money" because we know how difficult making ends meet are these days, particularly for people on fixed incomes and senior citizens. We do deeply appreciate that your thought about that is not a new idea for you since we know that your life has been devoted to these efforts and struggles. Thank you.

#### From: Toronto, Ontario

Hi, Mike: I am sending \$40.00 to you.

Of this, \$15.00 is for my subscription and the remainder is my donation.

- Katie Swonarow

Dear Katie. Thank you for your generosity and assistance. We sincerely hope you will enjoy the NorthStar Compass, and we will try to make it better.

#### From: Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Dear Michael and Helen: Thank you for forwarding the video of the Kremlin. Herewith the money order for same. By the way, the space video is much appreciated by our school space program. We are busy writing to our M.P.'s, M.L.A.'s and various Ministers to bring home the Canadian troops, not to close the Moosejaw Air Base and to lift the blockade on Cuba. None of these things and including the testing of Cruise Missiles over Canadian terrain makes any sense to us. We must keep on keeping on it seems. Best of luck, - Margaret Kopko

We like your new slogan, "We must keep on keeping on" as a fair description of how things go in our topsy turvy world. We can see you are just doing that and that your attention to the peace question is as strong as ever. Thank you for that.

#### From: Del Mar, California

Dear Friends: I have just received my second copy of your journal and I think it is terrific. Could you please send me the following video tapes: Map of the Great Homeland; Chronicle of October, 1917; Leo Tolstoi; Maxim Gorky; Karl Marx; Anton Chekov; A. Pushkin; V.I. Lenin. Enclosed, my cheque to cover all costs. Thank you,

- Diana Marcus

We find it heartening to have received many requests for the NorthStar Compass as well as for the tapes we have on hand from our U.S. friends. Thank you for your interest and support.

#### From: Saint John, N.B.

Dear worker: Read the Compass and it's great. Here's a \$25.00 money order. Fraternally Yours,

- Paul Dubec

Thank you, Paul Dubec for your very practical help. Since we have already received your subscription from a mutual friend, we will hold this money as a tentative contribution unless we hear to the contrary from you. In any event, we welcome you "on board" as seagoing people will well understand.

#### From: Westbrook, Ontario

Please send me your NorthStar Compass. It was recommended to me by Helen Long. Please send me a December issue. Thanks.

- Bill Parish

Wm Parish, we thank you and Helen Long for recommending our "tiny gleam of light" to you. We appreciate such actions more than we can say. We hope you will find NorthStar Compass suitable to recommend it as well.

#### From: Baldwin, N.Y., USA

Dear friends: Heard about NorthStar Compass and want to subscribe. With all good wishes.

- Philip Oke

We're delighted to welcome you to our family of readers.

#### From: New York, USA

Please send me your NorthStar Compass. My friends recommended it to me.

- Sylvia Bjornson

Welcome to our circle and thanks to your friends.

#### From: Santa Monica, USA

Having heard about your NorthStar, please start sending me each issue. Enclosed, my subscription.

- John W. Kitchenko

Welcome to our gleam of light! May we together bring it to a blaze of sunshine that the world much needs just now!

#### From: Ridgeley, West Virginia

Dear Sir: I subscribed to Northern Neighbors for 20 years. Please send me a subscription to the NorthStar Compass. I saw your ad in the People's Weekly World. Thank you, – Warren E. White

We thank you, Warren E. White of West Virginia and may you find satisfaction in NorthStar Compass for another 20 years at least.

#### From: Calgary, Alberta

Dear Comrade Lucas: Am sending you \$30.00 for a renewal and a donation. I wish to thank NorthStar Compass for information you send, aside from your publication. I sent mine and my friends' protest to Yeltsin in Moscow, to leave the Lenin Mausoleum alone. NorthStar Compass, I pass along to friends when we get together for a drink. It's just too bad that I'm not younger, but even if I'm 92 years old, I support progress and your publication! I'm happy that I can help in whatever small way I can. With friendly greetings,

- John Alexiewich

Dear John Alexiewich. It must be the aim and hope of just about every human being to "be happy because, in whatever small way they can", they help, as well as to be 92 years old and getting together with their friends for a drink. We are moved that you have written us, are assisting us, and are telling your friends about NorthStar Compass. Besides all that, it is inevitable that such a man as you are would "support progress". It is our hope and wish that everyone younger than you will learn great lessons from your short and to the point letter. We thank you, John Alexiewich of Calgary, 92 years old!

#### Again, From: Swift Current, Sask.

Dear Friends: — Enclosed is my renewal, which I overlooked previously. We need a centre, for developing a forum of the science of Marx-Leninism understanding; — to strip the fog and confusion, under the influence of the bourgeois economists within the private enterprise society. — They cannot solve the ripening contradictions opposed to the aspirations of humanity as a whole. May the NorthStar Compass play a role in that process. Best Regards,

– John P. Saum

We are in total agreement concerning "a centre for developing a forum of the science of Marxism-Leninism" and we aim to play a modest role in that process. Since there is another comment on your letter elsewhere in these columns, we will not comment further, except to thank you for your renewal.

#### From: Edmonton, Alberta

Dear Mike:

I have written a book, The Biography of W. (Bill) Doskoch, 1893-1941. He came to Canada in 1910 from Galicia and went to work in the mines before his 17th birthday. During the First World War, he became Civilian POW at Morressey, B.C. From there, he became a Union organizer, political agitator, worked with Bill Kardash in the Farmers Unity League, and was organizer and social activist. He supported the Soviet Union. The book is partly made up of correspondence he had in Morressey where he was the spokesman for the Slavic POW's. The book sells for \$15.00 each. If you order 3 or more, they will be \$10.50 each, for resale.

Everyone here is pissed-off with what is happening in the Ukraine and in Russia. Most of our people here are active with the Cuban Solidarity Committee. They all feel that saving Cuba is important today.

I enjoy your paper and enclosed is \$15.00 for sub renewal. I need the information you supply.

Eve and I are leaving for Vietnam on February 25, and will be back in Edmonton around March 24. We want to pay our respects to Ho Chi Minh. We will give him the malled fist salute for all the progressives in Canada. Best regards,

- Walter Doskoch

Thank you, Walter Doskoch, for informing us of the publication of your father's life. We are sure that based on his life, it will be an important contribution to the real, working class and people's history of our country.

#### From: Chicago, USA

Dear Friends:

I mailed in my protest to Boris Yeltsin as soon as I received your letter and am sure that all readers of the NorthStar Compass did likewise. Did that affect Yeltsin's decision, or have you not heard what actions he took?

I have a favor to ask of you. If it is not too late, could you mail me six or ten more copies of the January 3, 1994 letter to mail to other friends in other parts of the country? I am sure they would be happy to also add their protests.

Also, most important. HOW DO WE KNOW WHEN TO RENEW OUR SUBSCRIPTIONS TO NORTHSTAR COMPASS? Are we to be notified so that we will not have to miss any of the important issues?

I am enclosing a small amount for the requested copies, which I hope you will still have available. Sincerely,

- Mrs. Nellie De Schaaf

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received at that point, the subscriber will receive three further editions together with notices of renewal. If following that, no subscription renewal is received, that reader is removed from our mailing lists and is notified this will happen in the third renewal notice. Thank you for asking. We have forwarded your requests.



PEACE DIVIDEND, WHERE ART THOU? — Ukraine is now a great military power, the Pentagon warns. Oh, goodie, a new enemy to shoot tax dollars at!

ONSECOND THOUGHT... A person told me the other day that geneticists have discovered that the creature most closely related to man is the pig. I angrily dismissed this as utter rubbish ... till I got to thinking about Yeltsin and other capitalists I have known.

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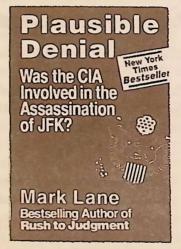
#### **BOOK REVIEWS**

By Michael Lucas

#### **PLAUSIBLE DENIAL**

By Mark Lane Thunder's Mouth Press New York

For the first time in 30 years, explosive new evidence reveals much about the CIA's involvement in the assassination of President Kennedy in 1963.



Plausible Denial is a result of the documents made available by the Freedom of Information Act and by sworn depositions, Lane was able to take from CIA operatives and officials for a little-publicized libel trial in the U.S. District Court of Miami.

When the Bay of Pigs invasion against Cuba failed in April of 1961, angry CIA started the plans for the assassination of Kennedy and of Castro.

You will be amazed at the web of operations reaching into the highest echelon of the Government of USA, CIA, FBI and the exposé of the fact that the lady friend of Fidel Castro was from the very beginning, working as a mole in Cuba for the CIA. Her testimony and the involvement of Cuban exiles in the plot is unnerving.

George Bush, a long time agent of the CIA and former President of USA, was involved from the very start in this affair, according to Lane.

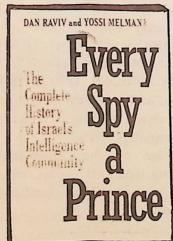
The cover up by former Presidents of the USA after the Kennedy assassination reads like a murder mystery. Each successive President made it a point to support the Warren Commission findings that it was only Oswald – lone gunman – that assassinated Kennedy. Most of the witnesses that testified or were ready to testify were either murdered or died under suspicious circumstances.

This is tied into anti-communism and involves the highest leaders of world reaction, mafia and the CIA, FBI agencies.

#### **EVERY SPY A PRINCE**

By Dan Raviv and Yossi Melman Houghton Mifflin Company Boston, USA

This is a complete history of Israel's Intelligence community. There are numerous branches of the Israeli intelligence network that is spread all over the world. Not only has Israel spies and a spy network in "enemy countries", but it also has a large network in "friendly countries", including USA and Britain.



Read how the Israel intelligence agents, placed in countries with

large Jewish population, smuggled them to Israel through different channels, with full cooperation of high government officials and their own secret agencies.

The murders, kidnappings, torture, assassination and stealing of secrets – were all part of the jobs performed by Israel agents.

The plans are revealed as to the Palestinian tragedy, who was behind it and who directrs it even now. Read the nas of Arab agents, including King Hussein of Jordan who is a CIA-paid agent of long standing, according to this account.

Israel had agents even in the high command of Arafat's organization. The cooperation between the CIA, MI of Britain and of France will tell you the intricate web existing in order to use Israel as a bully in the region and thus, help Israel to get the Atomic Bomb industry started, even though USA helped to hide the fact to the world and in the UNO.

How did Krushchev's "secret speech" when he denounced the "crimes of Stalin" get into the hands of CIA Chief Dulles, even before the Soviet people knew the contents of that speech?

Israel had a mole in the CC CPSU and the Polish Workers Party which received the document from traitors in Krushchev's Government who themselves worked for Israel intelligence agency, then immediately emigrated to Israel.

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### SPECIAL

## JUST ARRIVED STOP THE PRESS!

From Newspaper

**BUMBARASH** 

Organ of the Russian Communist Union of Youth

In November of 1993, a Plenum of the RCUY took place where the main report was given by I. Maliarov, First Secretary who, among many reports and proposals, said the following: "Russia now finds itself at the crossroads where either we go forward into a bright future of socialism or into the dark age of reaction and fascism. We have to realize that the leader (Yeltsin) is a temporary figure who, sooner or later, will depart from the scene. With this departure, the bloody page of our history will be closed.

Our nation is divided into two opposing camps — into our home came civil war. Yeltsin has only one defense left — that is to use terror and fear.

But more and more people are becoming bold and dedicated to saving our Motherland from fascism and are looking through the eyes of reality.

We urge all our patriots to stand up and struggle for the future of our children and grandchildren.

# "TOGETHER WITH RUSSIAN KOMSOMOL"

Sergei Vozniak, an officer and political worker in the Soviet Army, a Major who in June of 1993 was expelled from the Army on the orders of Minister of Defense of Byelorussia, because he refused to give up his party card in the Communist Party of Byelorussia.

He is now elected as the First Secretary of the Byelorussian Komsomol and works in the newspaper, "We and Time". (Readers will be familiar with this newspaper, since we had excerpts from it in our publication many times – Editors).

There are Komsomol organizations now in over 24 districts of Byelorussia. With Komsomol's help, there took place one of the biggest demonstrations on November 7th, 1993, that was ever seen now in the former Soviet Republics.

"Only in a united Komsomol Organization can the youth of our Motherland struggle and win the fight to liquidate the reactionary forces and turn USSR around again unto the road of Socialism" said Sergei Vozniak.

"Russian Komsomol has to become the central pivotal point around which all other Komsomol organizations will evolve and together, we shall prevail over the oncoming fascism" said Vozniak after the tragic events of October 4th in Moscow.

He concluded that "The main struggle now is not in parliamentary debates in the so-called 'Duma'. Our main struggle has to take place in industry, on the floor of the shops, factories, streets. Soviet people are beginning to awaken from the demagogical promises and shock"!



From Newspaper

MOLNIYA – DUBINUSHKA Number 65

#### HOW "COMMUNISTS" FROM THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF RUSSIA HELPED FASCIST YELTSIN

By P. Bylevskij

The "elections to the Duma" took place, Ministerial portfolios are now assigned to the leaders of the groups taking part in the sham elections. Zhirinovski is happy that the CPRF took part and together, they forgave Yeltsin with murder of over 1,500 people during the defense of the Supreme Soviet in Moscow.

These traitors are celebrating

the "dictatorship of the Bourgeoise" and not the Dictatorship of the Proletariat!

The elections took place only because the leadership of the Communist Party of Russian Federation broke the united front and took part in the elections. This gave the quorum to Yeltsin to institute his bourgeois-dictatorship, fascist Constitution.

The pseudo-communists of Zyuganov, with their 10-11% forgave "bloody Yeltsin" and gave him a "mandate" for new antipeoples activities ... and in this way, legitimized the change from socialism to capitalism.

#### **NEW TITLES**

## HISTORICAL VIDEOS FROM USSR

These titles have never been seen on video before! Historical material that is priceless for now and for the future. Be inspired by the heroism and culture of Soviet people before Socialism was temporarily set back.

Included are the videos previously advertised as the only copies left in stock, since the master copies were destroyed in a fire at the production house. VHS videos are in English from 30 to 90 minutes in length.

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The final days of the Second World War and the push of the Soviet Army into Berlin. Footage of the final hours of fascist Germany and the storming of the Reichtag.

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The battle that took place at Stalingrad was the turning point of the Second World War. Footage from captured German documentary footage plus the work of scores of Soviet cameramen. This is a classic documentary that will go down in history.

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