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EDITORIAL

YURI GAGARIN - *FIRST MAN IN SPACE!*

Space flight cannot be stopped. They are not the concern of some individual or even of a group of people. They constitute a historical process and it is in the order of things that mankind's development has led to them.

Yuri Gagarin

He was the first! It is not easy to add anything to that. His feat will probably be remembered for even centuries hence. Those 108 minutes of history which opened up a new era are going to live on and be carried into immeasurable depths of space by those who travel after him. *The space age of mankind!*

There is of course a certain risk to every space flight, es-



Yuri Gagarin was decorated with honours by many countries of the world, as the First Man in Space.

pecially to the first test flight of new craft. Mankind has had to pay dearly, not infrequently losing its best sons, for many of the achievements which have contributed to progress. Movement along the path of progress is unstoppable. Others will carry on the relay race of scientific successes and go on further, true to the memories of their comrades. There is after all, no greater happiness than to be of service to people.

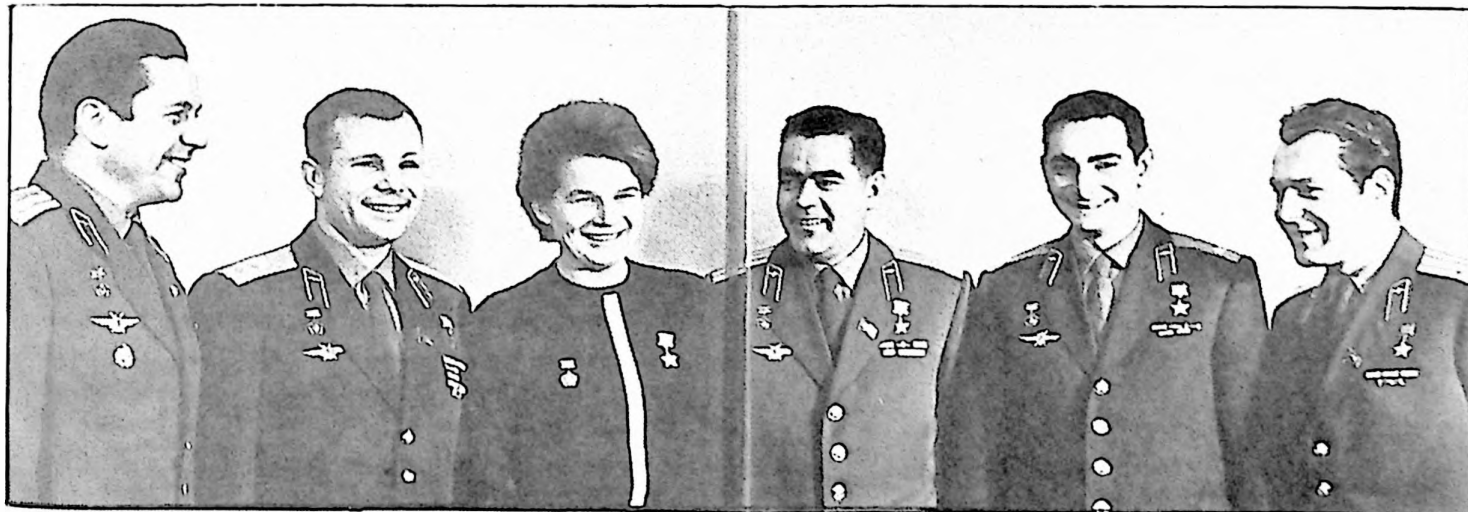
Yuri Gagarin was born in the Smolensk region, in the heartland of Russia in 1934 into a collective farm parents. His village was very well known as one of the best village where the Collective Farm was very productive; many Heroes of Labour; many people went on to be members of the Supreme Soviet, CC CPSU and other governmental posts. In other words, the village where Yuri Gagarin was born was patriotic and dedicated to socialism and the Soviet Union.

Valentina Gagarin and Yuri had a child which the couple cherished, loved and had great dreams for the future.

Yuri Gagarin received world acclaim, medals, honorary citizenship title from scores of cities all over the world. He traveled widely at the invitation of heads of states. He was the President of the USSR-Cuba Friendship Society.

Unfortunately Yuri Gagarin perished in an airplane which he was testing over the Russian countryside. He could have saved himself by bailing out but, seeing that his plane would crash right into a village, he maneuvered his fighter airplane outside the village

Soviet Cosmonauts. From left: Pavel popovich, Yuri Gagarin, Valentina Tereshkova, Andriyan Nikolayev, Valery Bykovsky and Gherman Titov.



and he died a hero in order to save the destruction and death in the village. He died as a hero, a Communist and a Soviet man.

His memory shall live on forever. This memory and this achievement was very beautifully express by the American famous artist Rockwell Kent:

"Dear Soviet friends, your Yuri is not only yours. He belongs to all mankind. The door to space which he opened, this door which the USSR and So-

Yuri Gagarin's widow: a last farewell at the Kremlin Wall.

cialism opened, is open for all of us. But for that, peace is necessary. Peace between nations. Peace between ourselves. Let the world celebrate the anniversary of Yuri's flight as a Universal Peace Day. Let that day be celebrated all over the world with music and dances, songs and laughter, as a worldwide holiday of happiness. Let that day be in every town and city square, where young and old gather and let their faces be illuminated with the same happiness that the photographs of people in the Soviet Union show how

the Soviet people are happy and proud of the accomplishment of Yuri Gagarin."

It is tragic that Yuri Gagarin perished in a plane crash, as did other cosmonauts in other countries. But, what is even a greater tragedy is the fact that the space suit that Yuri Gagarin wore in the First Man in Space Flight...was sold by the present regime to an American businessman! A treasure of history, a treasure that belonged to the Soviet people! Historical pillage is a crime against humanity! The regime that allowed this travesty to take place shall be condemned for eternity as shall the "businessman" whose profit motive overrode his decency! □



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NORTHSTAR COMPASS EDITORIAL POSITION ON THE AGGRESSION AGAINST YUGOSLAVIA

U.S. NATO GENOCIDAL AGGRESSION DOOMED TO FAIL... HUMANITY WILL TRIUMPH...

Written by

RAY STEVENSON, adopted by NSC Board, March 24, 1999

The Canadian Government's illegal, undeclared war on the Yugoslav Republic and its peoples as part of NATO's unprovoked air strikes will fail in both short and long term objectives. Without mandate or sanction from the Canadian people, the Chretien Government has deserted and reversed our traditional role of "peace-keepers". It has sullied and vilified the honorable, sacred memory of those Canadians who sacrificed in anti-Nazi WW II to end forever hostile military invasion by any country against any other country. The more than 40,000 Canadian youth who died (together with over 50 million others) to end forever unprovoked military invasions must now be moaning in their graves at this betrayal of their sacrifices.

It was that enormous sacrifice that emplaced this principle of international law and non-aggression on the world's books and wrote it into humanities most cherished, hopeful and promising agreement...the United Nations Charter. That Charter, sanctified by the blood of millions, now lies trampled underfoot and dragged in the slime of NATO's action... and by the Canadian Government, backed, it must be noted, by Every Federally elected M.P and All Political Parties. To

their shame included are the NDP (New Democratic Party) members in an act of cynical cowardliness and opportunism. This, of course, is in keeping, and consonant with every Social Democratic Party and Government in the world and their inter-relation with world-monopoly Transnational Corporate finance capital. Thus the aggressionist aims of war and violence of finance capital...United States., European, Asian, Canadian, Australian, North and South American, is well and totally served by all and sundry who condone and support monopoly-capitalist objectives and

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aims, No other conclusion can be drawn.

NATO's undeclared war against Yugoslavia is an extension of both the Cold War objectives and primarily of U.S. bilateral policy of emplacing armed military forces, without a buffer zone or force, on the borders of the Soviet Union and to act as an interventionist (as they see fit) armed "watch dog" over any possible Slavic movement toward restoration of Socialist perspectives and formations. It is also a "weapons testing" exercise (a la Guernica (Spain) and terrorist bombing by Hitler) as well as the first European test of NATO's newly assigned role...i.e. to police where deemed necessary, to limit or destroy national sovereignty and rights as deemed "in the vital interests" wherever and when ever the "high priests" of economic exploitation and bondage, (as well as total political and social domination) should decide. Included in that menu of reaction is recourse to openly fascist violence. It is not a question of threats to the capitalist system...it is simply inherent in their inner "Laws" of development through unbridled competition.

**INFORMATION BECOMES
DISINFORMATION**

Meantime the monopolized "public information channels" are reduced to being simply an extension of psychological war, "disinformation" and smokescreening. The democratic public right to accurate information and factual reportage is destroyed. In place is a hysteria creating and mindlessness from undiluted lies, subterfuge and half truths and an atmosphere where informed, sane, decision-making powers are replaced by jingoism, cynicism

and apathy. It is the technique of manipulative use of "information" that becomes "disinformation" used so effectively and lethally by WWII Nazi "spin-doctor", Herr Goebbels. Then we called it simply the "Big Lie". For instruction on the technique, any viewer can be instructed by viewing the CNN-TV-Pentagon "briefings" by immaculately uniformed military officers whose weighty display of "medals" seems to threaten their sinking into the morass of their "half-truths", whole "untruths", speculative and outright lies, fabrications and posturing.

For such hideously complex, potentially lethal exercise and garbage, as in the time of Hitler-Hirohito-Mussolini (and before and since) Scapegoats are both needed and become the Essence... The Yugoslav Government today fits that "bill of requirements" and is so designated...just as were ethnic groups (first of all Jews) by the Hitlerites., and later as the Communists, Stalin and Soviet Socialism were designated and "demonized". Social reformists and Democrats, together with the "ardent" participants and outright fascist "shadow-boxers" in defense of the status quo, Imperialist perversions and crimes plus Cold War yahoos have gone down that road for a very long time...disgusting as that may seem...and has been.

Vis-à-vis President Milosovich, we now witness the "demonizing" operation in full bloom in a direct extension of Hitlerite and Cold War techniques to create an atmosphere of hatred and calumny. The lies and fantasies employed by "cry wolf" scoundrels and murderers from Al Capone to Hitler to John Foster Dulles appear in full bloom, hour after hour on TV screens of the world and in the print media. Utilizing this nauseating

technique extends from Clinton (USA) to Blair (England) to Schroeder (Germany) to Jaffe et al...and yes, to Chretien, Axworthy, Eggleton and the Canadian Government and Parliament.

Facts that have barely emerged (and not through the "mainstream" channels of public information, tell us that at the Remboullet Peace Talks (France), supervised by NATO, substantial agreement had been reached between the Kosovans and their Federal Government of Yugoslavia. Both parties had agreed to sign, except at the last moment, surreptitiously, a further 50 pages that had neither been discussed, debated or agreed upon, were attached for "signing" by the NATO bosses. When that occurred, not suprisingly the Yugoslav Government refused to sign what they had not negotiated, but CALLED FOR FURTHER TALKS TO CLARIFY ALL ASPECTS OF THE NEW AGREEMENT.

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Nazi symbols fly again over Yugoslavia!

Many readers of NSC in the USA informed us that they saw a very short newsclip on TV of German planes flying over Serbia, Yugoslavia with the Nazi Iron Cross on their wing tips.



We're wondering what the Western flyers of the Second World War think about this? Or what the people of the bombed cities during the war

think of these Iron Cross fascist symbol now that it's "cool" to see it in the air again, flying and bombing people?

Yes, as Hitler said and now Clinton the "open fly artist" said that "we're liberating the people!"

As the saying goes: Tell me who your friends are and I'll tell you who you are!

May we suggest that the American symbol on the US planes be combined together with the Iron Cross of Germany (former Luftwaffe) and thus the alliance and method of bringing New World Order to the world will be complete!

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NATO STARTS BOMBING

At that point NATO and the Kosovans broke off talks and the **BOMBING DECISION WAS ANNOUNCED AND CARRIED OUT WITHIN HOURS.**

Obvious chicanery by NATO had "won the day" and the killing bombs were let loose. Other accounts indicate strongly that the final word was Clinton's, with full backing of the State Department Secretary, Madam Albright, and of course the sycophant NATO leaders. Albright, some many months ago was reported in the *International Herald Tribune* as having attended an "off the record" meeting of high placed military arms manufacturers and their salesmen, along with senior Senators. Some attendants at the "wine-lobster and steak" affair were doubling as chairmen of a Congressional-private committee engaged in furthering the Clinton Cold War policy of extending NATO "membership" and military forces eastward to the Western boundaries of the Soviet Union...then reduced by the Gorbachev-Yeltsin-CIA treachery to the hapless C.I.S.

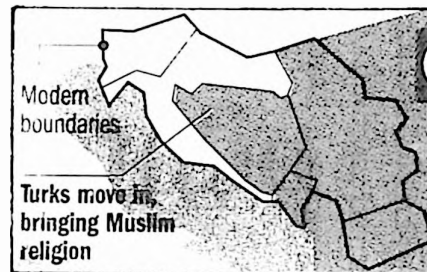
The gimmick was rather plain since such new "membership" (Poland, Hungary and Czech Republic) must now include "standardization" of ALL military weaponry and hardware under NATO at a cost of billions and profits of the same order for U.S. arms makers. We do not believe that "Lady" Albright (who incidentally only "discovered" her Czech-Jewish Holocaust heritage after it became public knowledge) was at this affair on the basis of her feminine charm or her "diplomatic excellencies"!?!?. She may have even mentioned arms sales, profits, (even political "kick-backs"). We can't prove it...but what DID they talk about?

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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND OF SOUTH SLAVS

Centuries of foreign domination by empires, kings and landlord gentry of feudalism and then capitalism had a tremendous effect on these people, since all Empires wanted to hold this piece of strategic and valuable piece of real estate in their hands.

Yugoslavia is made up of the same ethnic roots, language and customs, but over hundreds of years under different occupations they were forcibly converted into different religious groupings split into small "nationalities".



14TH CENTURY- TURKS RULE THE EAST

In 13th century Ottoman Turks took Serbia at the Battle of Kosovo and by the late 15th century the Turks ruled also Bosnia-Herzegovina. For 400 years of Turkish conquest generations of these Slavs had to convert to Islam and thus a split took place between Muslims and Orthodox Christians.

16TH CENTURY- AUSTRIANS RULE THE WEST

In 1526 other Slavs such as Croats and Slovenes came under the Austrian king's control and the conversion to Catholicism started, thus another split in South Slavs took

place. Tensions started between Serbs and Croats when Austrians forcibly relocated hundreds of thousands of Serbs to the Croatian-Bosnian borders, today known as Krajina.



19TH CENTURY- RISE OF NATIONALISM

At the 1878 Congress of Berlin, after Russia's defeat of the Turks, Serbs were able to gain their independence. But the big power brokers such as England split Serbia by force of arms and gave back to Turkey the Kosovo and Macedonian territories, while the great powers gave to Austro-Hungarians the Bosnia-Herzegovina territories without giving any regards to the wishes of the people to be united as South Slavs.



1919-1945- YUGOSLAVIA EMERGES

After the defeat of the Austro-Hungarian Empire after the First World War, the big powers this time included England, France, USA, there took place a unifying movement under King Alexander and he renamed the country Yugoslavia, which means Country of South Slavs.

Remember that this was a capitalist country and did the bidding of the Big Powers in

CLINTON-ALBRIGHT CONCERN FOR KOSOVARS?

But, now, with the bombing under way, we are supposed to believe that Albright and Clinton are so overwhelmed with love and concern for the Kosovars they cannot resist raining "terror" bombs to save them from some perceived "terrorist" blood bath...it all seems pretty "terrifying" but then we are not senior diplomatic salespersons for military hardware!

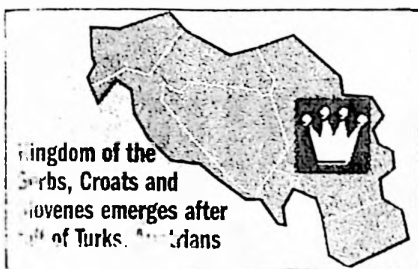
For the gullible it might be suggested that Clinton, Albright have been misled by the ubiquitous CIA. After all, misand-"disinformation" are CIA's stock in trade. We do know positively, however, that all U.S. Presidents through from Truman to Bush were kept pretty well up to date by CIA in such places as Vietnam, Rwanda, the Congo, Panama, Sudan, Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, the Dominican Republic, Kuwait, Grenada, Panama, and on and on in a very long list where U.S. bombs, subversion, destabilization and/or military attack by high flying "heroes", seated in their "high-tech" killing machines...just as they are today as this is being written. Wherever U.S. "vital interests" are proclaimed to be, by equally faceless men sitting behind polished desks...that is where these "crimes against humanity" have been committed...in the name of "national security" of course. The Panama City bombing is one of the uglier of these since drug-runner and President Noriega had been hired by President Bush as a CIA agent before he illegally extradited him and locked him up.

Little direct information has surfaced as to how, when, by who and for what reasons the Kosovan Liberation Army was added to the secessionist movement there. But since there is indisputable proof of

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its domestic and foreign policies/

The Croatians, under the influence yet of Austro-Germans started a separatist movement and formed in 1929 a fascist separatist movement called, the Ustashe. They were supported by Italian Fascists and the upcoming German Nazis.



1941-1945- SECOND WORLD WAR

In 1941 Germany invaded Yugoslavia and portioned it, rewarding the Croatian Ustashe regime and formed the fascist state of Croatia, an ally with Germany. Hundreds of thousands of Serbs, Jews and Gypsies were massacred by the Croatian fascists, and many times with the Turkish influenced Bosnian Muslims, who actually are Slavs and speak the Slavic languages. The Croatian Ustashe forced thousands upon thousands of Orthodox Serbians to be baptized as Catholics, on the pain of death. Serbs of course went to

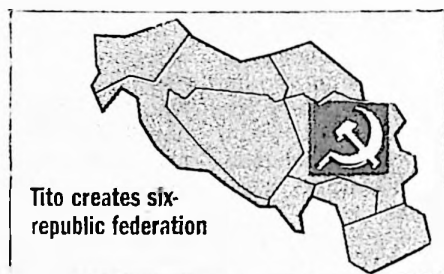


the defense of their brothers and sisters and thus the Yugoslav partisans not only fought the German fascists but they had to fight the Croatian Ustashe fascists also. Over one million Yugoslavs died in order to liberate Yugoslavia from the German fascists and

the local Croatian Ustashe butchers.

1945-1980- RULE OF TITO

Marshal Tito, himself a Croatian made the country into the Yugoslav Federation with 6 autonomous republics. Kosovo in this context was a pawn even after 1945 in the hands of Western Imperialism in order to undermine the anti-fascist unity that was forged against fascism.



Communists should know what Tito did and how things could have been different in the Socialist world if Tito's policies did not lead to subversion and open collusion with the West. His policies regarding ethnic problems were not altogether based on Marxism-Leninism. Western powers were always in this region before, as they are now, stirring ethnic conflicts, religious and political isms amongst the population in order to serve their own interests.

Imperialism, led by the USA is trying to revamp what took thousand years to be built up, namely the unity of the South Slavs that inhabit Yugoslavia and that originally came from the Carpathian Mountains.

Time to resurrect the cry of Ibarruri:

FASCISM SHALL NOT PASS!

CIA activities of subversion and military activities in just about the entire corners of the world (see Oliver North, Reagan-contras for one) it would be very surprising indeed if the Kosovans had done all these military things by themselves, and since obviously Clinton has assured us that the U.S.-NATO "vital interest" in Yugoslavia is paramount, are we to believe that **NO CIA ACTIVITY PAVED THE WAY FOR THE BOMBING?**

That pattern of behavior by U.S. Governmental leaders and military brass is too well known to be simply discarded as probable...or improbable fact.

For the Canadian Government and the people in Canada, NATO's precedent setting

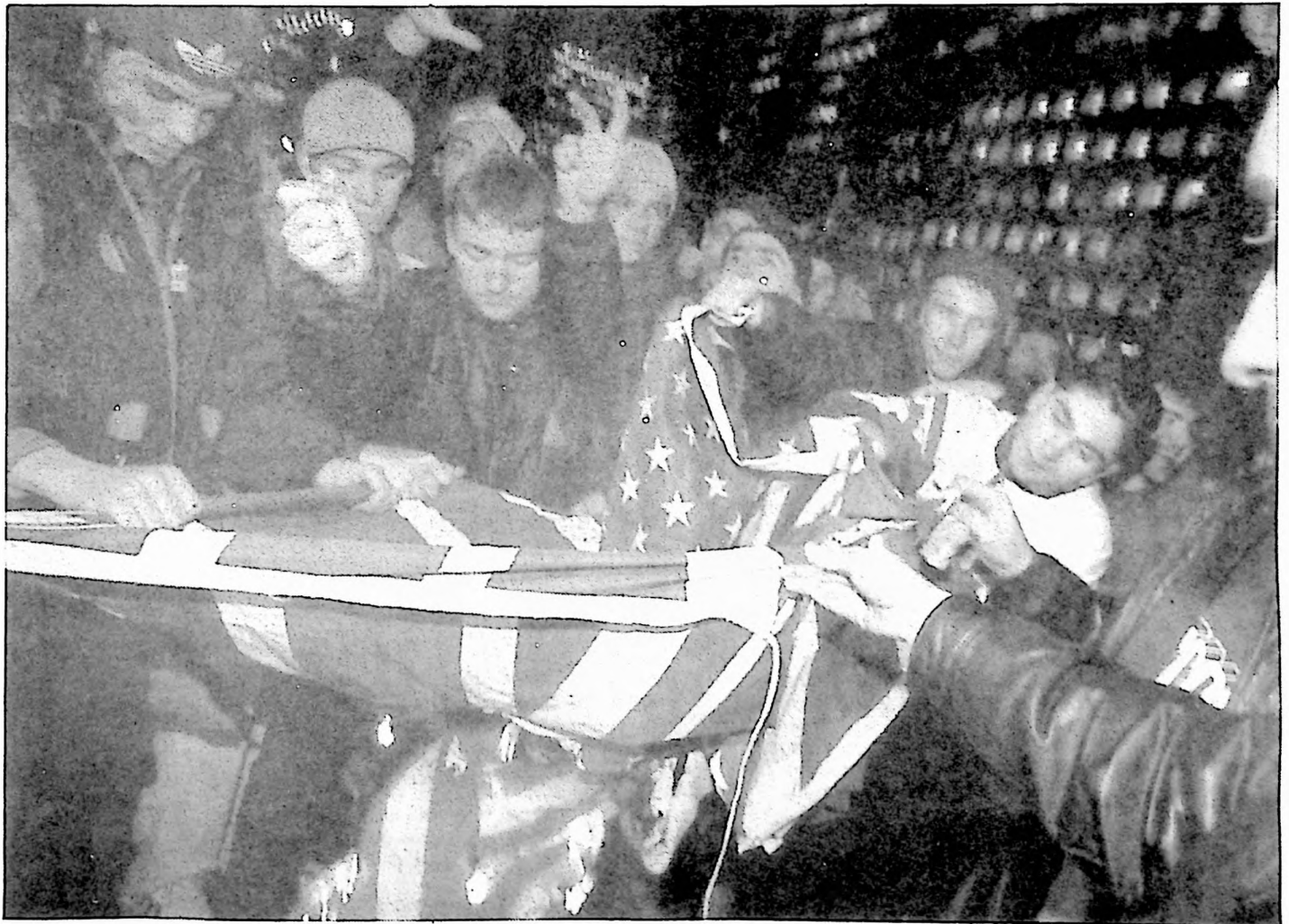
OFFENSIVE and MILITARY action must be viewed with deep apprehension. There are too many constitutional and legal parallels with that situation and the long unresolved constitutional and just demands of Quebec for self-determination for Chretien & Company to be throwing bombs into what will inevitably draw comparison,(or even disruptive CIA activity)in Quebec. We do not for the moment think that our Canadian partners of French speaking origin would ever support a CIA military solution. But failure to recognize the national rights of the Quebec population to self-determination within the Canadian constitution is destabilizing and potentially ominous in this light. We believe a

political solution must be found quickly within the Constitution of Canada. It would be blind in the extreme not to see the vital connections involved in Kosovo and the Canadian constitutional problems.

A HITLERITE EXERCISE

Essentially we see the newly exacerbated and NATO-USA provoked issue in the bombing of the sovereign state of Yugoslavia as a Hitlerite exercise of particularly,U.S. economic, political and military power. Nothing like this has happened in Europe since the end of World War II. The unspoken objective can only be to destabilize and render powerless the great Slavic peoples of

TORONTO - Thousands of Canadians,not only Serbians set fire to the U.S. Consulate and threw eggs, rocks and Molotov cocktails.Every day there's a demonstration here.



Eurasia who have lived there from time immemorial. The aim of this situation is the Hitlerite aim of creating a vast Eurasian treasure-trove of natural and human resources under the total control of so-called "Western" Transitional Corporate power. In such a scheme of things of TNC rule, the people will be assigned inhuman levels of life formerly forced on the colonial and Third World countries. Already Russia, Ukraine et al are being shoved down that horrendous road. If Fascist rule by the gun and whip is required...so be it, reason the blood stained monsters of TNC "globalization".

These were the aims and purposes of Herr Hitler and his monopoly capitalist backers with their "drang nach osten" designed to exterminate the Soviet Socialist Republics and people. These remain the objectives, aims and purposes of

the U.S.A.-Clinton "NATO-EAST" programs. Running alongside like unfed jackals are the current crop of abject sycophants of the NATO "partners" It is a historical irony that German airmen now fly side-by-side with Canadians and others on their death missions. These are now in fact the front-line warriors of monopoly-capitalist governments world wide... brain washed and stupefied by their masters.

THINK-TANK BIBLE

An article by the former Special Advisor to President Kennedy, Arthur Schlesinger Jr., in the "think-tank" bible of U.S. policy, "Foreign Affairs" points to underlying "official" thinking: "Globalization is in the saddle and rides mankind (driving) people to seek refuge from its powerful forces BEYOND THEIR CONTROL AND

COMPREHENSION...unbridled CAPITALISM with low wages, long hours and exploited workers EXCITES SOCIAL RESENTMENT, REVIVES (sic) CLASS WARFARE, AND INFUSES MARXISM WITH NEW LIFE..." (Emphasis added) (Volume 76, #5, pages 10-11). To which we might even mutter "Amen"...the sun rises...but for who?"

Do not suppose the ruling class doesn't understand what results their system can and does bring to humanity. They do, but in the final analyses they have no recourse but to live with and obey the inner laws of development, competition and savagery unlimited, with force, guns, bombs, violence and unlimited corruption among themselves. If such creates deaths and poverty for the people, (and indeed as a prerequisite - the TNC power and control) so be it. Anarchy,

MOSCOW - thousands of Soviets in many cities demonstrated against U.S. aggression



confusion, degradation for the people is equally inherent in that system, with evidence mounting of bankruptcy and decay on all sides, everywhere. In Yugoslavia this bankruptcy and decay is displayed in unmistakable colors and outline. The rule of human reason is obliterated by NATO's war. The rule of distorted., mutated "jungle law" reigns supreme in the highest offices of capitalism, under the Transnational Corporations.

ANOTHER PERSPECTIVE

But short days into this madness of monopoly capitalist bombings, something new

has begun to re-emerge...there is now a new polarization among the world's peoples and nations as the "doomsday" future riding with the bombers, signals "acute danger" to all and sundry. In their vast majority, the world's peoples stand perhaps still disunited and confused, but with growing conviction that U.S.-NATO world domination cannot be allowed or tolerated. The confusion will be ended and unity will be achieved...EVEN AS THE STRUGGLE DEEPENS AND WIDENS.

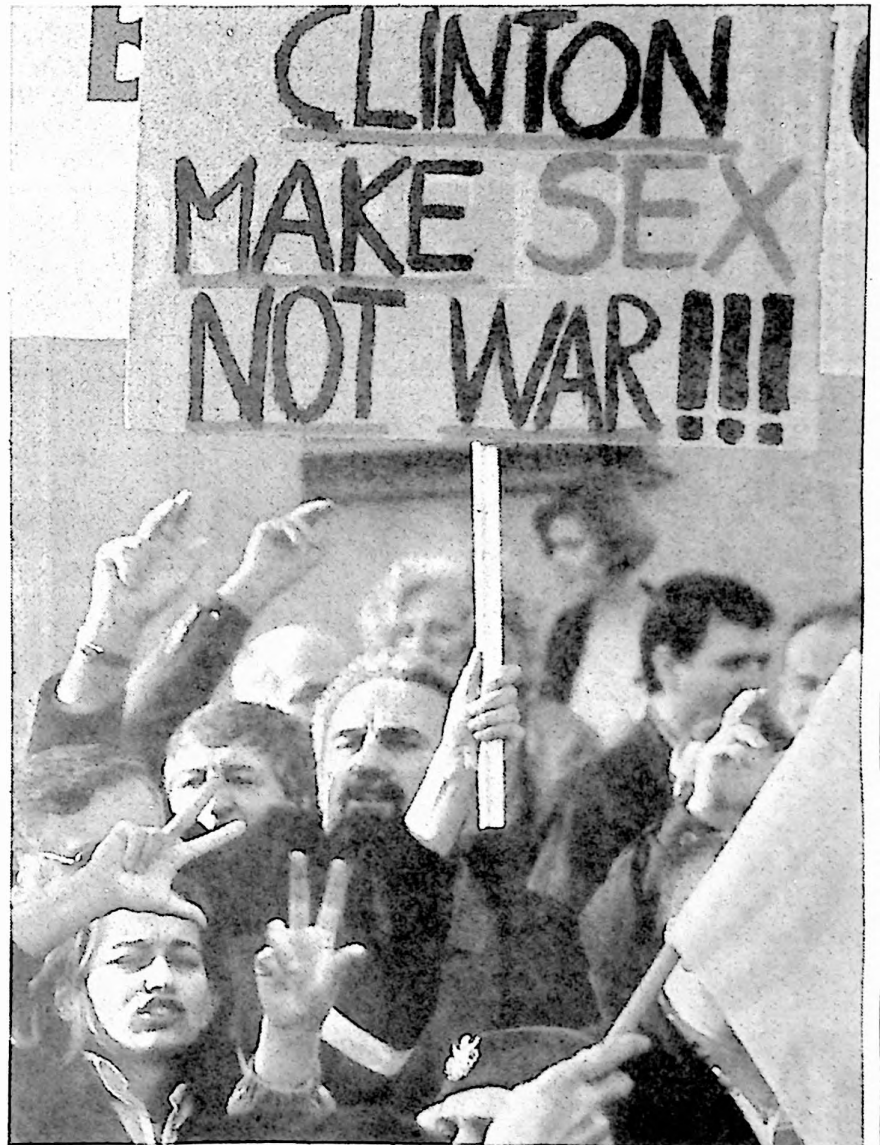
Even the lugubrious Yeltsin has pleaded for another course, and has removed the NATO

presence in Moscow. That can be likened to the old story of the man, who having killed both his father and mother, pleaded to the court for clemency on the grounds that he was an orphan! In fact Yeltsin and his vicious cohorts bear direct responsibility for the current capitalist offensive against the Russian and Soviet people and the world's people. Had the USSR and the Warsaw Pact countries survived his and Gorbachev's "destroika" murderous treachery on behalf of the international monopoly capitalism's Cold Warriors, NO BOMBS WOULD BE FALLING ON YUGOSLAVIA; THERE WOULD BE NO

Demonstrations were held in many countries of the world



GERMANY - Thousands demonstrated all over Germany. Anti Imperialism was the message.



DESTABILIZATION OF ALL EUROPE AND THE WORLD; WAR THREATS WOULD NOT BE SPREADING LIKE A WIND-BLOWN WILD PRAIRIE FIRE.

Soviets and other peoples of Socialism in the world would be carefully resolving past mistakes and building a truly NEW LIFE.

The working people's demands and needs for UNITY, resistance and new alternative programs of social ownership and socialism, will grow and proliferate in the course of the struggles against the horrors of the capitalist system, writhing in its deadly crisis. It is no exaggeration to say that the death march of capitalism has begun with the decision to bomb the Yugoslav nation and state. The monstrous pandemic of war, crisis and debasement of people will end as a result; new perspectives and avenues of democratic advance will open...yes, even in our fair and peaceful land we call Canada. That is the road to peace, to friendship and cooperation that will now open before humanity.

The NATO-Clinton, Canadian Government road to violence and war, leads only in the opposite direction...to disaster and a "new " capitalist "Dark Ages". Such cannot be and such will not be accepted either by Canadians or the people's of the world who are the vast reservoir of creative energy and strength to build a genuinely NEW world in the days ahead.. As we have stated in our headliner:

"U.S.-NATO GENOCIDAL AGGRESSION DOOMED... HUMANITY WILL TRIUMPH"

P.S. TO THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT:

Perhaps you on the "bomber runs" costing many mil-

lions...if not billions, could rethink your priorities.

We must re-allocate our tax dollars to build housing, lower rents and provide care for the homeless, the destitute and the sick. You might also consider the necessity of revitalizing and saving from "privatization of our health care, hospital and medical institutions, and insure our young in the educational system they are not left to the "tender" mercies of the C.M.A., and Bill Gates' of this world in "privatized" educational systems. That is highly preferable to your insane gambling of our wealth (not to mention the erasure of our national self respect and dignity) in adventures to uphold NATO and U.S. programs of unprovoked aggression that is Un-Canadian in every respect. We cannot fathom an ounce of truth in your present course that says we will be safer and more free by killing our fellow world citizens of Yugoslavia and its province of Kosovo. You should do this or RESIGN!

P.P.S.

We also offer a little rhyme for your edification:

*"Think not we're YOUR fools
you can lead astray
For WE are your "bosses" in
a very real way...
And YOU are damned fools
if YOU do not know
How to build our NEW world
as the people say,
Of Friendship and Peace so
ALL children will grow
with great peals of laughter
So they continue their play..."*

RAY STEVENSON on behalf of the Organizing Committee for

International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People and the Editorial Board of NSC
Statement sent to 272 Canadian members of Parliament.

ARCHITECTS OF DISASTER

Prime Minister Primakov and his mentor are more interested in the IMF money coming in to save their hides than standing up to naked aggression.

This is what awaits Russia's Yevgeny and Boris...as if you did not know! But, you have money stashed away in foreign banks and you feel safe!

The anger of the Soviet people shall reach you anywhere, even in Washington!



BORIS YELTSIN



YEVGENY PRIMAKOV

WHAT SOME RIGHTWING COLUMNISTS WRITE!

WHY IS NATO BOMBING YUGOSLAVIA?

"NATO was formed as a defensive alliance to protect member countries from foreign invasion- first by the Warsaw Pact and later by the Soviet Union. Why is it now attacking a sovereign country over an

internal dispute?

Why isn't the United Nations involved?

Why has there not been a public debate by the Canadian Parliament about our role in declaring war on Yugoslavia?

To argue that NATO had to step in here to stop the massacre of Kosovo Albanians and by implications that any questioning of NATO's policy amounts to an endorsement of Serb atrocities and ethnic cleansing is absurd.

Nationalism and ethnic cleansing has been by everyone involved in this conflict, including Croatians Serbs and Albanians, whose "Liberation Army" is trained, armed and led by foreign mercenaries, mostly Germans. This is an undisputed fact.

The common media tactic is to portray Serbia as the root of all evil-not only ignores history, but smacks of racism.

NATO did not stop massacres in Rwanda, Somalia, India, Sri Lanka, Turkey etc. etc.

Why act here? Why now? Unless NATO's generals are looking for a new line of work as the cops of the world-meaning America's cops? The media should question the propaganda by NATO, not participate in it as one of the American TV networks did, by running a piece on Slobodan Milosevic which said he is crazy, his wife's probably crazy, his parents were crazy etc. ad nauseam.

If the U.S. media is going to portray Milosevic as a thug, is the U.S. media arguing their own president - the probable rapist and serial abuser - has been the poster boy for mental health?

And please, let us stop this nonsense that our dispute is only with Milosevic and not his people.

What is it with the new morality of the New World Order that requires that when ever we declare war on people (which we did not), we prom-

ise not to harm them while protecting our own forces by never letting them touch the ground, while we keep on raining bombs on the country?

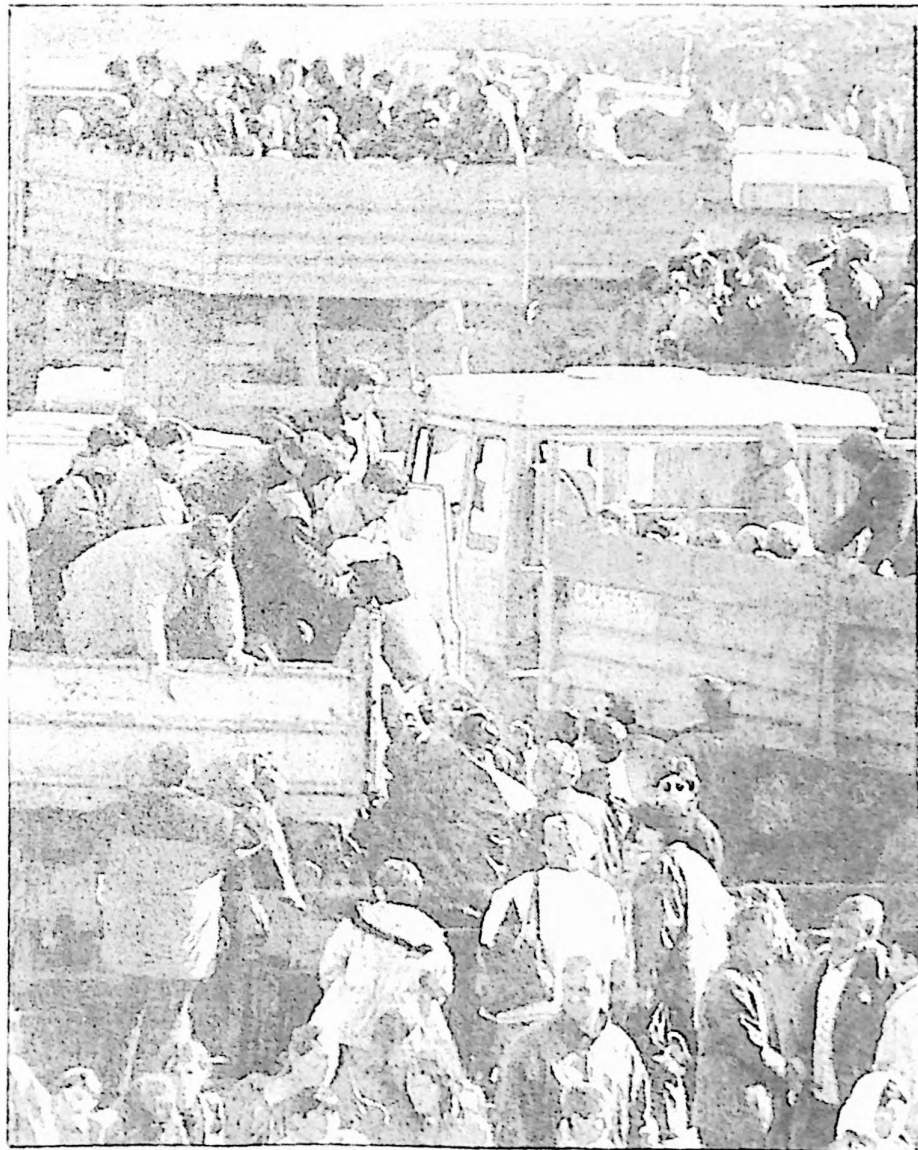
And given that we're all so suddenly concerned about Kosovar Albanians, are we to accept millions of Balkan refugees- all of ethnic backgrounds - that NATO's bombing policy could trigger?

The media writes that the Albanians from Yugoslavia are running away in their thousands because of Serbian genocide, but not because we're bombing Kosovo indiscriminately? What utter nonsense? When bombs are falling, people pick up and run wherever they feel might be safer.

Or does our compassion for all the innocents in the Bal-

TRAGEDY CAUSED BY U.S. IMPERIALISM!

Constant pictures over TV screens, daily photos in newspapers and interviews with "Kosovo refugees" are meant to hoodwink public opinion that Yugoslavs are practicing "genocide". Careful scrutiny of the pictures show that not one Serbian soldier is seen, with weapons forcing these Kosovo people to flee. Of course they're fleeing... bombs, death and destruction is all around them! Are these bombings Serbian? Are the airplanes unleashing destruction Serbian? U.S. IS THE AGGRESSOR!



kans only extend to those who stay there? After all, we wouldn't want anymore of those "crazies" coming over here, right?

Compassion indeed."

COMMENT

This article is based on the column in the Toronto Sun newspaper which cannot be accused of sympathy towards Yugoslavia, socialism or communism. It was written by Lorrie Goldstein.

The whole irony and outright demagoguery by the Prime Minister Chretien of Canada, when asked why did we declare war on Yugoslavia which is going against the Constitution of Canada, his reply was: "We're not at war, we are peace keepers!"

While bombs are raining and killing people in Yugoslavia, both Serbs and Kosovo Albanians, we're telling them that we are just doing this "humanitarian killing because we're "peacekeepers"!

WHY SO MUCH COVERAGE IN NSC ON YUGOSLAVIA?

This could be the beginning of the start of World War III! Or it could be the beginning of mobilizing the people for the final conflict against U.S. Imperialism-Fascism!

THAT IS WHY!

What's the difference between Hitler and Clinton?

There's only one difference.
Hitler had a mustache!

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VOLUNTEER LABOUR



These refugees were interviewed and as if the script was written by the NATO PR people: "No, we don't blame NATO!" Were these people refugees last year, before bombing?

14 SECONDS TO WAR

Prime Minister Chretien of Canada spent only 14 seconds explaining to Canadians why we're at war with Yugoslavia, but the Canadian bombers were already on their bombing mission.

Isn't democracy grand, my fellow Canadians?

NATO AT WAR

NATO is at war with Yugoslavia, but it calls it a peace offensive! They are so brave that they're not going to step on Yugoslav soil. Why not? They remember Vietnam very well. It's safer being a bully in the sky than on the ground!

Over the TV and media we seem to see only Kosovo Albanians being killed, displaced, butchered and in hospital. We do not see the so-called "Kosovo Liberation Army" which is supported, armed by both USA and Germany killing any Serb soldiers or civilians at all.

As a Second World War veteran, may I assure you that both sides suffer casualties.

But that is not the point at all.

The question is not about "national liberation" or "self determination" at all. It's about the riches in Kosovo, the biggest deposits of bauxite in the world, besides, being the soft underbelly of Russia.

Yugoslavia as it was, with all the problems and the Titoite policies which led to the problems, was a Federated State, with 6 Republics taking turn each year governing Yugoslavia.

AIR STRIKES NEVER WIN

In modern times, air strikes have never won any war. And it's doubtful they'll win this one. So said retired U.S. Lt. General William Odum. "Korea wasn't bombed into submission or any island in the Pacific or North Vietnam or Iraqi. There were no wars won by air power alone".

Instead of disuniting the Slavic people, this aggression by U.S. Imperialism is going to unite them, because this aggression against the South Slavs is just what Imperialism wants to accomplish.

That cold warrior Brzezinski stated this on the policy of USA in Yugoslavia: "A trial run in dismembering completely of what is left of Yugoslavia in order to do the same for Russia. We should make certain that European Russia belongs to the West politically and economically, while Eastern Russia (Siberia) should be given to China, while the piece that's left in the middle, should just be forgotten".

Interestingly this statement over one TV talk show in USA never made it into the press. Complete silence followed this statement.

This venture into Yugoslavia is for the testing of new bombers, fighters, missiles and other war arsenal, eventually to be used against the coming resurrection of the Soviet Union.

Remember Spain? Hitler and Italy used the civil war as the testing ground for new arms and planes in preparation for the World War Two.

Clinton and his lackeys should remember as to what happened to Hitler, Mussolini!

ARE SERBS BLAMELESS?

No one suggests that Serbs are blameless in this conflict or historically. It takes two to tango. But, having said that, every country has the right to settle its own problems internally without foreign intervention

Nationalism is the tool of reactionary forces. Having said that it has to be asked as to why does NATO now not now bomb Northern Ireland where so-called "religious war" is going on since early 1930s? Or in many other parts of the world? Because these countries

are capitalist, but Yugoslavs (Serbia) still flies the red flag with the star and hammer and sickle on it.

Let us present a scenario which is apropos to the crisis in Kosovo. Quebec in Canada decided to separate (and they have more right than any others, since Canada is a two nation state) and France decides to start bombing English Canada in order to make Canada come to heel. What would Canadians think and do? Would they not defend Canada with all the force that they possess?

Would not Canadians be devastated and up in arms? Of course they would. Then, why are we so down on the Serbians-Yugoslavs who demand to let them solve their own problems? If it takes a revolution or civil war to achieve peace and harmony, then that's the way it should be. Or the other scenario... Why did the US have a civil war against Britain?

What is good for the goose, must be good for the gander also.

Imperialism and its monopoly capitalism is akin to fascism, but masterfully covered with "democracy, peace keeping, religious bigotry and great nation chauvinism." Does that not remind you of 1930's and Fascist Germany?

JUST THINK ABOUT IT!

WHAT'S THE BOURGEOIS PRESS SAYING?

As NATO strengthens its air attacks against Yugoslavia, a two-pronged operation grinds out along the ground.

It doesn't involve military hardware, however.

It involves, instead, ideas and information. It's the marketing of war, American-style. And so far, the Clinton administration seems to be winning.

On the first front, administration officials are taking to the airwaves daily, zealously selling the war as a "moral imperative."

On the second, NATO's Pentagon-led military machine is closing the door on details of the war, leaving the public inclined to trust the administration's word.

As a strategy, it's working for now.



MADELEINE ALBRIGHT

Secretary of State reveals very little in briefings.

KIDNAPPED?

Three U.S. soldiers were captured. Clinton is threatening reprisals. We thought that no G.I. soldiers are in Kosovo! Oh yes, we can bomb you, devastate and murder your people, but, don't you capture our aggressors? We thought that we fought and defeated fascism! How long will the American people put up with this "New World Order" that is just a rehash of Fascism, packaged as "humanitarian aid"

SECOND NUREMBERG TRIAL IS COMING!

Letter to a bourgeois newspaper in Toronto, Canada

'We are being given precious few details about the NATO bombing campaign. Serb forces did expel journalists . . . but the Serbs aren't the only ones keeping us from knowing more about the bombing campaign.'

— PAUL JANENSCH
Journalism professor

NEWS FROM THE SOVIET UNION

FROM
MOLNIYA
NEWSPAPER, MOSCOW

WITH THE NAME OF STALIN- TO VICTORY

At a press conference in Moscow on January 12, 1999 the "Stalin Block Trudovaya Rossia, Officers of USSR" was announced and this block shall take part in the forthcoming elections to the Duma. The following program was outlined:

*The resurrection of the Soviet state and socialism, which must of course see the abolishment of a President.

*The resurrection of the USSR based on the decisions made by Potsdam Agreement in 1945, and that the borders that were agreed upon in 1975 in Helsinki by world powers.

*The course to be taken of independence from world banks, loans accumulated and return of all the wealth siphoned out during the present regime.

*Eliminating privatization of industry and land, trade, banks and other ills of capitalism.

*Putting into effect a state plan to resurrect the industry, farming and other facets of the economy.

*Free education, health, and guaranteed leisure and work.

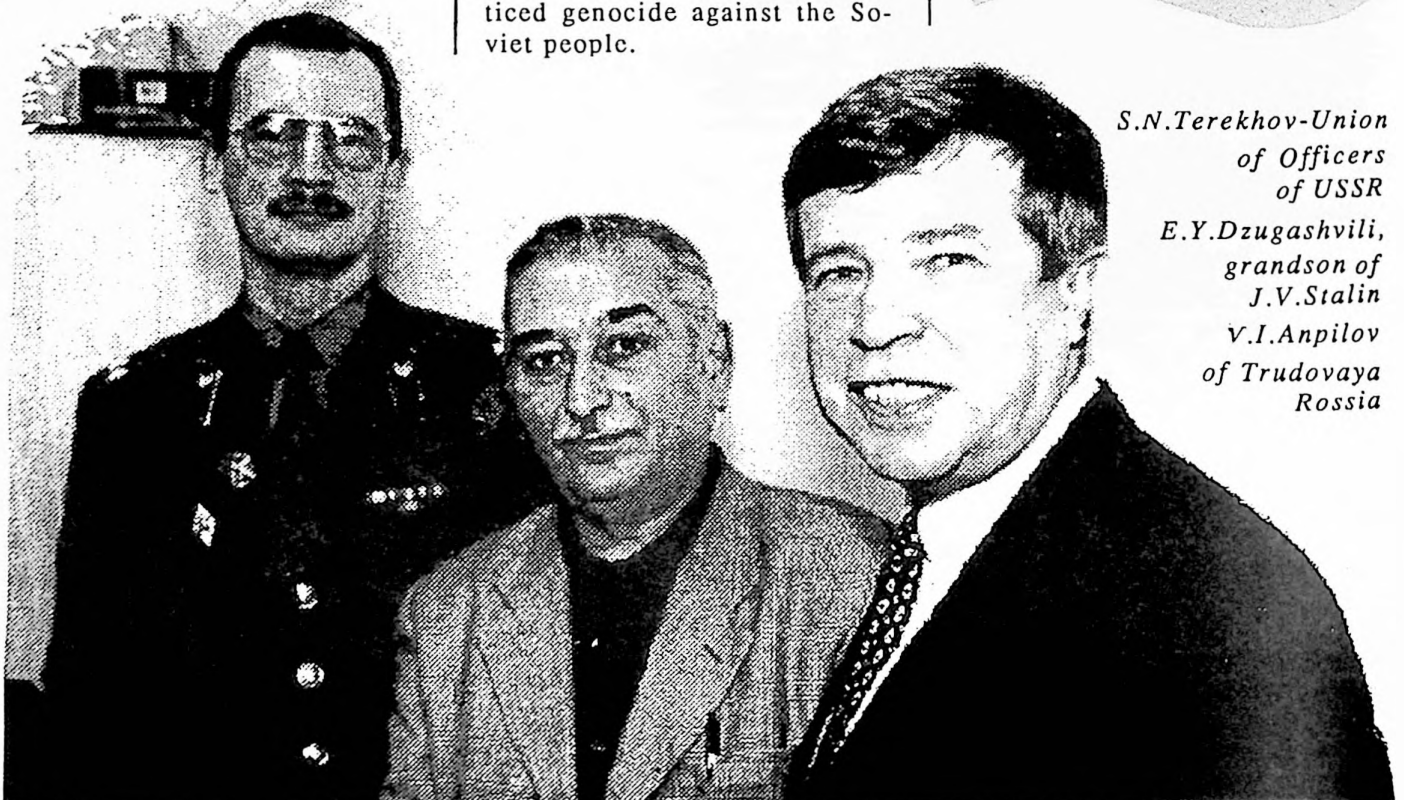
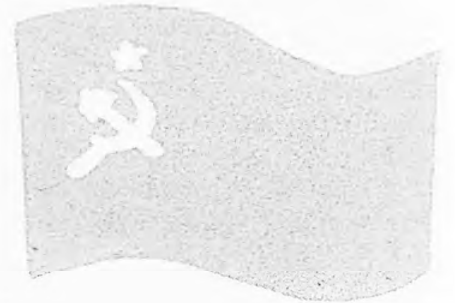
*Studying and implementing the practice of Stalin of regularly lowering of prices on daily products for the population.

*Proletarian internationalism, right of nations to self determination.

*Taking steps to bring to trial all those that have dismembered the USSR and those that have sold the Motherland, plus persons who robbed and practiced genocide against the Soviet people.

*Defending the territorial integrity of the Soviet Union and taking steps to bring up to technical superiority the Armed Forces of the country. To defend our independence and our borders.

*Amnesty and freeing all those who were sentenced after 1991 for protests and strike activities.



*S.N.Terekhov-Union
of Officers
of USSR*

*E.Y.Dzugashvili,
grandson of
J.V.Stalin
V.I.Anpilov
of Trudovaya
Rossia*

IN COLD BLOOD

**In
LENINGRAD (ST. PETERSBURG)
HOMELESS PEOPLE ARE BEING
FORCIBLY TRANSPORTED FROM
THE CITY AND LEFT TO FREEZE
TO DEATH IN SUB-ZERO
FORESTS!**

Jane Cassidy reports on this
'SOCIAL CLEANSING'
Scandal.

With sincere thanks to
Flo Giblett, England

The temperature dropped to
-17C the night Sasha and oth-
ers were rounded-up by police
as they sheltered in the central
rail station in the City of
Leningrad.

He and all other homeless
people were put on a bus and
driven to a remote forest to
some 30 kilometers outside the
city, and there they were
dropped off. Sasha had no
winter clothes as others didn't
also, but in bitter cold he
managed to crawl back to the
city, following the tracks of
the tires. He knew that many
of those dropped off with him
were elderly, disabled and
ill. Many of these people die
regularly on these "cleansing
runs" by the city officials.

These "cleansing runs" were
uncovered by a newspaper
called *The Depths* which is a
homeless organization. This
newspaper proved that a copy
of the typed minutes of the city
council meetings, quoting Gov-
ernor Vladimir Yakovlev, that



these police actions are offi-
cially sanctioned.

Yakovlev is quoted as say-
ing: For a long time I did not
know that we have homeless-
ness. I gave the order to clean
the city's main thoroughfares,
train stations and airports of
these vagrants and beggars."

Sasha, who managed to sur-
vive was interviewed by the
newspapers and here is what
he said: "Two policemen ap-
proached me, they told me and
others to empty our pockets
and took everything away from
us, cigarettes, matches, every-
thing, then put us on a
bus. They treated us like ani-
mals, hitting us with batons to
make us move faster. They
drove us deep into the forest. It
was very dark. People got down
on their knees to beg to be
given at least their matches so
they can at least start a fire to

warm themselves up. But the
police refused.

Forty four million Russians
alone are living below poverty
level. Sasha, who is only 35
was forced to come to the city
from a town, looking for work,
and because his employer
(private company) refused to
pay him wages as truck driver
for 18 months

Sasha did not have an
\$800 bribe to pay officials for
receiving a stamp to be able to
come to Leningrad looking for
work since the average wage of
a worker is \$12 per month.

Sasha reported that there
are hundreds of children, some
as young as 10-12 years old
whose only homes are the
railway stations since their
parents also have no place to
live. Uri, a 11 year boy from
Ukraine is also there with his
mother, since they were robbed

and now cannot afford the train fare to return back home. Compare this to the Western advertisements in every available corner, Coke, Pepsi, banks and other "culture" imported from the West. The newly rich in their fur coats and expensive designer shoes and hats parade down Nevsky Prospect.

There are an ever-increasing armed guards stationed in the banks, stores, offices, which tell of the nervousness about the future of a country where the haves are outnumbered tremendously by the have-nots. A returned veteran, Sergeant Arkady served in Northern Ossetia and Chechniya in the Russian Army for three years. But now he is homeless since his Unit will not send him his personal army file. Not being home for three years with my wife and family and I cannot prove where I was for three years, "so her I am a homeless person, living on the streets. I have no right to work and I'm a Russian but I am not considered a citizen here or in Chechniya!"

Is this hard to believe? Does it not tear your heart apart that this story had to be printed in England before anyone gave a damn? Is it any wonder that NSC asks the simple question of the patriot movements and communist parties... WHERE IS THIS ELUSIVE UNITY?

★ 8th Anniversary

For the 8th Anniversary of NSC in August- give a gift sub to a friend! It's the best Birthday present you can GIVE!

РКРП

RUSSIAN COMMUNIST WORKERS PARTY

By V.CHECHENTSEV
Member of the CC CPRF

Among some sections of comrades-communists, there unfortunately exists a feeling or a misconception that the RCWP does not take advantage and opportunity for the unity with other communist parties. Let us look at this question realistically.

RCWP proceeds to do patient and multi faceted work regarding the unification of the working class. We can mention our active participation in the Union of Communist Parties-CPSU, Russian Communist Union of parties or the attempts to coordinate some of our activities with the Communist Party of the Russian Federation.

In the Main Report at the CC RCWP on the VIII Congress, which took place on November 28-29, 1998, the First Secretary of the Party (RCWP) V.Tiulkin reaffirmed the position of trying for unity amongst all communist parties in "one unified party under the guidance of the majority" with the parties that were united at that time in the Rosskomsojuz.

Then what is it that prevents other parties to cooperate or unite with the RCWP? The ideological position of the CPRF is so impregnated with opportunism, and is so far adrift going towards social-democracy that it has become a typical as a social-democratic party, so that unification with it in the present atmosphere



and time would discredit fully communists in Russia.

The supporters of this union with the CPRF in the Russkomsojuz state that our positions are very close together, so why don't we join together? That is not the case at all.

RCWP openly proclaimed that we are the party of the working class, that to serve the working class is the only aim of our party. This is confirmed by the new program that was adopted at the VIII Congress of our party, affirming our dedication to Marxism-Leninism and the dictatorship of the proletariat, as the necessary instrument to defeat the present bourgeois government and to build a communist society.

RCWP holds the position that the highest attainment of humanity in the XX century was the building of a socialist society in the USSR. The highest attainment was achieved by the adoption of the 2nd program of the Lenin party under the leadership of J.V.Stalin. RCWP does not recognize the abuse leveled at J.V.Stalin, since this serves only the interests of the class enemy. Our program states clearly that: The RCWP completely throws away the revisionist, opportunist, traitorous line that was being promoted and adhered to by the CPSU leadership from 1953-1991, which brought the temporary collapse

of the Soviet Union and socialism in a counter revolution.

The XX Congress of the CPSU (1956) was the breaking moment in the history of our country and the communist movement,"

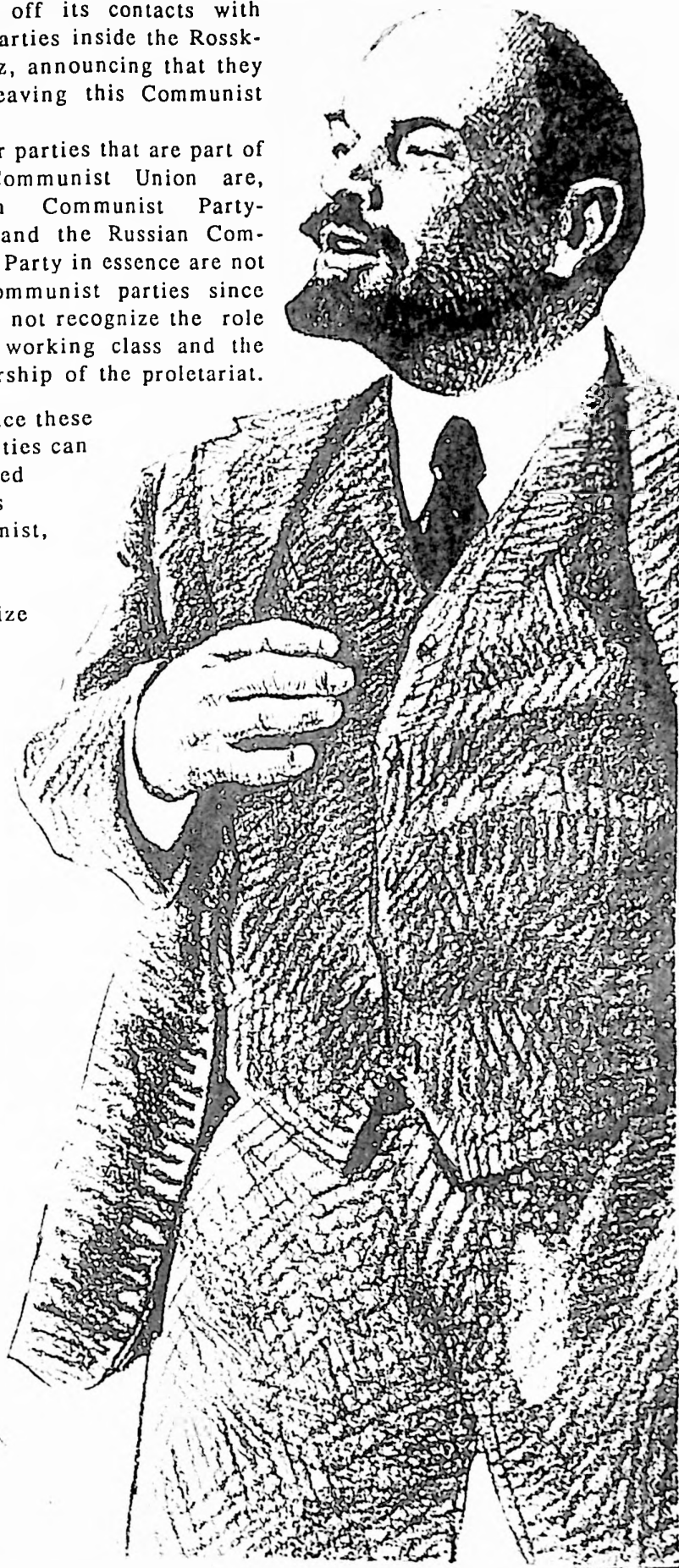
Speaking on behalf of the majority of the working class, of the whole Soviet people, the RCWP has the goal of - the resurrection of the USSR, a brotherly union of socialist nations. As the most influential and mass party that is inside the Rosskomsojuz, RCWP has the block of left forces "Communists-Trudovaya Rossia-For the Soviet Union". Besides this, our party looks at all other questions realistically, utilizing all opportunities presented by the bourgeois regime, which includes parliamentary means, but also in cooperation with non parliamentary means of struggle.

According to the ideological sphere of our activities, the closest ally in our ideological thinking is the All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks (AUCPB). Its leader is well known fighter, Nina Andreeva who defends the ideals of socialism, the heroic history of the RUDWP(B)-ACP(B), the party which was united and strong under the leadership of J.V.Stalin, proceeding on the foundations that were built by V.I.Lenin. This work had the support and the party has prestige amongst the Soviet people during the anti-Communist hysteria of those days. But because the Russian government refuses to recognize the AUCPB as a party and thus give it registration as a legal entity, this fact prevents the AUCPB to fully participate in the society. AUCPB practically boycotts participation in elections. In the last while the AUCPB has

broken off its contacts with other parties inside the Rosskomsojuz, announcing that they were leaving this Communist Union.

Other parties that are part of this Communist Union are, Russian Communist Party-CPSU and the Russian Communist Party in essence are not real communist parties since they do not recognize the role of the working class and the dictatorship of the proletariat.

In partice these two parties can be looked upon as communist, since they recognize



that there is a need for a second revolution in order to renew the socialist revolution and they recognize the historical role played by Soviet people in the progress of humanity, building of socialism and the saving of humanity from fascism. The reasons for the demise of the USSR they see as in the sphere of economics since they were against the CPSU regulating and managing the economic affairs of the country after the death of Stalin. These parties therefore look at the XX Congress of the CPSU as positive, and the criticism of the "cult of Stalin" as correct. These parties look at the parliamentary way as a venue for active political activity.

There are more deeper differences between RCWP and the Russian Party of Communists (RPC). I shall mention the two most important differences: their attitude the history of the Soviet Union and the personality of J.V. Stalin. Also, the RPC not only has different opinion about socialism inside the USSR, but has a very negative attitude to the role by the Communist Party under the leadership of J.V. Stalin. Here are two examples:

1. We throw out the idea of communist outlook of the world, which was made the official policy of the Communist Party under the leadership of Stalin, which grew in to a bureaucracy.

2. We are against the rebirth of Stalin's ideology in conjunction with their science of socialism. RPC is for many fractions inside the movement.

A few words about the party CPSU Lenin-Stalin (Trudovaya Rossia). The party officially shall be set up when its congress takes place in April of this year.

Today we can state that the differences between RCWP and the CPSU Lenin-Stalin headed by Victor Anpilov is in the understanding of the role of the party and the working class. Here the differences are in tactics. Our party characterized the line of the leadership of the CPSU Lenin-Stalin as anarcho-primitivism. We know they're going to take part in the forthcoming elections to the State Duma and the presidential elections. CPSU Lenin-Stalin-is for the resurrection of the Soviet Union.

Let us suggest that the parties I mentioned above have decided to unite. Where shall this lead to? To the complete division again of a single party into fractions and different platforms. We in the Moscow organization of the RCWP know fully well, how much time and energy is taken up by fraction discussions and arguments. Fractions are never the uniting force under any circumstances.

We are for uniting into one party of the working class of the Lenin type. There is no other road.

The main and urgent task today is - to solidify the belief of the working class towards Communists. This can only be done by a strong and united party, unifying in its ranks the best representatives of the working class. □

Stalin's grandson reviving leader's legacy

Yevgeny Joe Dzhugashvili bears an uncanny resemblance to the late Soviet leader Joseph Stalin. His mustache is thinner and his eyes are less penetrating, but it's easy to

understand why he was once chosen to play Stalin on film

Nor is it a coincidence Dzhugashvili is also Stalin's grandson.

He is a retired Soviet army Colonel and he is set upon the quest to revive Stalin's legacy.

He has organized a Stalin Bloc of political groups, which includes patriots and communists who can be seen in demonstrations carrying portraits of his grandfather.

"I always have been proud of my grandfather, Dzhugashvili, 63, said in an interview in Moscow. "and when the present regime unleashed a slander campaign and to insult him, and if I had a gun I've would have shot some of these people."



On March 5 he joined hundreds of demonstrators in Stalin's home town of Gori, Georgia to mark the 48th Anniversary of the death of J.V. Stalin, March 5, 1953.

"The right cause of Stalin will prevail" declared rally leader Pentelemon Georgadze, Chairman of the United Communist Party of Georgia. The crowds place Soviet flags draped with black ribbons, near Stalin's old home.

Such groups have sprung up all over Russia and other former republics. Very sizable section of the Russian people revere Stalin as the man who built the Soviet Union into a

super power and was instrumental in defeating Fascist Germany.

Yakov Dzhughashvili, son of Stalin was captured by the Nazis who wanted to exchange him for a German Field Marshal. Stalin did not allow the exchange to take place and he said "I do not exchange a Soviet soldier for a Field Marshal!". Yakov was killed by the Nazis, although Western propagandists tell all sort of fables.

Yevgeny did not and does not accept the denunciations and continues to insist that the well established historical record of Stalin's so-called "crimes"- is nothing but "lies and slander" by the enemies who now openly showed their true colors by abandoning socialism.

"Personally, I see my grandfather as a patriot, and dedicated Communist-Bolshevik and a great world leader that even the enemies of USSR recognized!"

*With thanks to
Jon Corlett, CA., USA.*

DAGGERS BEHIND THE SCENES?

In a very interesting article in Time magazine of February 15, 1999 there is an expose as to who really Berezovsky is. We suggest that those communists in Moscow Duma who don't know, here's the "dope" from the horses mouth, as the saying goes.

*Berezovsky was and is the kingpin for Yeltsin and his "money bag" man! The West knows it, the newly rich "New Russians" know it...so it's about time that the Soviet people knew it and also those in the Duma that still think that he should remain as the



Police seek bugging evidence in a Berezovsky office

PRIMAKOV

"Executive Secretary of the Commonwealth of Independent States" where Yeltsin and his crew put him!

*News that Berezovsky was fired by Yeltsin, that Primakov wants him out of the picture, in many respects is behind the scenes maneuvering to help the present regime stay in power and siphon money out of the country to offshore bank accounts, as we mention in this issue of NSC.

BUT WHO IS BEREZOVSKY?

*He controls the biggest TV empire in Russia, called ORT and his policies are aired day upon day to all of the Soviet people.

*He has 24 large businesses in Moscow. He owns the largest oil-producing conglomerates called Siberian Oil Company (Sibnet). He owns the biggest Security company in Russia called Atoll which is bugging telephone lines of all government officials.

* Berezovsky owns Aeroflot the Russian Airline and he is the financiers for all of Yeltsin's dealings. He manages the Yeltsin's personal finances.

* Berezovsky controls many of Russia's biggest corporations through hand-picked execu-

tives.

*Berezovsky is by all accounts a multi-billionaire.

THIS IS NOT BAD FOR A FORMER "COMMUNIST" TO AMASS SUCH A FINANCIAL EMPIRE INSIDE OF FEW YEARS!

Oh yes, we forgot to mention that Boris Berezovsky has dual citizenship - Russian and Israeli.

DEATH OF OUR STRATEGIC BOMBERS!

On November 13, 1998, over the TV Ukrainians were informed by president Leonid Kuchma that he gave the command to liquidate and dismantle for scrap all of our strategic defense bombers, as demanded by the USA. I as a Colonel in the Ukrainian Army was shocked by this. In what country do we live in? According to what laws do the Americans have the right to govern our internal and defense affairs? These bombers were being built on our citizens money, and at our cost we trained the pilots! The

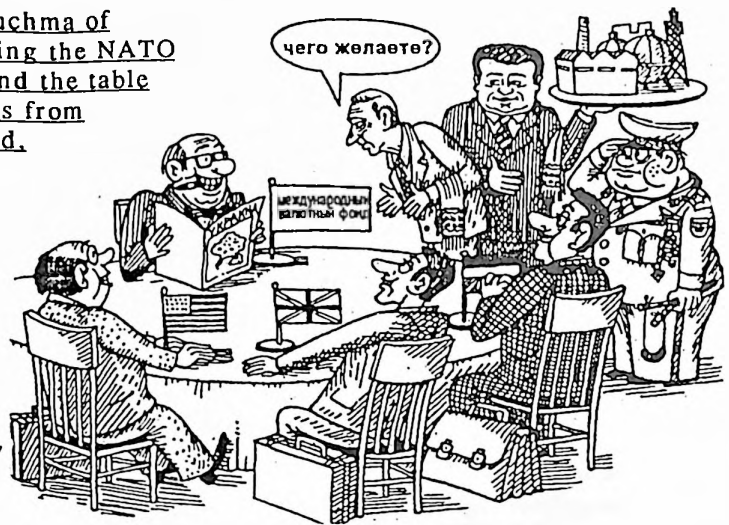
Americans and our leaders want to destroy these strategic bombers as they have already destroyed our rockets! Where are our patriots, our officers and Generals? Why are they giving up for destruction the whole aviation industry?

Why is our "commander-in-chief" Kuchma sleeping?

Shall we Ukrainian people allow the American Imperialist to laugh at us and to completely demolish our Army?

Union of Officers
N.V.Kravchenko. Colonel in Reserve

President Kuchma of Ukraine asking the NATO powers around the table and IMF reps from USA, England, France and Germany:
"What else would you like?"



From newspaper "Communist" February, 1999-

THIS IS A CITIZEN OF THE "INDEPENDENT" UKRAINE!



No, I'm not a beggar or a bum! I am a person. The present bourgeois state made me a beggar! I am a man!

Courtesy of newspaper "Tovarish" Kiev, Jan. 21/99

DID YOU DONATE TO SUSTAINING FUND?

PROFESSOR VLADIMIR HERASYMCHUK



"INDEPENDENCE" BASED ON A LIE!

In December of 1998 the present regime of Ukraine again marked the anniversary of its "independence", basing themselves on the well fed, well contented job that he has done, former president Krawchuk, who together with Yeltsin of Russia and Sushkevich of Byelorussia signed the death warrant of the USSR at the Belovezh Forest retreat. Appearing on TV L. Krawchuk said without blinking an eye that "For independence of Ukraine more than 90% of the population voted. We did not even expect such a degree of acceptance!"

If the "elite grouping" were toasting this victory in fancy restaurants and / or nightclubs then this 7th Anniversary was

celebrated by the working class by curses and damnation. In Lugansk city, with temperature at 15-20 degrees below zero, over 200 Krasnodon miners were keeping up the picketing in front of the administration building. Two miners in protest doused themselves with gasoline and set themselves on fire in desperation. They were saved by their comrades but are in critical condition. This 5 month sit-in, demonstration concluded by the striking coal miners storming the administration building, but the assembled militia just barely beat off this attempt. At the same time more than 20,000 coal miners demonstrated in other cities and towns, thousands of teachers, doctors, that did not get paid for many months. The economy of Ukraine is on the verge of an abyss. These are the results of the so-called Referendum that was held on December 1, 1991.

Then how is it possible that this "90% approval for Independence" as spouted by former president Krawchuk (also former First Secretary of CP of Ukraine) did not match the next referendum that was conducted on March 17, 1991 where 75-80% of votes all over Ukraine (excluding Western Ukraine, voted for Ukraine to

be part of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics? This "miracle" that the people of Ukraine performed by changing their minds inside of a couple of months, history has never ever seen anything like it before!!!

This was not a "miracle" but a state counterrevolution perpetrated against the will of the people. In August of 1991 the bourgeois nationalist forces came to power, who through falsification of this "will of the people" suppressed the will of the people. I - was an eye witness to these events, I confirm" that the results of this "referendum" held on December 1, 1991 cannot be accepted as legal. This was the biggest swindle that was ever perpetrated against the Ukrainian people.

The workers were fooled by promises, were always promoted and performed in all of the controlled media that this "independence" of Ukraine shall bring the nation to the top of economic growth in all of Europe, only you have to vote "yes". These present traitorous knew that under this false "yes" they were putting the nail in the coffin of USSR. Over 85% if the people thought that they voted for the Ukraine to be in the union of USSR. The question was formulated in such a way that this "independence" was not tied to leaving the USSR.

Why did the voters become so gullible, why was not this question attacked by communists, why were not the people agitated to reject this attempt to dismember the USSR? The answer is very simple. The Communist Party of Ukraine was banned under the orders of that "communist" Krawchuk, this former Secretary of Ideology for the CPSU, and he recommended himself for the position of president.

This was a complete traitorous act. Majority of the government were party members,

having party cards in their wallets, they then voted to ban the Communist Party of Ukraine, this party who brought them up from families, gave them schooling, big responsible posts in the government. Right after this directive, these elements took over all the property of the party in cities, towns, districts and villages. Dedicated communists were barred from the media, the party finances were seized, all technical and printing facilities were taken away, the hysteria was started to completely discredit and blacken the party, the history of the country. Then these former "communists" publicly set fire to their party cards and those party members who did not get petrified by this witch hunt, had no way of keeping in touch with each other thorough newspapers, radio, TV, since these were all taken over by the bourgeois nationalists who masqueraded themselves for years as communists. For over three months the media was hysterically promoting anti-communism and vicious pro-nationalism, telling the people that "USSR was the Imperialist terrorist country of evil" and Ukrainian people were "just a colony". All over Ukraine the walls of buildings were plastered with leaflets, printed in Germany or in Western Ukraine, where the RUKH movement took over the governing bodies and the media even before this official seizure of power. Anti Russian propaganda was in full swing.

In Lugansk, at most intersections these emissaries from Western Ukraine came in buses and in hundreds and gave out free newspapers, brochures and all other propaganda. Who was paying for thousands of these people to come and for the newspapers and brochures? This whole counter-revolutionary campaign cost millions of dollars! Maybe in the future this will be ex-

plained by Mr. Chernovil and his helpers from RUKH who by the way, were also heavily subsidized by AFL-CIO unions in the USA.

In the same way the election of the first president of Ukraine were conducted. You had to sign up 100,000 signatures in order to have a candidate from the Communist Party take part in the election. The candidate from CPU was Gurenko. I had a very hard time to even get the forms to collect signatures from the authorities. Most of the people were scared to put their signatures on this form and to give their home address. The answer to why was very simple: "What if tomorrow to my address come these nationalists and kill me?"

WHERE WERE THE WESTERN HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS?

Where were the Western "human rights activists", did they not see, did they not read even their own Western correspondents writing about this so-called "referendum"? They closed their eyes to this travesty and immediately rushed to recognize this "independence" of Ukraine. Today USA, NATO as wild dogs are standing on guard over this marionette "independence" having turned Ukraine into their colony, in order to not allow the resurrection of the USSR.

USSR was the home for all the people as their common home. Arguing with one of my friends, he tried to tell me that: "We had to ship all the products to Russia. We had to do this and Ukraine was left with absolutely nothing, we're starving. But if we Ukrainians are going to be "independent" we shall have these products here in Ukraine and we shall be as reach as France. But they kept mum that the production capacity of Ukraine

was in the first place in Europe during Soviet times.

These leaflets also stated that the "USSR was a prison of nations and the CPSU was nothing more than a fascist "SS". This propaganda was so furious that each single day new figures were published of the millions of deaths because of Stalin and socialism...all aspects of Goebbels propaganda were well utilized. What could we, the dedicated communists do in this hour of danger, against this tremendous avalanche of daily propaganda in all the controlled media? We only had hand written leaflets at our disposal or even Xerox leaflets were hard to do. We could not get the opportunity to get our message to the Ukrainian people en masse, to show those faint-hearted or disillusioned former party members or to the working class whose leaders long ago were placed there, awaiting that moment to be known for what they were.

Besides all this, the whole counterrevolutionary campaign was being directed by the West and the special agencies of NATO that were already placed there long ago, thorough the connivance of Western Ukrainian traitors.

This is exactly how it happened with separation. This was done to get the "elite" with their Western backers in the saddle to rule over the people. People were tricked and now we are all paying the price - with hunger, devastation and hardships.

"Independence" that is based on trickery and lies cannot be recognized as legal! □

**TO OUR SOVIET FRIENDS:
ARISE, YOU
MIGHTY LAND!**

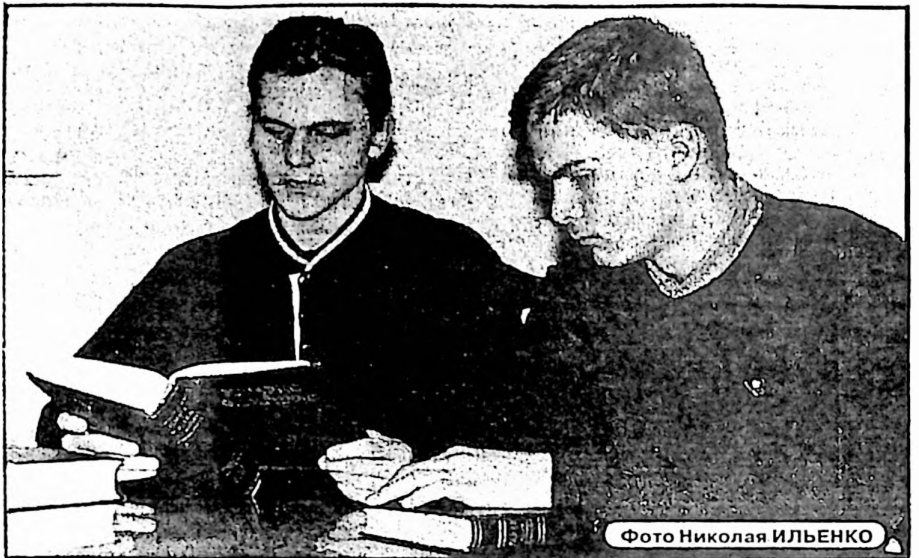


Фото Николая ИЛЬЕНКО

FROM NEWSPAPER
"COMMUNIST"
KIEV

In many young people today, who are constantly bombarded with the propaganda lies in the media by the present so-called "democrats", their youthful zeal tells them to find out the truth themselves about the history of the Soviet Union and their striving and fight for better living conditions and

against exploitation, Young students more and more are turning to the written classics of Marxism-Leninism, and books of known revolutionaries.

You can see in the photo Komsomols from Kiev- Vitaly Kunicky, student at PTU-40, and Vladislav Sizonenko-11th form of a high school in Kiev - reading the works of Marx and Engels. □



WHO BECAME THE GRAVEDIGGER OF SOCIALISM?

(A reply to the Russian candidate General Lebed who wants to be another Pinochet!)

On each November 7 the Soviet people celebrate this holiday, but at this time the present regime and "free" television which slavishly

follows Yeltsin, showed a short interview of Gennady Zyuganov of CPRF and General Lebed, who were supposed to reply to only one question: "Your thoughts about the Great October Revolution of 1917?" Zyuganov stated some phrases (not too revolutionary) but then TV announcer interrupted in order to give Lebed a clever ploy, giving him an opportunity to do his stuff. Lebed said the following from "his heart". With tongue in cheek he said that the Revolution had cost millions of deaths. Then he said: "Why was it that no one came to the defense of the party?" He meant by this that no one was interested in saving socialism or the CPSU, that this system was not good for anyone and no

one came to its defense.

What in reality happened to the Soviet people? It is known that the CPSU and the USSR collapsed at the same time. Not the Communists, not the Soviet people, not the KGB came to its defence. We are led to believe that Socialism was a "road to nowhere", this is the favorite phrase by the present "democrats".

This question could be answered in part by General Lebed himself. As is known, during the days of the Putsch he threw out his sworn Oath.

Instead of coming to the defense of the Soviet Parliament in 1993, he brought his tanks for the disposal of Yeltsin. This traitorous policy of General Lebed was not his first and he is ready now to serve in the role of Pinochet of Chile. He, as other Generals of the Soviet Army, got their training, their schooling and their perks that were given by the State. This same question concerns the others who now serve Yeltsin and his regime, not giving a care to the tragedy that has befallen the Motherland.

The main reason as to the temporary defeat of the CPSU and USSR can be laid at the feet of those who were supposed to defend the State, the leadership of the CPSU and its General Secretary Gorbachev. This was summed up by a former dissident against the policies of Krushchev and Gorbachev Alexander Zinoviev: "Just imagine, if the General Staff of the Soviet Army would have completely joined the side of the enemy during the Second World War. What would have happened to the Red Army?" Step by step, Gorbachev and his cohorts, during 5 years were taking apart the foundations of the Soviet Un-

ion and the CPSU, the ideals of socialism, undermined the economy, and disunited the ranks inside the CPSU. Starting with "socialism with a human face" he brought it to the point of its elimination as an idea, and then the next step was to bring it to private economy and capitalism. This was on the recommendation of the "architect of perestroika" Alexander Yakovlev who started to organize "peoples fronts for perestroika", these fronts headed all of the counter revolutionary movements which saw the dismemberment of the USSR and of the CPSU. Gorbachev was like Dmitry of the XVII century when he allowed the Poles to capture the Kremlin. The mass media which these counter revolutionary forces got to control, all during 1988-1991 started each day, each hour to falsify the Soviet history. They started first with the "unmasking Stalin" campaign - the "Gulag, followed by "Hunger Thirty's" with the numbers of deaths or repressed growing by hundreds of thousands each day until they reached 40-50 millions. Then they started by casting doubt about V.I. Lenin, the revolution, and on the Bolshevik Party, industrialization, trying to show that the socialist revolution was not necessary and it was nothing more than a Bolshevik inspired revolu-

tion, headed by V.I. Lenin who was a German agent and financed by Germany. Then they started to heap praise on the Tsar, on the White Guards, peasantry, Boyars. This propaganda was a daily diet in all of the former popular journals, newspapers. This campaign was called "glasnost". This was possible because Alexander Yakovlev as head of all the mass media in USSR replaced the heads of these newspapers, journals, radio and TV station with his own counter-revolutionaries, who fulfilled the directives of Gorbachev and Yakovlev.

This propaganda was aimed in indoctrination the young generation in schools, in the work place and in the text books. These anti-Communists presented themselves as the "democrats" while honest communists were labeled as "conservatives and reactionaries". Then the process began to reorganize the whole structure of CPSU by eliminating all honest communists all across the Soviet Union, from local, city, regional, republic and top positions. Gorbachev and Yakovlev finished which was started by Krushchev way before.

The main attack then was launched on the economic front. Cooperatives were set up to nurture the future capitalist class, planned economic norms were thrown out under the flag of "economic reforms" which started the deficit in production, financing, managing and manipulation and profiteering.

Gorbachev's leadership planned, directed and achieved the crash of the economic and political life of the Soviet people. Hiding themselves as wolves in sheep skin, they paralyzed all opposition of dedicated communists and they

IN MEMORIAMs

Northstar Compass had many requests to have a section in NSC where ads in memory of loved ones and friends can be expressed. Donations will be accepted in this column.

were effective in convincing the people that it was impossible for a General Secretary of the CPSU to be a traitor to socialism or to the CPSU as a leading force. When, under Stalin the control was in the CC and its General Secretary, centralized planning and leadership for the benefit of the whole people, people could not believe that this is not like this now...is not Gorbachev the General Secretary CPSU? This proved the crucial element in the demise of the state and CPSU - it was done from the inside, right by the General Secretary of the CPSU himself!

For foreign Communists and friends of Soviet people this fact is hard to understand. Why did not the dedicated communists rebel and stop this process? Why did the miners support Yeltsin? Where was the intelligencia and why did they not come to the defense of the Motherland?

The CPSU at the end of 1980s and beginning of 1990s aside from formalities did not have nothing even in common with the period of Stalin and the Bolsheviks. From the party of Bolsheviks the CPSU after Krushchev took power became nothing more than a managerial class, civil servants.

Before, the party depended on the working class, dedication to the ideals of revolution. Promotion depended on dedication, honesty and not on accumulation of profits or privileges. People at that time were tempered like steel, purpose of will for the cause. Because the need for specialists was great, because there was not enough of workers with education and qualifications, there were accepted elements from the intelligencia and peasant owners children in order to bring up the level of the

economy. The control was strict and the lazy bones, the opportunists and enemies were weeded out during those times. The leaders like Gorbachev, Shevernadze, Yeltsin, and Yakovlev, Krawchuk etc. etc. did not come from the working class, but from families whose parents were rich peasants of yesteryear. They had the mentality of private ownership in their blood, but because they were opportunists, they joined the CPSU in order to get up the ladder of authority and careerism.

These elements bided their time.

Now that privatization took place, this hidden "class" became the openly capitalist class, grabbing what they before were in charge of for the State, they now became directors of their own capitalist enterprises.

I can give an example of myself coming back to my city from a trip, after the Putsch was defeated in 1991, I immediately went to the party office to see what was going on, demanding that we do something. This, mind you was in Lugansk, Ukraine. I could not find anyone, since all the leadership of the Lugansk CPSU were at a meeting where they automatically christened themselves as "democrats".

But because even before Gorbachev era this was looked upon with some suspicions, the road was still not open to openly go to a capitalist road,

History does not know of any greater crime and traitorous act than was perpetrated by the leadership of the CPSU. It

was well planned and well executed, because the people could not believe that the leadership of the CPSU would do such an evil thing.

During the building of a socialist society after 1917, people dedicated themselves to this task, even though 4/5 of the population was illiterate. We proceeded to do as the party suggested, knowing fully well that the party was leading us to a brighter future and we saw in front of our eyes daily improvement of our lives and we knew that the future shall be even brighter.

After the tremendous victory of the Great Patriotic War and the immense devastation and the loss of the finest sons, the most dedicated people, we were rebuilding and saw the future ahead of us.

The hidden "democrats" inside the CPSU covertly undermined the system, pointing out the differences of the standard of living between our workers and those of Americans, casting doubts above socialism and in the meanwhile these elements did everything possible to prevent output, to hamper development and to instigate a stagnation of sorts into the economic life.

The General staff of the counter revolution, having made their nest inside the CC CPSU - thus the process of counter revolution began. The system was promoted by these traitors that socialism was already built inside the USSR and that Communist Society was just around the corner.

The future lies with a Communist party that shall be full of dedicated Bolsheviks, Leninists and move forward for the resurrection of the Soviet Union and Socialism!

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COAL MINERS AND MINISTERS

The striking miners on the left on the outside, freezing and demanding their back pay while the Ministers in their warm, cushy chairs are sitting and maybe drinking "horilka" as they ponder their villas, limousines, businesses, overseas bank accounts and how their children are studying in private schools in Western countries.

Two photos, two different life styles!

From the newspaper Communist, Kiev

BACK TO THE FUTURE!

Нєстєрє



MARCH 5, 1953

On that date millions of Soviet people and progressive mankind around the world commemorated the death of J.V. Stalin. They knew that under the leadership of Stalin the Soviet people achieved great progress and looked forward that their children and grandchildren will live under socialism and communism. All his life, Stalin served the people in the Soviet Union and internationally.

As more and more time passes by since the death of J.V. Stalin more and more people are beginning to go back to his teachings and his legacy in order that the date for the resurrection of the Soviet Union shall take place soon.

Progressive mankind will always remember with great pride and admiration comrade Joseph Stalin, his struggles, his victories.



His memory will live on forever!

By Victor Parandon



FROM INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE "FOR UNION AND BROTHERHOOD OF PEOPLE" MOSCOW

With sincere appreciation we received from you a Call for an International Council and the latest issue of Northstar Compass which is full of news about our country.

We are informing you, that in April of 1998 in Moscow there took place an Assembly of People of the USSR, and in the work in this Assembly there took part representatives of all nations that were existing on the territory of the USSR. At this Peoples Assembly there was elected an International Committee "For the Union and Brotherhood of Peoples". The Chairman of this Committee is Oleg S. Shenin, the Deputy Chairman is Igor K. Ligachev. We and our Committee is willing and proud to cooperate with the International Council and to

exchange information through your excellent journal, North-Star Compass.

We are deeply indebted to you for this initiative to call to call an International Congress to set up an International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People.

Our International Committee "For Union and Brotherhood of Peoples" shall take part in this International Council.

We are sending you the documents regarding our Assembly of Peoples of the USSR.

With respect,
Oleg Shenin
Chairman

Below we publish just an excerpt from the booklet sent to us by comrade Shenin of the Assembly of Peoples of USSR in order that our readers shall be familiar with this all-inclusive organization that covers all the former Soviet republics.

On April 25, 1998 in Moscow there took place an Assembly of Peoples of USSR. There were delegates present from all the present countries that formerly were the 15 Republics of the Soviet Union.

There were 205 delegates, representing 78 political parties, movements, social organizations, women's organizations, youth movements, soldiers and veterans organizations.

Amongst the delegates were workers, farmers, specialists, cultural workers, artists, actors, many journalists and educational workers. There were 38 Deputies of different parliaments of the former republics. More than half of the delegates wore their medals received during the Soviet government.

This Assembly after full discussion adopted the document "The Main Task of the Rebirth of the Soviet Union".

This Assembly of Peoples of USSR, together with its three congresses has produced results from 1993-1998 in the question of theory and practice towards the rebirth of a federated USSR.

In the future issues of NSC we shall publish more news about this important Congress of Soviet People!

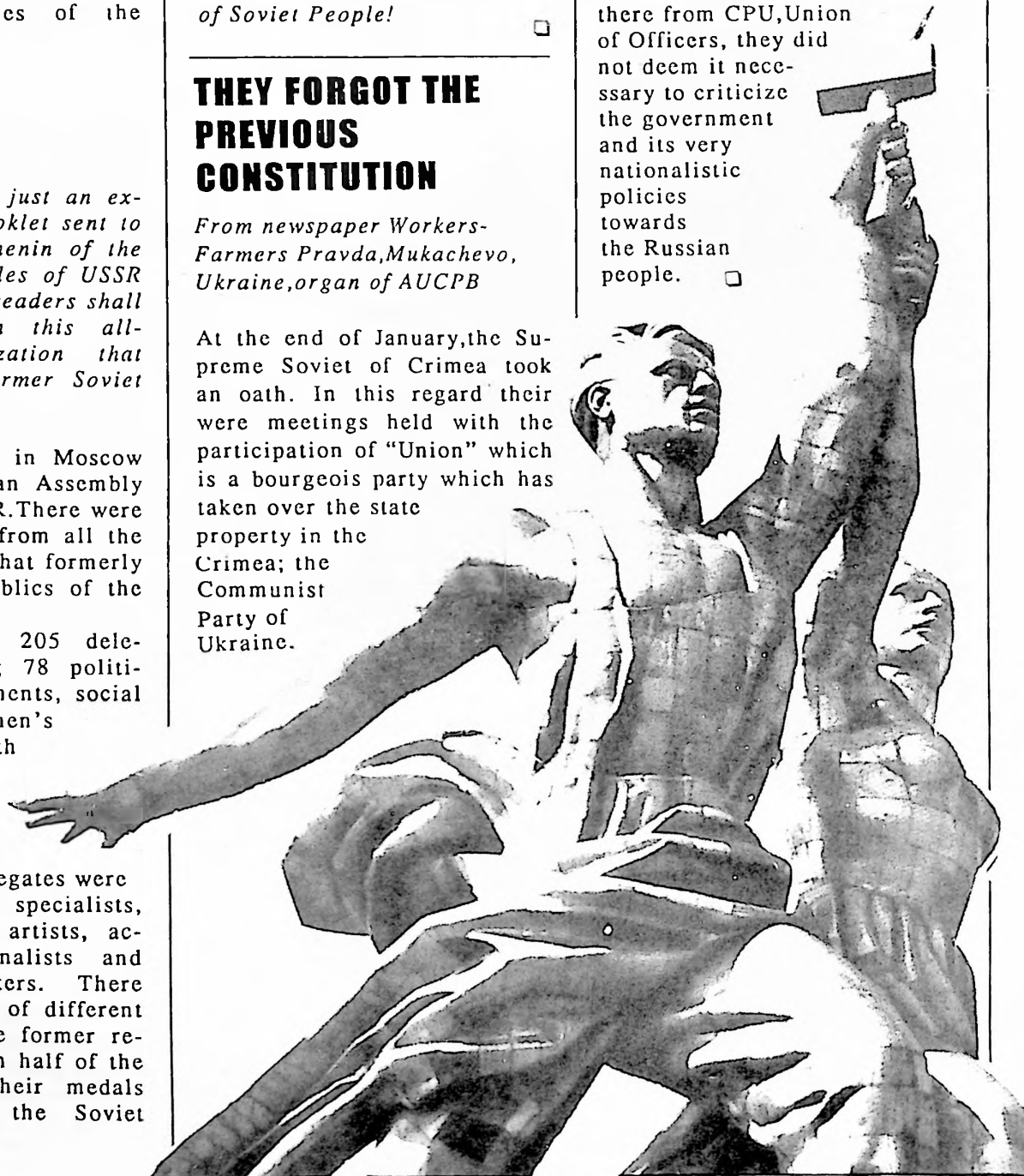
THEY FORGOT THE PREVIOUS CONSTITUTION

From newspaper Workers-Farmers Pravda, Mukachevo, Ukraine, organ of AUCPB

At the end of January, the Supreme Soviet of Crimea took an oath. In this regard their were meetings held with the participation of "Union" which is a bourgeois party which has taken over the state property in the Crimea; the Communist Party of Ukraine.

Lots of noise on adopting the "new" constitution for Crimea, without blinking an eye they adopted this bourgeois constitution, throwing away the Stalin Constitution that was adopted on December 5, 1936.

The speakers of the meeting criticized the present regime, but not a word about socialism, class struggle, socialist revolution or the dictatorship of the proletariat. Even though the representatives were there from CPU, Union of Officers, they did not deem it necessary to criticize the government and its very nationalistic policies towards the Russian people.



**WE
ARE**

**OR IS IT BAD
ARITHMATIC?**

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MILLION?

BY OLGA ANTYPIVNA
Student in Lutsk, Ukraine

Olga is a new contributor to Northstar Compass and we hope that you like her researched article about Ukraine.

"We're 52 million" the TV monitor tells us (some have colour TV, other still have B/W. Are the present people who are in charge or programming are that ill informed? They tell us that in 1997 there were 50.5 million people living. In 1998 this graph showed only 50.5 millions. In the last 7 years "we" became less by 2 million people. We lost as many people as are now living in the Poltava region. Sociologists state emphatically that if the situation continues like this, then by the year 2002 the population of Ukraine will fall to below 48 million people.

We must remember that during these 7 years Ukraine did not see a war, no revolution or epidemics. Then what did happen? The answer is that we have a capitalist restoration. Ukraine during Soviet times was one of the top 10 countries in the world that was industrially developed. Today, according to the experts from United Nations Organization, as far as standard of living is concerned, Ukraine stands in the 102 place. Only a year ago, we were in the 95th place. From all countries in former USSR only Turkmenistan and Tadjikistan are after us.

But we are proud that we're in tenth place as far as the death rate is concerned. Every

second citizen of Ukraine will not reach the retirement age or his or her pension. Menfolk die off in epidemic manner - the highest death of males in the world. In longevity of our population, we are now in 120th place - only Tunisia and Morocco have the honor to follow us!

Aside from all this, the instinct in Ukraine women to be Mothers is falling off very sharply. We are now in the stereotype family as is proposed by the West - one family, one child. Statistics, according to medical experts state that only 1% of children born are healthy. 20% of children born have pathological diseases.

The health care is on a pay as you go basis. The prices are outrageous. Our people during Soviet times never experienced such things. In the last 7 years in Ukraine the state closed over 500 hospitals and medical points. There are now 250,000 less doctors and 120,000 less nurses.

Tradition in our country was that everyone greeted each other and wished them health. But now the heart diseases, heart attacks is growing alarmingly. This year (1999) scientists state that there are 6 million citizens with heart problems.

Ontological sicknesses afflict over 800,000 people.

Ukraine is going through an epidemic of tuberculosis, which under Soviet times was eliminated. Since 1995 this sickness kills every day about 30 people. Since 1990 this outbreak grew by 86%, and death from it by 110%. Every 45 minutes a person dies in Ukraine from tuberculosis.

Tragic deaths from the "spontaneous sex" is growing. For 100,000 people in Ukraine there are 200 people with it. In 1998 there were born over 100 children deaf-mute due syphilis in the parents and also born with deformities.

In Europe, Ukraine has 3 firsts to be proud of. Aids, narcotics and syphilis.

Ukraine is in the first place in abortions per capita. Add to this over 76,000 people who committed suicide in the last 6 years. We have 4.5 million people infected by cardiologic sickness. Trauma is growing alarmingly, especially in the coal miners of Ukraine.

Criminality is growing as an epidemic - every day there are over 12 killings.

All this is told to us by the media daily. Why must the media make the situation even worse than it is in this "independent Ukraine"? Instead, let them tell the fairy tale every day that yes "we're still 52 million Ukrainians"...

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**YOU HAVE AN OPINION
ABOUT NSG? WRITE!**

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According to the annual report of the United Nations Children's Fund, it paints a stark portrait of the world struggling with literacy and basic schooling.

*More than 855 million people will enter the 21st century unable to read a book or sign their names - a sixth of humanity, two-thirds are women.

*Out of 625 million school-age children in developing countries, 130 million are not in school, 150 million will not reach Grade 5.

* In the former Soviet Union, the educational system in the newly established states the educational spending and enrolment has declined and 32,000 of schools have been closed between 1991-1995.



*In Afghanistan with its fanatical Taliban regime, only boys are allowed to go to school. □

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**Global Capitalism
the most barbaric
system in history**

We quote some excerpts from a publication called "Monitor" which is published in Ottawa by the Canadian Center for Policy Alternatives. We quote just a few segments from the article written by its Editor Ed Finn.

"What do I have against capitalism, indeed! Am I supposed to applaud and endorse an economic system in which 225 billionaires have more money than the two billion poorest people? In which just 4% of the wealth of those 225 billionaire individuals - about \$40 billion a year - would be enough to eliminate world hunger and provide adequate health care and education for everyone?"

"Basically, capitalism enshrines greed - one of the most repugnant of human vices-as the predominant human virtue. The truth is that any system that enshrines avarice as its motivating force must by its very nature be a form of barbarism."

"All creatures, these fanatical free-enterprisers claim, are either predators or prey, and the struggle to survive must play itself out in the human jungle also..

If that were true, however, the human predators would not take more prey than they need to survive. The lions and tigers aren't greedy. They don't keep killing more zebras and antelope than they can eat. There aren't 225 lions with more to eat than two billion hogs or deer or giraffes.

So don't prattle to me about the law of the jungle or the survival of the fittest. That's

an insult to the animals. What we have is an economic system that glorifies, promotes and rewards the basest of human instincts - a system that carries cruelty, injustice and brutalization to their worst extremes." □

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

**SALT &
PEPPER
ON WRY**

By: Frank Ray Davis

DEATH AND TAXES:

The \$5,000 death-benefit income-tax deduction was repealed this year. So Americans thinking to get a tax break will just have to dream up some new thing more terminal than mere dying.

JUST SOCIETY:

Cardinal Rivera of Mexico called for a new, just society where The Law will be the norm. Ah, but Cardinal, by whom and for whom was that nice normative Law written in the first place?

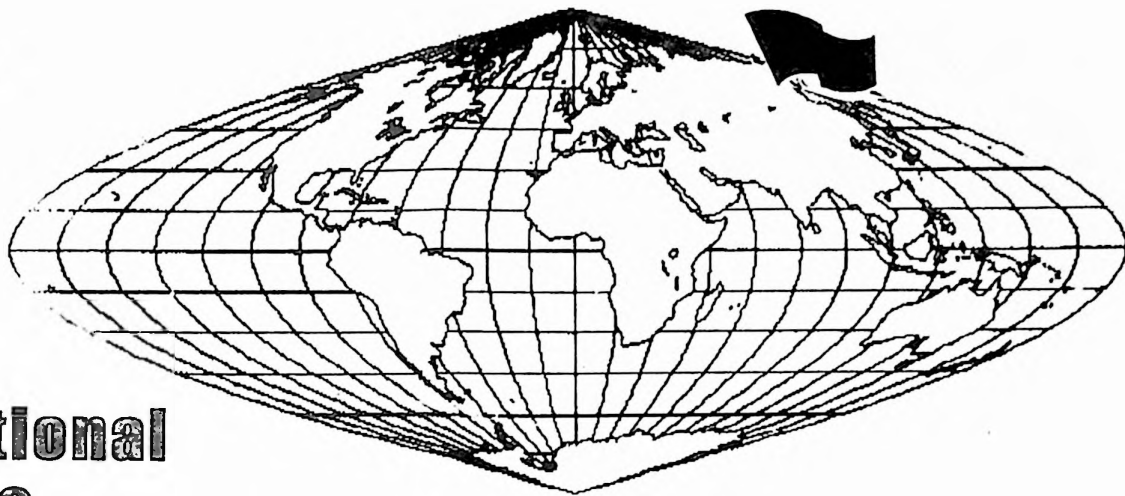
BEST OF WORLDS:

With capitalists seized with the mad desire to create more poor people and edge out rich competitors, the Paradise point should be riched when nobody is rich and everybody is poor.

HIGH MARK FOR KARL:

"To say that the news media represents public opinion is to insult intelligent people. It is the property of speculators, political leaders, and corporation executives." □

How are the plans going for an International Council?



The Organizing Committee of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People which was elected at the February 1998 Conference, has been working steadily by keeping in touch with parties, movements, organizations all over the world. This is in order for them to adopt the "Call for an International Council" and to take part in its work when the First Congress is called in the year 2000, with the venue being Europe.

We are receiving letters of confirmation that they are ready to put their name under such a Call and to participate in its deliberations and set up the International Council.

Northstar Compass always reported on its pages that the need for such a United Front for friendship with Soviet People is long overdue. The splits and counter-splits and the ever increasing debates over ideological questions by Communist parties, Marxist-Leninist parties and movements is a healthy sign to arrive at a common understanding for future cooperation and the possibility of a Communist International. But...until that happy day comes the need for a common front against Imperialism and the absolute time to act in order to help the Soviet people regain their Motherland back is crucial.

Therefore the campaign to organize the International Council is extremely necessary since NATO is already on the doorsteps of Russia, Ukraine and Byelorussia. With internal traitors at the helm of the former Soviet Republics, this UNITED FRONT shall act as a unifying force to help the Soviet people to restore their Soviet Union and Socialism, and, thus this shall also help the working class of the world!

Below we publish the names of parties, organizations and movements that have adopted the Call and will support the First Congress where an International Council shall be elected. In this regard, we're publishing the list and shall publish in future issues of NSC the other signatories which are coming in every month. This list contains the names of only those that have let us know through letters at the end of March 1999.

ADOPTING THE CALL...

- *Russian Communist Workers Party
- *Communist Revolutionary Party of Turkey
- *Instituto Brasileiro de Cultura Socialista - Brasil
- *Marxist-Leninist Collective - New Zealand
- *Marxist Workers Party of Australia
- *Communist Party of Sweden
- *Revolutionary Workers Party of Nepal
- *Peoples Movement "For USSR", Moscow
- *Canadian Friends of Soviet People
- *Northstar Compass Journal
- *American Friends of Soviet People
- *Georgian Association of Friendship with People
- *All Union Communist Party (B) -Ukraine
- *Editions Democratic Journal France
- *Kominform - Finland
- *Communist Party of Finland
- *New Communist Party of Britain
- *Worker's Communist Party of Finland
- *Lalkar newspaper in Britain
- *Arguments and Counter-Arguments, Leningrad, Russia
- *Communist League of Britain
- *Socialist Labor Party of Britain
- *The Progressive Socialist Party of Ukraine
- *Centre D'Etudes Politiques et Sociales - France
- *Ray O Light Group, USA
- *Marxist Labour Party of Germany
- *Central Committee of the Azerbaijan Front of Left Forces
- *Central Committee of Communists-Bolsheviks of Azerbaijan
- *Michael Opperskalski -Editor of left newspapers - Germany
- *University of Mumbia - India

- *Working People's News, USA
- *The New Worker newspaper, Britain
- *La Forge newspaper - France
- *Workers Ukraine-Canada Society, Ukraine
- *International Committee "For Unity and Brotherhood of Peoples - Russia
- *Union of Communist Parties- CPSU
- *Revolutionary Left of Turkey And Kurdistan
- *Communist Party of Brasil
- *Proletaren newspaper, Sweden
- *Ila Al-Aman" journal -Syria
- *New Communist Party of Britain - South Wales
- *Workers-Farmers Pravda, newspaper-AUCPB-Ukraine
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- *Central Committee Party of Communists (B) Ukraine

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WHAT WENT WRONG?

BY DEL BERG
CA., USA

Putting aside the question of how and why Russia and the former Soviet republics arrived at their present juncture, to get a picture of the present and future potential developments there, we need to start with the founding congress of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation (CPRF) in 1993 and the events leading up to it.

It's formation was a part of the process of uniting and re-orienting the scattered communist forces after the CPSU was liquidated after Gorbachev spoke at the CPSU Plenum in July of 1991. It was a clear warning that something disastrous was wrong in both the party and in the Soviet society. This triggered individuals and movements that wanted to maintain a socialist society, and to put it back on a sound footing. By the time Gorbachev

and his clique dissolved the CPSU and the process of dismantling of the USSR had begun, many independent political formations had developed both inside and outside the party.

Some of these proved to be temporary, but a number of them developed a stable membership base. They are still important political factors, needing to be reckoned with; which the CPRF leadership is not too inclined to do, for reasons that delineate the two opposing camps in the peoples forces.

On the one hand, the CPRF advocates and pursues a shallow, cautious, step by step approach to the elimination of Yeltsin and his reforms; almost exclusively through parliamentary means. Even the mass demonstrations and strikes it sponsors or supports, fit into their strategy of using mass pressure to strengthen their bargaining position in



parliament to end Yeltsins rule.

On the other hand, the pre-dominant trend is an emphasis on immediate and direct revolutionary action to achieve that.

IS IT IRRATIONAL?

We may not question their dedication, but it sometimes borders on the irrational, due to their unwillingness to give serious consideration to the level of political and organizational preparedness of the Russian masses, for a decisive and final confrontation with the Yeltsinites and their foreign backers, at a given moment.

The determination of when that moment will, or maybe has arrived, and how to respond to it, is another basic and related contributor to divisions among them.

Given the complexity of the existing situation, it would be wrong to unconditionally condemn, or approve of, the outlook or actions of either side, though it should be clear enough by now, that the restoration of working class state power is not going to happen overnight, and there are still some obstacles standing in the way of it.

In the view of the exponents of immediate revolution, the main obstacle is the CPRF itself. They maintain that Zyuganov and the CPRF are not real communists and have no intention of bringing about the restoration of working class power and socialism.

If in fact that is true of the leadership, but to include the whole of the CPRF membership is not acceptable.

Presumably much of its founding membership came from the middle and upper leadership of the CPSU, but the bulk had to come from its rank and file. Where else?

Figures quoted by CPRF that they started with 500,000

members, representing all parts of the country, and being much larger than the other parties, there was some justification to try and dictate policy and directions to all other anti-Yeltsin forces, was seen as arrogance. It was hardly conducive to building mutual understanding and cooperation among them.

The smaller parties that did give priority to the defeat of Yeltsin were not allowed any input into the planning, program or the direction of the campaign. Zyuganov was seeking a compromise with Yeltsin and his backers, a move completely contrary to the underlying and rallying premise of the Yeltsin opposition, which was to get rid of him and subsequently his "reforms".

Damage was done and as expected it caused a considerable loss of confidence in Zyuganov and the CPRF.

Any doubt as to where Zyuganov was going were confirmed at the IV CPRF Congress held in April of 1998. It proved his reapproachment with Yeltsin was not just a temporary and momentary deviation from previously established positions, but was in line with a new strategy of limited objectives within the framework of Yeltsins "New Order".

There was stress on the need to stabilize the economy and state, and to alleviate the intolerable living conditions of the people, but references to a socialist solution with a return to working class political power was to say the least, vague and inconclusive. The program emphasized the multi-form of property, and a market

oriented economy. Gorbys should be (and was) happy with that!

If the make up of the CPRF fraction in the Duma, as reported in Northstar Compass (No.5) is reflective of its Central Committee, there is little question about the nature of its "Ideological composition". It was said to be composed of sixty four business men, sixty six leaders of enterprises, and twenty seven industrial workers. It also stated that a leading member of the CC CPRF owns all the casinos in Moscow! With such people in control of the party and its decisions, there is little chance of it leading a move back to the re-establishment of working class power and social ownership of the means of production. Short of a complete change in its leadership and direction.

Presuming that to be the case, then the ever increasing strikes and demonstrations, led by the CPRF and trade unions, are not meant to destroy Yeltsins "New Order", but are simply the utilization of mass pressure enabling the middle strata to gain a commanding position in order to put it on a sound footing that would secure their advantageous position in society.

Essentially, as it is now, the CPRF is the political home for the greater part of that strata. Because of that, Zyuganov and the CPRF will never agree to be submerged in a broad Communist formation, unless it is based on their own agenda. That is why their membership in the Shenin led Union of Communist Parties-CPSU is conditional, and why the UCP-CPSU can not be transformed into an all inclusive Communist formation, as much as Shenin may want it to be.

WHAT ABOUT ANPILOV?

If the aims and outlook of the CPRF constitute a barrier

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to that unity, the same can be said of Anpilovs "Workers Russia-CPSU", and other like minded parties and groups, even though to a smaller degree and in a different way. But that difference is fundamental to a common understanding of the course of events, where they are leading, and their final outcome.

The CPRF puts its reliance on the existing economic state and institutional mechanisms to rebuild the economy and stabilize social conditions. It's references to socialism are very hazy and poorly defined, if at all. Working class power, and especially the dictatorship of the proletariat is an unmentionable in their book.

On the contrary, the emphasis of the Anpilov group is on scrapping that structure and building a new one, based on a return to a working class led state with exclusive social ownership of productive property.

We certainly can agree with Anpilov on the restoration of working class state power with its dictatorship of the proletariat, but where there may be a divergence of opinion, is over his simplistic notion of how that can be brought about.

There is nothing wrong with his proposal to involve the masses in building a country-wide network of enterprise, farm, and community councils (Soviets) with new leadership coming from their ranks, responsive and accountable to them, in preparation for a nationally coordinated action to take over state power. What (to my opinion) is open to question is a tendency to ignore or discount the existing complex political reality with its multiple and diverse working class parties and organizations, unable or unwilling to find a common ground.

Without a solid and comprehensive understanding among them, including the trade un-

ions and broad sections of the CPRF membership, any attempt to take over state power would be foredoomed to failure.

I feel that it is illusionary for Anpilov and his people to think a country-wide network of revolutionary council capable of overthrowing the present regime can be built solely by their own efforts and that of those they influence.

A parting word!

Who is to foretell what spontaneous action the working class people may take, if the Primakov government does not come through on the promises it made upon being installed, and the CPRF and trade union leadership fail to do anything about it?

COMMENT

We are certain that this analyses will provoke discussion and more questions to be asked. Although NSC published this excellent overview of the situation in former USSR, we have some different conclusions to comrade Berg.

In this regard we certainly welcome our Soviet comrades, both in the CPRF and Trudovaya Rossiya of Victor Anpilov to reply to this article. This certainly would benefit our readership, since it is a complex question and friends of Soviet people all over the world need to know all the facts.

We all agree that the leadership of the CPRF is not on the road of resurrection of the Soviet Union or socialism and therefore our timely slogan calling for UNITY is the only answer for the Soviets and for humanity.

That is why it is urgent that an International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People be set up as quickly and possible.

We hope that in the next issue of NSC we shall print some of the replies □

CLIPPINGS & MORE!

REMEMBER?

When Hitler attacked the Soviet Union in Second World War, after being goaded and supported by Western Imperialism, the Communist movement all over the world grew 10 fold!

Clinton and NATO genocide against Yugoslavia instead of dividing the Communist movement as it was before, has UNITED the forces condemning U.S. Imperialism!

U.S. and NATO should draw a quick lesson before it's too late!

WAS MONICA A RUSE?

After discussing this topic with a Second World War veteran, he made a very significant point. Since this veteran was in the officers core and saw action all through Europe, he made this observation:

"In order to plan secretly logistics, and placement, armaments assembly, ordinance and coordination amongst the U.S. allies in crime, this takes tremendous planning, time, secrecy and a diversion of public opinion.

Was Monica Lewinsky and the sex scandal just such a diversion for one year...while secretly planning Pentagon and CIA were busy all the pieces together?

UKRAINE IS NOW A RUBBISH BIN

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In the March issue of Northstar Compass I wrote about the need to resurrect the Soviet Union and reestablish its influence on the world as a whole. Recent events in the Balkans demonstrate once again how urgent the need really is. World events have shown that there is no other means of curbing the excesses of the globalized capitalist system led by the USA. Now way of stopping bloodshed and hunger that is being reeked on the world's population. Only the mighty USSR had the might and the political will to maintain some semblance of order and justice in world affairs. We here at Northstar Compass have been struggling with this and would like to recognize the efforts of our friends and readers across the world in this matter.

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