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APPEAL...

TO ALL FRIENDS OF SOVIET PEOPLE!

**TIME HAS ARRIVED TO FORM AN
"INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR FRIENDSHIP
AND SOLIDARITY WITH SOVIET PEOPLE"!**

Dear Comrades and Friends!

At the 5th NSC International Conference '98 held on February 21-22-23, 1998 in Toronto, Canada, the delegates representing Canada, USA, Cuba, Brazil, Germany, Great Britain and former Soviet Union unanimously supported the idea of electing an Organizing Committee which was entrusted with the task of promoting and organizing a Congress in 1999 in Europe, where an International Council would be elected to carry on the work of the Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People.

A decision was unanimously adopted that for the moment, Northstar Compass should serve as the organ of the Organizing Committee for an International Council until the First Congress shall take place in 1999 where the final decision shall be made as to the publication that will serve the needs of the International Council.

IS THERE A NEED FOR AN INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL NOW?

International Conference '98 certainly felt that the need is great. Why?

The birth of the Soviet Union marked the first time that the working class on this planet were able to take power for a prolonged period of time. The most significant aspect of the birth of the Soviet Union was that it served as a beacon of hope to the workers and oppressed peoples throughout the world and was, in reality, a MODEL for

all of mankind to follow. Socialism was no longer just a THEORY studied solely by idealists in ivory towers, hoping to make the world better. Now socialism was a living, growing political, socioeconomic system followed by millions in one country and a model followed closely by millions of others throughout the world.

Since the present temporary setback of the successful socialist experiment in the Soviet Union caused, first of all by Nikita Khrushchev after 1953 and ending it by Gorbachev's free market "perestroika", working people there have felt the full onslaught of capitalism. Imperialism has gained temporarily its objective.

This year marks the 80th Anniversary of the movement "Hands Off Russia Committees" that sprang into life at the time (1918-1920) in support of the heroic working class of Russia and their Bolshevik Party led by V.I. Lenin and, time has now come to reassess the past and examine where we stand today in this era of rampant, brutal and mindless pillaging of our world economy by monopoly capitalism's Transnational Corporations and the present capitalist class and rulers of former Soviet Union.

Across the former Soviet Union, people are dying of hunger, epidemics and wars, but Corporate America is rejoicing. Globally, USA Imperialism, Pentagon and CIA feel free to menace Cuba, North Korea, Yugoslavia and any other country on the map.

It is a known fact that the most effective weapon that capitalism-Imperialism uses is the concept of divide and rule. That is why the temporary collapse of the USSR has led to an upsurge in the revival of pogroms and ethnic genocide.

The former Soviet Union was the first state to create legislation against racism, anti-Semitism and national oppression and to institute equality between people of all nationalities.

Since 1917, world Imperialism have spent trillions of our

tax dollars to undermine and overthrow Socialism in the USSR, Eastern Europe, Africa, Asia and the Caribbean. Yeltsin is solely supported by IMF, World Bank, and other agencies, in spite of the massacre of Soviet patriots in October of 1993.

We all know that the unity of patriotic forces and the unity of Communist forces in former Soviet Union at this time unfortunately is not yet solidified and Yeltsin and his Western backers, plus internal enemies are doing everything possible to undermine, split, water down, form and reform these parties and movements.

The question of unity of the working class and its allies to struggle against the present regime is the only answer for the resurrection of the Soviet Union and Socialism.

We must stand in solidarity with the struggle to restore socialism and to defend the right of Soviet people to determine their own destiny, free from overt and covert U.S. intervention heading Western Imperialism through its agencies, one being NATO.

When the peoples of the world needed to help in fighting Imperialism, the Soviet Union was always there to help. Now that they are struggling to restore the USSR as a socialist state, it is IMPERATIVE on us to help them.

CONFERENCE '98 REAFFIRMED THE VALIDITY OF OUR PATH

The Conference reaffirmed that Northstar Compass journal is not an organ of any political party ... and it is not the venue for ideological debates or formations. Northstar Compass was started in order to bring some semblance of information from former USSR when other publications 6 years ago were either not informed or were enamoured with the "Perestroika-Glasnost" mirage being perpetuated by the turn-coat Gorbachev.

The Eastward thrust by NATO forces to the boundaries of Russia should awaken everyone as to the potential internal intervention as was done when 14 countries invaded the young Soviet State in 1918-1920. This is an omen of very great consequences that Friends of Soviet People must counter now!

It is hoped that all various Communist and Patriotic forces that are now struggling inside the former Soviet Union shall find the dedication to see the extreme danger that awaits them and the working class of the world if that elusive UNITY is not achieved soon.

Forces of division, emplaced and backed by world monopoly capitalism using the filthy canard of new anti-Communism, are bent on the new phase of their war to end forever Socialism and the resurrection of the USSR!

Until such time that the anti-Imperialist forces both

inside and outside the borders of former Soviet Union and other former Peoples Democracies of Eastern Europe find the formula to unite their efforts, we feel that the formation of the "International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People" as a United Front, has a very necessary and important role to play as did our parents and grandparents when they mobilized the people of many countries of the world through the formation of the "Hands Off Russia Committees".

This proposed INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL must grow on a world-wide scale, focusing on the trials and obstacles our Soviet comrades encounter each day. The participation of Soviet comrades, together with dedicated friends all over the world, could and must make the difference between victory or defeat for mankind.

HOW SHOULD THE MECHANICS OF THIS INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL WORK?

It is hoped that all friends of Soviet people, either in people's organizations, parties or movements, will give their support to this "International Council" by adopting this CALL and by electing or appointing their representative(s) to this "ORGANIZING COMMITTEE" and thus help in promoting, advising, and having interchange of ideas as to the formulation of the AIMS AND PURPOSES OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL and, at the same time, lend it their whole-hearted support both morally and financially to set the date and venue for calling all those representatives to gather at the FIRST CONGRESS where the INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL shall be elected and discussions take place for its future work and expansion.

Comrades from countries that will not be able to attend shall have equal voice in the decision making for an International Council. Means shall be found to keep everyone informed and their opinions taken into account and acted upon.

MAY WE SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING STEPS BE TAKEN?

1. We suggest that this APPEAL be discussed by your group, movement, committee or party in order to make suggestions or improvements to this CALL.

2. After your suggestions are received and the final CALL is formulated, then we ask as many organizations, parties, movements that support this call be informed and asked about their agreement to this CALL and whether their names can be used as one of the signatories for the upcoming Congress to elect an "International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People".

3. When this CALL shall go out to our mailing list, accompanying this CALL will be a letter from the Organizing committee asking them to elect/appoint a representative(s) to the Organizing Committee (which is only protem), thus keeping a constant interchange of ideas and suggestions flowing.

4. After regular contacts are established and correspondence is on regular basis, then the question of compiling an enlarged list of all those organizations, parties, movements that were not contacted shall be collected. These names should be sent by you to the above address where a Master List shall be compiled.

Northstar Compass (being the initiator) shall act as the publication of the Organizing Committee until the First Congress is held.

- Hoping to hear from you shortly,
Michael Lucas
Chairman

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AUDIO TAPES FROM MOSCOW "VOICE OF MOSCOW"

All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks have come out with a practical idea to get the message of socialism across to ever wider audience in former USSR, since the press, radio and TV are in the hands of the present bourgeois regime, thus eliminating the possibility of communist and socialist forces to be in the position of influencing large sections of the masses.

The newspapers that these parties publish are not in millions of copies, due to the cost factor and the state apparatus which makes certain that the cost of printing and newsprint is prohibitive.

Nina Andreeva, General Secretary of the AUCPB, has sent us 3 audio cassettes which explain in Russian the situation,

the history of USSR and the present situation; you hear the voice of J.V. Stalin on November 7th, 1941; greetings for 1997 from Nina Andreeva; also about the struggles in the working class plus revolutionary poetry, music of those years and a very uplifting commentary.

There are 3 audio-cassettes in Russian - one hour each.

For those that understand Russian, these are excellent materials that will uplift your spirits and give you an up-to-date news analysis of events taking place in Russia and other former republics.

We shall try and do an English commentary version, since these tapes are not only contemporary, but historical.

You can purchase the 3 tapes for \$30.00 from Northstar Compass

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

HAPPY 95TH BIRTHDAY DR.A.J.THUT



Our Honorary Chairman Dr.A.J.Thut was 95 years and we all wish him health, stamina(that he has plenty of) towards his work and his life-long struggle for socialism and the Soviet Union. His help to the Canada-USSR Association and the Canadian Friends of Soviet People since its inception is beyond words.

The tragedy of Dr. Thut and Mrs. Thut was losing their son in his late thirty's.

Rummaging through his archives, Dr.A.J.Thut came across a poem that was written by His son Dr.Henry Thut, dedicated to Dr.Thut on his 65th Birthday - "The Retirement Years"!

We wonder what his son would have written now that his father Dr. A.J. Thut has reached the 95th Birthday - a milestone in human life?

Again we wish Dr. A.J. Thut many more years of health and his eternal optimism for socialism and the resurrection of the Soviet Union.

Editorial Board of NSC

ON REACHING 65!

Oh, what joy! For that wonderful day has arrived!

That golden milestone in every man's life.

The time for retirement, travel and rest.

A hobby or two, just doing what one thinks best.

Oh, what joy! For that wonderful day has arrived!

But joy only lingers. Nor will remain elation.

When into my hand is thrust my old age pension.

Even my friends hint I must seek older Association.

For the lively youth is not in my generation.

Even death on far horizons

seems to shake my very foundation.

But am I an old outfit? No, I shall not submit!

Do I not yet turn to the pert, and enjoy the mini-skirt?

My children I enjoy, and strength for work do employ.

No, I am not an old outfit! I shall not submit!

Nevertheless. Of life's best! Should share! If god will permit.

With love from your son
Henry



FINANCIAL APPEAL!

Dear Comrades and Friends:

Enclosed is my donation of \$1,000.00 towards the Organizing Committee for an International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People, and for its publication of Northstar Compass.

My forever favourite saying is: "I PUT MY MONEY WHERE MY MOUTH IS!"

I CALL UPON 19 OTHER SUPPORTERS OF NORTHSTAR COMPASS TO FOLLOW MY EXAMPLE AND DONATE \$1,000, THUS HELPING US FULFILL 40% OF THE \$50,000 QUOTA, WHICH IS \$20,000!

My donation is in loving memory of a great man, the unforgettable Joseph North,

outstanding leader of the Communist Party of USA. It is also in honour of the great John Gilman of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA, cousin of Joseph North, who has courageously followed in his footsteps in the struggle for World Peace and Social Justice. He showed outstanding leadership on behalf of socialist Cuba, for a socialist America and a Socialist World!

MY FERVENT APPEAL:

"Resurrection of the former Soviet Union as a Socialist State".

"International solidarity and struggle against brutal capitalism and imperialism."

- Yours in Solidarity,

Lydia S. Karhu

Cosmopolis, Wa., USA

Dear Friends:

Enclosed is \$1,000.00 to keep Northstar Compass alive. This may be my last donation. Now that I'm over 100 years old, I might drop dead any time!

This is the best publication in the world today, because it is

trying to bring Socialism back to the once glorious Soviet Union.

I WILL SUPPORT NSC UNTIL MY LAST BREATH!

- Sincerely and Truly Yours,

Evan Mihalcean

Hope, Idaho, USA

We thank you Evan for this generosity and we wish you many more years of dedication and love for socialism and the Soviet Union. You joined the ranks of Lydia S. Karhu who calls upon others to "Put their money where their mouth is!"

May your example be followed by REALLY true friends of Socialism and the Soviet Union!

SPECIAL FOR NORTHSTAR COMPASS

U.S. REPORTS NOW STATES WHAT SOVIETS AND SERBS KNEW 50 YEARS AGO!

In a despatch by [AP] from Washington, USA, the despatch points out the following:

"Vatican was involved in helping leaders of the Nazi-backed regime in Croatia escape after World War II with plundered gold and other valuables from the victims, a U.S. report concluded on June 3, 1998."

"Pope Pius XII and his advisors helped run a pontifical college in Rome where war criminals took sanctuary."

"Stuart Eizenstat, U.S. undersecretary of state for economics, urged the Vatican now to search its records on Croatia's Ustasha regime, which may have escaped with at least \$80 million U.S. in gold."

"Vatican stated that they could not find any Nazi gold-related records."

"United States has long known about the Rome-Vatican pipeline for hiding Croatian leaders because U.S. Army intelligence used it to secretly shuttle former Nazi to South America, said this report, which relied on recently declassified U.S. documents."

"With immediate post-war concerns focusing on the Soviet Union, U.S. officials helped anti-Communist leaders, politicians and war criminals (like Klaus Barbie) to safety, despite their wartime records."

"Pope Pius XII was anti-Communist as well."

"Rabbi Abraham Cooper of the Simon Weisenthal Centre in Los Angeles, USA said that their request

to the Vatican to open up its Archives stated: 'We're not holding our breath!' He also noted that the Vatican only now, 500 years later, opened up its documents on the Inquisition."

"U.S. State department now admits that Vatican gave refuge to Ante Pavelic and other Ustasha leaders after knowing that they had butchered over 700,000 people in Nazi-style death camps."

"Citing U.S. and British intelligence documents, the report stated that the Vatican issued false identity cards to the fugitive Ustasha members. Also, this gold was given to the British authorities."

"Sweden supplied Germany with iron ore and ball bearings, while Spain and Portugal supplied Hitler with tungsten used to produce weapon-grade steel to make armour. Turkey provided chromite.

Argentina also was engaged together with Nazis in supplying them materials."

COMMENT:

It is strange and sad that there are still people who believe that the Church in many countries was neutral in this terrible carnage that killed over 50,000,000 people during the Second World War! It is also devastating that these facts should be hidden for 50 years by the USA itself, which was an Ally of the Soviet Union and other countries fighting fascism.

We feel that these facts, although known to progressive mankind and eye-witnesses to this carnage, are being released now only because U.S. has no worries that the USSR or other former Socialist countries will ask embarrassing questions in the now-controlled United Nations! So ... let the

Croatian Catholic Bishop greeting warmly the German fascists when they occupied Yugoslavia



facts come out! Maybe in the next 500 years, the Vatican shall release its Archives as they did now after 500 years since the terrible Inquisition by the Roman Catholic Church!

What about the other criminals-fascists that USA, Britain, France and other so-called Allies of USSR during the war that they spirited off to safety from the people's wrath? Why not admit these horrific facts? Or are there still Second World War veterans left alive that might raise a hue and cry as to why they fought and died, while these

butchers are handled with kid gloves and no matter how much the victims demand their trial and punishment, it seems that the so-called laws of "democracy" are so slow that these cases shall never come to trial or sentencing.

Let us remind our readers again, that the total genocide-holocaust, or whatever name is used to describe the terrible tragedy that was the result of the Second World War, which in itself was perpetrated, promoted and organized by Western Imperialist countries ... that out of the total FIFTY MILLION killed, the

Croatian Ustasha mutilating the body of a partisan they captured. Photo from official Archives.



Soviet Union itself lost over TWENTY FOUR MILLION OF ITS PEOPLE to criminals such as were and are even now hidden either by Vatican or other so-called democracies! □

THE RIGHT RAMPANT OR QUIET BEFORE THE STORM?

By Dr. Vera Butler

The enlargement of NATO comes at a time when a Europe plagued by persistent economic downturn and growing unemployment experiences a resurgence of the political right. However, it was the unexpected electoral win by the German People's Party (DVP) in Saxony-Anhalt of nearly 13 percent of the vote which conjured the spectre of a renascent right-wing extremism. How real are these fears?

An overview of recent electoral results in a number of European countries suggests a trend, rather than a *fait accompli*. The French elections of May 1997 did not confirm dire predictions that Le Pen's troops would command 15 percent of votes, and neither did Austria's Haider do better than give the Social Democrats a fright. Yet in Poland, Solidarity emerged as the biggest single party in the *sejm* in the September 1997 elections, defeating the ruling Democratic Left Alliance (SLD). Shortly after, in December, neighbouring Lithuania elected an anti-communist emigre, Valdas Adamkus, to the presidency. Adamkus, who had returned from the United States only a year earlier, beat his neo-communist rival Arturas Paulauskas by the narrowest of margins - 49.87 to 49.31 percent of

votes cast.

The recent elections in Hungary confirm the trend. The centre-right Fidesz-MPP, led by 34-year old Victor Orban, defeated the incumbent centre-left of Gyula Horn, mirroring the Polish shift to the right. In addition, however, the extremist Hungarian Truth and Life Party of Istvan Czurka gained 14 seats in the 386 member parliament; its Nazi style salutes, mass rallies, and ethno-chauvinism are the ingredients of coming conflicts with neighbouring Romania, Slovakia, and Ukraine over territorial claims, raising fears of 'ethnic cleansing' on the Yugoslav model. Hungary's turn to the right recalls the country's fascist legacy; memories of terrorism against Jews and the left by Arrow Cross stormtroopers, and last - but not least - participation in the Nazi war machine.

The shift to the right in German politics is bound to have far-reaching repercussions for the Central European *status quo*. As small-townish and westward-looking Bonn makes place to Berlin as the new capital of a reunited Germany, the question of the post-war border with Poland along the Oder-Neisse line, imposed and enforced by the Soviet Union, may well be reopened. There is renewed pressure by Sudeten Germans that support for the Czech Republic's admission to the European Union ought to become contingent on the settlement of claims for compensation and/or restitution of property, left behind when they were expelled at war's end. Amidst the euphoria of reunification, it was overlooked that the Prussian tradition had, once again, become part of Germany.

Trends are not irreversible, but they are warning signs which cannot be ignored. The experience of the 1920s and 1930s suggests that the drift into depression must be halted.

WAR DANGER BY NATO

A glance at the map below and the number of submarines with missiles; airfields with fighters and bombers equipped with nuclear warheads; time it would take to reach the targets in the former Soviet Union; the countries that are members of NATO; those that are being accepted now; future NATO members; should give you an idea as to where the NATO SPEARHEAD IS AIMED AT!

The so-called "neutral countries" in many instances are not neutral at all. They are infiltrated by CIA operatives plus "Advisors" with one aim in mind: In case there will be an uprising in the former USSR or in the other former socialist countries, all the might of NATO and Imperialism will be thrown in to quell and suppress by blood the will of the people.

Let the people ask themselves just one question: "IF THE SOVIET UNION (RUSSIA) POSES NO THREAT ANY LONGER, THEN WHY IS ALL THIS NUCLEAR MIGHT AIMED AT THE HEART OF THE BIGGEST SLAVIC NATION?"



NEWS DIGEST COMMENT

'DIVINE HEAVENLY HELP' WILL NOT HELP YELTSIN!

News emanating from Russia via all news agencies and by Olivia Ward, European Bureau of the Toronto Star newspaper, are full of facts, figures and woes about the "MELT DOWN IN RUSSIA"!

Yeltsin are for public relations only.

Russia must become a cheap labour source; it also must not produce any industrial or agricultural output that would compete with the West in other words, Russia must become a country wholly dependent on Imperialism and that means that the situation is going to get much worse for the people.

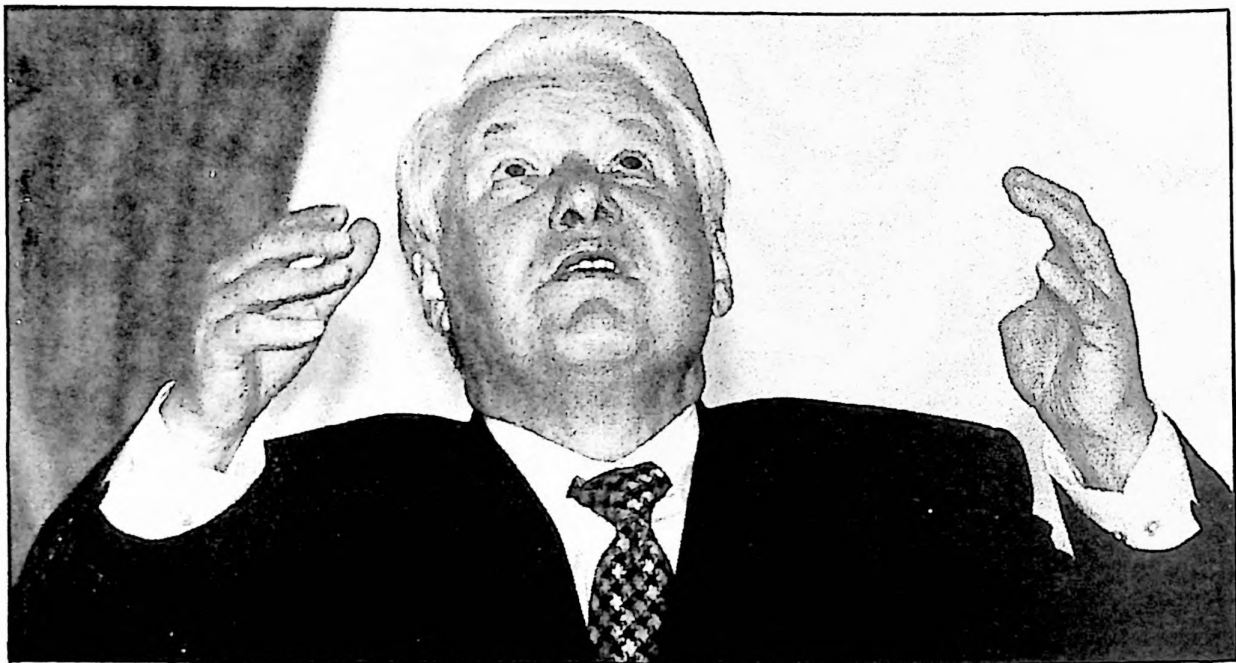
Capitalism is in a crisis, in spite of high level public relations schemes. Asian monetary crisis, Third World countries' debt, unemployment ... all these ills are part and parcel of the attempt by Imperialism to knock down Russia as a possible competitor on the world scale.

Besides, the rivalry between the

publish the truth and see through the smokescreen of the present mafia-infested regime of Yeltsin and company – BUT – what is stopping the anti-Yeltsin forces from uniting?

So much is being written, rewritten, analyzed, proposed and acted upon in former USSR about WHAT IS WRONG, WHAT WENT WRONG, WHAT ARE THE SOLUTIONS AND WHAT QUICK REMEDY IS NEEDED that it is becoming unhealthy, unproductive, time-consuming and very regressive to the point that it sometimes is meaningless!

Our Soviet comrades should realize that their UNITY in the struggle against the present regime is also helping the progressive forces of



We have always reported that no matter how much reshuffling of the government of Russia or of other former Soviet republics, the answer is still the same: CAPITALISM IS IN A CRISIS THERE!

World Bank, International Monetary Fund and Multinational Corporations are NOT INTERESTED in making Russia viable, strong or financially sound. The promises of G-7, the publicity, hand shaking and smiles by G-7 and the puppet

capitalist states is heating up and shall come to a boiling point sooner than later!

The following quote of a foreign businessman in Moscow states it in a few words: "I'm getting out as quickly as I can. It isn't that there's civil war coming, but you know how things are here – ugliness is always below the surface waiting to happen!"

What is ironic is that capitalist journalists and commentators, in spite of themselves sometimes

the world in their struggles against our common enemy.

We know that some readers might criticize NSC for this, but the time is getting very critical since the West and its USA 'sugar-daddy' are planning a coup with General Lebed waiting for his cue to enter as a Dictator and fascism! Signs are there! □

U.S. USED NERVE GAS IN VIETNAM!

"According to Time Magazine and CNN joint report, U.S. used military nerve gas on a mission to kill Americans who defected.

This genocide was called "Operation Trailwind" and was approved by President Nixon and the CIA. This was confirmed by the retired admiral Thomas Moorer, the Vietnam-era chief of naval operations and Joint Chief of Staff chairman.

This report which took over 8 months to prepare and it interviewed over 200 people, most of them witnesses from the military.

Richard Nixon (former president) pledged a "no first use" of nerve gas, but he liked to call his use of it as only a "knockout gas".

This criminal act was performed by the elite small group, called Studies and Observation Group (SOG)".

COMMENT:

Stories are being unravelled one by one of the terrible fascist-like policy of U.S. Imperialism, not only towards the Vietnamese patriots, but towards their own people.

Again the question begs to be asked: Where is the United Nations Organization? This exposed genocide was against all the treaties signed by USA; it's against humanity, against all manner of human behaviour! Why does not the U.N. condemn this action and take steps to try and sentence these war criminals?

U.S. is involved in telling other nations what to do while itself is practising genocide and a real holocaust! Oh yes, where are the "human rights groups" that go all over the world, well funded, well promoted, but they always seem to miss the opportunity to call and condemn this U.S. action of "democratic genocide!"

But hold on! There is something missing here! The Time Magazine and CNN news service overlooked (or purposely omitted) a cardinal question. According to this story, this nerve gas was used only against American "deserters" as it was dropped from U.S. war planes. Gosh - we never knew that this nerve gas bombs were so sensitive that while dropping them from the sky, they were able to pick out only American "deserters" as opposed to Vietnamese soldiers, civilians, mothers and children!

Whom do these media hacks think that they're fooling?

TRUTH ALWAYS COMES OUT! □

CAPITALISM IN CRISIS

Newspapers, radio, TV and stock markets in the capitalist world are frantic because the DOLLAR CRISIS. The dollar plunges to a NEW LOW! There is turmoil, some suicides by investors; manipulation by governments desperately trying to shore up the sinking ship

Headlines such as "Markets swoon around the world", "Dollar plunges to the lowest yet", "Commodity prices to rise", "Everyone tries to blame someone else" etc.etc. It seems

that panic is seizing the moguls because of the collapse of the Japanese yen.

Behind all this uncertainty is the dirty, bloody and unclean hands of USA Imperialism trying desperately to save its own skin by manipulation of the money markets. Let us not fool ourselves that the USA cares about its "democratic partners" of the G-7 or other alliances. It's a dog-eat-dog that drives capitalism on and no matter how many variants they try to remodel; fix up; rejuvenate; refurbish or remake over - capitalism has inherited in its own laws to eventually crumble, because CAPITALISM NOW CANNOT SOLVE ITS PROBLEMS!

If you don't believe this, just read Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin...their answers are clear, pure and logical! □

COULD A CROATIAN BE A WAR CRIMINAL?

In a news release by the Toronto Star newspaper's wire services the item read this way:

"Canadian government will extradite a former concentration camp commander Dinko Sakic for war crimes. Sakic, now 76 was commander of Stara Gradiska concentration camp and deputy commander of Janenovac camp, set up by Croatia's 1941-45 Nazi backed Ustasha regime which persecuted and killed thousands of Serbs, Jews, Gypsies and anti fascists (communists-Editor)".

COMMENT:

Oh yes, Canada is so

"outraged" and concerned to catch all the Second World War criminals that it took them over 50 years to finally put the finger on this well-healed Croatian who was touted as "model" Canadian citizen.

How many thousands of these butchers of humanity are still considered and recognized as good "God fearing Christians" in Canada, USA, South America, Germany and other so-called "democracies"?

We are led to believe that the present Western set-up Croatia, which is dominated by a reactionary nationalistic regime of the same butchers as Sakic - will try him for his war crimes? Whom are we kidding? This was just a gesture by the Canadian government, keeping in mind that the general elections in Canada are coming up soon.

PLEASE SPARE US THIS DEMAGOGY!

NATO – THE NEW “THIRD REICH”!

More and more, as events unfold, NATO which is, in actual fact, nothing but AMERICAN IMPERIALISM on a rampage, is again desperately trying to gain support to bombard Yugoslavia (Serbia) into oblivion!

No matter if Yeltsin meets Slobodan Milosevic, President of Yugoslavia ten or twenty times, the problem shall not be solved, since Yeltsin (for all of his bravado about "our Slavic brothers") will do all in his power to fulfill NATO's demands to get Russia at least to not utilize its Veto in the UN.

Can you just imagine what would happen if the shoe was on the other foot? USA, the most powerful, greedy and world bully, has a policy and an aim that made Hitler look like a Sunday School Teacher by comparison!

What right has the USA, NATO and its servant, the United Nations Organization to clearly demand that any country that has a different policy, attitude, interests, shall succumb to Yankee Imperialism, just because it's the USA?

Even the bourgeois newspapers wrote about the question of Kosovo and Albania which has ambitions of its own to enlarge its territory at the expense of their neighbours.

In the newspaper Globe and Mail, Canada, there was on the spot written article by 2 correspondents of the London Observer in Albania.

Here are just some excerpts from this revealing article as to the "poor Albanians" unarmed, suffering, innocent bystanders in this tragedy!

"Only 10 kilometres from

Kosovo, Albanians are busy and doing a brisk trade in arms. It's a stock exchange of weapons. You can get machine guns, assault rifles, mortars, cannon, sniper rifles, ammunition in this open-air bazaar.

More than one million weapons are there to be had, even rocket propelled guns and anti-aircraft missiles. The Albanian authorities promote this, supply the required armaments. Every Albanian has at least 30 weapons at home.

The so-called "Albanian Liberation Army" trained, equipped, promoted and given cover by NATO and US Imperialism, keeps these open-air markets flourishing and other nationality soldiers-of-fortune are there to train, direct and help these bandits.

Muslim fundamentalists are there to help also from Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Iran and Bosnia, besides Germany. The guerillas describe their fight as a "Holy War", having nothing to do with discrimination against Albanians by Serbs.

NATO military exercises in the Balkans

More than 80 warplanes from 13 nations conducted a massive show of air strength over Albania and Macedonia yesterday, coming within 20 km of Yugoslavia's border. Six Canadian CF-18s are en route to Aviano, Italy and will join the NATO operation later this week.

Based in Aviano:

United States: F-16 fighters, KC-135 tankers and EA-6B airborne early warning planes
Spain: EF-18 fighters

Based in Villafranca:

The Netherlands: F-16 fighters and DC-10 tanker flying from Eindhoven
Belgium: F-16 fighters

Based in Gioia del Colle:

U.K.: Jaguars from No 6 Squadron

Based in Sigonella:

E-3A Airborne Early Warning Aircraft

Based in the Adriatic:

U.S. assault ship
WASP: Marine
AV-8 Harriers



Sources: Associated Press, Jane's Information Services

Sali Berisha, the first post-Communist president, is hell bent on promoting the conflict in Kosovo and using this as his venue for a political come-back, even if it effects southeastern Europe, including Greece and Turkey, into a conflagration that would make war in Bosnia seem tame."

IS THERE A NEED TO SAY ANYTHING MORE?

CORRECTION NOTICE

We apologize for the following erroneous information published on page 6-7 of the January issue of Northstar Compass. We mistakenly included the masthead of the "KMU Correspondence" in the list of the "Communist, Workers Parties." We compounded the error on the list facing page by coupling "Kilsing Mayo Uno" with "Communist Party of the Philippines." Norma G. Binas, International Secretary KMU, pointed out the following: "The Kilsing Mayo Uno (KMU) of the May First Movement is a Labour Centre in the Philippines which advances the militant and anti-imperialist unionism. It is not the Communist Party of the Philippines, and it is not a communist workers party. Our publication the KMU Correspondence is not the publication of the CPP. CPP has its own publication."

We apologize for this error and hope that the reactionaries on the Philippines and the West are not able to use this mistake as an excuse for their repression of the vital democratic union movement of thew KMU.

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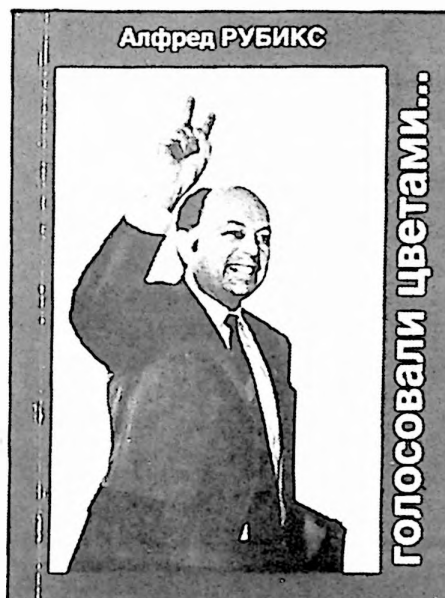
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BOOK REVIEWS

THEY VOTED WITH FLOWERS

By: Alfred Rubiks

"This book was written while he was in jail, put there by the present Latvian bourgeois regime. Its author was the former member of the Politbureau of CC CPSU, and First Secretary of CPSU in the Latvian Republic. He was sentenced in August 1991 for the alleged attempt to take over the government. The facts about this situation are explained in this book.



The readers shall find out how this jailed political prisoner was nominated to run for President of Latvia in spring of 1996 and how he participated in this election from his jail cell. You, as a reader, shall be surprised as to how this patriot did not succumb or give up his belief in social righteousness and the rights of man ..."

COMMENT:

No doubt Alfred Rubiks suffered as a Communist and being jailed for years did not break his dedication – or spirits: humanity shall always remember its heroes.

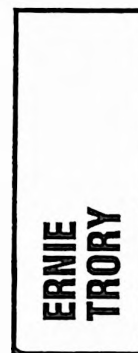
What seems unclear to the Editorial Board of NSC is the fact that after being let out of jail, Rubiks somehow made a statement after meeting with Gennady Zyuganov of the CPRF which totally contradict his previous stand ... if we are to believe Victor Anpilov when he wrote about this question in the newspaper "Molniya" which NSC published i a previous issue.

It would be good for our readers to get a factual reply from Rubiks as to his present stance and attitude to the road he foresees for Russia and the USSR, for Socialism and the future! □

PEACE AND THE COLD WAR (Part Two)

THE CRUCIAL YEARS: 1952-1960

"What was significant about 1952? It was the year scheduled for the nuclear attack on the Soviet Union by the USA and its allies." These are the opening sentences of the first chapter of this amazing book. Do you think the idea far-fetched? When you have finished reading the evidence in this chapter, you will be more than satisfied that we escaped



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Marshall Plan in the break-down of Soviet-Yugoslav relations?; what really happened at the 20th Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union?; in the Suez War and in Hungary in 1956?; and in all the other events that took place up to the end of 1960? If you really want to know, and maybe do something about it, you will need the information contained in this book.

It has taken the author nearly two years to research and write this book. Unless you are aware of the facts and figures he has unearthed, many of which have been concealed from you by the 30-year rule regarding the release of Cabinet papers, you cannot be expected to understand what is going on in the world today. When you have read this book, you will also be aware of the role of New Labour in the present situation and understand why we cannot expect any exciting changes under their government. The emancipation of the working class remains the task of the workers alone.

PEACE AND THE COLD WAR (Part Two) runs to 288 pages – the same length as Part One and we propose to sell it at the same price: £9.50 including postage and packing. □

SALT & PEPPER ON WRY

By: Frank Ray Davis

SHARE THE WEALTH: An AIDS organization picketed the White House with signs that said, among other things, "Clinton, Keep Your Promises". Hopefully, the AIDS protesters did not just throw their signs away. Dozens of other groups can use them.

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TRASH-MAN PRESTIGE RISES: You've heard expressions like "Here, jobs range all the way from garbage pickers to bank presidents". With banks briskly laundering money for dope peddlers, one must ask, "Just how great is the gulf between bankers and garbage?"

Yet, bankers want taxpayers to pay bank-guards' wages – just 'cause banks perform such valuable public service. With service like cleaning up on filthy money, who could ever need dis-service?

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BILLIONAIRES' BABY BOOED: Let's take a peek at Neo-Liberalism (Imperialist Capitalism) through the eyes of a well-known Mexican psychologist: "Economic/political Neo-Liberalism has generated an enormous social disequilibrium that expresses itself in extreme poverty, a dangerous delinquency, family violence, suicides, and generalized social sickness. Our fellow citizens show worry, depression, discouragement, anger, confusion, anxiety, and desperation that put their lives in serious danger." – Arturo Santiago Guerrero.

So, just who needs Neo-Liberalism? Ask your friendly local billionaire.

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PROGRESS IS NOT PAINLESS: The USA, where abortion is in disgrace, has developed a new type of population control. It consists of addicting youngsters to kill-kill television, then putting automatic weapons in their hands.

Pro-Life's approval of this new type of population control is still pending.

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DOUBLE-TALK TO NOWHERE: The president of the Bank for International Development sagely observes that the situation in Indonesia has risen from a simple problem in economics to a political

problem of a highly complex nature.

So, what's so complex about giving a dictator/crook the boot? □

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“DEMOCRACY AND TOTALITARIANISM”

In the counter-revolutionary changes in the USSR and other countries that were building socialism, the last elections in the Ukraine again confirmed the correctness of the thoughts of V.I. Lenin regarding socialist and bourgeois democracy. All the former and present lies and propaganda about this “democracy” begs the answer as to the actual difference between the two. Dialectical analyses and logic, points to one or the other conclusion. Bourgeois ideology, in order to hide its real meaning, uses only formal logic. These “ideologues” are putting on the same level the Soviet state and its democracy and counterposing it to fascist Germany, “communism” and “fascism”. They point out that in Germany and in the USSR there was only one party in power. Thus this kind of system is called “totalitarian” and is opposed to “democracy”, which embellishes itself with many political parties, elections, changes of parties and their government with another party and government, “rights of man”, “pluralism” in the countless newspaper and media.

Where are the lies in this presentation? Lenin taught that every question is based on the question of the classes, making this fact known to the people. Only a simple question needs to be asked: Which class is in power in the country? In whose interests is the political system geared to? To which class does the means of production belong to? — then the answer becomes very clear. Marx, Engels, Lenin wrote volumes on this question. The class

which rules in the economy, to which belongs the means of production, shall utilize all mass production means, shall grab all power politically in order to rule. Capitalism utilizes all forms of rule, fascist rule, and “democratic” rule, but having one thing in common — it’s the dictatorship of the financial oligarchy. The role of the government that is led by the Communist Party is to guarantee the rule of the working class, and that is why the composition of the Communist Party in its majority should be composed of the working class — workers, farmers and peoples intelligentsia — thus they shall guarantee that the interests of the workers are looked after and defended.

The meaning of the word “democracy” and “people’s rule” is synonymous. Most countries or peoples are composed of over 95% workers. That is why only workers rule can be classified as democratic! That is why V.I. Lenin always stated that the Dictatorship of the Proletariat is the highest form of democracy, as people’s rule!

I, as a teacher by profession, saw with my own eyes how the party organized around our school, the building of all necessary components utilizing all workers, teachers together to build what is and what was needed by our school, district, region — and it was done.

Because of the imperialistic encirclement and constant danger of war, we could not have built and manufactured everything that was needed or that we could have accomplished.

We are always asked and derided as to why did we only have one candidate in the elections — there was no choice! But these elements fail to tell the people that each candidate was discussed by the trade union organizations and workers councils. Those that were nominated as candidates to Parliament were worthy candidates, having procured the majority of votes at countless meetings, believed in by their peers and workmates who grilled all candidates and elected the best and the most honest and dedicated ones. I do not see the necessity of many parties and many candidates. This process is just demagoguery, to struggle for power in one’s personal interests thus giving the opportunity for anti-peoples candidates through demagoguery, vote buying influence ... and we see this now in front of our eyes and the consequent results.

Interests of the one party system is

saved only until such time that the communist party is the party of the workers. History now gave us a bitter lesson. Under the weight of bureaucracy, when the top leadership of the party is out of the control of the working class, of the majority of party members, it then becomes a closed knit “nomenklatura” system and loses contact with the masses ... thus giving credence to personal rule. That is why socialist democracy is only possible when there is internal party democracy, struggle against “personal leadership”, basing itself on the masses, which are united around the Soviet of Deputies, organized in the shop levels.

Is it possible to have “people’s rule” when capitalism rules the country? This is shown by the “Independent” Ukraine where the workers have the choice to elect this or that person who represents the capitalist class or the capitalist oriented party. The opportunity to elect a genuine representative of the working class or the left parties is at a minimum. The last results of the elections in Lugansk Ukraine should serve as an example. For the third time the rich capitalist industrialist Kolomoitsev in Lugansk was elected plus Borzykh. Kolomoitsev was a consultant to president Kuchma, rabid “reformist” anti-communist. Borzykh, formally a Director of a “State Farm”, but in actuality the owner of this “state farm”, member of the parliamentary group “Reform”, voted for all anti-people laws in parliament. And only one Communist — secretary of the City Committee of the Communist Party of Ukraine — F. Maramazin was able to win from the Lugansk district.

How was it possible that the workers voted for this their own class enemy, responsible for their present plight? Well here

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.

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is the "democracy" which raises its ugly head. Before the actual elections, the state paid out the unpaid wages, gave money to where they felt would produce the best publicity propaganda. According to one member of RUKH (an organization not known for sympathy towards communists) it cost \$3 million dollars to be able to be elected to the Parliament of the Ukraine on average. This money buys constant: TV ads, radio, press, posters, leaflets, parties. These "candidates", sometimes for 1 or 2 hours, were on TV telling all sorts of lies about their deeds for the people, etc., etc. Wherever a person turned you could not get away from this constant barrage.

But there was another secret weapon that these candidates used. This owner of the "State Farm" was sending into the cities gallons of milk, selling it at 35 kopeks, but not at 50 kopeks as other farms were doing. He told people that this is how he cares about the misery of the people, plus giving free milk to needy children.

Unfortunately the people voted for this "good Samaritan" not understanding that this same "benefactor" voted for all anti-people laws that are being enacted on behalf of the transnational corporations and the International Monetary Fund. His main propaganda was against the pensioners, who always voted for the Communist candidates. He opened up a special store only for pensioners, veterans, where he sold goods during the election time for very low prices. He also published his own newspaper called the "Veteran" which were given out free, plus medicines for older people. On every holiday, he gave a bottle of "brandy", "chocolates" to veterans. He also sent 300 pensioners to a Sanatorium (but it was found out that the money came from the top echelons of the government), with a special convoy which was headed by scores of priests, leading a procession, like sheep to slaughter ... all this was constantly on TV day and night.

Of course he won the elections for the third time!

These "candidates" are supported by both internal and external enemies. Such "candidates" all over the Ukraine are needed by the present regime in order to hide the underlying sell-out that is going on. These elements, getting in under such circumstances, are now in the majority in Parliament and thus the IMF and Kuchma can rely on them to vote for its policies, for NATO, etc., etc.

Against them were running a Socialist and a Communist, no finances and no unity, thus they split the votes and the reactionary nationalists got in!

Other methods of running candidates supported by the present regime is to have these candidates run as "independents" thus trying and sometimes succeeding in fooling the voters that they are anti-republican "candidates". Here are some figures that will show you that people are beginning to see through all this fog of lies. In Lugansk district, the candidates of the CPU received 46% of the votes while the bloc of Socialists and Village parties received 50% of the votes! The Party of Kuchma received only 2.8%. Nationalists and RUKH and others did not receive even 1%. In Western Ukraine, the hotbed of Ukrainian nationalism, the Communists were not able to reach any significant percentage of votes. Because of the lack of finances for leaflets, newspapers, radio or TV ads, plus the blackout imposed by Kuchma authorities, it is no wonder that the results were so low.

Even though overall the Communists did gain in seats, everything remains the same. The capitalist system is intact. This is guaranteed by the present Constitution, which is only possible to change by the President himself ... parliament is impotent to change anything.

What kind of "democracy" is this when the voice of the President has the sole right and not the Parliament? This means that Kuchma alone has more rights than the 400 members of the Ukrainian Parliament! President Kuchma (as does President Yeltsin) has the right to disband parliament if the Communists should win a majority of deputies in the Parliament. Where lies and money do not buy votes, there is always the dictatorship of the president and the army, militia and the courts!

Another example which I'm certain the world does not know is the fact that the leader of the Progressive Socialist Party of Ukraine — N. Vitrenko who was elected had her mandate as Deputy revoked because she dared criticize President Kuchma in pre-election meetings. The reason given by the judge in handing her this sentence was that "she influenced the

electorate ..."! Also another example of "democracy" in action — the Editor of the newspaper "Soviet Luganshina", a Communist newspaper, was severely beaten up. V. Steletskij had to be hospitalized. The Chairman of the Election Commission of the City of Popasnaya threw himself out of a window and left a note saying: "I know what's going on now in the elections." The head of Lugansk District Committee of the government was fired from his post because the Governmental party received only 2.8% of the votes.

The lesson is clear: You cannot by "parliamentary", "constitutional" methods change the bourgeois system. This is guaranteed by the adopted Constitution which unfortunately even some "communists" voted for. The only method is to organize all the people for revolutionary activity and struggle, utilizing all forms of struggle and tested in battles of history.

Bourgeois "democracy" is masked always but it is "totalitarian" — dictatorship of mighty Capital! □

**From Newspaper:
"YEDINSTVO-UNITY"
Orel, Russia**

**AN OPEN LETTER TO
PRESIDENT YELTSIN**

**IT'S SHAMEFUL TO
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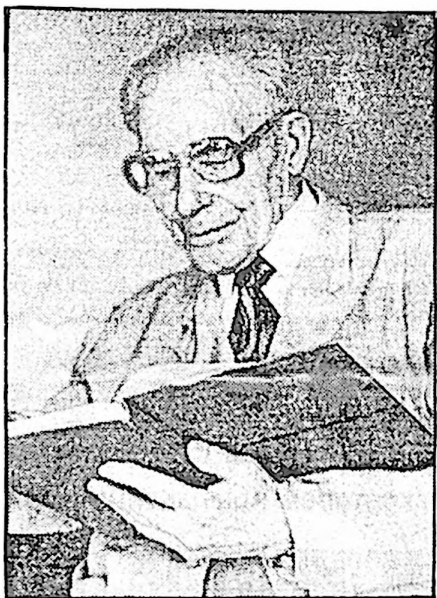
Boris Nikolaievich!

As a Scientist, Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Hero of Labour, twice Laureate, Cavalier with 6 Medals of Lenin, I find it most disconcerting, having had two heart attacks to have read in the newspapers that I was awarded the Medal for "Personal Dedication to

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the Russian Federation in the Realm of Science" – on the order of the President and the names of other scientists – I was to be awarded with this Medal and remuneration.

You mentioned that a group of Russian Scientists have requested that I be so honoured. I would like to know who these "friendly scientists" are that have suggested to you that this be done. I certainly would not like to be together or side by side with Academician D.S. Likhavich who urged you in October of 1993 to shoot the Peoples' Deputies at the



Russian Parliament building!

I worked in Siberia for over 40 years and headed the Scientific Institute in Siberia named "50th Anniversary of USSR". The book just published clearly shows that my colleagues and I have dedicated our lives to develop the oil and gas industry in Siberia for the benefit of the whole Soviet Union.

It is interesting for me that you did not deem it necessary to award me this honour from 1988 to 1997 since I was your antagonist, as a result of your policies to dismember the USSR by your detrimental chaotic reforms. You might state that this Award is for all the years (65 in total) that I worked for the Motherland! But no!

I am proud that after I finished university in 1933, I was involved in building socialism and developing its gas and oil potential. In Bashkiria, during 1943, my colleagues and I discovered large gas and oil reserves that we developed in order that our Red Army would have the means to defend our country. For these efforts, I was awarded the Hero of Socialist Labour in 1944.

From 1944 to 1981, I received 6 Medals of Lenin, October Revolution, and I was proud that the Soviet government and the party rewarded me for my humble work on behalf of our Motherland.

But the perestroika period and your leadership is another matter!

Let me give you just two examples as to what your government is doing with our natural resources.

On the territory of Sakhalin, we produced over 3 million tonnes of oil per year. This was just the beginning of the potential development of this vital resource. We discovered in 1980's there is a reserve of over 400 million cubic metres of oil and gas, but you invited monopolies from USA and Japan to come in. They were asked to invest and these monopolies shall get 90% of the produced oil and gas for their minimum investment in American dollars. This was an outrageous document that was signed by you and Mr. Chernomyrdin, together with the Vice President of USA!

But, these investors are not anxious to develop this potential, since they are awaiting better times for prices. They're banking on coal prices going down and reserves drying up slowly. Maximum profit is their game. There are enough of oil reserves that they could satisfy the whole of Siberian region plus enough to export to the Far East countries. This is being

blocked by our so-called "friends" – the investors, and Russia is just getting left overs from our own natural resources.

The second item concerns this same Mr. Chernomyrdin who has sold off close to 60% of our potential. The results are that the production for home consumption is drastically lowered in order to just export these resources at cheap prices, just to get American dollars.

"Gazprom" has such a monopoly that is still wielded by Chernomyrdin, that it is stronger than your government!

You are also selling off Soviet land to foreign owners, where there are still graves of the millions of Soviet Red Army soldiers – who defended our Motherland. You are promoting a policy of having even those veterans that are still living to die from malnutrition and lack of health care ... and not only of the veterans who are being clearly pushed towards death, but of all Russian people.

You are giving the land not to those who work on it, but to foreign and domestic exploiters, to those who are bent on making the Russian people slaves, to bring our land where there is exploitation and slave labour for workers, farmers, scientific, cultural and artistic workers.

I feel it is SHAMEFUL for me to accept this Medal from your hands because I feel that I did not succeed to convince you and your friend Chernomyrdin, who allowed the International Monetary Fund to stop the further development of science, education and culture for our Soviet People!

Therefore, I refuse this award!

– A. Trofimyuk

Academician of

Russian Academy of Sciences □

VICTOR
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From Newspaper:
"MOLNIYA"
Moscow

APPEAL

from the Temporary Central
Committee Communist Party
of the Soviet Union to all
Soviet Communists, to all
Communist Parties, unions
and association of
Communists, that are
now existing on the
territory of USSR



Comrade Communists!

The class struggle is upon us. Revolutionary situation is on the door step now. For the organization of a political strike and victory over the might of reaction lacks one thing: unifying force and organizational skills of communists, and the need for organizing the workers. All present Communist parties have shown themselves to be at the tail end of the demands and strikes of the workers. This is because of the allowed and practiced method of setting up Republic individual communist parties which in itself made possible the dismemberment of the USSR, while the establishment

of the Union of Communist Parties – CPSU did nothing but just mask this process. The ambitions of many leaders and general secretaries have become a detriment to the wishes of Soviet people for unity, and the resurrection of the USSR.

Today from us, Soviet communists, the future of our Motherland depends: either we unite into one party, a revolutionary part of the proletariat, able to organize mass demonstrations and strikes against the temporary occupying regimes, return to the working class what they won with the 1917 revolution and socialism, or all of the Imperialist might shall drown the dispersed and not unified parties of the working class.

On November 1, 1997 in Moscow, delegates of party organizations from Ukraine, Byelorussia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Uzbekistan, Moldavia and 45 regions of Russia held the first step of unifying Soviet Communists. This Convention adopted a Declaration about the rejuvenation and resurrection of the party of Lenin-Stalin – the Communist Party of Soviet Union.

The political and ideological foundation of this unity – revolutionary teachings of Marx-Engels-Lenin and Stalin – the teachings and the necessity of the dictatorship of the proletariat. All those who oppose the theories of "class co-operation" or "different means of ownership of production", should stand under the flag of the resurrection of the CPSU. For us, as never before, are the actual words of V.I. Lenin, that "the defeat of the bourgeois is just the making of the proletariat as the ruling class, capable to fend off attacks of the bourgeois and to organize the new economy for the working class and the exploited classes".

The organizational foundation – democratic centralism. We need one party, one program, one Central

Committee, one struggle for political control by the Soviets. All that is working towards unity – must go forward to gain victory! The decisive fact must be a country-wide Political Strike and should begin with the forthcoming MARCH OF WORKERS FOR USSR AND ASSEMBLY OF PEOPLE IN MOSCOW!

The Russian example of last year (1997) showed that the working class is ready to go on a March to Moscow, that the militia and the army have not completely severed their contacts and feeling with the working class or severed their contacts and roots with the peasant class and could come to the side of the people. The idea and plans are ours, the Communists. The organization and agitation for the March must be taken up in every workers' collective, at enterprises, in every union, in Army sections and Internal Security organs – this is the work that will unite all communists. The task for the Communists: to start awakening in every corner of the USSR the need for activity of the CPSU, organize cells everywhere, to elect and send to the Second Congress of Soviet Communists their own delegates, giving them the authority to adopt at this Second Congress the Revolutionary Program and Constitution of the CPSU.

We suggest that the holding of the Second Congress of Soviet Communists to take place on December 11–14, 1998 in Moscow and to start the rebirth and activity of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union on the territory of the USSR in all its aspects.

We ask Central Committees of all Communist Parties existing on the territories of USSR, all unions, to give your answer to the Temporary Central Committee of the CPSU in response to our Appeal.

Workers of the world Unite!

CONGRESS OF PARTY OF COMMUNISTS[B] UKRAINE

On May 23-24, in the city of Dnepropetrovsk, there took place the 4th Congress of the Party of Communists (Bolsheviks) of Ukraine. The main report was given by the Honorary Chairman of the Central Committee, comrade Oyaperv. All the delegates of this Congress supported the initiative by "Trudovaya Rossia" about holding in August of this year the March On Moscow plus an Assembly in Moscow of Soviet Communists in order to unify all the Communists into one party on the territory of the USSR.

The delegates also agreed to support the March by organizing at least 10 delegates to go to Moscow to this Congress in order to support the establishment of the CPSU, the party of Lenin and Stalin.

GENERAL ROKHLYN SUPPORTS THE MARCH

General Rokhlyn, member of Russian Duma, is going to appeal to communist members of the Duma to give their one month's wages towards supporting the March On Moscow. Whether his appeal shall be supported by the opposition in the Russian Duma awaits to be seen.

ANPILOV IS LISTENED TO BY THE PEOPLE

A very interesting one-page article in "Molniya" by Konstantin Kovalev writing from New York, outlines the intricacies of the situation in Russia and the mounting attacks from all sorts of quarters against Victor Anpilov, his organizing of March On Moscow and the idea of holding a Congress to reunite all dedicated Soviet

Communists into the CPSU.

Now especially, there are being mounted attacks on behalf of the CPRF against "Trudovaya Rossia", the move towards Unity and, Kovalev states it very succinctly that: "the appointment and the connivance of the CPRF in the Duma in electing Kirilenko as the head of the government was not the idea of Yeltsin by all means. The West demanded, the Duma buckled and Kirilenko was put there. The USA press was taken by surprise on this quick change. President Clinton was not! He immediately sent congratulations to this new "golden boy" of Imperialism. No wonder that Zionist sources immediately sighed in relief that Kirilenko was elected.

The Duma fraction of CPRF had sold off again the opportunity to dislodge Yeltsin. They are to blame for allowing this to happen and thus, giving financial circles in the West to tighten even more the stranglehold on Russia.

It is impossible to believe that the communists in the Duma shall be able to dislodge Yeltsin's regime or improve the situation in Russia. These people in the Duma are dead to the problems that are current and I am not so certain that they will participate. These dead souls in the Duma have nothing whatsoever in common with the working class. All hopes are on - those who are alive, the miners, the working class, the farm labourers. People that are alive shall listen!" □

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From newspaper
"TRUDOVAYA ROSSIA"
Leningrad

OUR YOUNG YEARS EQUALS REVOLUTION!

On March 19, 1996 on the banks of river Neva, Leningrad there was born the Lenin Communist Workers Union of Youth, an organization of young Marxists-Leninists, devoted to building a classless society.

In two years of its existence, after the Kommsomol was disbanded in 1991 we have done much in order to organize young people and to help elder comrades to promote the resurrection of the Soviet Union and socialism

Our growth and effectiveness at meetings, at demonstrations, at lectures and study groups is bearing results. Our newspaper is called "Paths" and we are publishing it regularly and distributing it at meetings, pickets and demonstrations.

We are ready to cooperate with all young people and organizations that are ready to stand under the Red Flag. We are willing to march forward.

We know that we must organize the youth because the future of the revolution depends upon us.

We are correct, victory shall be ours!

**SOCIALISM OR DEATH!
TOGETHER WE SHALL WIN!**

N.Zharov

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



UKRAINIAN MINERS PROTEST!

One tragedy follows another for the workers of Ukraine. Miners are killed in unsafe mines, they do not get paid for months and months on end.

The unemployment ranks are growing alarmingly. The workers' patience is running out and there are more and more strikes, work stoppages, protests, hunger strikes and other actions against the present Kuchma regime of Ukraine.

We hope that the economic demands shall be intermingled with political demands. That is the only way for getting rid of the present nationalists in power!

Photo from newspaper "Communist" in Kiev

**PROFESSOR
VLADIMIR
HERASYMCHUK**



NATO: DRANG NACH OSTEN?

It is said that history moves in spirals. Much is repeated in history. Let us just remember the eve of the German fascist attack against the country of Soviets. In June of 1941, Germany, together with its allies, accumulated and amassed near the borders of Soviet Union 190 divisions, numbering over 5,500,000 soldiers, around 2,800 tanks, nearly 5,000

aeroplanes. At that time, Hitler screamed: "Drang Nach Osten!" Then started the most terrible war in the history of mankind ... But the Soviet people broke the back of Hitler's fascism. The Red Army was victorious, socialism was saved. The unity of the people of USSR was phenomenal. The country of the Hammer and Sickle defeated the world's vampire. Bolsheviks were victorious, people of toil. The truth is that Stalin was victorious!

... And not scores of years have gone by. The "Cold War" was announced by Winston Churchill. But was the "cold war" finished? Somehow again, near the borders of my suffering country, as in 1941, there are being amassed not too friendly armies of foreigners. As was reported by the Ukrainian newspaper "Communist", the total sum of armed might numbers over 530 DIVISIONS, 42,000 TANKS,

12,000 FIGHTER AEROPLANES, MORE THAN 900 WAR SHIPS. 46 Divisions and 86 Brigades that NATO has assembled near our borders are battle ready. (N. Nekrasov, Colonel - "Communist" newspaper, April 1998, #18) Is there not actual possibility that some other Fuehrer will again call for a March to the East? It is a fact that NATO is already marching to the East!

But - the top brass of Ukraine state always that NATO is here to defend us. But from whom? And how will this be done? As was and is being done in Yugoslavia? Or by the example of Iraq? Then god help us from such saviours! They (NATO) are already performing their work of going to the East by having manouvers on the territory of Crimea. This is being done now under the pseudo-propaganda exercises called "Sea Breeze - 97".

This is in case if anything should happen. Again, the Ukrainian people are in turmoil and danger. Someone has to pacify this turmoil! This is to be done as USA did in Grenada.

What about if revolutionary ideas burst out in the army? Or amongst the security forces? That is why USA wants and pushed its "Partnership for Peace". This is to prepare for future operations like in Yugoslavia and now it is the turn of Ukraine. In Britain, there was held a joint seminar of Polish-Ukrainian exercises called "Cossacks Steppe - 98". Ukraine was presented by paratroopers from Odessa Institute of Airborne and land based soldiers - from the ranks of the Battalion from White Church district.

Yes, NATO, step by step, is going Eastward. But what is the real purpose of this? This was outlined at the secret meeting of the General Staff in Washington in 1995 by President Clinton of USA. He, in part, stated: "that the expense to destabilize the USSR, the USA spent billions of dollars". But in 4 years of the temporary demise of the Soviet Union, USA and its Allies received from us gold, silver and diamonds over 15 billion dollars worth. Under very unfavourable agreements signed by the present regime, the West received 20 tonnes of honey, 50,000 tonnes aluminium, 2,000 tonnes caesium, glucinium, strontium, etc.

NATO's next plan is to divide Russia in the next ten years into small territories, all "independent" through ethnic wars and strifes, similar to those that was organized in Yugoslavia, setting up regimes that are absolutely broken off from Russia, that are needed by the West. "Yes, we will allow Russia to be a country - said American President - but the governing empire shall be only one country: the USA".

But for the final destruction of

USSR territory will be the establishment of colonial countries such as Ukraine. Therefore, the Pentagon has already plans as to how this is going to be accomplished. This will be done by the marionette presidents of these former Soviet republics. This is being planned in detail by experts who base themselves on the success and practice in Yugoslavia, Grenada, Iraq and others. This shall be accomplished by completely demolishing our industrial and agricultural potential, bringing the country into a dead-end in economy, education, medicine (this is practically accomplished now) - start internal turmoil; provocations to start conflicts; armed conflicts shall be promoted; organizing armed formations for its use; instigate the old so-called "problem of human rights" (this is already being done all over the territory of Ukraine ... like Chechnia, Tadzhikistan and others); instituting economic sanctions; organizing economic blockades around the country that do not follow the diktat of USA-NATO (example is Yugoslavia, Cuba, Iraq, Korean Democratic Republic, etc.); sending in NATO troops under the aegis of United Nations or "defending peaceful citizens"; by utilizing localized bombing missions, thus fanning the flames of conflicts and leading to wars.

Our prognosis is devastating. We hope that we are proved wrong. But, our alarm is real. Let us unite, my dear friends! Let us banish this NATO shield back to their own borders! Further from our borders! We fear that the land will not be able to tolerate this robbery and traitorous mechanizations.

The actual attack is on the Operations Maps of the Pentagon. "We are a great country, we have global interests - says President Clinton - American leadership in the

world is needed as never before, we are promoting it all over the world, we are opening new markets ... the Armed Forces of USA are playing an important role in order that our plans will be realized."

Oh, my dear people, we are left only this to cry out: "Glory to American 'democracy', founded on bayonets!" But the question is not based on the words of the president. As an example, there is being formulated an agreement between the hydrographic forces of Ukraine and Coast Guard of USA about the necessity of deeper ports in Crimea for American warships. This is also necessary at the ports on the Black Sea, in the North-western part of the Black Sea. Already in 1977, this region, including the shores near Izmail and Kherson, there were war ships manouvering of NATO, USA Coast Guard Defense, services of "Special Task Force" concerned with sea and land operations near ports. We should mention that these ports, according to the plans of operation called "Dropshot", are very suitable for landing Marines of the USA-NATO expedition forces.

But it is unfathomable as to why Americans, living thousands of miles from our borders, across the ocean, why do they need these Marines to practice on our soil? Is this not to support the Krawchuk-Kuchma "reforms"? Or is it to save the bankrupt regime of Kuchma and company? Whatever the reasons, USA and NATO are building up their presence and army, including nuclear weapons. NATO is marching to the East ...

What steps are being taken by the Ukrainian leadership to counter this march to the East? Absolutely nothing. In our republic, as in Russia, in fact, we're undergoing total disarmament and demobilization. With the demand of the West, the economy of the country is being

systematically dismantled, especially the manufacturing centres, tied in to armaments. As an example, well known in the world, the machine building industrial giant "Yuzhmash", before was noted for its top quality, state-of-the-art rockets, is being reconstructed. How? Just recently, it was reported on our TV that this industrial complex, unbeatable in the world for quality, with the help and buy-out of Western multinational corporations, is going to now manufacture agricultural harvesters.

But ... the frames for the combines shall be manufactured in Germany! How is it possible that such an industrial giant, built by the hands of Soviet people, now is in the hands of Western monopolies and will be used just to be a reserve – second rate enterprise? Is this not treachery? Why was it necessary to dismantle this pride of Soviet Union, the biggest combines manufacturing giant in the world? Our plans and our designs are now the property of Western transnational corporations! It is obvious that for such a gift to the West, someone of our "leaders" received a big slice of profit. Where did these new "leaders" get billions of American dollars and stashed them in foreign banks?

One more example. Until now, there are still no clear answers as to what REALLY transpired at Chernobyl. Why is it that there is no serious explanation as to why this disaster occurred at Chernobyl? The blame is on the collective in charge of Chernobyl or that the technology was not up to standard – does not sound very convincing. It is self evident that this accident was in someone's interest! The secrets around this Chernobyl accident is hushed up and no international scientific analysis of the disaster is allowed to take place. Any attempt that was started to go

CAPITALIST PROGRESS?

"Sovereign " Ukraine is on the road to market "reforms" and integration with Europe for Ukraine now is a fact. Scenes like these were seen during Tsarist times and during German occupation, SO-HAIL KUCHMA!

Photo from newspaper "Village Life"



deeper into this tragedy somehow always gets derailed by the authorities! But the tragedy continues now. Why is it that the authorities at the urging of the West, these "consultants" are urging the Ukrainian authorities to completely shut down and dismantle Chernobyl? Why is not a question posed, discussed and resolved as to how to improve the manufacturing of electric energy for the country? There is another side to this coin. Why is it that in Japan, USA, Canada, France and in any other countries, electric energy and atomic stations are prospering and producing electricity for the country? This is the needs of the next century! It is obvious that the West not only wants to dismantle our defense system but also its energy potential.

Another fact worth remembering. Chernobyl has the only RMBK atomic reactor functioning which produces plutonium for atomic weapons. In this way, if the West and the present rulers of Ukraine can dismantle this only manufacturing Atomic Station, this will mean complete liquidation of our country as a nuclear power. So, where are these hidden roots? Maybe, it is there that we should look into the causes of the Chernobyl disaster.

We understand that disarmament is the yearning of all humanity. Who does not want to live in peace, without armaments or wars? But what can the Soviet Union do when one country is armed to the teeth with sophisticated weapons and is coming closer and closer to the borders of Russia, Ukraine, Byelorussia? Of course, there are those in Ukrainian capitalist circles that agree that Ukraine should be catalyst to disarm and dismember Russia, then Ukraine shall become industrialized, developed and the future shall be bright. These are futile beliefs! First of all, a strong, industrialized Ukraine is not needed by the West. Secondly, Ukraine is coveted by the West as it was coveted by Hitler. Third of all, traitorous acts never guaranteed happiness or prosperity to anyone. Because, Ukraine and Russia, this is a family of two Slavic peoples, joined together through historical ties and blood in struggles against common enemies. Future is the same for both of them. "Many centuries lessons shows – wrote very well known Ukrainian publicist Victor Drozd – Russia, Ukraine and other former Soviet republics are either going to live together, or together shall be thrown out from world economy and politics".

But steadily at this time, NATO is moving East ... this is in the interest of the present bourgeois regime in Ukraine – the present mafia. Because the colours of this mafia, the colours of the present regime in Ukraine and of those across our borders and ocean are the same – BROWN. Already in 1999, Hungary, Czech Republic and Poland are going to be admitted into NATO. On our borders, on the borders of Ukraine, there shall appear armies of this reactionary block. Over our country, more and more dangerous signals appear of occupation by foreign troops.

But, maybe the last word in this will be said by our people. □

SOVIET SOLDIER! IT'S TIME FOR ANOTHER VICTORY AS IN BERLIN!

We were saddled with an institution of a presidency through which the capitalization of the country is proceeding, reforms, all geared towards the genocide of the Ukrainian people. The presidential form is foreign to the mentality of the Slavic people, and we shall remove it together with the anti-peoples president.



The main aim and attack of our neo-fascists is to liquidate the Slavic people and to grab their territory. The parliamentary road promoted by Western Imperialism and its vanguard Zionism – they shall never give up state power willingly, even if the people vote

overwhelmingly for this, for the communists. This was shown by the parliamentary elections–98 in Ukraine.

To build your struggles around “peaceful” elections, to make yourself feel good with illusions that because you have “gained a majority in parliament” in the neo-fascist state – means you are showing your political infancy on the question of tactics and strategy of the struggles.

No change of leadership, or party in a bourgeois state shall not shake or overturn the present regime. Only a revolutionary method can eliminate or defeat the bourgeois state. This was taught to us by V.I. Lenin. History is also teaching us this lesson.

“Soviet soldier, it’s time for another Berlin victory!” – this slogan was the most popular on May 9th Victory celebration in Kiev.

– Galina Savchenko

Member of CC ACP[B] □

From Newspaper:
“COMMUNIST”
Kiev, Ukraine

CONSTANT PAIN

If I had the opportunity to speak in front of the Deputies in Ukrainian Parliament, to our “representatives”, I would state the following:

“Messrs, look into the eyes of the elder people, who lived, fought and saved mankind from fascism and built a strong and mighty country with whom friends and enemies had to deal with. This country which most of you are making into a serval state, selling off our resources for foreign capital and your enrichment. These elder people gave their youth, strength and health in order that our Motherland should prosper. They worked hard, they worked without wanting too many benefits for themselves, they economized their



N. Kovalenko

hard earned rubles for old age, while you Messrs fooled them, robbed them, sold them, brought them to the point of despair and now you fend them off as not worth saving or talking to.

Amongst those elder people are specialists who worked hard and now are expected to live on 49 griven per month.

If you sirs can stand to look into their eyes without remorse, full of tears and hatred towards you, then instead of a heart in your chests, you have green bucks breathing instead of heart for which you sold your shame, honour and conscience.

You should look at elder people who have to wait from early morning until the bank is opened in order to receive their 49 griven, which you so generously thought of giving them. But these elder “babushkas” do not know that these 49 griven they sometimes cannot get in one lump sum, since you tell them that there is not enough money to go around for everyone. Many of them, over a period of months, do not live to collect these miserable 49 griven!

Or did you sirs ever see elder

men rummaging through garbage in order to find something to eat?

Yesterday, we buried a Hero of Labour, 80 years. He worked over 40 years in an enterprise, saving for old age, for a burial. He needed help and an operation, but he did not have the money to pay, so we buried him yesterday.

You cry that can't we see that there is no money in the country?

You promise us that we will receive this money after a couple of years! Thank you for such open cinicism.

What did you do with our pensions? You people do not produce any goods but somehow you always find the money to pay yourself and very handsomely ... three or more times higher than we do.

Eh, sirs ... you should live like us at least for 3 months with 49 given per month, which you would receive as we do, once in three months - maybe then you would decide to give the pensions faster. As the saying goes, a well fed person does not believe the hungry one.

No matter how much you try to blacken our history since 1917, you are not succeeding, that everything was bad and ugly. Even if there were things that were not right, in this, many of you are to blame, you who were in the government before as well. You were in government, but you pretended that you were comrades. Today, of course, you took off the mask and showed yourself who you really were and who you are now.

This speech that I would have liked to make in Parliament, is not against those who remained faithful to socialism and who are still dedicated Communists, who were and are patriots of our Motherland, who did not change their beliefs, their honour for American dollars, German Marks, who did not build

their private villas with peoples' money.

I am very hurt and devastated of what is going on in my country, but I ache for the elder generation, with which I have to meet everyday; see their tears, their heartache, hopelessness; they lost hope for the future and in you, the present rulers.

- N. Kovalenko

Chairman of Council of Veterans of Industry Enterprise "Maleshev" in Kharkov, Ukraine □

DIAMOND MOGUL CHARGED: KOZLENOK STOLE \$180 MILLION

In a story that hit the media in all capitalist countries, emanating from Moscow, it is no surprise to the readers of NSC, since we printed stories of this calibre all along. It's no use for the present regime calling Kozlenok a thief, if the regime itself is stealing the Soviet people blind!

"Andrei Kozlenok, a diamond merchant who set up shop in San Francisco, USA, bought yachts, condominiums on the resort Lake Tahoe from the stolen gold and diamonds from the Russian Government. He was on his way to Greece but was extradited to Moscow as soon as he landed.

In the post-Communist chaos the business set up by Yeltsin government, called Golden Ada, these "new Russians" enriched themselves. The



ANDREI KOZLENOK: Diamond merchant allegedly stole millions.

money that was gained by selling the gold and diamonds was used on a massive shopping spree. He bought (together with his partners) a \$10.6 million condominium in downtown San Francisco. In a three day period in the fall of 1993 these businessmen bought 3 luxury yachts for over \$1.2 millions. Then they bought three homes for \$3.8 million. Then they went bought more boats, 5 more condos, a helicopter for \$1.7 million, a Rolls-Royce and two Aston-Martins cars for \$1 million plus a Gulf Stream Jet plane for over \$20 million. Kozlenok wrote a statement to the "Moscow Times" magazine that all this was needed to project a "solid financial image".

COMMENT:

Such theft and of such magnitude could not have been carried out without the knowledge of the present Yeltsin regime. Even in 1996 the Yeltsin government settled the question with Kozlenok and his buddies. Which itself means that the government and these crooks were hand in glove in robbing Soviet people since this venture was set up already in 1993.

Where is there an outcry from the Russian Duma "loyal opposition"? Why is it that members of the Duma are the last to know about events of this kind?

Or the "loyal opposition" (not all of them) are asleep at the wheel?

From Newspaper:
"SOVIET VOLYN"
Ukraine

WE ARE COMMUNISTS



Igor Kuzminsky

Time has come to stop complaining, demanding and hoping that the present situation in Ukraine is going to change for the better. People are thrown aside and have no input into the government, locally, district or nationally.

We have wild and uncontrollable capitalism. Just ten years ago, we lived in the USSR where our standard of living was improving and every person knew what tomorrow would bring. You had a choice of a profession, there was work available wherever you turned. Children and youth studied, had sports available without cost, people were necessary for the State and people were satisfied that future would be even better.

We, as a young generation brought up under Soviet rule, knew that the Communist Party led the industrialization, agriculture, culture

and education. We saw how our country was rebuilt after the Second World War devastation. Whenever there were things to be accomplished or difficulties, the communists (not all, of course) were there first. In the most dangerous time for our Soviet people, the Party asked for unity and the people rose for the defense of the Motherland.

But the enemies of Socialism were not sleeping. The results are self evident - treachery and ruin of the USSR.

But the Communists were ready to rejuvenate the dismembered party and country. They formed movements, parties, patriotic fronts. I feel that only the Communist Party of Ukraine can solve the problems. We are for the resurrection of the USSR, and to cleanse our party from all sorts of elements.

Our party shall never allow members like Krawchuks, Pliushes, Berievs, Yavlinskys or Vokogonovs. We shall not allow those who, during Soviet times, crawled into leading positions in the CPSU, even though they detested the party and socialism. These people placed their own people into positions of power, started the corruption, bureaucratism, dogmatism and other ills that finally saw the temporary demise of USSR.

Today's Communists have nothing in common with the previous party card carrying members. We did not become traitors, we did not close the factories, we did not sell our economy to world capitalism - we did not ruin the best educational system that the world has seen!

We cannot be accused for the ills that befell our Motherland. Not us, but Ukrainian nationalists hiding as CPSU members. They are not nationalists as such - they are those that hide behind any label just as long as they can fill their own pockets. And in order to save their

ill-gotten gains, they are only too willing to have NATO guarantee their gains forever.

Time is fast approaching when our people are waking up from their inflicted slumber. The choice is clear. We must save and reconstruct our Soviet Motherland.

We are certain that our talented and hard working people shall open again the door towards socialism and peaceful labour for all of our people.

- Igor Kuzminsky
Publicist for newspaper
"Soviet Volyn"

We thank comrade Kuzminsky and the CPU for this article. We would add that only a UNIFIED communist party, encompassing ALL healthy patriots, shall be able to resurrect Ukraine and together, the Soviet Union. There must be UNITY of all forces if this is to be accomplished soon, before it is too late - Editors.

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From newspaper
GLASNOST
Moscow



Below we publish photographs that appeared in this newspaper, which is the organ of the Union of Communist Parties-CPSU during the strikes which saw over 14,000,000 people take part in the All Russia protest.

Some of the slogans carried by the strikers were:

***ENOUGH OF HUNGER STRIKES, BEGGING FOR PAYMENT! FROM STRIKES UNTO A GENERAL POLITICAL STRIKE!**

***LET US SWEEP THE DIRTY POWER FROM THE KREMLIN!**

***YOUNG PEOPLE! THINK WITH YOUR OWN HEAD, DO NOT BELIEVE THE TV OF BEREZOVSKI OR HUSINSKY!**

***MOSCOW - TODAY IT IS NOT THE HEART, BUT A GREEDY STOMACH OF RUSSIA!**

***REFORMERS WAKE UP! THE PATIENCE OF PEOPLE IS NOT FOREVER!**

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



SAKHALINSK



CHEREOVEC



MOSCOW



LENINGRAD

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

From Newspaper:
"POSTMARK PRAGUE"

CZECH PUBLIC SECTOR UNIONS PROMISE TOUGHER ACTION AFTER MASSIVE SUPPORT FOR JUNE 8 STRIKE

The one-hour warning strike by members of ten public sector unions on June 8 was so well-supported that leaders of the ten unions involved are promising further more drastic action if the government fails to meet the workers' demand for a 20 percent pay increase by July 1. 470,000 workers took part, with support from road repair and maintenance workers and teachers especially strong.

The road workers blocked selected border crossings, motorways, Class 1 motorways and hundreds of minor roads with their vehicles and barriers. Most of the drivers affected by the blockade took leaflets from the strikers, with many showing sympathy or outright support for the low-paid workers.

87 percent of the country's 4,753 schools took part in the strike, along with tens of thousands of doctors and hospital workers. At some border crossings, customs officers also joined the strike. Orchestral musicians were amongst others who stopped work.

The reaction of the Tosovsky caretaker government, which is due to quit in less than two weeks, after the early election on June 19/20, was to dig in its heels. There were no plans to discuss the strike at its next meeting, a spokesperson said, since

the strike had not changed the fact that there was no money with which to increase public sector pay – an argument rejected by the unions.

The mostly foreign-owned daily press attacked the strike, often portraying it as a political stoppage designed to support the electoral ambitions of "the Left". But with two-thirds of Czech workers earning less than the monthly average wage of around 10,500 crowns (\$318), the strike will present the new Czech

government with a thumping headache from Day 1 – the unions having already said that there will be no honeymoon period for the incoming coalition, whatever its political complexion.

CONGRESS CALLS FOR SLAV UNITY AND CO-OPERATION

Meeting in Prague last week at the four-day Pan-Slav Congress, 500



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ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR AN INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL AND NORTHSTAR COMPASS CAMPAIGN FOR \$50,000 SUSTAINING FUND

Delegates of the Conference '98 agreed to launch a \$50,000 Financial Campaign in order to sustain and expand the work as outlined by the 5th Conference held in February, 1998.

This campaign is being participated in by all readers in the countries where NSC is read and we are certain that it shall be achieved.

The Organizing Committee for an International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People is in the midst of sending out the "CALL" to hold an International Conference in 1999 in Europe in order to elect the International Council.

There are requests that Northstar Compass journal be printed in Spanish, Russian and French editions. How successful this can be depends on donations that NSC receives!

HELP US TO REACH THE GOAL OF \$50,000!

delegates from 12 Slav states with a total population of 330 million called for the immediate lifting of all international sanctions against Yugoslavia and set up an International Slav Committee to promote co-operation between the Slav countries to meet the threat posed by growing US and West European expansionism and NATO enlargement. Delegates to the Congress came from Belarus, Bosnia and Hercegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Macedonia, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine and Yugoslavia. They included Slav members of the parliaments of Belarus, Germany and Russia.

Held on the 150th anniversary of the first Pan-Slav Congress of 1848, which was also held in Prague but was interrupted as the city rose in armed revolt against the Habsburg oppressor, the Congress unanimously approved a manifesto addressed to the nations of Europe and the world. This rejected all forms of national chauvinism, shows of force, the existence of military blocs, big power hegemony, unequal economic relations and "all attempts to create divisions across Europe and the Slav countries". The Congress expressed support for the 1975 final Helsinki Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe and reminded governments and parliaments of their responsibility for ensuring peace in Europe.

Another resolution declared the delegates' support for "the indivisibility and inviolability" of Serbia.

At a time when the governments of several of the countries represented at the Congress are involved in negotiating terms for admission to the European Union, one of the Congress's six working groups of experts also discussed ways and means of promoting co-operation

between the Slav countries in the fields of industry, agriculture, trade, science and technology.

In opening the Congress on June 2, Professor Bretislav Chvala, the Czech chairman of the Congress preparatory committee, condemned American imperialism, the European Union and NATO and paid tribute to the legacy of the Great October Socialist Revolution and the continuing validity of the ideas of socialism.

The Congress received messages of greetings from Pope John Paul II (much to the embarrassment of the Czech hierarchy, which said that he could not have been aware of the meeting's "political sub-text"), the Patriarch of All the Russians Alexei II, President Lukashenko of Belarus and Milos Zeman, chairman of the Czech Parliament's lower house and leader of the Czech Social Democratic Party.

President Havel's office disowned an earlier message of greetings sent to the Congress in March, while the President himself issued a statement "distancing" himself from the proceedings, as did the Patriarch of the Czech Orthodox Church. However, prayers for the success of the Congress were led at a ceremony in Prague's Wenceslas Square on June 2 by Deacon Dr. Kalesovic of the Orthodox Faculty of Theology in Belgrade.

Delegates accepted an invitation from Belarus's President Lukashenko to hold the next Congress in Minsk. □

AS I SEE IT!

FROM EUROPE

By Jerry Morse

GEORGIA -

There are over 700,000 children of school age who attended school under socialism

and under Soviet Union. They would have had free meals, free sports, summer vacations, cultural upbringing. They would have been taught by highly qualified teachers. Now there are less than 200,000 children attending, the others cannot afford to do so.

Instead they watch as the children in the West the TV screen with violence reaching 7,000 murders per week on the TV screens.

The policy of Shevernadze, the president of Georgia (former member of the CC CPSU, former Foreign Minister and traitor) is to have Georgia a country ruled by him as was the case during the middle ages - his own Kingdom!

GERMANY -

Fact that seems to be well hidden in the media is that most of the money from IMF and other sources is funnelled through Germany and it is the plans of the West that Germany shall be the "mentor" of Russia and under its control. No matter how Yeltsin struts hand in hand with Kohl of Germany, the financial help will come (if at all) with a price! The complete domination of Imperialism of former USSR. There are more Germans in Russia in all facets of business, advisors, than of any other nation.

The question is WHY? □

FIFTY YEARS AFTER THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE DISASTER

STATEMENT OF THE SYRIAN COMMUNIST PARTY

By: Michel Mounayer

The disaster which befell the

Palestinian people fifty years ago was not a spur of the moment. It was the outcome of a colonialist Zionist conspiracy since Basel Conference which was convened in Switzerland in 1897. This conspiracy threads were woven during the Ottoman rule in the Arab countries, then through Belfour Promise in 1917 and Britain pledge to create what they called a "historical homeland for the Jews" and the British mandate practices in Palestine with American Imperialism assistance and Arab reaction collusion.

World Imperialism, particularly American Imperialism, played a major role in supporting the Zionism designs for creating the state of Israel after the Second World War. It provided, and is still providing, Israel with military, financial and political aids in order to keep Israel as a thorn in the flank of the Arab national liberation movement and a hotbed of tension which justifies American intervention in the region and a base for it in this sensitive, strategic important and oil rich region.

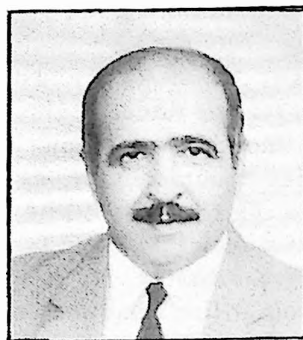
By its suspicious and tentative stands toward the Palestinian cause, the Arab reaction smoothed the way for the conspiracy which led to the expulsion of more than one million Palestinians from their homeland to suffer tragedies and woes throughout fifty years.

Fifty years ago, Israel was established on terrorism, expansion and racism. Its history is full of aggressive wars. It expanded manifold beyond the Partition Resolution of 1947 which stipulated for establishing an Arab Palestinian state. Israel occupied the Arab territories, expelled their population and drove them away by force. It destroyed 216 villages, burned the plantations and livestock and stole the Arab waters.

The Zionist Israel history is full

of disgraceful brutal crimes against secure Arabs and humanity. Its brutal massacres of Deir Yasin, Kafr Kasem, Kebia, Kalkilia, Bahr al-Bakar School, Sinai prisoners of war, Nakhalin and Beit Lukia in Jordan, in Tiberia and Golan, the destruction of Kuneitra, the refugees camps, South Lebanon, Quana and Bekaa and other crimes and massacres will never be forgotten. History teaches the peoples that occupation, colonialism and injustice will certainly demise whatever time they last.

The Israeli occupation and its continued aggression resulted in the creation of the Palestinian Resistance Movement and the maturity of the historic and revolutionary process of the Arab National Liberation Movement. The occupation of South Lebanon also resulted in the emergence and escalation of the



*Michael Mounayer
Member of the NSC
Editorial Board*

Lebanese National Resistance.

By their struggle and brave heroic resistance, the Palestinian people won the admiration, appreciation and support of the Arab Peoples and all good forces who love justice, freedom and progress. Their struggle is being supported throughout 50 years by all free peoples in the world, first of all the Soviet Union, the Socialist countries, revolutionary and liberation movements and friendly

peoples in order to help the Palestinian people extract their legitimate rights to return to their homeland, to self-determination and to establish their own independent state, with Jerusalem as its capital.

The Palestinian uprising "Intifadha" escalation imposed the presentation of the Palestinian question at international talks, meetings and at the UN. This prompted the US to announce its "initiative", pretending that it wants to establish a durable and comprehensive peace in the Middle East.

The Arab negotiators went to Madrid under international situations and atmosphere not in their favour, especially after the demise of the Soviet Union, on the basis of the "land for peace principle", the implementation of the Security Council resolutions 242, 338 and 425, and the liberation of the Arab territories occupied during the aggression of June 1967. The Syrian position was clear since the beginning. It asserted the necessity and importance of a unified stand to be taken by the Arab delegations in order to guarantee the restoration of all occupied Arab territories, the withdrawal of the Israeli troops to June 1967 borders and the establishment of a just and comprehensive peace on the basis of "land for peace principle".

Separate agreements like Camp David, Oslo and Wadi Araba blasted the Arab united stand and weakened Arab solidarity. This harmed very much the Arab negotiator, in particular, and the Arab position, in general. Under conditions, which can be described to be at least humiliated, imposed by Israel and the US, Israel handed over to the authority of the "very limited autonomy" about 3% of the Palestinian lands while it guaranteed for itself open Arab markets and the

normalization of relations with some Arab countries. This increased Israel's arrogance and intransigence. This even led Israel to bury Oslo Agreements, ignoring the demands of the international community and the UN.

Israel, which is ignoring all facts of history when it blocks the road to peace, should learn that it is totally incapable of blocking and closing the road of struggle and resistance before the Arab peoples.

The Syrian people who won the struggle against the Ottoman occupation and then the French occupation and paid a high price will not rest until all their national soil is liberated.

The heroic Palestinian people who offered tens of thousands of sacrifices, martyrs and displaced people throughout fifty years will continue forcing their way to extract their legitimate rights to return, self-determination and the establishment of their own independent state on their national soil with Jerusalem as its capital. The Palestinian people will not hesitate to offer sacrifices whatever great they are. The people whose children fight for many years with stones will certainly win.

Long live the struggle of the brave Palestinian people.

Glory to our steadfast people in the occupied Golan.

Glory to the Lebanese National Resistance against the Israeli occupation.

Long live the struggle of the Arab peoples for an effective Arab solidarity in order to liberate the occupied Arab territories and abort the Imperialist and Zionist hegemonist designs.

- Damascus, May 15, 1998 □

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

LETTERS FROM ABROAD

From
MARXIST-LENINISTS
Scotland

Dear comrades!

Enclosed is our publication of the "Red Rebel". We are very impressed by what we have seen so far in NSC. Could you print contact addresses of the scores of your contacts?

Keep up the good work!
James Tait □

From
ARGUMENTS AND
COUNTERARGUMENTS
Newspaper, Leningrad

Dear comrades!

Thank you for sending us the NSC and we certainly would like to receive future copies. Even though we know the situation in our country, as we are a part of the struggles here, we feel that NSC is doing a great service. We suggest that you utilize some materials from our newspapers and publications. We are ready to cooperate with you comrades. May we suggest that you publish more historical facts about the struggles and history, while at the same time publish news about the struggles in Canada. You could also publish histories and articles by classical revolutionaries of Marxism.

We are going to send you from time to time some materials. Long live the Proletarian Revolution!

Anayoly Pyzhov
Publisher/Editor

We certainly will take your suggestions to heart and shall appreciate getting materials from you. Since we are now the organ of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People, we try to publish as much material as possible. Unfortunately there is so much materials coming in that we would need to be a weekly. □

From
CENTRAL COMMITTEE
PARTY OF COMMUNISTS
(BOLSHEVIKS) OF UKRAINE

Dear comrades!

Received your NSC and we were pleased that you had an item about the upcoming Medal of Stalin that is being produced here in Soviet Union to be awarded to people and organizations that struggle for the resurrection of the Soviet Union.

We also hope that you will have the resources to publish in English the book "There is only one truth. We swear". If this shall be so, please think about including the pamphlet we're enclosing about the so-called "Famine in Ukraine". Are you probably aware, in Canada the Ukrainian nationalists "celebrated" this event, aimed against Russia and Socialism, with the main speaker being the Ukrainian Ambassador to Canada. Let this letter be the official document giving you comrades the exclusive rights to publish this book.

When the Stalin Medal is ready, we are going to recommend that you also receive this Stalin Medal, as you have received at your Conference '98 the Marshal Zhukov Medal.

Edward Oyaperv
Yuri Tikhomirov

It would be a great honour to receive the Medal of Stalin, We shall try to gather finances in order to be able to publish this book in English, since it is a necessary document in the fight against revisionism there and in other countries.

From
MAKHACHALKA
Russia

Dear comrades at Northstar
Compass!

We receive NSC regularly for which we thank you. Although we have problems in English, we are helped in translating articles into Russian by students of the Faculty of English here, who help us to translate your important articles for our newspaper "For Motherland and Stalin."

With regards
M.Gitinov, Editor
"For Motherland and Stalin"

Your latest issue of the newspaper regarding the Victory Day celebrations of 1945 with its historical photographs has valuable materials that we shall utilize in the future.



Law was passed that you cannot burn Yeltsin in effigy on Oct.4,1995



Comsomols distributing their newspaper every day near the Kazan Cathedral.

FRIENDSHIP NEWS

OBITUARY

DAVID ROBERTS 1914-1998

In his 84th year Dave Roberts passed away on June 20,1998 in Toronto, Canada and the Canadian Friends of Soviet

People (Canada-USSR Association) have lost one of its most respected, devoted and also a leader whose loss will be felt very sincerely,. Those of us who have known Dave were amazed at his stamina,his work ethic, his understanding and his devotion to Socialism and the Soviet Union. As Chairman of the Toronto Branch of the Canada-USSR Association for many years, as Director of the Film Committee, as a member of the Canadian Council of the Association and as a leading participant of many conferences, meetings,socials, reception for Soviet artists, delegations and guests,as Director of all the



David Roberts, right

Meeting of Toronto Branch with Dave 4th from right



Soviet film showings and making certain that the 32 Branches of the Association across Canada were supplied with films, projectors and that the Branches had good operators...proved his dedication to social justice, peace and solidarity was the most important task of his life.

It was David who showed films twice per week for many years at the Friendship Houses that we had in Toronto.

As a printer, as a Veteran of the Canadian Armed Forces during the Second World War, as a father and a leader in the Association, Dave was always in the leadership and his knowledge and comradeship was always much appreciated. He was a dedicated Marxist-Leninist and was not taken in by the unleashed propaganda against Stalin and was very critical of those in the Communist movement who changed colours and began vicious attacks against Socialism. He was one of the first to see through the demagogy of Krushchev and the traitor Gorbachev.

Together with his wife Dorothy and his children, they were the backbone of all the activities undertaken by the Canada-USSR Association and now the Canadian Friends of Soviet People.

Not only will the Canadian Friends of Soviet People miss Dave, but as one of the founders of the journal "Northstar Compass" now read in 62 countries, he shall always be in the hearts and in our memories.

His legacy and his anti-capitalist and anti-Imperialist struggle shall be carried on by those of us that are here now, struggling to bring truth to the people that there is ANOTHER ROAD FOR MANKIND TO FOLLOW- AND THAT IS SOCIALISM! The Soviet people have also lost a staunch defender of the

Soviet Union, and his name will live on for future generations to learn from and emulate.

DAVE! YOUR DEDICATION AND BELIEFS SHALL BE CARRIED ON BY ALL OF US! □

NEWS FROM U.S. FRIENDS OF NORTHSTAR COMPASS

From
SANTA BARBARA
CA, USA

*This was via the Internet on our web page:
WWW.NORTHSTARCOMPASS.ORG*

Great Magazine!

Cuts the crap out of these American bourgeois labour concentration camp publications!

NSC puts out as much information as possible, almost, given that for every sentence tons of lies have been brainwashing the workers.

Hoping that you can get all of the past issues info on line!

Jon Corlett

Thanks for your comments. Spread the good news Jon! □

From
SAN GABRIEL
USA

WHY THIS MADNESS IN YUGOSLAVIA?

The fighting between Serbians and Albanians in Kosovo is a tragedy that is being fanned, supported, urged and guided by Imperialism!

My feeling is that this situation must be stopped immediately before the region blows up into war. Serbian leaders should understand this and not allow this to go further. There must be a way found to consolidate and stop this bloodshed. A common ground must be reached and not allow the West to fan the flames on nationalism and hate between brother peoples!

As a temporary measure in Kosovo there might be established a coalition government composed of Serbs, Albanians, Montenegrens and other nationalities which live there.

The threat of sanctions is real and the West is determined to have their way to dictate their policy of divide and rule.

I like NSC and maybe you should try to cover all the strikes, demonstrations in Canada, USA and other countries. Try to get Ads into NSC so that it will help to support its publication, since I know that it is very hard.

Yours
Petro Nikov □

From:
BROOKLYN, USA

Dear Friends:

As a new subscriber to NSC, I find it very interesting and am sending information that I feel the NSC readership will find it of interest.

This fall, the "Brecht Forum" in New York will co-sponsor the HANNS EISLER CENTENARY FESTIVAL on September 9-12, 1998. Being a professional Music Therapist, composer of social-political works and as a socialist, I have long been influenced by composer Eisler who worked alongside Brecht to create some of the modern era's greatest political theatre works.

Because of his leftist politics, Eisler's music has long been left out of standard repertoire in the USA and in most other countries. With this in mind, I put together a grouping (The Eisler Project) with a collective as a force for social change.

By his near-expulsion from USA, Eisler went back to Germany (GDR) and continued his compositional career. It is time that we bring his sounds and philosophy back into prominence all over the world.

- In Solidarity,
John Pietaro

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Scott M.X. Turner
- Vocalist Elizabeth Venturoso

From:
LOS ANGELES, USA

Dear Comrades:

Enclosed please find \$100 to help the Soviet Union to live again. I will send another \$100 later on.

– Yours in the struggle,
Esther Cicconi

Your wish and for millions of others is coming, sooner than we think!
Many thanks!

Esther sent us this card which we feel our readers will love the message:

"It will be a great day when our schools get all the money they need and the Air Force has to hold a bake sale to buy a bomber!"

Amen!

From
JERSEY CITY, N.J.
USA

Dear comrades of NSC:

I want to express my complete agreement and enthusiasm for the recent conference '98 held on the 5th Anniversary of NSC.

Under difficult conditions, you have managed to build up a splendid journal and through its entity you have brought together many fighters for peace and socialism throughout the world in 62 countries.

This is most needed at a time when the world-wide class struggle is sharper than ever. We all know that Transnational Corporations are running rough shod world-wide in the mad quest for super profits, disregarding national sovereignty and national borders. This, of course, is leading to a new crisis of world capitalism!

Leading this pack are the monopolies of the United States, the wealthiest and the most heavily armed imperialist power in the world. The financial rulers of America and their puppets in American Congress are now attacking the AFL-CIO unions, but the men and women of labour are fighting back.

Your work in Northstar Compass, coming to its sixth Anniversary, is a beacon of light in today's crisis-ridden world capitalism.

It's great that NSC is now circulating in 62 countries!

We in the USA are continuing the good cause for Peace, Socialism, and Solidarity!

Best wishes! Venceremos!
Samuel Weintraub
U.S. Editorial Board member

May the U.S. comrades on the NSC Editorial Board continue to set an example that others should follow!

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR WEBSITE!

I think it's great that you're finally on the web. Great things can come from modest beginnings. The great advantage of the internet is its instantaneous communication and news and the tremendous connectivity worldwide between people. I am pretty new to the internet myself and the following recommendations might or might not be realistic for an organization on a limited budget:

Readers of Northstar Compass

who have computers and the internet should be able to "talk" to each other on an ongoing basis through some type of bulletin board or forum. Opinions and debates could take place on a regular basis. Of particular interest would be weekly or daily reports about events in the USSR from activists over there who have access to the internet. Could you imagine if an uprising or a general strike takes place and activists over there can fill us in on a daily or even on hourly basis if need be? And the beauty is that once you have an internet account, all of these correspondence is free. If need be, we can try to raise funds targeted specifically for the internet project. I would be willing to help.

By the way, there is a website devoted to the crisis of back wages of Russian workers put out by the ICEM trade unions. It's http://www.icem.org/campaigns/no_pay_co/index.html.

– All the best,

From:

"GREDKE@EARTHLINK.NET"

This is just one of many internet messages that NSC receives, plus subscribers. Keep them coming!

FEATURE ANALYSIS

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT'S MISINFORMATION

By: George Hess

The newspaper Postmark Prague (PP) in its May 12, 1998 press release from the Czech Republic points out that the European Parliament (EU) secretariat's Briefing No. 4 dealing with the EU enlargement is filled with erroneous information about

the Czech Republic. The document is full of wishful thinking rather than facts. For example, the document states that the present caretaker government and its prime minister are well respected and so have the support of the Communist Party (KSCM); this in spite of the fact that the same KSCM is now involved in trying to win support for its no confidence motion in the government. In its effort to portray the country as a lucrative export market, the EU conveniently gives the population of the republic as rising from 14.2 to 22.7 million between 1993 and 1997. In fact, the population at the end of 1996 stood at 10.3 million – a far cry from the 22.7 million that the EU is dreaming about and in year to year terms, the population of this country continues to decrease PP points out due to a falling birth rate.

This, the editor of PP Ken Biggs points out, is typical of the way that the apologists for the present post Velvet Revolution regime would have us believe the new Capitalist Czech Republic is prospering. In fact, there is plenty of evidence to the contrary. The country is in economic turmoil with strikes, a decreasing G.N.P. and sagging export markets. Having sold off most of the country's industries to foreign owners, the present regime has created a situation where Czechs are no longer masters in their own house.

Mimicking what Havel's supporters had done during the Velvet Revolution, government workers in the Czech Republic protesting low wages and rising living costs rattled bunches of keys in protests on April 7 of this year. In its press release of June 1, PP reports that the Public Sector Unions have called for a one-hour warning strike for June 8 of their 800,000 members. In spite of intimidation and fear which prevails at the work place,

there will be support for this action, reports PP. Transport workers plan to block a number of roads and the non-public sector unions, while not contemplating a walk-out, generally support the work stoppage. The rail workers are to meet the day after the June 8 work stoppage to consider their own strike action in light of the government's privatization plans. So all is not well in Mr. Havel's paradise as the EU document would have us believe.

The Palestinian monthly magazine Forward points out in its May issue that, "The restoration of capitalism in the Czech Republic has had disastrous consequences for education." The paper goes on to say that there is plenty of criticism in the Czech Republic of the previous system without any corroborating evidence in fact, "international comparative research shows that the education received by Czech students under the previous system was always of a high standard", says Forum. The paper further charges that today's Czech capitalism resembles that of the last century and as such, it maintains that education is the private affair of the individual citizen and not a public one. Hackneyed clichés like "educational plurality, free choice, and curriculum reform" are being used to implement a two-tier school system – one privatized for a small elite and the other for the masses. This is made necessary by the government's spending cuts to education and the resultant closing of state schools. The paper concludes that under the veil of democracy and freedom, values of individualism reinforced by market economics and have resulted in the spread of a very unhealthy egotism which contradicts the principles of humanism proclaimed so often by the country's president Vaclav Havel.

In short, one must conclude that

no amount of selective reporting by the bourgeois controlled world media and outright misinformation by organs such as the EU can hide the fact that the Velvet Revolution is one that has betrayed the aspirations of its supporters and wrought havoc on the country entrusted to its care. It is to be hoped that Czech society as a whole will draw the right conclusions from all of this and act accordingly.

M.A.I. A NEFARIOUS PLOT

By: George Hess

Peter C. Newman, writing in the March issue of Maclean's Magazine, reaffirms what this magazine had charged in previous issues that the Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI) will ultimately destroy national states as we know them and make them subservient vassals of transnational corporations (TNC), most being American of course. He points out that the inability of negotiators to finalize this agreement in Paris as scheduled this spring will give Canada and, for that matter, other member countries of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) all of whose representatives are presently engaged in negotiating this agreement an opportunity to stand back and consider the treaty's awesome consequences.

Mr. Newman points out that like the Canada US free trade agreement negotiated by the then conservative administration of Brian Mulroney's Canadian government, the agreement is being given short thrift in the Canadian media so that approval may be achieved by, "benign neglect from a majority of Canadians". To substantiate his claim, Peter points out that 29 countries including Canada have been negotiating this deal since 1995 in virtual secrecy. There has been

no pentary debate on the matter, let alone public discussion. The negotiations are being carried out by senior civil servants with no degree of public accountability, as they all hold appointed rather than elected offices.

The draft treaty appears to be the ultimate dream of all TNC's. The provisions of the treaty will "rob national governments of the ability to impose sovereignty inside their own territory. Once that is done, what is the point of pretending you are still a country?" The right of governments to protect the cultural sector or any other parts of the domestic economy currently covered by domestic ownership rules will be negated. The likes of environmental standards, labour laws and patent exclusions would also become compromised by this agreement. In such a Darwinian world of globalization, everything would be up for grabs to the highest bidder. Carla Hills, the U.S. trade representative, is quoted as saying in the same article: "we want

corporations to be able to make investments overseas without being required to take local partners, to export a given percentage of their output, to use local parts or to meet a dozen other domestic restrictions". Newman concludes that the M.A.I. endows privately owned corporations with the power but not accountability of nation-states. It is no coincidence that of the leading fortunes 500 global corporations, 488 are domiciled in OECD countries.

Newman ends his article by saying that the M.A.I. treaty poses a greater threat to Canada's sovereignty than the threat of Quebec's separation and that it will become a major issue in the next federal election. Newman feels that the supreme court of Canada should be examining the legality of the signing of this treaty.

This treaty is a threat not only to Canadian sovereignty but to the sovereignty of all the 29 countries that comprise the OECD. It is an attempt by the international

bourgeoisie to create a world government which will be elected by the bourgeoisie for the bourgeoisie and will rule at their behest. Not only are the rights and freedoms of the working class of this world at risk with this treaty, but the very environment on which our existence and that of this planet depends. Newman, in his article, does not explain how it is that these governments are acting behind the backs of their electorate and against their own interests. Who, if any one, is the driving force behind this attempt to enslave the working class of virtually the whole industrialized world?

The world has been transformed into a private preserve of world capital most of which is American since the collapse of the USSR. Ways must be found to resurrect the USSR before it is too late not only for the working class of what was the Soviet Union but for that of the whole world. □

CHUCKLE CORNER



This is taken from our friends in Australia who publish an excellent journal "The Beacon" by the Melbourne Unitarian Peace Memorial Church. □



SMILE TIME - HONK IF YOU LOVE JESUS

(From The Secular Humanist Bulletin Vol. 3 No. 4)



The other day I went to the local religious bookstore where I saw a "Honk if You Love Jesus" bumper sticker. I bought it and put it on the back bumper of my car and I'm really glad I did. What an uplifting experience followed!

I was stopped at the lights at a busy intersection, just lost in thought about the Lord and didn't notice that the lights had changed. That bumper sticker really worked! I found a lot of people who loved Jesus. Why, the guy behind me started to honk like crazy. He must love the Lord because pretty soon he leaned out of his window and yelled, "Jesus Christ!" as loud as he could. It was like a football game with him shouting, "Go, Jesus Christ, go!" Everyone else started honking too, so I leaned out of my window, waved and smiled to all these people.

One guy was waving to me in a funny way, with only his middle finger stuck up in the air. I asked my two kids what that meant and they kinda squirmed, looked at each other, giggled, and told me that was the Hawaiian good luck sign. The guy must have been from Hawaii himself because he was yelling something about "sunny beach" to me. So I leaned out of the window and gave him the Hawaiian good luck sign back.

A couple of people were so caught up in the joy of the moment that they got out of their cars and were walking toward me. I bet they wanted to pray, but just then I noticed that the lights were green and I stepped on the gas. A good thing I did because I was the only guy to get across the intersection. I looked back at them standing there. I leaned out of the window, gave them a big smile and held up the Hawaiian good luck sign as I drove away.

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THE LIE OF THE

**"LENIN
TESTAMENT"**



Trotskyites, in order to discredit Stalin, have made several serious allegations. These of course began with Trotsky himself, as he jockeyed to gain control of the CPSU(B) after the death of Lenin. One of the most influential distortions of the truth, has been Trotsky's claim that before his death, Lenin had warned the party that Stalin should be removed from party leadership, and replaced by Trotsky. This lie still has currency, and is referred to as the so called - Lenin Testament . It is accompanied by the claims that Stalin subverted Lenin's plans for the party, and acted with gross megalomania. We will examine this spurious claim in detail here. Three recent articles when taken together, we argue, will allow us to do this.

We believe, these articles should force the unbiased reader to reject the Trotskyite claim. North Star Compass feels that it is necessary, to present the real facts regarding these documents. The documents have circulated now for over 70 years, and have been promoted, circulated, falsified and used as one of the main weapons against the USSR, Stalin and Socialism. This particular lie - the so called Lenin Testament , has been published in practically all known languages of the world. It has been well nurtured, affecting numerous communist and progressives movements in one form or another. The dissemination of the lie was part of a conscious attempt to defame Stalin and the development of Socialism In One Country.

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