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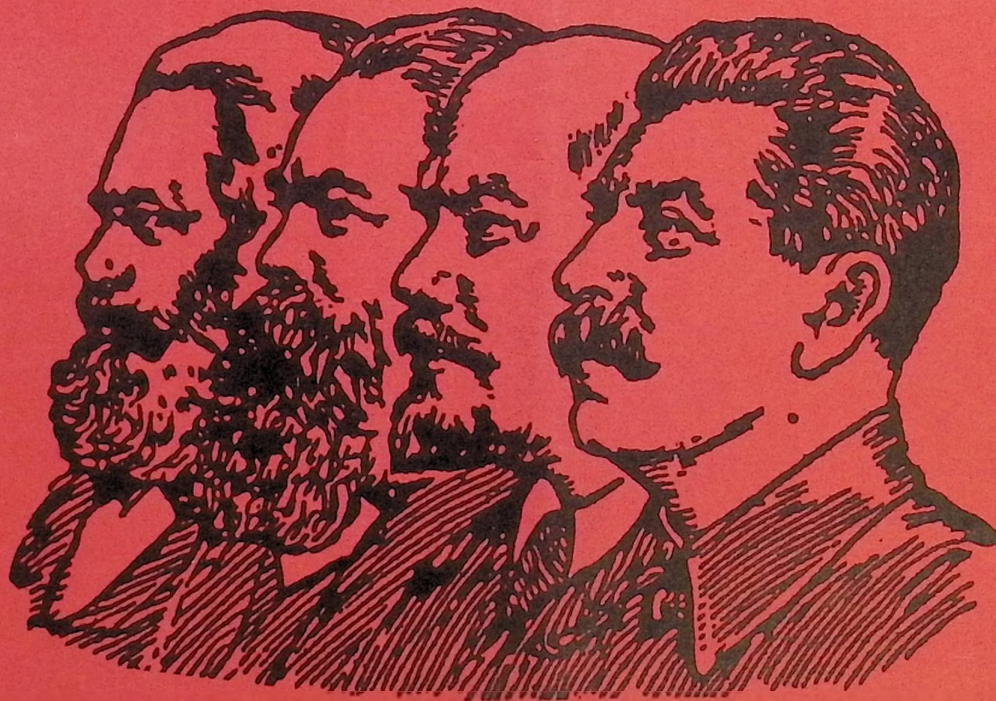
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EDITORIAL

10 YEARS OF "DESTROYKA"!

At the end of 1986, beginning of 1987 when Mikhail Gorbachev came on the scene, the process started to dismantle, dissolve and completely break up the Soviet Union into small, insignificant "independent states", all to be tied-in to the West and the transnational corporate powers.

Our readers have read analyses, facts, documents and other materials about the role of Gorbachev and his rise to the top of the CPSU in the Soviet Union. Many books have been written - by others and by Gorbachev himself.

Canadian Council of Concerned Friends of Soviet People, which name the Canada-USSR Association took after the break up of USSR, realized where Gorbachev and his Western manipulators were heading ... we issued leaflets, fact sheets, letters to our members about the dangerous turn of events that were starting to transpire in the USSR.

Our members and sometimes

even our leading comrades in other organizations and parties heaped abuse on us and our stand!

The consequence of all that was that our leading members decided that there is an absolute NEED to publish a journal that will try to focus on actual events and make contacts with dedicated patriotic forces in former USSR. Thus, the publication of "Northstar Compass" was born.

We stated from the very beginning that Gorbachev is the second coming of Judas who sold out Jesus Christ! We also stated that at least Judas had the courage to



Gorbachev - author of "Destroika"

hang himself for his evil deed, while Gorbachev is still alive and amassing a fortune in dollars for his abominable act of treason that the world historians (both friends and enemies) will forever condemn. History never, ever absolved traitors. No one likes a traitor, even if they agree with him!

For 4 years, Northstar Compass has tried to present the actual picture of events, problems, successes and failures of the Soviet people in their death struggles against the present traitors and their Western backers. We feel that to a point, we have succeeded.

We took a stand at that time that was different from most of the progressive parties-organizations and their publications. We suffered accusations, whispering campaigns against Northstar Compass and the leading Editorial comrades. We kept our "cool" and proceeded to publish under the guidelines that were set forth by two Conferences that were held with delegates from across Canada and the USA present, plus advice and direction from our foreign Editorial Board members.

Sometimes, the news that we published (based on materials that we translated) was confusing to our

10 YEARS OF 'DESTROYKA'

readers, due to so many "communist, socialist parties and movements" that sprang up like mushrooms after the rain. But we saw this as a plus, since more and more millions of Soviet people started to wake up and take action against the present day Judases, since their future and the future of their children and grandchildren were at stake.

The struggle is intensifying, coalitions are being formed, parties are beginning to merge and the Soviet people are realizing that what has happened must be rectified and NEVER allowed to happen again!

DUMA OPPOSITION AND THEIR PLANNED "IMPEACHMENT OF YELTSIN"

Judging by Reuters and Canadian Press wires and stories, it seems that the "Communist opposition" in the Russian DUMA (Parliament) planned to make a motion that would "Impeach" President Yeltsin!

We got excited about this move and thought ... yes, finally there is a definite movement to get rid of this traitor! BUT ... were we surprised when we read further. On what important basis are the Communist deputies trying to get rid of Yeltsin? Is it because he usurped power illegally? Is it because he dismembered the Soviet Union? Is it because millions of people are dying due to lack of health care, medicines, food and lack of pay for work done? Is it because of the thousands of Soviets that Yeltsin, Grachev and Lebed got murdered when the Soviet people were defending the legally elected members of the Supreme Soviet at the White House in Moscow in 1993? Is it because of the sell-off of natural resources to foreign owners? Is it because of the hard-earned and built Soviet industrial might that is now in the hands of foreigners?

Unfortunately not! Gennady

Zyuganov, joining forces with reactionary Zhironovski, started the process of impeachment on the question of ... "WHY IS YELTSIN PULLING OUT RUSSIAN TROOPS FROM CHECHNIYA?"

Even on this point, the communists of the Communist Party of Russian Federation had absolutely no CHANCE of winning the vote! The results of the vote proved it!

Zyuganov and his advisors



Boris Yeltsin

should ask the thousands of mothers who have lost their sons in Chechniya what they think! Do they want their sons to be cannon fodder for the benefit of Yeltsin, his Western backers and the Chechen warlords who are also backed by Western sources? It's oil and nothing else! The Russian and Chechen Soviet people are the losers in this game of OIL for Western cartels!

IS THIS THE WAY THE CPRF SHOULD FIGHT IN THE DUMA?

IS USA GROOMING LEBED FOR NEXT RUSSIAN PRESIDENT?

News services were hot and full

of stories about the visit of Alexander Lebed (who thinks that Pinochet of Chile is the best thing for the world since sliced bread) to Washington and New York on November 22-25, 1996.

All the news services reported (New York Times, Washington Post, Toronto Star and others) that "General Lebed opened up his campaign to be the next president and the campaign opening was in the place where it may count the most."

Newspapers described him as "Lovable, grinning all the time, immaculately dressed with his wife Inna, also dressed in Paris-styled fashions, made the rounds". White House spokesman was quoted as saying, after Lebed met Henry Kissinger, that "He [Lebed] may not be as bad as we think"!

Kissinger, who was the host on behalf of Wall Street moguls, Congress and House of Representatives, all bowing to the prestigious and extremely influential Council of Foreign Relations, is the mover and shaker for the policies of USA Government.

There is a White House proposal for a seven-year \$400 million program to "improve security at Russian nuclear sites". This is a sure proposal that will get USA Congressional approval.

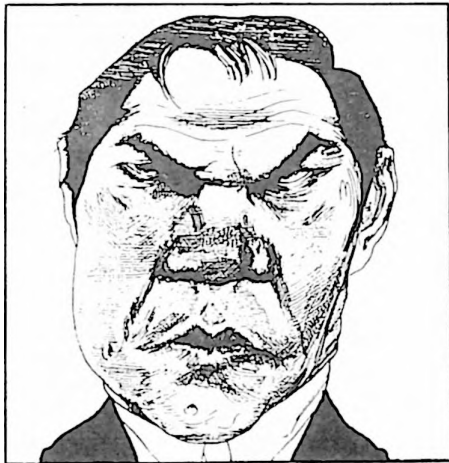
Yes, this \$400 million is meant not to "save the Russian (Soviet) nuclear weaponry", but in fact, it is meant to dismantle the entire defense shield that the Soviets had and Russia still has.

Boris Yeltsin, playing his cards (the cue cards being written by the CIA-Pentagon) brought Lebed into the Russian government and then dismissed him ... but, it looks as if Lebed had the blessing of Yeltsin to go and "unofficially" discuss important state plans with USA officials.

Last fall [1996], Lebed visited NATO headquarters, also on behalf

of Yeltsin.

This time, in New York, Lebed stated that he favours private enterprise fully. He gave an interview to the Wall Street Journal and was accompanied on this trip by "new Russians" – these new businessmen, who accumulated billions inside 4 years, something that makes the Wall Street tycoons green with envy, since it certainly took these tycoons a bit longer to rob the people than it was done by these new Russians". These Russian tycoons paid for his trip, they stated!?



General (Pinochet) Lebed

One young "aid to Lebed" publicly bragged that he was a former KGB agent under Yeltsin, but now he owns a wealthy private bank in Moscow, worth millions of American dollars ... all done "honestly in 4 years"!

(DEAR READER: Don't you believe this? Shame on you!)

When Lebed's wife Inna was asked what she likes about America, she replied with a smile: "The freedom!"

Of course, being in the USA three days for the first time in her life, she immediately felt and sensed complete "freedom" in the USA!

WHAT DOES 1997 HOLD FOR NORTHSTAR COMPASS?

- NSC will feature shorter, condensed news items about the positive struggles that are taking

place in former Soviet Union and other former or present socialist countries.

NSC will not dwell on the reasons of the temporary demise of the Soviet Union – there are events taking place which show a positive aspect of the rising movement of people in all of these former socialist countries, events from which all of us can learn.

- NSC contacts are growing and more writers and journalists are interested in joining forces with us to present our readers the events that are taking place.

- Friendship Societies are being set up in Russia, Ukraine, Byelorussia and other former republics that we shall be dealing with; exchanges shall take place; delegations to visit each other. We shall revitalize the Canadian Friends of Soviet People and set up Friendship Societies with the help of our readers in other countries.

The future expansion of our work is bright!

- Our Northstar Compass this year will be seen world-wide on Internet and World Wide Web medium, which will bring our message even further around the globe.

WE ARE IN A FINANCIAL CRISIS

According to the decision made at the 4th Anniversary Conference of Northstar Compass, held in September of 1996, NSC must have \$24,000 budget for the Dr. A.J. Thut's Sustaining Fund, if we are going to be able to publish regularly, do supplements and publish some books as the two that we published in 1996.

We also understand that the hard economic times now for our readers is a reality, plus the constant demand for giving to other causes and publications.

The hard truth, friends, is this:

IF WE DO NOT MEET THE \$24,000 SUSTAINING FUND, WE SHALL HAVE TO GO AND CURTAIL OUR PUBLICATION OF NSC TO EITHER 6 TIMES PER YEAR OR LESS!

We urge you comrades to help Northstar Compass remain as a vital, necessary journal for the 56 countries of the world!

DEAR READERS: We are very optimistic that 1997 will be the year that will produce a movement which will gather strength, momentum, unity and action that will sooner than later sweep the present mafia Yeltsin government out and again, the Soviet Union shall be reborn and Socialism will again spread over the reconstituted USSR! Have no doubt about it, friends!

AS OUR COVER GRAPHICALLY SHOWS ... "THEIR TEACHING INSPIRES AND GUIDES HUMANITY!"

Let us all be guided by this, friends! □

WE'RE GROWING!

Readers are asked to familiarize themselves with the countries where NSC is being read (Page 2). In the last while, our publication has spread its wings into 56 COUNTRIES! □

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IS SERBIA NEXT TO FALL?

Irrespective of what some of our readers honestly might think or feel about the events taking place in Serbia-Yugoslavia, since we all are being influenced by the daily barrage of news items, TV, plus all mass media coverage, it is the last bastion where communists control the government of Serbia!

Every former socialist state in Europe has temporarily disappeared under the tremendous barrage and efforts of the West, International Monetary Fund and NATO! Serbia alone at this time stood and fought not only Western Imperialism, but also the menacing (supported by the West) Islam Fundamentalism!

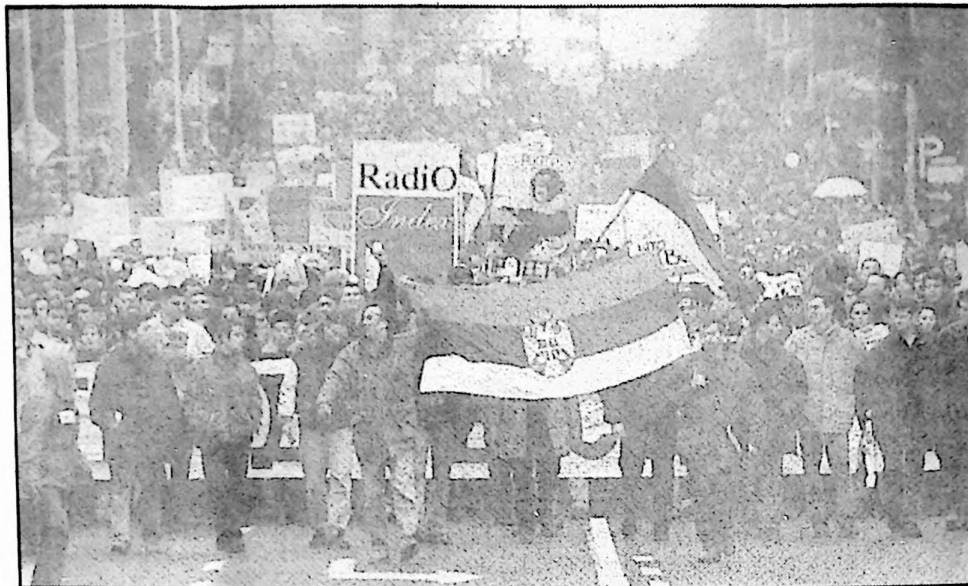
The question is not of President Slobodian Milosevic at all. It's an old tactic to attack the leader, trying to blame "him" for all the ills while in the meantime, organizing a counter-revolution behind this smokescreen.

For those that are taken in by this barrage of misinformation, it is a well known fact that Milosevic works and talks under the Red Flag, with Marx-Lenin portraits hanging in his offices and the hammer and sickle flying on every occasion!

This is the symbol which the organizers are trying to dislodge in their demonstrations, fulfilling the desires of their Western backers and financial supporters.

Also, take a good look at the flag that these protesters are carrying at the front! It's the royal emblem of the former King of Serbia! Should this not tell us something?

Take a look again at the accompanying photograph of the demonstrations being held daily! Do you not notice anything similar too? ...



STARS AND STRIPES ... A man flashes the traditional Serbian three-fingered salute while others wave American flags on the 28th day of protests in Belgrade. The government-controlled media accused the demonstrators of being in the service of foreign powers.

- Hungarian demonstrations, with young people, same slogans?
- German Democratic Republic counter-revolutionary demonstrations with CIA and other secret services being involved?
- Czechoslovakia "Spring Velvet Revolution" – is so similar that by closing your eyes, you could swear that the photo is the same!
- What about Poland, the first to fall to this counter-revolutionary

activity sponsored, financed and managed by the West?

- Bulgaria, Romania and other former socialist countries plus all former Soviet Republics!!!

The scenario is the same; the sponsors are the same; the demands are the same; the media coverage is the same!

If Serbia falls, the last act (for now) will be completed!

DID YOU DONATE TO SUSTAINING FUND?

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR SUB?

NEWS DIGEST COMMENT

NEO-COLONIALISM IN AFRICA

With all the tragic news coming out of Central Africa, in Zaire and Rwanda – millions of refugees; thousands of people being butchered; with Western countries including Canada vying for world publicity in order to start humanitarian aid for the suffering people – what is the real story in Central Africa?

Why is the effort geared only to Zaire and Rwanda?

Millions of Africans are homeless, starving in Angola, Mozambique, Liberia, Somalia, Sudan, Ethiopia, Chad, Sierra Leone and also Madagascar. Why this Western powers hysteria about the homeless Hutus?

The answer is as old as colonial times of yesterday. France and USA are outdoing themselves in trying to gain or regain influence in these countries, while Britain, Belgium and Germany are trying to pick up the pieces for their own exploitation.

Portugal is also a small time player, since it was a major colonial power there.

In early 1960s when France "gave" independence to their colonies in Africa (West Africa) but in actual fact, France installed black colonial overseers, named them "presidents", but orders were given from Paris where French troops kept these black "presidents" in power. In exchange for this "independence", France received mineral wealth and captive export markets.

Now, France is the great

influential power in South Africa, Angola and Zaire. France armed the Hutu regime to the teeth. Why? In order to replace Belgium as the influential force in Rwanda and Burundi.

But, USA started to mix into this cosy arrangement, much to the displeasure of France. USA has now championed Rwanda's new Tutsi-run government in Sudan – another USA target.

Now, the price of Zaire is being fought diplomatically, politically and militarily between France and USA.

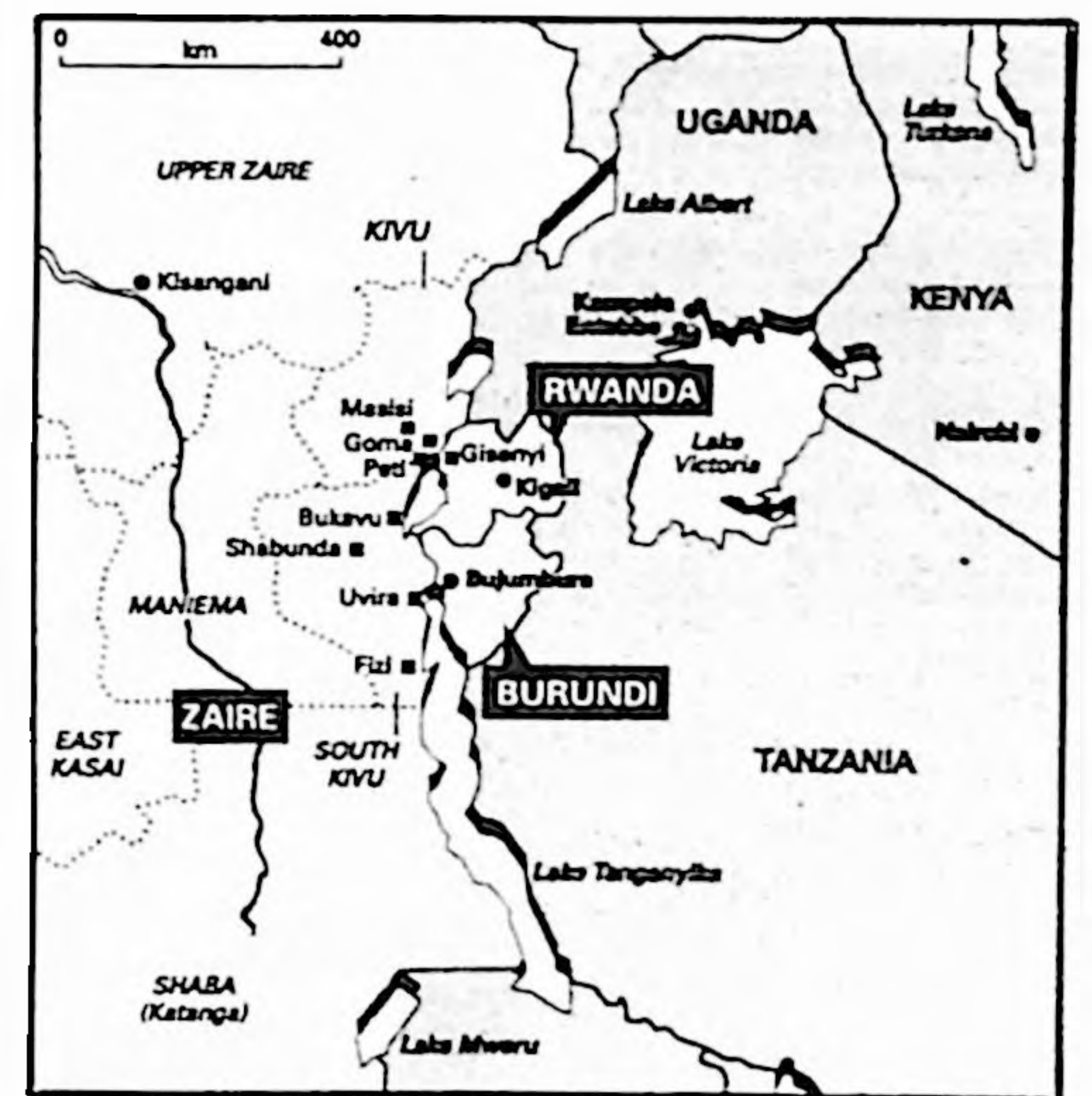
The political farce of Canadian proposal for 10,000 soldiers as "Peace Keepers" is laughed upon by USA and other powers. These plans are nothing more than unabashed neo-colonialist in spirit and content.

Greed for Africa's vast, untapped mineral riches is what drives West's policy. History in this regard repeats itself: White man blesses Black Africans with one hand, while he picks the pockets with the other. In this process, the Black African political leaders cooperate fully.



Illustration by Bill Stapleton from his book, "People In Struggle"

If Angola would be properly run (socialist government would help, or even a social democratic one) it could alone feed all of Black Africa.



COLONIALISM IS DIVIDE AND RULE! USA IS NOW A SUPER-COLONIAL POWER! □

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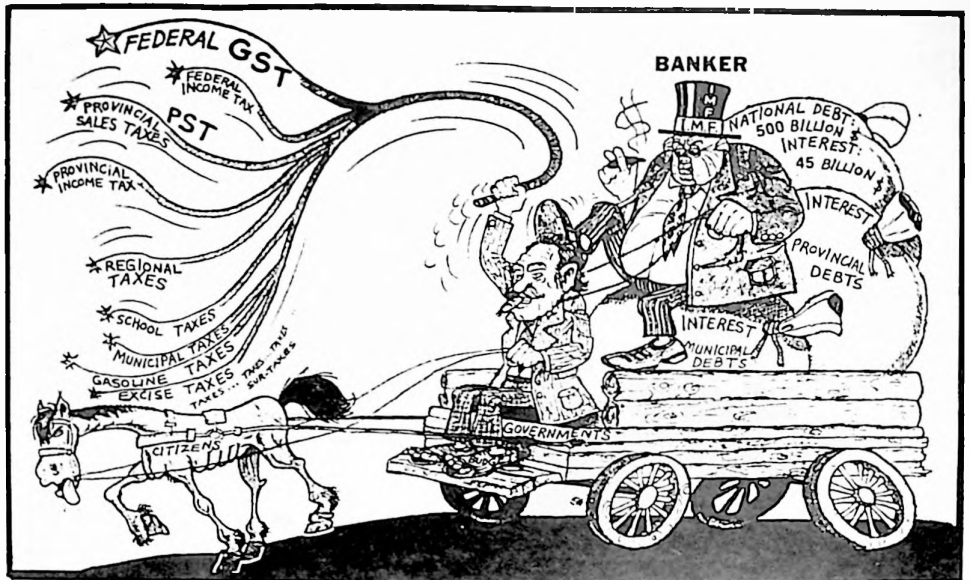
PRIVATIZATION PROFIT & PLUNDER

By: Will Lambert
President Oakville District
and Labour Council

In Canada, the formation of a mixed economy, in some measure, balanced cyclical periods of recession or bust of Capitalism. Public institutions, services, facilities and its workers face escalating elimination. The state planned economy in the socialist bloc is bled by profit crazed leeches under the banner of democracy. This Capitalist restoration is as distanced from democracy in Russia as the food banks' shelves emptied in emergency aid to hungry women, children and elderly here in Canada. How free are you when you cannot feed yourself? Child poverty alone is rocketing particularly in the major cities in Canada, while profit-driven food distribution means sheer death to our related classes in Russia.

The Auto Workers Union here, negotiating the latest contract, has ensured that no job losses would be decided by the larger capitalist Auto Barons.

The conditions of this hinge on profitability. Even this 'infant' step into the ring of the means of production must be seen as an advance. State owned and mothballed industry in Russia serves as a striking example of the waste, incapacity, and inefficiency of Capitalism. This not even begins to explain mass unemployment, non-payment and crashing living standards. The abusive policies in Canada's largest industrialized province, Ontario, are brutalizing people here. Commercializing and privatization serve to open market areas where



business people can venture into. The collective assets that serve the whole of the people mean to serve merely those that won the 'game of exploitation'.

In legal channels, business commits economic expropriation of culture, environment, and humanity. The irony here is that the claim that competition means a benefit to the consumer is a tragic hoax. The centralized conglomerates buy out their competition and thereby produce monopoly. The decision to privatize means that the profit rate is guaranteed at the subsidy of taxes paid by the working class. Whatever sector, whether transportation, education, health cares, affordable housing, elder-care, libraries, galleries and arts are expendable. The rich, whether in Russia or Canada, can enjoy any and all things.

This is where the IMF and the World Bank 'coach' these capitalist governments to convince the people the debt burden must be solved by eliminating social equity now in Canada. These 'prescriptions' are similar in Russia as we all face the oppression of the international financiers.

Now, whether it is paying to borrow a library book or pay 'user fees' to enter hospitals or suffer

outright removal of transit for disabled in Canada, it is all justifiable!

Finally, this whole approach is termed 'revolutionary'. The capitalist governments enjoy referring to themselves as revolutionaries. If ever in contemporary human history the need for skill, consciousness, agitation, and heroic intervention on behalf of the working class internationally was needed, it is today. The land of Lenin still serves us the greatest example, and we are only beginning to understand this, in Canada. □

WHO IS DALAI LAMA?

Recently, USA has set up a "Radio Free Asia" which is like the infamous "Radio Free Europe" that played such havoc with the former Socialist countries during the "Cold War" and even now.

The intent and aim is to broadcast to the Tibetan autonomous region of China. In near future, this "Radio Free Asia" will start broadcasting to North Korea, Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia, besides Myanmar (Burma), and of course, to China.

The above information is from China Youth Daily newspaper of November 1, 1996.

The main thrust to Tibetans is to generate support for the former "god-king" Dalai Lama of Tibet who fled Tibet in 1959 with an estimated \$100 million carried out by his personal slaves on mules.

Tibet was ruled, until liberated by the Chinese Peoples Liberation Army, by scores of noble families and about 100 monastery abbots.

This has a similar resemblance to the present Taliban movement in Afghanistan today. Feudal attitude to women, public hangings and death by stoning are common practice now in Afghanistan as it was in Tibet. More than 90% of the Tibetans were serfs and 5 percent were outright slaves, while the Dalai Lama lived in a 1,000-room, 14-storey Potala Palace. Besides, there was not a single hospital in Tibet while Dalai Lama ruled – the darling of Western Imperialism and all of the "dogooders" who ply the streets with books and sacred pronouncements about Dalai Lama on the streets of Western countries – well financed and well-healed. By whom?

Although USA and other Western countries recognize that Tibet is part of China as they recognize that Taiwan is also part of China ... but that does not stop them to agitate the people as they will do with "Radio Free Asia". □

TRADE UNION SELL OUT!

"Federation of Independent Trade Unions of Russia (FNPR) opened its Third Congress in Moscow, where its chairman Mikhail Shmakov was sharply critical of the government's policies. Shmakov said that if the demands of Russia's miners are not soon met, many of whom have been on strike since December 3, other trade unions may

join the protests. The Congress did not, however, support a proposal by Russian Coal-Industry Worker's Union Deputy Chairman Ivan Mokhanchuk to pass a resolution of no confidence in the government.

Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov and Yeltsin's Deputy Prime Minister Viktor Ilyushon attended the congress."

– Penny Morvant
of Daily Digest

What did we expect from this "in the Yeltsin's pocket" trade union federation? The miners, who are striking, who are the vanguard against Yeltsin and his regime's sell-out, proposed this resolution of no confidence. You would have thought that Gennady Zyuganov, leader of CPRF, member of the Russian DUMA, would have jumped to his feet, urged the delegates to vote no confidence in the present government, thus setting in motion the ultimate victory of getting rid of the present mafiosi regime?

But, of course, Zyuganov does NOT want to get rid of the present regime – he wants to institute a two-party system with him as the leader of a "loyal opposition"! We certainly would wish that he would stop using the sacred name of "communist" and just be what he is really – a social democrat who wants to maintain capitalism in Russia and former Soviet Union! □

ITEMS FROM ABROAD

PALESTINIAN EXPLOSION AGAINST ISRAEL

In the Palestinian territories, dangerous situations were created. Netanyahu government is waging

a real war against the valiant Palestinian people who manifested their strong popular rage against blockade, starvation, land confiscation, settlement and feverish attempts to jewidise Jerusalem and destroy its religious and civilized aspects.

The re-eruption of the Palestinian popular explosion against the Israeli occupation was an expected inevitable result of the racist, Zionist oppressive policy followed by Netanyahu who surpassed former Zionist leaders in terrorism and sanguinity. After his threats to Syria and Lebanon, he [Netanyahu] drowned the occupied Palestinian territories in blood, committing massacres in Ram Allah, Beit Lehem and Jerusalem. The Israeli occupationist troops used tanks and copters against the Palestinian citizens.

The rage eruption manifested by the Palestinian people against the occupation authority, included all cities and villages in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, came as a decisive response to the Zionist oppressive policy, followed by Netanyahu whose real nature appeared before Arab and world public opinion as a normal fascist.

The American absolutely biased stand supporting Israeli suppression and arrogance and impeding the issuing of resolutions, by the Security Council, deserves condemnation.

Normalization of relations with Israel which was carried out by some Arab countries should be halted and the rage eruption manifested by the Palestinian people against the Israeli occupation brutal suppression should be saluted, especially that the fragility of the separate deals has been confirmed and the bloody events proved them to be just paper and ink. What the faithful Arabs fear most is that the heroism of the Palestinian people be wasted and dispersed by a hand-shaking or a

meeting in the White House garden between some Arab officials and the Israelis and the American godfather.

We ascertain that just solutions are neither in the hands of Washington nor in the hands of Tel Aviv, and that Washington meeting will not do the Palestinian justice. It is only an attempt to extinguish the uprising [Intifadah] flame which terrified the leaders of Tel Aviv and Washington and hindered their continued attempts to dominate the region.

The developments of the situations show that the uprising resulted from the aggressive racist policy which changed neither during Peres' time nor during Netanyahu's time. It confirms that Netanyahu's policy is a continuation of Peres' policy and it is its other face, but it is practiced in more brutal and arrogant forms. In quintessence, it is the same and has the same aim: to dominate the region.

The uprising and all other events in the region have ascertained that the American-Israeli solutions have reached a dead end. They also have proven the righteousness of the principled national stand of Syria, which is represented by president Hafez Al-Assad, which firmly demands the total withdrawal of Israel from all occupied territories and the unconditional restoration of all usurped rights. This is the only way for achieving a just and durable peace in the region.

– Syrian Communist Party □

RUSSIA'S MILITARY IN TURMOIL

According to Reuters, CNN and other media, there is an upheaval happening in the present Yeltsin-mafia dominated Russian forces – firings, resignations, murder, assassination and corruption!

Aside from the rhetoric by the Generals appointed by Yeltsin, infighting and publicity recriminations – a more serious situation exists which has all the earmarks of Western policies being implemented.

Case in point:

• Aside from dismantling of missiles, despite the fact that present regime is trying to make CERTAIN that not one General or higher ranking officer is in a position to influence the troops in case of orders by Yeltsin to again shoot at the Soviet people, one event was mentioned in the media and then almost immediately taken out was this fact:

“WEST DEMANDS THAT RUSSIA REDUCE ITS ARMY FROM PRESENT 64 DIVISIONS TO 12 DIVISIONS!!!”

In the meanwhile, USA, Britain, Germany, France and other NATO members are arming themselves to the teeth, developing new and more deadly weapons, plus enlarging their budgets to an all time high!

Russian Generals who oppose these drastic cuts are being fired, replaced, shunted to unimportant positions and all sorts of news items are fed to the outside world and also to placate the Soviet people of the NECESSITY of this dismemberment of Russia's defense shield, since NATO is “friendly” and in spite of all the denials and posturing for the world press that the present Russian leadership is “opposed to the expansion of NATO”!

There is a wide gulf developing between the political bosses in the Kremlin and some of the Generals.

“CORRUPTION IN RUSSIA'S ARMY!”

According to news reports, there is great corruption in the army. More than 80 colonels and 16 generals are facing charges. This is because the



TO ALL READERS:

In last issue, we published an Obituary about the death of Vladimir Klushin, husband of Nina Andreeva, General Secretary of AUCPB. Not having a photograph to go with the Obituary, we publish it now.

We express our condolences again to Nina and family. □

living conditions in the army are such that some soldiers are actually committing suicide for lack of dwellings, food or because their families' economic devastation.

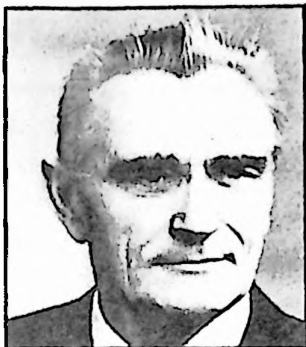
But one must ask this question: “Was it not Yeltsin and his present regime that put these generals and colonels in position, while getting rid of the other patriotic Soviet generals and colonels? Was the present regime not getting worried about the possibility that in another crisis, they would lead the army to the defense of the Soviet people?”

These present generals and colonels are just imitating the present bosses in the Kremlin! □

TO OUR SOVIET FRIENDS:

**ARISE, YOU
MIGHTY LAND!**

PROFESSOR
VLADIMIR
HERASYMCHUK



BOLSHEVIK

Dedicated to the 105th Anniversary of the date of birth of well known Soviet writer, D.A. Furmanov

Much is written and proclaimed by the present regime and today's press about the evils of Bolsheviks and about the repressions of these Bolsheviks. Who were these Bolsheviks? As an example, we can talk about the revolutionary, Leninist as was D.A. Furmanov (1891–1926), author of well loved novel about the legendary Chapaev. "He – wrote well known Soviet writer A.S. Serafimovich – was one who lived for his party work, and in the civil war, with pen or rifle in hand. He was the same here behind the desk or with a rifle in hand – defending the young Soviet state." He joined the party of Bolsheviks in 1918. Furmanov wrote at that time: "I was unsure, I wavered, was unsure of myself or of my beliefs, but the situation, my thoughts during that time, dispersed my questions and I ran towards the shores of Communism, I just did not have enough courage to state this openly. Now, everything is done. Dmitry Furmanov – Communist, Bolshevik".

During the terrible hard times of that period, when 14 Imperialist states tightened the iron ring around Russia, trying to drown in blood the young revolutionary state, this

young Bolshevik was in charge of Ivano-Voznesensky District committee of the party. In January 1919, he was in charge of a company of Red Guards going to the front, where he was promoted to a political Commissar of the 25th Chapaev Division. In August of 1919, Furmanov was head of all political work in the Red Army at the Turkestan front, and in August of 1920, he was in the Kuban region as a Commissar of a Red division to fight and defeat the white guard bandits of General Ulagay.



In 1921, D.A. Furmanov is called to Moscow, where he started his literary career. During that same year, his master work was published, called "Red Division", which spoke and detailed the causes, the victories of the civil war in prose form. Very popular for all generations of Soviet readers was his book about Chapaev. This is a story about the life, born in the fire of civil war, of this revolutionary fighter, national hero, of his strength, which people emulated and whose strength the people emulated and which strength

the people took upon themselves – this was led by the party of Bolsheviks.

In the literary works of Furmanov, you can read the stories about new heroes of socialism. Furmanov himself was such a hero. All of his life, all of his strength, he gave to the Motherland, to the people. In one of his letters to his wife, he tells her about his preoccupation with events, he wrote: "Why do I not think of you: never! From early morning to late at night, my head hurts from all the problems of the party. My head is splitting: noise and excruciating pain. I am beginning to think of you a bit more in the last few days, but not fully. Never. Do not come to see me, Naya – you will disturb my work, I would have to stop ... do not come. This, as they say, is an official request, but in reality, I want you to come, do not look at anything. My mind says no, no, don't come; while my heart requests that you do. Do not fret, my love! And I do believe that you will come soon. This will be beautiful, when I shall see you. We shall talk into early morning. Can't we?"

Fanatical devotion to the party, to the Motherland and to his Bolshevik dedication! These were the real, humble and dedicated Bolsheviks!

Here, it is necessary to state that the daily bourgeois press and the presidential utterances and speeches somehow forget to speak about such dedicated patriots, heroes of our history as Dmitri Furmanov, Nikolai Ostrovsky. Our present capitalist press does not write or state for the young generation, that in very difficult times for the country, through hunger and cold, from near starvation, the Bolsheviks defended bread storage, which was to be given out to the hungry people. In their duties, the Bolsheviks died at their

posts from traitorous bullets of the godfathers of the present pseudo-democrats, who organized diversions, sabotage, murder, burning bread and grain storage facilities. Now, many of these heads of former bands and members of the bandits are being rehabilitated. Some are even being made "national heroes" and they walk the streets free, these traitors, criminals who are praised by the present regime that they fought against "totalitaristic regime" for "independent" Ukraine.

It is also not known to the present generation or to the readers of this journal that People's Commissar Tsiurupa, speaking at the Soviet National Committee about the situation in the country at that time, from fatigue and hunger, fainted right at the tribune. It would really be a sensation now, if at the Supreme Soviet, on stage at the microphone, there would faint from hunger either Kuchma, Penzik, Krawchuk or Pliush, Chernovol or Yunovsky, Lazarenko or Lukianenko!!! Now, in this "independent" Ukraine, as was during the beginning of our country after 1917-1918, millions of our people now are going and suffering from hunger.

But no! Bolsheviks and "democrats", they are not family or brothers or sisters. Of course, it's the truth that Krawchuk and Kuchma, and many other of the present so-called "leaders" were also former members of CPSU. But even Judas, as the Bible states to us, upon receiving 30 pieces of silver, was serving and following Jesus Christ together with other apostles. Unfortunately, not everyone is able to refuse the "yellow devil". The party-governmental top echelons in the 1980s and 1990s were not able to stand their ground but succumbed to this "yellow devil" ...

But, there are today, living

successors of Dmitry Furmanov and his heroes. They are the living present-day Bolsheviks. They are sure of their dedication, the truth of their convictions and of their eventual victory. □

**From Newspaper:
"FOR USSR"
Organ of Peoples Movement
"Union"**



Some excerpts from this newspaper, we feel, will be of interest to our readers:

- In 1996, the growth of world's population was by 100 million people. The population of Russia, due to the present regime, was down by 2.2 million people.

- With everything being privatized, in the city of Volzhsk, the authorities are selling cemetery plots for 1 million rubles, and it is valid for 20 years only. If you live longer, you will have to pay more, or they will put someone else into the grave!

- It is now known by facts that Dudaev of Chechniya was financed by Gambling Casinos of Moscow – thus trying to guarantee themselves future possibilities in oil transactions.

- Every year in Russia, there are over 2,000 suicides.

- It became known through documents that former darling of Yeltsin, Gaidar, former Premier of Russia, assigned millions of dollars to leadership of Chechniya to build factories to produce narcotics.

- More than 20 billions of dollars are being shipped outside the borders of Russia by these new

"capitalists" each year.

- In Germany, there is an absolutely phenomenal growth of Muslim Fundamentalism, even Germans are converting to this ideology. There are now over 2.7 millions of Muslim Fundamentalists living in Germany.

PLEASE NOTE: Larisa Babienko is the Editor of this newspaper and is the comrade of Northstar Compass who was responsible for inviting Michael Lucas to a Conference in Moscow (unfortunately, Michael Lucas was refused a visa to go) plus she is the enthusiastic comrade who is behind the movement to establish our partnership with the Russia-Canada society. We certainly wish her health and much success. □

**From Newspaper:
"PREDAWN FIRES"**

An extremely interesting new newspaper has appeared in Ukraine, the organ of the Progressive Socialist Party of Ukraine which we show its masthead below.

Excellent indepth articles analyze the present situation in Ukraine and touch upon events in Russia and other former Soviet republics. We cannot publish all articles contained, even if we condensed them drastically, but we feel that the following shortened article as an "Open Letter to President Kuchma of Ukraine" will give you an idea of what stand this new newspaper and New Socialist Party takes against the present regime and sell out of leader Moroz of the Socialist Party of Ukraine and Chairman of Supreme Soviet of Ukraine.

Here is the essence of this Open Letter to Kuchma:

"I'm writing to you regarding the issuing of medals to the Deputies upon the occasion of the adoption of

the new Constitution.

As a citizen and law abiding Doctor of Economic Sciences and member of the Parliament for District 346, I look at the constitution as the foundation of all laws of the country. That is why I cannot understand you. First of all, you swore allegiance to the Constitution we had, then you started the process of dismantling this Constitution and had it adopted by illegal manouvering, threats, and without having the people of Ukraine any say in its composition and adaptation.

I twice had a meeting with you, together with knowledgeable Doctors of Economic Sciences, trying to show you the terrible injustice and unforeseen consequences of your actions in pushing through this "Constitution" that was prescribed and composed by your foreign advisors. This Constitution is nothing but a classic plan of the International Monetary Fund to ruin the economy of Ukraine and make it a near colonial country, where foreign goods would be dumped.

You must be aware, as we pointed out, that over 60% of our economic life is based on underground economy – that is, almost 2/3 of the economic life-products is hidden by economic manipulation, with monies being transferred outside the country!

Your personal agreement and collusion with Moroz, head of the Socialist Party of Ukraine, bodes no good for the country.

Whom does this "new" Constitution protect? You are defending only the private industry; you are protecting the illegal selling off of land, industries and raw materials to foreign capital. You have blocked the future development of Ukraine, thus fooling the people that have voted for you.

This is your decision – these will be your responsibilities before the



Moscow – demonstration from "SOLIDAIRE" newspaper – Belgium



Kiev – November 7th demonstrations
– from newspaper "TOVARISH"

Ukraine people. I cannot agree with this and I cannot accept the "medal" offered, because I voted against this so-called Constitution. Therefore, I refuse to accept it!

– Natalia Vitrenko
Peoples Deputy of Ukraine
Chairperson of the Progressive
Socialist Party of Ukraine,
Doctor of Economic Sciences □



– from newspaper "SOVIET VOLYN".

OBITUARY

MICHAEL DAVIDOV — GREAT FRIEND OF SOVIET PEOPLE

In Memory of Michael Davidov,
Progressive Journalist of
American and International
Communist Movement

By: Vladimir Herasymchuk



Soviet people with deep sorrow met the news of the death of the friend of Soviet people, fighter for the rights of the working class of all countries – communist Michael Davidov. He dedicated his whole life to equality, truthfulness, and exposed anti-peoples opportunism and revisionism in the American and international communist movements. He wrote: "Chaos in former Soviet Union and the full dismemberment of Eastern Europe – is a lesson to all of us – it's the history of the renegades, departures from the accomplishments of former period." ("Soviet Russia" newspaper, February 29, 1992.)

Michael Davidov with trepidation looked at the dismemberment of the state structures, industry and agriculture. Before, the successes of Soviet peoples building was the envy of the world working class, but now, we are at the mercy of the bourgeoisie, the speculators and

their sponsors plus daily exploitation. "Is it not time to throw away the scandalous illusions of the American Model?" – was told to us by our American friend. "The reality is this – either the former USSR and other former socialist countries will go through very hard time of revitalizing socialism and will again resurrect a new and reborn USSR, or the fate that awaits it if this is not done is to be relegated to a third world status, or more likely, to even a fourth rate country of the world." ("Pravda", August 7, 1993)

But the deed was done. USA has spent 5 trillion American dollars and accomplished their wish. Michael Davidov looked at the disintegration of USSR not as only a loss for Soviet people, but for all of the working class of the world. "Without the Great October Revolution – he wrote – in America, there would not have been the New Deal of Roosevelt." After the dismemberment of the Soviet Union and the stopping of the "Cold War" Imperialism has received a new opportunity to more radically than even before exploit the working class not only in former socialist countries, but also in the capitalist states today.

Appearing at the 30th Congress of "SKP-KPSS" (Union of Communist Parties – CPSU), Davidov stated: "On you comrades depends, first of all, your own people, secondly, the future of the world's society. This responsibility was given to you by the Great October Revolution. But that revolution is not finished yet."

Michael Davidov also appealed for unity among the communist parties and movements: "If you will be arguing and splitting ranks amongst yourselves, this will only benefit the enemies of socialism"

He also stated the necessity of working among the youth of former Soviet Union. "I saw and see

capitalism in your country. After all, I spent my whole life living in a capitalist country. The roots to your youth are taking hold. The youth is yours – but this is not you. There are such moments in history that people must act quickly and decisively ... It takes many years for capitalism to firmly plant its roots deeply among the youth. After that, you will have a more serious situation. People will become different. The youth will become different – not yours any more. And you will have even more problems after that." ("Glasnost" newspaper, October 16, 1995)

These are real down-to-earth words, spoken by a Marxist-Leninist, revolutionary of the 20th century.

In spite of the temporary defeat of the socialist revolution, the wheel of history forever goes ahead. Revolutionary forces are growing and active in the struggles. Never will Imperialism be able to turn history back. Future belongs to Communism. But the struggle will be terrible and very bitter. Michael Davidov had a comment on this: "It is hard for me to state this, but I foresee a long and bitter struggle for all of the peoples of former USSR. This is the price that Soviet people have to pay, that they allowed their leaders to depart from socialism. But the holiday of victory in this struggle, you will be celebrating on your streets. This is not just a historical truth, but reality of life."

The name of Michael Davidov will forever remain with us in our struggles for the benefit of the working class, for a communist restructuring of the world. □

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FEATURE ANALYSIS

ERNIE TRORY



BRITAIN IN NOVEMBER

By: Ernie Trory

THE DIFFICULTY IN WRITING for a monthly magazine as far away from Britain as Canada is the time factor. It takes seven days for an Air Letter to reach its destination and to this must be added the period of preparation for the publication of the magazine. By the time this article is published, its subject matter may have become history. I have therefore made it clear, both in the heading of the article and in the date of its completion at the end, the limitations in this respect.

November began with the publication of a leaked government paper threatening a new round of attacks on trade unions still further restricting the rights of their members to strike. Ballots backing industrial action would, if the proposals became law, be legal only if they recorded a majority of those entitled to vote rather than those actually voting. In other words, those not voting would be deemed to have cast their votes against industrial action.

If such a system had been applied to voting for Members of Parliament in the last General

Election, membership of the House of Commons would have been reduced to a mere handful – if any at all.

Other proposals included making it obligatory to wait two weeks, instead of the present one week, before taking action after a ballot; taking ballots every three months in long-running disputes; and denying trade union activists the right to have time off while carrying out their trade union duties.

These proposals were embodied in a Green Paper officially published on the 19th November, further revealing a proposal to allow "members of the public" to seek damages from unions if the courts considered a strike had "excessive or disproportionate effects".

The Secretary for Trade and Industry, Ian Lang, in introducing the Green Paper, said: "As long as unions do not call strikes which cause unreasonable disruption to the public, industrial protest will continue to be immune from civil law." The decision as to what is "unreasonable" would be taken by the courts. The proposals were not included in the Queen's Speech on the re-opening of Parliament, which probably means that no attempt will be made to make them law until after the coming General Election, which must be held before the end of next May. The Green Paper could be counter-productive inasmuch as it might arouse large numbers of normally non-active trade unionists to vote against the government.

The good news is that after 17 years of Tory rule, the working people of Britain are beginning to take action to protect themselves. In recent months, there have been one-day strikes by Post Office workers, underground train drivers, firemen and even air-line pilots. This is not to mention the ongoing struggle

of the Liverpool dockers, 500 of whom have been locked out by the Merseyside Docks and Harbour Company for more than a year in an effort to re-establish the old pre-war system of casual labour.

On the 19th November, the day the government Green Paper was made public, the universities of Britain were brought to a standstill by a one-day strike of public-sector employees including lecturers, teaching staff and manual workers. In my own home town of Brighton, eight unions representing the various grades of workers at Sussex University, voted for a day of action. They were supported by the National Union of Students who voted 94 percent to stay away in support. All have suffered by conditions they have been forced to endure as a result of savage cuts in staffing costs and the under-funding of facilities, leading to over-crowded classrooms, crumbling buildings and the constant threat of redundancies and further cuts.

In the past, the threat of unemployment has deterred many workers with genuine grievances from taking strike action. There are two million unemployed in Britain according to government figures but everyone knows that the real figures add up to about four million. The unemployed are now fighting back. Their main struggle at the present time is against the Job Seekers Allowance (JSA) that is being introduced to replace Unemployment Benefit. Under this scheme, benefit will be lost if a claimant refuses to take low-paid work in any sort of job even if he or she is not fitted for it.

In Brighton, the unemployed have been picketing the Job Centres and have made common cause with the Civil Service employees staffing them who are also against the new

system. In the north of England, a network of Unemployed Centres funded by the trade union movement, have been waging an ongoing campaign against the JSA. Protest cards have been handed out to the unemployed signing on who have been advised to fill them in and pass them to a claimant adviser for onward transmission to the Secretary of State for Social Security, which they are legally obliged to do. It is hoped that this and other forms of protest will make the new government scheme unworkable. There is a very good relationship between claimants and civil servants who are advising claimants to target the government and not the Job Centre staff.

The fight-back against the anti-working class legislation of the present Tory government, characterised by the New Communist Party of Britain as "creeping fascism" is developing into a strong swell that we hope will be strong enough to overwhelm the Tories and make it possible for us to kick them out next spring.

LETTERS FROM ABROAD

**From:
Southampton, England**

Dear Friends:

Received the 10 books that you have sent, "Secret Documents" and "Next to Stalin" for selling in our Book Store.

Could you please send another 15 books as soon as you can, since considerable interest was shown?

I am in contact with various progressive groups and I am a member of the Stalin Society and the Association of British Communists.

Many comrades here would like to know more about the Canadian Friends of Soviet People and Northstar Compass.

– Flo Gilbert

Books are on their way to you and many thanks for your interest. We do hope that our two publications will go a long way towards spreading the truth about the role and contribution of Stalin, plus the documents that were not in the public domain until now. □

**Letter From:
Russian Communist Workers
Party, Leningrad**

Dear Friends:

Greetings on the 79th Anniversary of October Revolution, and of course, belatedly but nevertheless, sincerely our best wishes on the 4th Anniversary of Northstar Compass.

I somehow did not receive your journal since July. Can you look into the reasons why?

I am informing you that from your July issue of NSC, I translated a very effective article that you comrades have published, called MELTDOWN by Trevor Rayne – The Crisis of International Finance – and it is published in this number of our newspaper, plus we shall give it to others to do likewise.

I feel that together with comrade Gunko who is now on your Editorial Board, our cooperation will be ongoing.

We had huge demonstrations on November 5th as also on November 7th all across Russia, plus in other former republics of USSR. I would like to point out to you comrades that with every demonstration held, there are more and more young people participating since they see no future in the present regime.

The newspaper "Evening of Leningrad" contains articles from Northstar Compass.

Our fight and struggles with the cooperators in the communist-socialist movements with the present regime, the opportunism that is among our ranks – is the most important task that we are struggling against now.

As you can see, Northstar Compass plays a very effective role in helping us.

– With Best Wishes,
Vladimir Chechentsev

We certainly hope that our friends in Leningrad keep the struggle up and that the flag of the Revolution will again rise over the cruiser "Potempkin"! □

**From:
Lutsk, Ukraine**

Dear Michael and Friends:

I received all the materials that you have sent me, plus the addresses of the contacts in Ukraine and Russia which will help us to start up the Ukraine-Canada Friendship Society.

To set up the organization will be a complex problem but I'm certain that it will be done.

Political situation in Ukraine now is getting absolutely impossible. Reactionary forces are becoming more and more insolent. Regarding my own personal future – it is getting pretty stormy here at the University. I'm working for now, but there is a very definite possibility that I will lose my job. You can understand – to whom is it necessary to have communists working for them at this time? I resolve myself to await my hoping for the best. I'm holding on!

My cooperation with NSC gives me strength at this time. Thank you very much that you are on this earth, Michael. I certainly would dearly love to meet with you and your comrades. I still think that eventually, we shall meet.

I'm happy that a book of my poems is not forgotten and that

eventually, it will see the light of day. Hoping that the Book on Geography of Ukraine will also have a happy ending. Well ... ???

I have many thoughts about our future cooperation plus my professional work if I lose my job. Unfortunately, not all of the wishes are able to be realized. Many problems. But this is life. I think that in the future, we should go deeper into this work.

Before that, I shake your hand, give my regards to the Editorial Board of NSC.

– Always Yours,
Vladimir Herasymchuk

Our readers wish you well in your struggles, because your struggles are our struggles also. We hope that our members give generously to our \$24,000 Sustaining Fund so that we can publish the excellent articles and materials that our readers have got accustomed to. We are with you, Vladimir! □

NEWS FROM U.S. FRIENDS OF NORTHSTAR COMPASS

From:
Minneapolis, MN., USA

Please find a donation of \$100 for renewal, plus two books which I know are valuable. I just wish that I could do more.

– Herbert Clements

Books are on their way and your donation often keeps Northstar Compass coming out regularly. Best of all to you! □

From:
Santa Monica, CA., USA

I'm promoting NSC here and I am certain that many of my friends became subscribers.

Enclosed another \$10 for the audio tape of Soviet songs ... I played them so much that I've worn out the tape!

– John Kitchenka

Another tape is on its way to you. Yes, these songs of love, dedication to socialism are inspiring, and all of our readers should have a copy to hear the songs that the present Russian regime bans from the airways. □

From:
N. Riverside, Ill., USA

Dear Helen:

My \$100 donation is meant for the Dr. A.J. Thut's Sustaining Fund. I just returned from hospital after my third heart surgery.

Best wishes to all and may all NSC endeavours in the coming year be successful.

– Sincerely yours,
June Meka

On behalf of all our readers, we wish you speedy recovery from your heart surgery. You're a fighter, June, and your example will be emulated by many of our readers. The best healthy New Year to you! □

From:
Jersey City, N.J., USA

Here is my renewal. Sorry, I was hospitalized with a broken hip.

NSC is excellent, informative, it's very much needed. Keep it coming. An extra donation is on its way.

– Sam Weintraub

Best wishes to you! May your hip mend quickly and many thanks for your generous support □

From:
Watertown, Mass., USA

My renewal is enclosed for two years in advance. I will also be sending you a donation very shortly.

– Sincerely,
Dick Keshishian



LYDIA S. KARHU 87 YEARS YOUNG!

Editorial Board of NSC and all of our readers want to wish Lydia good health, enthusiasm (which she bubbles over with) and many more years of showing the young generation about the future of socialism.

Lydia is a great booster and contributor to NSC, living in the USA.

Let her enthusiasm, dedication guide all of us in our work!

– Editorial Board
Northstar Compass □

As always, you are a man of your word. May others follow in your footsteps. □

From:
Chicago, Ill., USA

Dear Friends at Northstar Compass:
Here's another cheque for \$150.00 to help sustain NSC. A very warm thank you to the staff that put so much effort to put out this journal.

– Nick Anagnostopoulos

As always Nick, your help is appreciated and you do know the importance of NSC. We just hope that your health keeps going and that you

are the "Ambassador" in promoting NSC. □

**From:
Staten Island, N.Y., USA**

Dear Friends:

Enclosed is a renewal from one of our subscribers whom I met at the Memorial to Michael Davidov, the respected Communist and journalist.

The Memorial was a moving event since he was a great friend of Soviet Union and a staunch supporter of Socialism.

Many at the meeting came up to me and asked when the U.S. Friends of Northstar Compass will be calling a meeting together of the readers and supporters in the New York Metropolitan area?

– For the re-establishment of the USSR

Dr. Angelo D'Angelo

Director, U.S. Friends of NSC

We know that the work for NSC is in good hands, Angelo, and we certainly wish you well in the forthcoming gathering of U.S. Friends of Northstar Compass. □

**From:
Cosmopolus, WA., USA**

Dear Comrades:

Enclosed is \$100 to become an Associate Member of Dr. A.J. Thut's Sustaining Fund.

This is also in loving memory of Michael Davidov, a life-long dedicated Communist of USA who served bravely in former Soviet Union for the People's Weekly World newspaper.

In solidarity and struggle against brutal capitalism and Imperialism.

– Onward for Socialism!

Lydia S. Karhu

As always, you as an 87 year old youngster have more stamina, dedication and optimism than – unfortunately –

most people. But, you are a "Karl" and that should be enough to keep you going onwards for a long, long time.

Happy Birthday, Lydia! □

BOOK REVIEWS

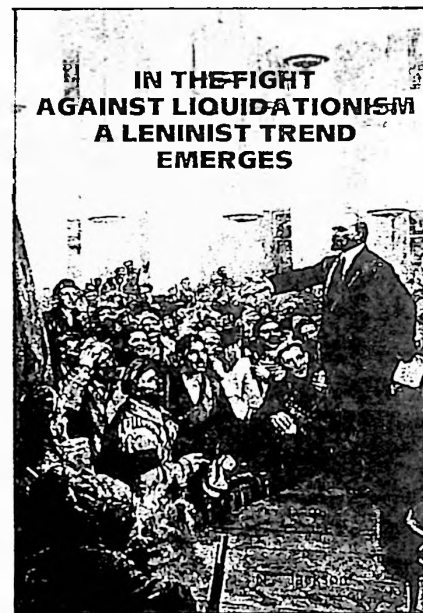
THE FIGHT AGAINST LIQUIDATIONISM: A LENINIST TREND EMERGES

This timely book by N. Jackson is a detailed analysis of the repeated attempts that have been made in the past and are being made at the present time by bourgeois imperialist enemies of socialism to weaken and ultimately destroy the Marxist-Leninist movement everywhere in the world. Their goal is, above all, to destroy the sovereignty and independence of those countries where socialism had already been established. As one might expect, the Soviet Union was the main target in their attack on socialism. Jackson calls this "liquidationism".

The author reminds us that Stalin had in fact written that if socialism were to be overthrown in the Soviet Union, there would follow a period of darkest reaction for the working class and all the oppressed peoples of the world. With the dismemberment of the USSR and the downfall of the socialist camp in general, the danger of descending into a dark age of reaction has become a real possibility.

As we have seen in recent times, the bourgeoisie has often been quite successful in spreading confusion in the ranks of the working class, often leading it into blind alleys and creating splinter groups and disunity in the ranks. The overthrow of socialism has given free rein to

opportunists of every persuasion, and in many instances, their attempts to liquidate the science of Marxism-Leninism have been successful. Their activities have only too often led to the ideological disarming of the working class. They are experts in the falsification of recent history – they deliberately misinterpret current events. They are most skillful in their practice of liquidationism.



Jackson's aim in writing this book is to expose the devious activities of reaction and, at the same time, to preserve the experience of the revolutionary labour movement along with its theory and practice. He discusses and explains the conditions that prevail in various countries and points out what he believes was done right and what was not, and what can be done now and in the future to correct past errors and encourage and promote success. None of this can be done without a close look at and an explication of the different forms of liquidationism.

In the United States, there is open liquidationism and repudiation of all aspects of Marxism-Leninism. The collapse of socialism is portrayed as

an opening for a so-called "third path" which will ostensibly usher in an era of "democratic socialism". In Italy, there was rejoicing among some of the communist leaders when the Soviet Union was destroyed. The rank and file members were simply confused by the term "la terza via" (the third path), just as many rank and file members of the communist party in France and in other countries were confused by the term "Eurocommunism", and in Canada, by the term "Cecil Ross Society".

The trouble is that wittingly or unwittingly, such "reformers" were not doing the working class any good at all but were, instead, leading it astray. The attacks were directed at individuals and groups since liquidationism takes on many forms, depending on the particular circumstances. Jackson speaks of the liquidation of the Black National Struggle, the Women's liberation movement and other organizations. Some American leftists, primarily the Trotskyites and their fellow-travellers, serve the imperialists by calling for the overthrow and destruction of the Soviet Union. According to their reasoning, the way to liberate the working class was not by overthrowing United States imperialism, but by destroying the so-called bureaucratic Soviet Union.

And yet, present-day developments show that it wasn't the Stalinists who were bureaucratic but people like Yeltsin, an anti-socialist and anti-Stalinist, who are the bureaucrats. The destruction of socialism and the outlawing of the Communist Parties has done great harm to the workers in the former Soviet Union, in the East European countries, and to workers everywhere in the world.

But the working class and the oppressed colonial peoples are beginning to fight back. They are confident that they will eventually

triumph in their struggle against cutbacks in social services, privatisation, massive unemployment, colonial exploitation, racism and wars. They face many problems, not the least of which is learning to recognize disinformation for what it is. Imperialism's intensified efforts at exploitation on a world scale are a sign of its weakness rather than its strength. It is trying to use expansion as means of overcoming its inherent contradictions. But globalization inevitably leads to conflicts between the exploiting powers themselves. It is especially necessary today for the working class to be aware and vigilant, since the alternative is to remain misinformed and to be victimized by the imperialists. This means that workers must learn and be guided by correct revolutionary theory.

It is impossible in a brief review such as this to do more than barely touch on the more salient features of Jackson's book. It is highly recommended to the readers interested in learning about what is happening economically and politically in the world today and what the working class must do. Of course, the task facing it is enormous, but is not impossible.

– Michael Ukas □

LETTERS

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

Dear Editorial Board:

In memory of my late loving husband, George Legebokoff, I'm forwarding \$100.00 donation towards Dr. A.J. Thut's Sustaining Fund. His memory will live on!

– Mary Legebokoff

Your donation in memory of George is appreciated and his name, his

deeds and dedication will be written into history as a patriot and a fighter for socialism and friendship with Soviet people. □

**From:
Innisfree, Alta.**

Dear Friends:

Again, I am sending you \$300 towards Dr. A.J. Thut's Sustaining Fund on behalf of George Sydora, Peter H. Skolski and Alex Skolski. Of course, I would want to get these excellent books, "Secret Documents" and "Next to Stalin".

– Yours truly,
Alex Skolski

DEAR FRIENDS: The Editorial Board wishes to thank you profusely for your constant help that you friends give to NSC. Your names appear more often on our Honour Board at the Friendship House than any others.

The best of the New Year to you, dear friends. □

**From:
Valemont, B.C.**

Dear Friends:

Enclosed please find a donation of \$100 towards the Dr. A.J. Thut's Sustaining Fund, plus an order for the books "Secret Documents" and "Next to Stalin".

My best wishes to all of you!
– Frank Blackman

Your constant contributions to NSC are appreciated and your dedication is noted by our readers, who comment on your contributions! Best of 1997 to you and yours. □

**From:
Vegreville, Alta.**

I'm wondering whether the Editorial Board of NSC would consider changing (gradually) NSC to the format of World Press Review. This WPR is a right-wing bias publication and NSC should become

(in this format) a publication presenting a left-wing bias ... excerpts from sources all over the world as newspaper Granma does.

NSC does a commendable job in presenting an alternative point of view. I get frustrated at times when quoted sources are not clearly identified as to name, date and page of publication where it comes from.

– Yours Sincerely,
Bill Dascavich

Our Editorial Board is looking into this proposal. Your criticism is valid and we shall try to remedy this oversight on our part. Many thanks for your suggestions. □

**From:
Hamilton, Ont.**

Enclosed please find \$100 towards the Dr. A.J. Thut's Sustaining Fund for NSC. Keep on with the good work!

– James Redpath

We shall endeavour to fulfill your trust in us for 1997 and we, as well as you, hope that the \$24,000 will be over-fulfilled. □

**From:
Courtney, B.C.**

Dear Friends:

Enclosed is \$75 to use as you see fit. Please help the young Soviet communists that I read about in NSC. I was very pleased to see that your new writer Will Lambert has connected the destruction of USSR with the capitalist aggression against the workers. We MUST have a socialist state that is powerful enough to withstand the onslaughts of international capital.

The present situation is like returning back to slavery, with no Spartacus or Lenin to lead. It was certainly a pleasure to hear Ilya Kulik state that his success is due solely to the Soviet State's training

him as a skater. And this on world-wide TV! A gutsy kid!

Could you find out about a book by a Soviet female journalist, called "The Unwomanly Face of War"? This book is full of interviews of many women who fought in the Second World War against Nazi Germany. I read excerpts from the former publication "Soviet Literature" which is no longer published, of course. It was gripping! It is time that such heroic exploits be re-told.

Soviet women, awake now! Demand a return to socialism and your former socialist rights!

– All the best!
Rennie McCallum

DEAR RENNIE: We published the whole of your letter, since there is a message in it that our readers should appreciate, emulate and help to support NSC.

We also appeal to our readers whether anyone can send us a copy of that book. We certainly would like to reprint it! □

ATLANTIC REPORT

**By: Vic Ratsma
Atlantic Provinces
Director**

**From:
Dartmouth, Nova Scotia**

Hello Friends:

My apologies for not writing to you for some time. I'll make no excuses for that, but rest assured that my commitment to the goals of our association is as strong today as it ever was. In fact, the old notion that people get to be more conservative as they get older doesn't seem to apply to me, as I get more and more fed up with what governments are doing to working people and it becomes blatantly obvious that the capitalist system offers no acceptable

solutions. Somehow, we have to convert from a profit oriented system to a system based on people's needs.

Looking at the Canadian situation, the free trade agreements that the people never supported or voted for appear to be the main reason for the sliding living standards experienced pretty well across the board. Governments have turned over the power to govern to the corporations and the so-called "free market" puts tremendous downward pressure on all costs associated with labour. Hence, we see an economy that cannot create full employment, no matter how many times we are given the lie that the economy is picking up. It cannot even reduce unemployment below 10% and jobs that are created usually are low wage jobs, temporary or part-time positions without benefits or some high-tech jobs for which the unemployed don't qualify. Social services such as medicare, welfare, unemployment insurance, education and pensions are all under attack and subject to cuts, reductions in coverage, clawbacks, etc. Meanwhile, private corporate profits are at an all-time high while public enterprises such as the CBC, Provincial utilities and Canada Post are on the block for privatization and downsizing. It seems that the word 'public' has become a dirty word in our society, associated with deficits, inefficiency and useless activity.

My fear is that this process of undermining people's living standards is only at its infancy and will accelerate as time goes on. Corporations are getting bolder with their threats to take their business elsewhere (and the jobs that go with it), thereby putting pressure on governments to give them ever more concessions, tax cuts, grants, etc. Consequently, the proportion of taxes collected from corporations has

steadily dropped vis a vis personal taxes. Somewhere, this process has to be stopped but it does not seem likely under the present social system. The political parties operating within this system are unable (and unwilling) to stop the slide they themselves set in motion, but keep people on their side through slick advertising and media control. It makes it therefore so important that Northstar Compass continues to be published. For now, at least we're not about to be shut down by Conrad Black and his cohorts, but it would be truly a great loss if for financial reasons, our Northstar Compass were unable to be published or reduce its content. So, we'll dig a bit deeper into our pockets and send you again \$100.00 to sustain our operation. I hope that each and every one of our readers will contribute to the best of their ability. The struggle for socialism in the former USSR is the same struggle Canadians have to face up to. Only through the highest level of co-operation can we hope to succeed in building a better future for mankind. So, let's go into the new year by re-committing ourselves to international solidarity and for a society where people's needs come first. You can count on me.

- Vic

To: Ms. Alison MacPherson
A.G. Baillie Elementary School
477 Victoria Ave. Ext.
New Glasgow, N.S.

Dear Ms. Alison MacPherson:

Your letter of September 5, 1996 to our office in Toronto has been forwarded to me for response. Let me first of all thank you for interest in the activities of our organization and, what I perceive to be an interest in the well-being of the people of the former Soviet Union.

The roots of the Concerned Friends of Soviet People [formerly

Canada-USSR Association] are explained in the enclosed pamphlet and reaches back as far as 1918. During the decades of the 70's and 80's, we were heavily involved in the maintenance of peaceful relations between Canada and the USSR through cultural and professional exchanges, hoping thereby to influence the course of history and lessen the impact of the Cold War.

Since 1989, when the Soviet Union broke into separate countries and started to follow a capitalist road of development, the situation in Russia (and other breakaway states) has steadily deteriorated for the average working person, to the point where poverty, crime and despair now engulf the lives of large masses of people. All aspects of life are affected, including a lack of food, medical care, employment, etc. I'm sure you are aware of this situation, which has no apparent solution under the present leadership and the direction they follow.

It is the belief of the members of our organization that the only solution lies in the resurrection of the Soviet Union in some form, that will restore stability in the country, restore full employment and the social safety net and follow a socialist path of development. Consequently, we communicate and work with groups of like-minded people in the former Soviet Union to help them accomplish this task.

We presently produce a monthly magazine entitled Northstar Compass, which is read in many countries of the world. If interested, we shall forward you a recent copy.

I hope that I have answered your questions and if we can be of any further service to you, please don't hesitate to call or write.

- Yours Sincerely,
Vic Ratsma,
Director, Atlantic Region

No response was received after this.

Our Northstar Compass has many requests from schools about contacts - pen pals, as the above letter (reply) shows. As soon as we state what the situation actually is and urge schools to see the present situation as is, the teachers seem to get cold feet about further contacts - afraid of higher ups of showing their students the true devastating situation there in former Soviet Union and their "market (capitalist) economy".

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A REPORT:

KAZAKHSTAN REGIME WELCOMES OIL MONOPOLIES WHILE ATTACKING LABOUR!

By: Bill Doares

The pro-capitalist regime in the former Soviet Republic of Kazakhstan has rolled out the royal carpet for U.S. oil monopolies. The growth of U.S. investment in the Central Asian country has been accompanied by the banning of unions, strikes and picket lines and the jailing, beating and firing of labor activists.

But the regime of Nursultan Nazarbaev has been unable to crush a growing strike movement that is challenging privatization and "market reform". According to Pyotr Khalov, a leader of the Workers Solidarity Movement (RDS), the strikers raise clear political demands: an end to privatization and the return of property to the people, political power to be in the hands of workers' Soviets and the restoration of the USSR.

The financial columns of U.S. newspapers carry glowing reports of the huge profits to be made from Kazakhstan's vast oil reserves. But the attacks on the rights of labor have been ignored by the corporate news media, which so diligently seek out "human rights violations" in countries less subservient to U.S. monopoly capital.

The regime launched its anti-labor offensive after mass demonstrations erupted across Kazakhstan on March 17. That was the anniversary of the 1991 referendum in which a great

majority of people in all Soviet republics voted to "preserve the Soviet Union as a socialist state". The dissolution of the USSR by the Gorbachev-Yeltsin regime was a flagrant disregard of that popular mandate.

May 1 International Workers Day rallies were banned. On June 8, police commandos attacked a congress of the Workers Solidarity Movement (RDS) at a mine near the industrial center of Ust-Kamenogorsk. The workers later reassembled in secret but the RDS was banned. RDS activists, D. Danielevski, A. Medvedev and Kazakhstan Workers Movement leader Islamov were fired from their jobs and jailed repeatedly. Medvedev, an elected deputy from Ust-Kamenogorsk, was expelled from parliament, in the pretext he had met with voters from outside his district. Svintsov, a workers leader in the Karaganda coal mines, was framed on charges of extorting money from businessmen.

Medvedev and Danielevski are strike committee leaders in Ust-Kamenogorsk and members of the All-Union Communist Party-Bolshevik (AUCP-B).

The regime banned celebrations of the November 7 anniversary of the 1917 Socialist Revolution. On November 17, police attacked a protest in the capital of Alma-Ata against the extension of Kazarbaev's term to the year 2000. After that, a new wave of arrests was launched against leaders of the RDS, the Kazakhstan Workers Movement and the labor movement Azamat.

All this is fine with the bosses at Mobil and Chevron, who dominate a consortium now building a 1.5 billion dollar pipeline from Kazakhstan's Tengiz oil fields to a new port to be built on the Russian Black Sea. British, Italian and Russian oil companies are also

involved in the deal. Chevron alone hopes to pump 700,000 barrels of crude a day out of Tengiz by the year 2000. Incidentally, Mobil and Chevron between them have eliminated tens of thousands of jobs in the U.S. during the past decade.

Today, capitalist restoration threatens to destroy all that was built under socialism. While Western firms get richer off Kazakhstan's oil wealth, the republic's industrial production has dropped 44% since the USSR was destroyed. Soviet-built industrial cities now stand silent; their workers left with no income. Collective and state farms have been forcibly privatized and half the country's cattle have died.

Socialism brought electrification and central heating to Kazakhstan. In mid November, cuts in electricity, gas and telephone service led to a three-day rebellion in the city of Chimkent. Youth broke windows, older people blocked traffic and thousands took to the streets, according to news reports. Spontaneous uprisings have also broken out in Alma Ata.

The past five years have seen a massive transfer of wealth from the former Soviet Union and East Europe into the hands of Western capitalists. A striking feature of the crisis in the former USSR is that Russia's new capitalist class has not yet produced any serious opposition to this wholesale plunder.

The Editorial Board of Northstar Compass has sent a letter of support to this International Committee and a protest against the dictatorial powers by the present regime of Nazarbaev of Kazakhstan.

We urge our readers to send protests and letters of support to our address or fax it to us, then we shall make certain that these messages get to the right source. □

SECRET DOCUMENTS

THESE DOCUMENTS WERE NEVER BEFORE PUBLISHED IN ENGLISH. THEY'RE FROM NKVD-KGB AND CC CPSU FILES, PLUS PERSONAL FILES OF J.V. STALIN.

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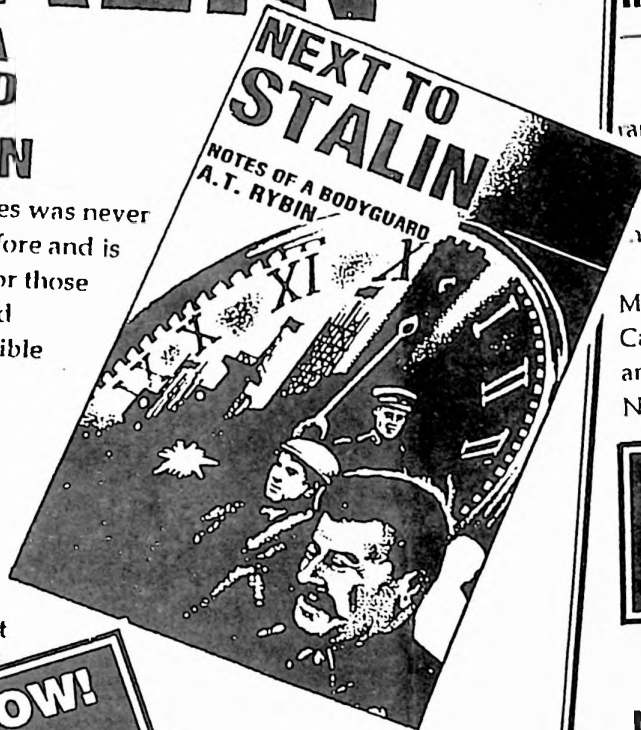
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