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HOW U.S. FEDERAL RESERVE SHIPS MONEY TO MOSCOW FOR ... GUESS WHO????

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EXPOSÉ

NEW YORK THE MONEY PLANE

Every day, the Russian mob gets a shipment of up to a billion dollars in fresh \$100 bills. The money, flown out of JFK, comes straight from the U.S. Federal Reserve. An exclusive investigation.

By Robert L. Friedman 4/3



Airbring from New York: Flight 30's cargo of U.S. cash being unloaded at Moscow's Sheremetyevo airport on January 4.



EDITORIAL

90 DAYS TO SHAKE OFF IMPERIALISM!

On June 17th, the fate of not only Russia and the former Soviet Union will be decided, but the fate and destiny of the working class of the world.

Is this just a random statement, meant to bring on fear and panic?

No, it's not a random statement at all. The forthcoming June 17th presidential elections in Russia will be the turning point - either towards renewed socialism or a right-wing military dictatorship if Yeltsin, Zhirinovsky, Lebed or even Gorbachev should happen to win the election!

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ABOUT NSC? WRITE!**

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**SALT &
PEPPER
ON WRY**

By: Frank Ray Davis

MISSING BUT NOT MISSED:

A government spokesman explained that Yeltsin's absence from his office has "not interrupted the daily routine in the Kremlin."

A nice way of saying it doesn't really matter whether Boris Boracho (Spanish for drunk) shows up for work.

All translations from Russian, Byelo-russian, Ukrainian, Czech and Slovak by Michael Lucas.

Is this far-fetched? Absolutely not!

Read the New York Times, London Observer or other bourgeois publications – they hint at that possibility. They understand the anger of the Russian people uniting behind the candidature of Gennady Zyuganov of the Communist Party of Russian Federation, who is given a good chance of winning the race. The transnational corporate power plus the International Monetary Fund are doing everything possible to shore up the popularity of Yeltsin.

In another part of Northstar Compass, you will read the EXPOSE of the "One Billion Dollars Per Day Shipped from USA to Russian Mafia"! This money is not only for laundering purposes, it's to buy-out voters, influence, agitation on TV and press time. As the article states: "One Billion Dollars each day, already for 2 years!" That is more than some top capitalist powers have in their whole monetary system for the whole country!

Will the billions of dollars, investments, industrial buy-offs by corporations – do you actually think that these corporations with NATO behind them, will just leave peacefully if the Communists with Zyuganov were to win the elections? Let us be serious!

Then what is the answer according to our way of thinking?

If no pre-election UNITY is achieved by all of the Communists-Socialists-Marxists-Leninists – then the only alternative is for ALL Soviet Patriots to go and vote. THERE CANNOT BE NO BOYCOTTING THE ELECTIONS AT THIS TIME!

Yeltsin is now trying to put on a "new image" (the Wall Street promoters desperately are trying to save Yeltsin) in order to present himself as a "patriot", "saviour of Russia" and trying to show the

people that he is swinging to the "left" in order to make life easier for the people.

There is a danger in this – great danger! Soviets must realize that it's capitalism that is to blame, not Yeltsin.

It is somewhat discouraging to have read the reply by Gennady Zyuganov, leader of the Communist Party of Russian Federation, when Yeltsin announced his candidature for President. Zyuganov was



quoted as saying: "He's a weak candidate"!

That is the weakness of the CPRF ... the idea of going it alone, not trying to unite with ALL progressive forces. People voted for CPRF as a vote for dedicated Communists, for socialism, not only for Russia but for the Soviet Union!

We, as friends of Soviet people, have a moral obligation to voice our opinion on this life and death struggle, because this also affects the working class of the world, not only of the Soviet people.

**UNITY MUST BE ACHIEVED
BEFORE THE JUNE ELECTIONS!**

Mike Davidow writing in the

People's Weekly World is correct when he stated the following: "The CPRF has not forcefully seized upon Yeltsin's Achilles heel. They have not clearly unmasked the Yeltsin 'reforms' for what they really are – It's not reforms at all, but a capitalist counter-revolution".

This is why Northstar Compass has taken and will take the position to publish all different platforms of the Communist forces, while at the same time, voicing our own attitude and criticism towards the weaknesses in them and especially criticism in a very constructive way geared towards the position of the CPRF leadership, since it has gained the most votes in the Duma elections.

This is no time for "personal popularity gains" or for trying to be a "favourite to all"!

The Soviet people are ready to be led towards regaining socialism that they have lost. Even Western politicians and analysts are aware of this. There are only 90 days left to shake off the yoke of Imperialism!

Why should the tax payers in capitalist countries like Canada, USA, England, France, Germany and others, have to pay taxes, some of which go towards propping up the present Yeltsin regime?

In Canada, where there is unemployment, strikes, social cuts and real poverty for a certain section of Canadians, Prime Minister Chretien has declared (without consulting either parliament or the population) that Canada is donating \$20 million towards "Yeltsin's Democracy Fund"!!!

What hypocrisy! What terrible injustice to Canadians!

Now, with "Second Judas – Gorbachev" declaring his candidacy for President, maybe the West will open up a "Democracy Fund for Gorbachev"? Money support for this Judas, who is now a multi-millionaire?

We are certain that the Soviet people will make a correct decision. The working class of the world will be forever indebted to them. □

WHAT COMES ACROSS THE DESK OF NSC?

Editorial Board receives weekly and monthly many newspapers and journals, either as subscribers to NSC or an arrangement for mutual exchange of publications. We feel that our readers would be interested to know about them, and we would supply the addresses to our readers who would like to subscribe to them, upon request.

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NOTE: We also receive 82 newspapers from former Soviet Union, 9 of the former 15 Soviet Republics. □

NEWS DIGEST COMMENT

HOW U.S. FEDERAL RESERVE SHIPS MONEY ... TO MOSCOW FOR ... GUESS WHO????

By: Ray Stevenson

Robert I. Friedman's lengthy expose in the January 22nd edition of "super-slick" magazine "NEW YORK" should serve as the final antidote for remaining naive souls who consider the enforced "collapse" of the Soviet Union a move toward an era of peace, progress, stability, security ... not to mention "freedom and democracy". Titled "The Money Plane", with front page and elaborate photos, it runs to ten pages, is instructive on the international rise of the Russian Mafia ... and is bone chilling. But in fact, more questions are being raised than answered.

The continuing world dominance of U.S. nuclear AND conventional arms; the eastward push of the NATO military presence to swallow holus-bolus all of eastern Europe and camp on the borders of the former USSR is enough to frighten even the most sanguine. But another ghoulist twist is added by Friedman's article. In part, he writes:

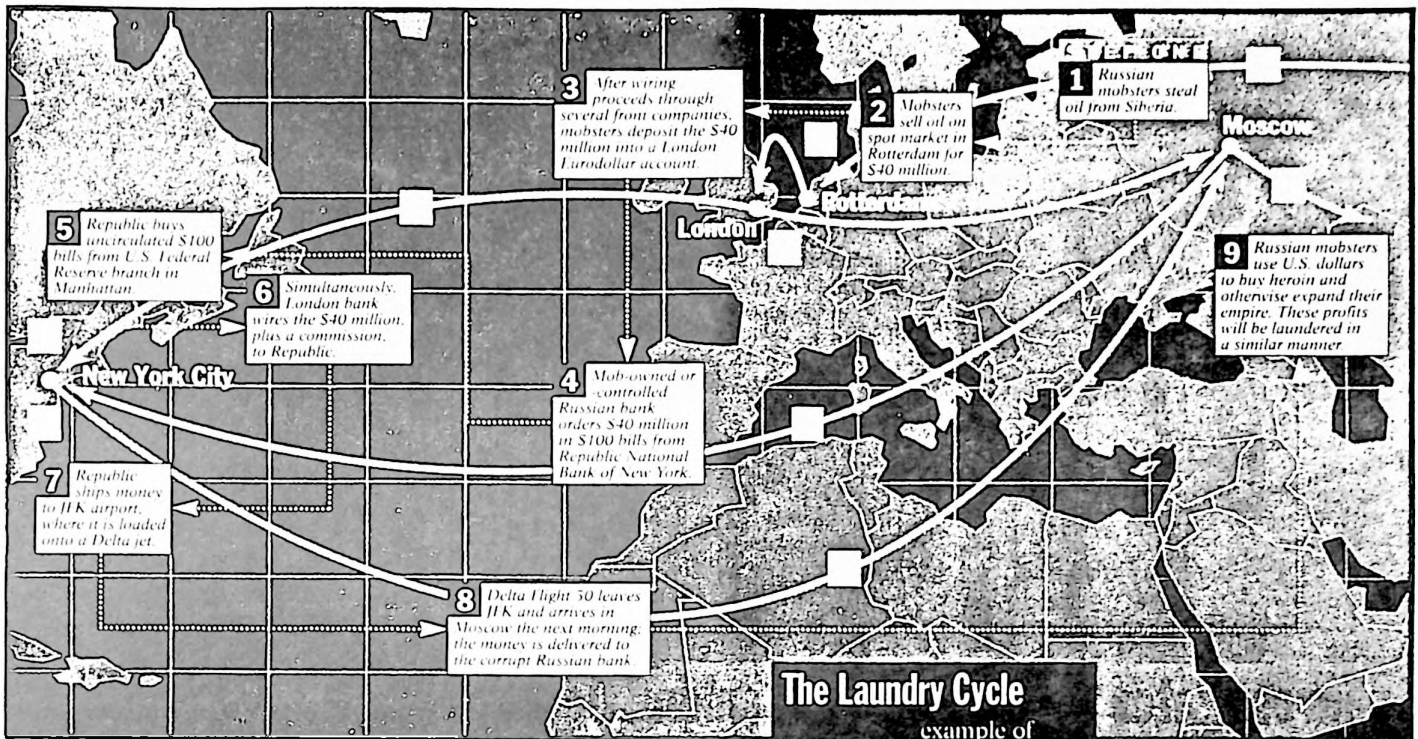
"Five nights a week, at least \$100 million in crisp new \$100.00 bills is flown non-stop from JFK (the N.Y. main airport - RS) to Moscow where it is USED TO FINANCE THE RUSSIAN MOB'S GROWING INTERNATIONAL CRIME

SYNDICATE. State and (U.S.) Federal officials believe it IS PART OF A MULTI-BILLION DOLLAR MONEY LAUNDERING OPERATION. THE REPUBLIC NATIONAL BANK AND THE U.S. FEDERAL RESERVE PREFER NOT TO THINK SO ..." (emphasis added).

Whatever these institutions think, it is absolutely clear that the U.S. government and its various official law enforcement agencies have to be "IN THE KNOW", all the way to the top. If, as Friedman says, the nightly cash shipment "is for the mob", it doesn't require a Yale law school degree to see that such are more than "a little bit 'illegal' ... just a mite outside the law" ... to say the least.

But the "law enforcement" agencies sit on their hands IN BOTH WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW, watching the "cash flow" eastward. From this, it can be assumed THAT BOTH GOVERNMENTS ARE HAND-TO-HAND IN CAHOOTS WITH THE MOBSTERS! Maybe "Alice in Wonderland" wouldn't believe that, but others, not so naive, would.

On another tack, according to the front page centre photo and story of the February 8th, London, U.K. based newspaper "European", none other than the formerly outlawed Chechen "bandit" Dudayev, is "elevated to respectability" as the "Chechen Rebel Leader". Headlined "Dudayev Accuses West of Funding Russia's War", the story has him threatening "The West" if they don't stop it. For anyone familiar with the tragedies and farces of the four year Yeltsin regime ever since he and "Commander" Bill Clinton embraced (literally) in Vancouver, the idea of "U.S. funding of the Yeltsin war on Chechnya" would hardly be a major surprise. And soldiers, as well as miners, need to



The Laundry Cycle
 example of
 how Russian organized crime
 turns illicit proceeds into
 crisp, new \$100 bills.

be paid.

Since 1990 (or earlier during the Gorbachev days of planned and deliberate "error-stroika") the central, all embracing aim of the G-7 TNC crowd has been propping up and supporting in whatever ways necessary, the corrupt, sodden, crime-ridden regime that was installed by gunfire and U.S. dollars over the remains of the former Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. TNC spokesmen Clinton, Kohl, Major (and Thatcher), Mitterand (now Chirac), Mulroney (now Chretien) and whoever was sent by Italy and Japan to represent them between scandals, have never wavered from that aim. That still persists today, even more vociferously and tenaciously in light of the resurgence of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation and the coming Presidential elections in June, this year.

Viewed from that perspective, Delta Airlines' nightly flights with the "nice crisp, unused \$100.00 bills" directly from the U.S. Treasure Reserve to bankroll Yeltsin's and the oil barons' war in Chechnya is not

only plausible, but very probable. The Russian people recall too vividly the Yeltsin-Grachev shoot-out and blood bath of October 1993 vintage, not to suspect this illicit and dangerous connection.

They will remember how Clinton backed the Yeltsin-Grachev blood spilling in the destruction of the Supreme Soviets, the wanton murder of thousands and the jailing of the leaders of the Supreme Soviet. Why would Clinton and the Federal Reserve bankroll this outrageous war? For the same precise reasons they lent support to the Moscow based gangsters and butchers of 1993 ... to "keep Russia safe for TNC plunder"!!!!

MONOPOLY SPAWNS GANGSTERS AND MURDERERS ...

It is no secret that monopoly capitalism spawns and maintains crime, gangsterism and corruption whenever it holds sway. Relations

between U.S. governments at every level, monopoly and organized crime are very relevant, going back to the earliest development of U.S. Imperialism and today's TNC's. A study of the relationship of U.S. Texas oilman, ex-President George Bush and his C.I.A. henchman, drug lord Noriega of Panama would prove instructive. But don't hold your breath too long for that!

Is there a Russian Mafia, and is it connected to the government and the new, primitive "class" of Russian capitalists? It would be the surprise of the century if that were not true. Two or more years ago, NSC exposed some of these links and connections with the drug trade. It would be even more astonishing if the violent, totally unscrupulous ruling gangsters of Russia were not entrenched, arm-pit deep, in the new, uncontrolled, 1,000 or more Russian banking "adventures" ... or that in the prevailing state of lawlessness, they didn't murder

each other more or less wholesale, and at random, as Friedman reveals.

Finally, why would not international finance capital, whether the U.S. Federal Reserve, Republic Banking, or any other financier get involved in all such "lucrative" businesses and rackets? It has happened before, in India, Africa, Asia, South America, etc., etc., ad infinitum. Such practices are both endemic and systemic in that world of profit grabbing, thievery, corruption and violence.

TO SEEK A RATIONAL SOLUTION ...

Just eighty years ago, the following was written:

"Monopoly has grown out of [colonial] policy. To the numerous 'old' motives of [colonial] policy, finance capital has added the struggle FOR SOURCES OF RAW MATERIALS; FOR THE EXPORT OF CAPITAL; FOR SPHERES OF INFLUENCE; i.e., for good business, concessions, monopolistic profits ... in short, FOR ECONOMIC TERRITORY IN GENERAL ... Monopolies, oligarchy, the struggle for domination, RATHER THAN STRIVING FOR LIBERTY; THE EXPLOITATION OF SMALL OR WEAK NATIONS BY AN EXTREMELY SMALL GROUP OF THE RICHEST AND MOST POWERFUL ..." Read that passage substituting the words "Cold War" for "Colonial" and use the term "Transnational corporations - TNC's" interchangeably with "monopolies" and the current tragic situation of the former Soviets is focused sharply.

In his seminal tract "Imperialism, The Highest Stage Of Capitalism" written in 1916 while in exile, Lenin not only exposed in detail the far reaching Imperialist atrocities against all people everywhere, he advanced the cure ... revolution of the people led by the working class and the eradication of monopoly

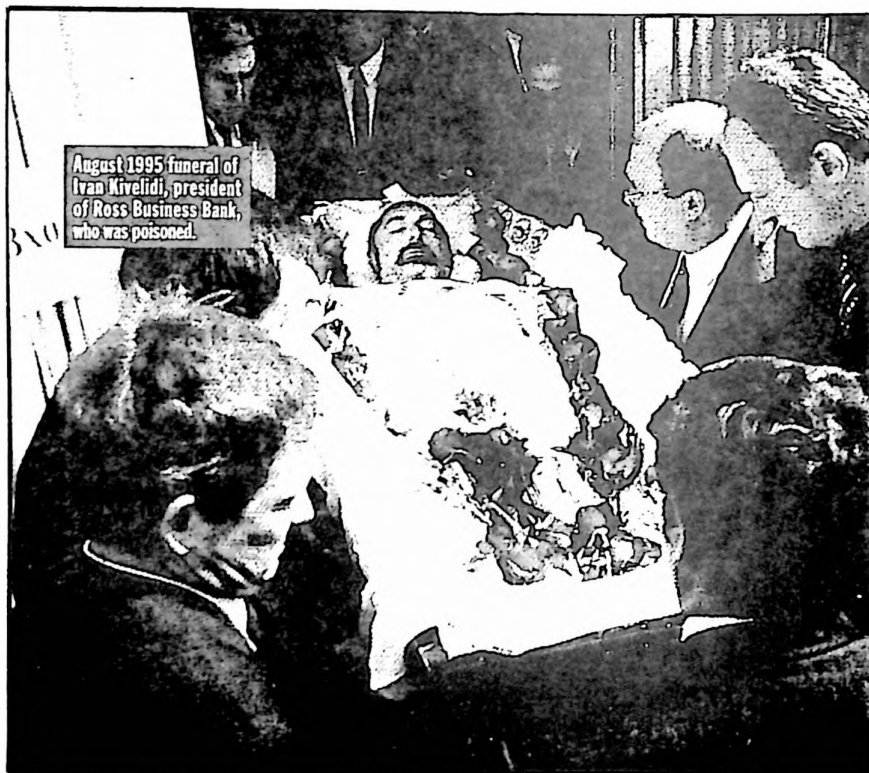
capitalism and its political powers. He warned repeatedly of the pervading political, economic, military, ideological and state powers that finance-capital exerted over countries, resources, peoples and nations. He laid particular emphasis on the role of the bondholders and bankers of yesteryear (the actual and linear antecedents of modern day TNC's), globalization, and of course, the eternal, "unchallengeable" posturing of the economic-political status quo. He organized and led the "Bolshevik Revolution" of 1917 and the formation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. The people with the working class at the head, rallied around this new concept of change and development of their lives. The world had never seen the like. For the first time, all value produced by labour was to be held in common, and not expropriated by the monopolists and owners, for private and corporate profit. The wealth produced was to care for all.

For their audacity, challenging the until-then-unbroken rule of the

monopolists, the Soviets experienced a seventy year siege. Economic blockade, wars of interventions, inspired civil war, diplomatic isolation and the massive unprecedented Nazi attack, followed by the 45 year "Cold War", internal sabotage and subversion until the final betrayal in the 1980's and early 1990's all came down on the heads of the Soviet people. Throughout the 70 odd years, the ideological lies, half truths and monstrously misleading propaganda continued without abatement.

The desperate, violent and illegal efforts of the monopolists to overthrow the Socialist state finally met success. What was at stake? First, the Socialist, working class revolution of 1917 removed from the monopolists' grasp one-sixth of the world richest natural resources. They were determined to reclaim and re-establish their "right" to control and super-exploitation.

Secondly, the revolutionary actions of the Soviets in developing a Socialist economy and breaking the stranglehold of the monopolists



(TNC's) had let loose a "virus" of working class and popular dissent throughout the world which developed to its full would conceivably see the end of all monopolist power. That "virus" had to be contained and killed. That is what the 70 year "siege" was also all about. Tragically for the Soviets, and for oppressed and exploited people everywhere, it finally succeeded. Friedman's "Money Plane" is part and parcel of that continuing siege by the monopolists.

It is apparent that internal corruption and the discarding of Lenin's Marxist-Leninist thesis that it was the working class who would lead in "building Socialism" extended into the top ranks of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. Space does not permit examination of that disgusting process, except to note the role of Gorbachev, Yeltsin and their non-Communist, anti-Marxist anti-working class opportunism, led the way. That, of course, was precisely what the foreign monopolists wanted, and we believe it is not an accident, or a natural process of economic political development.

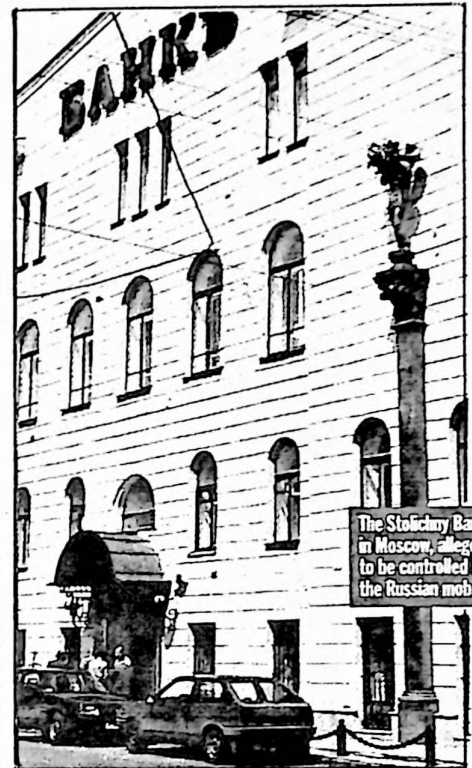
**WHAT NOW ...
"MONEY PLANES" FOR THE
MONOPOLISTS' LACKEYS ...
OR A RETURN TO SOVIET
POWER AND EVENTUALLY
... A HIGHER FORM OF
SOCIALISM?**

As this is written and the preparations for the June Presidential elections advance, with Yeltsin stating that if he should lose, he will "lead in a new Civil War" ... other "straws in the wind" underline the desperation of the G-7 monopolists (TNC's) and in particular, the bankers and bond-holders of 1996. Senior Associate of the Carnegie Endowment, former top economic

adviser to Yeltsin in 1992-93, *Anders Aslund*, writes (International Herald Tribune, Feb. 1, 1996) "... Yeltsin's tottering presidency boils down to little but excessive violence against the population, extraordinary favoritism and corruption ... [His] electoral strategy makes no sense ... The Communist Party leader, Zyuganov, looks BY FAR THE MOST LIKELY WINNER ... He will need additional support ... BUT MANY ARE EAGER TO ASSIST HIM" ... The Communist Party is not involved in the corrupt big-business interests dominating Yeltsin-Chernomyrdin, he observes (emphasis added). This "former adviser" during the Grachev bombing of the Supreme Soviet, now sounds even a little panic stricken that his, and others (including the C.I.A., World Bank, IMF et al.) work may be thrown in the garbage bin, when the Russian people win by voting for the CPRF, Zyuganov's resurgent Communist Party.

A second very interesting straw (perhaps dirty linen) "blowing in the political winds" is carried in an op-ed, New York Times feature article on February 10th, 1996. Here, we are "treated" to 24 column inches of Henry Kissinger's pal in Moscow, Mikhail Gorbachev: "... there is a real danger that we'll restart the arms race. I wouldn't be surprised if the nuclear-security card was resurrected in the coming elections ..." opines this Social Democratic opportunist who posed for several years as a Marxist-Leninist head of the CPSU and the USSR, only to wind up as a paid-for and kept lackey of the international finance-capital crowd. For years now, he has sat in his sand-box in Moscow as head of the U.S. subsidized "Gorbachev Foundation" ... "a research institute", says the Times.

Given the emerging desperation



of the TNC's to ensure their stranglehold over the Russian people; given the 75 year history of lies, deceit, wars, violence et al., against the Soviet people; and finally, given the re-surgence of the Communist forces of Russia, it would be no surprise to see the drunken, bumbling, but ferociously violent, Yeltsin dumped by his friends of the west. In his place, who else do the banker bondholders of TNC have to try and take over the mantle of "governing"? Only wily, corrupted, and kept Gorbachev seems to fit the bill.

But that plot might not work, and the TNC moguls might be forced to again prop up their "old and failing" betrayer, Yeltsin ... if he doesn't succumb and stagger "off the mortal coil", or, if they can at least give an appearance of sobriety to the bedraggled "statesman of perfidy". In that case, a Gorbachev candidacy might be used as an attempt to split votes away from the Communists, and even possibly send votes toward the other renegade of monopoly affection, fascist Zhirinovskiy, and his right-wing lovers of monopoly.

Perhaps in all of this, the U.S. Federal Reserve will be called upon to add a few more sacks of "nice crisp, unused \$100.00 bills" to Republic Banking's daily flights. Who knows? Perhaps "the mob", whether Russian, American, or just plain TNC bondholder-bankers, might even put another flight in the air to finance their various schemes to keep control of the Russian-Soviet people. These are but some of the conundrums the Communists and peoples of the former Soviets will confront in days to come. We wish them good-speed in the days ahead.

But unequivocally, *the greatest threat and conundrum for them and the rest of us (indeed, for the entire world)*

may well be a new round of conflict, interventionist wars fought over the blood sodden land of Russia and the former Soviet Republics and Eastern Europe. It is not a time for relaxation of the highest order of vigilance. Such a war could hardly avoid becoming global in scope! □

From: NEW YORK TIMES OP-ED ALMOST ANYONE IS BETTER THAN YELTSIN

"The time has arrived for a fundamental Western reassessment of Boris Yeltsin, because he has abandoned everything that the West appreciated in him. All along, Yeltsin has played very different groups against each other, the worst group in his administration has won a complete victory.

Zyuganov will have to make deals, even with Mr. Yavlinsky who is an anti-communist, but Zyuganov is rumoured to promote Mr. Yavlinsky to the Premiership if he wins."

SOOTHING TONE BY ZYUGANOV AT BUSINESS FORUM

"In Davis, Switzerland, February 4: Plutocrats of the world, you have nothing more to lose if a Communist is elected President, than you do already under the unpredictable Boris Yeltsin.

This was the message by Gennady Zyuganov to the business and political leaders from around the world in this Alpine ski resort. Mr. Zyuganov promised to safeguard private property, investments and to continue a market economy in Russia if he is elected in June ..."

ZHIRINOVSKY BACKS BUCHANAN

"Vladimir Zhirinovskiy, the ultra-nationalist candidate for the Russian

presidency, has hailed the victory of Patrick J. Buchanan of USA and told him that they could co-operate to deport American and Russian Jews. He called Buchanan "brother in arms" and wished him a "convincing victory" in November.

Interfax, quoting Zhirinovskiy, said he had written to Buchanan, saying: "You say that the U.S. Congress is 'Israeli-occupied'. We have the same situation in Russia. So, to survive, we could set aside places on U.S. and Russian territory to deport this small but troublesome tribe".

We presented these 3 items from New York Times in order to show our readers what is happening and what the main players of Russia are saying in the American press.

Zyuganov by all Western accounts, and by members of his own party, are becoming alarmed at what he might do after elections, if he becomes the next President.

Could this be "pre-election tactics" on his part? Unfortunately, all things point to the opposite way. Such criticism coming from Russian communist parties could be looked upon as "sour grapes", but his utterances to the West and his "guaranteeing" the Multinational Corporations their piece of the pie of Russia, these are not "tactics" at all. These are promises to Imperialism.

Because Zyuganov and his leadership REFUSED to go into the election block in December with other communist parties and movements, it was a sure sign that his program is not for building socialism. Even his own members are stating the same as Northstar Compass tried to convey in our previous issues.

Zyuganov will have to make even more concessions to the right-wing and nationalist parties in order to stay in power. He could find himself in bed with

Yavlinsky and Zhirinovskiy! What a strange love affair this TROYKA will have in one bed, we can only guess at the results the morning after!

Reactionary forces in Russia and U.S.A. do understand each other's needs ... everything points to this. Therefore, we must make this statement: Will the REAL COMMUNISTS PLEASE STAND UP AND BE COUNTED IN RUSSIA!

We are certain that Soviet people will recognize as to who is who in June of this year! □

ITEMS FROM ABROAD

VICTOR ANPILOV



“STRUGGLING FOR UNITY, BUT REMAINING YOURSELF”!

By: Victor Anpilov

Today, our slogan (Russian Communist Workers Party – Workers Russia) “TOGETHER WE SHALL WIN” is becoming more and more realistic. If we are talking about the elections, the left can only if each left party going at it alone. It is imperative that we fight for It is imperative that we fight for

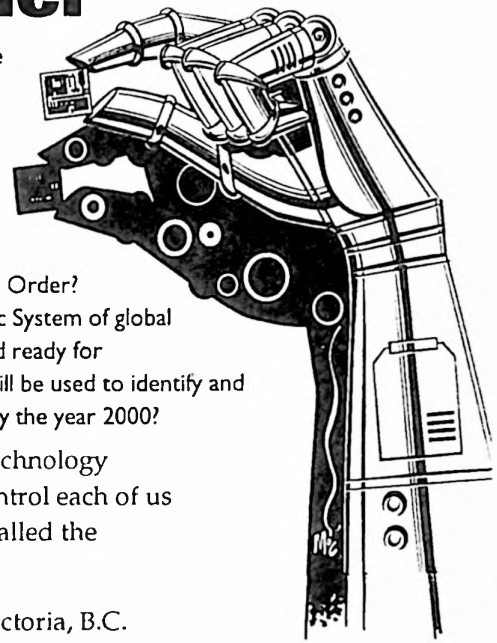
The Mark of the New World Order

Is there a plan to identify everyone on Earth with an injectable biochip transponder in our bodies? Will it be injected under the skin of our right hands? Will this be the way humans are uniquely and electronically marked in the coming global government termed the New World Order?

Is Big Brother's Cashless Economic System of global electronic enslavement here now and ready for implementation? What technology will be used to identify and control all of our buying and selling by the year 2000?

The existing and developing technology will be used to identify and control each of us in a global system of tyranny called the “New World Order”!

Thanks to O. Krimtschenko, Victoria, B.C.



one candidate in the presidential elections.

But does this mean that we have to abandon our principles? Never! No one can force this upon us.

I'm asking you to understand: Communist Party of Russian Federation today is a force to be reckoned with. We, our party, are in second place – we cannot close our eyes to this fact. The situation is changing everyday. The forthcoming presidential elections should be looked upon as one form of struggle, but it does not replace revolutionary forms. By cooperating with CPRF, we are not going to lose our identity – we are hardened communists for that.

We cannot at this time wait for the situation to become worse for the working class – they would never forgive us.

We have to be together with the masses as Lenin taught us. Although we know the shortcomings of CPRF and Zyuganov, we cannot state to

the people that Zyuganov is worse than Yeltsin! The leadership of the CPRF attack us, as does the right, that our party is extremist and preparing for a civil war. These are lies! We are stating that at this moment let us try the peaceful method of taking over the state. Maybe the results to the State Duma will allow the working class to attempt a peaceful transformation of society. We must try and utilize this opportunity if we can.

The election results showed that a majority of the people want a return back to socialism. The will of the people, if pointed the right way, can realize the socialist objective.

Although the program of CPRF does not contain the word “socialism”, the CPRF in pre-election to the Duma used the word socialism. This shows that the people want a return to socialism.

We are politically attacked that we are trouble makers, separators not wanting unity. If we are not

going to fight for unity now, and if the reactionary forces manage to win, whom will the people blame? They will blame those that did not want to unite. Let us show the people that our call for unity was always there, even though this call for unity was not headed by the CPRF.

But this does not prevent us from fighting for our principles. By taking part in the elections, by collecting one million signatures for me to be a presidential candidate, will give us the opportunity to convince people, show them our own program and thus build up our ranks.

As I have publicly announced that if we don't get one million signatures, I will resign my candidature and throw our support towards a single communist or left-wing candidate for the President of Russia. I know that "Workers Russia" is on the right path, we must take advantage in pre-election work to make our movement stronger. We want unity and hopefully this will be accomplished before the elections.

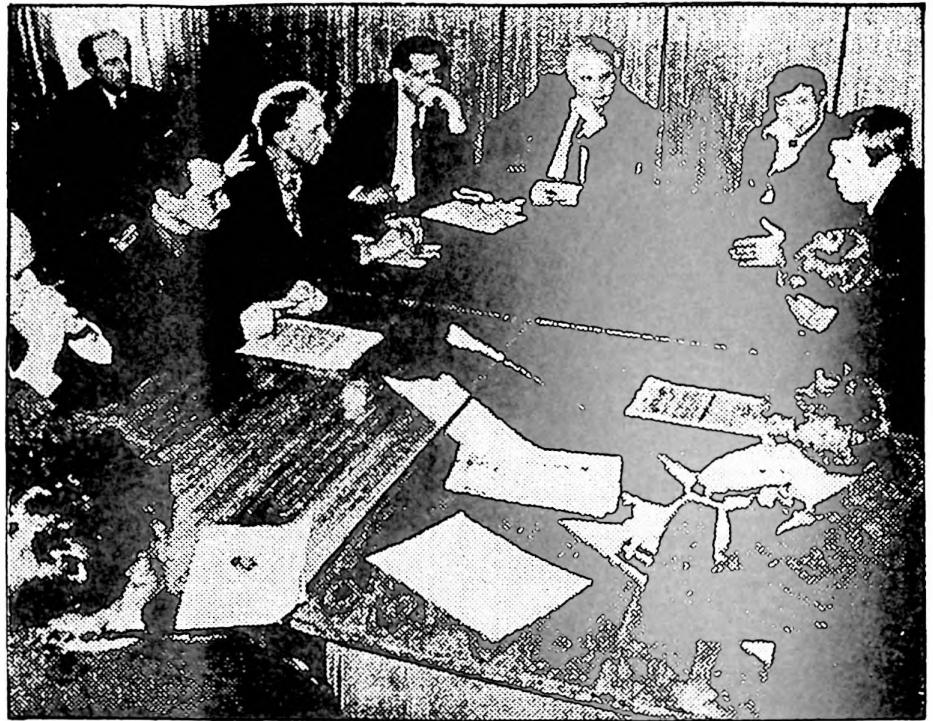
DEAR READERS:

We have translated in a short version this election appeal by Victor Anpilov in order for our readers to know the correct position that was taken by "Workers Russia" and the "Russian Communist Workers Party"!

In this issue of NSC, you will read opinions which question the sincerity of CPRF and its leader Zyuganov, both from Russia and quotes in the Western bourgeois newspapers.

Communists who forsake their principles are left behind by the working class ... history has proven this over and over again. We just hope that this very courageous and correct policy by "Workers Russia and RCWP" towards the unity question will produce the desired results.

The truth of the matter will be realized after the elections, as to what kind of leadership towards Socialism



FIRST STEP TOWARDS UNITY

Above are pictured leaders and delegates of practically all Communist parties and movements in Russia who met in order to plan their strategies for the upcoming June presidential election.

will be proceeded with if Zyuganov wins the presidential elections.

The working class will see and judge. And, if need be, it will take steps again to make certain that a socialist revolution will have to take place, as it did in November of 1917 after the February government of 1917 has shown the people of Russia where it stood, thus signing its own death warrant.

Our readers should also realize, as time approaches closer to June elections, there is no guarantee that if Yeltsin and the West think that the healthy communist forces are on the verge of victory – if they shall not cancel the elections on any pretext or whether there will not be an intervention, either overt or covert by Western Imperialism. They have TOO MUCH TO LOSE to let the communists win!

The left forces are setting up Elections Scrutineers all over Russia, with its centre in Moscow that will oversee the counting of ballots. They

should realize that there might be falsifications of votes as was done during the Duma elections.

If this does take place, then the progressive forces can call out the people for a general political strike in Russia in order to guarantee that fascism does not attempt a coup! □

**From Newspaper:
"POSTMARK PRAHA
NEWS SERVICE"**

**SLOVAK COMMUNISTS'
RAPID GROWTH**

The Slovak Communist Party (KSS) is growing at a rapid rate, Central Committee secretary Ladislav Jaco told journalists at a party press conference in Bratislava, the Slovak capital, last week. A flood of recruits in the last four months of 1995 – when 1,400 people joined the KSS, in a country whose

population is 5 million – took the party's membership to 20,000. This compares with about 6-7,000 on the eve of the 1994 general election, when the Communist candidates polled 87,000 votes – less than 3% of the turnout (but double their result in the 1992 general election). By comparison, membership of the Slovak Social Democratic Party stands at a mere 1,400 and only the Party of the Democratic Left (SDL) has a bigger membership on the centre-left of the political spectrum.

The objective reasons for the party's growth are several, according to Jan Risko in this week's issue of the Czech Communist weekly *Nase pravda*: a growing desire for the higher living standards, full employment, free health services and other benefits that Slovaks enjoyed under socialism, the KSS's call for "systemic change" rather than partial reforms, which makes it unique among Slovak parties, with the creation of a socialist society free from the errors and defects of the past, and the party's opposition to Slovak membership of NATO, which also marks it off from other centre-left parties.

The KSS's achievement in setting up a functioning organisation in all but four of the country's administrative districts – in the south west region there is a large Hungarian ethnic minority and they and the ethnic Slovaks are preoccupied with nationalist diversions – is all the more remarkable because the KSS does not have a single full-time worker and its only income is from members' dues. Its technical equipment was supplied by the Communist Party of Bohemia and Moravia (KSCM). Party chairman Vladimir Dado works as a self-employed baker. He failed to arrive

at last December's KSCM congress, at which he was to have represented the KSS, when his shop was broken into and robbed on the eve of his departure. So that the party's progress is also attributable in large part to its activists, whose patient and dedicated work is at last bringing results. Even in the 4 south western districts lacking a functioning KSS organisation preparatory committees have been set up. No doubt last year's re-registration campaign, when members were issued with new membership cards, played its part reactivating inactive members.

NEW PROGRAMME

The party's emblem is the traditional hammer and sickle set in a five-pointed star, which is carried on the masthead of the KSS monthly *Usvit* ("Dawn") – a 4 page broadsheet in red, white and black, edited by Ivan Hopta from the East Slovak town of Humenne where he is a town councillor. At December's meeting of the KSS Central Committee a new draft party programme was approved. This will be the subject of inner-party discussion between now and the KSS 2nd Congress in June. Called *An Alternative Way Forward for the Slovak Republic*, it will be the programme on which the KSS will fight the next general election in 1998. Even the studied media boycott on all news about the KSS has failed to halt the party's progress. When former top Czechoslovak Communist Party leader Vasil Bilak – expelled from the party in December 1989, along with most of the other old leadership – was admitted to the KSS, following a decision to invite him and other "discredited" former Slovak leaders to join the KSS, the media ignored that too, clearly believing that "bad"

publicity in the current political situation would be "good" publicity for the Slovak Communists! □

PROFESSOR
VLADIMIR
HERASYMCHUK



REFLECTIONS AFTER THE ELECTION

At the time when in the former Republics of the Soviet Union the social-economic crisis is growing, political parties and movements are fighting each other for seats in the bourgeois parliaments in the newly born "independent" states. As an example, in Kirghizia during the presidential elections, the winner was the former head of the State Askar Akaev. The elections to the Duma in Russia took place, also the second round of elections to the Supreme Soviet of Ukraine. How do we look at their results?

FIRST CONCLUSION

In the society's understanding, there is a significant movement to the left.

More and more, people are becoming aware that the pseudo-democrats in fact are the vehicle through which the masses are being manipulated. A majority of the people are beginning to understand that the necessities of life can only be guaranteed by socialism and communism. This is proven that in the elections that have taken place, first place was won by the Communist Party of Russian

Federation. For candidates from the Communist Party of Russian Federation and the Labour-Democratic Party of Russia, there voted over 34% of voters. Concrete data and results in the Russian elections were contained in our NSC, January issue. The fraction of Communists in the Russian parliament is the largest of all parties. This in itself proves that the people want to return back to socialism. There is no way that the question of taking over the state by the workers – this is out of the question at this time. The state apparatus, before the elections and after these elections, is still in the hands of the bourgeoisie. The Communists received a substantial number of votes and seats, but they do not have an absolute majority. Aside from this, many members of the CPRF in fact are very far away from being communists.

Nevertheless, it has to be noted that all the movements to the left must be looked at as a tendency, gathering more and more a global character. This is confirmed by the successes of left forces in Bulgaria, Poland, Hungary, Slovakia, Serbia and many others. More and more, the influence of communists is felt in former German Democratic Republic. In the Predniester Republic, that broke away from Moldavia, majority of the population is left oriented and want to remain within the boundaries of former Soviet Union. But...

SECOND CONCLUSION

In the revolutionary movement, the revisionist and opportunist roots have grown very deep.

As an example, the workers of Russia are putting their hopes in the rebirth of socialism on the CPRF. Many sincere and dedicated communists are members of the CPRF. But, nevertheless, its own

leader Zyuganov stated that his party is closer to social-democracy than to communism. The CPRF leadership (former CC CPSU – editors) are orientating to market reforms and less control of the economy by the government.

The same situation and attitude is seen among many other “left” parties. As an example, the leader of Ukrainian Socialists Alexander Moroz, having the important post as the Chairman of the Supreme Soviet of Ukraine (former communists in CC CPSU-Ukraine – editors) according to his views is more centrist, than left.

THIRD CONCLUSION

In Russia as in Ukraine, and in other former Soviet Republics, the state governing apparatus is still in the hands of the right political forces.

As before, the anti-communist forces and parties are in the majority in the bourgeois parliaments. These forces represent the interests of large capitalist monopolies. If in some countries there were elected former communists – as an example in Poland – we must look at them exactly as “former communists” who now have been reborn. They are, of course, far to the right of their former selves, as before they were far from dedicated communists. As an example, in the program of the Communist Party of Russian Federation factually there is absolutely nothing said about socialism, not to mention communism. Programs of such manner are closer to the liberal-democratic persuasion.

As history teaches us, the state never departs voluntarily. They never give back the stolen people’s wealth that they grabbed during their bourgeois reign. This is confirmed by Yeltsin’s barbaric attack with tanks and cannons against the Russian Supreme

Soviet, by his ultimatum of anti-constitutional totalitarian regime of personal rule as is done by president Kuchma in the Ukraine and others.

As much as it sounds and looks very peaceful and needed to come to realization, but parliamentary road towards socialism is nothing but utopia. The only realistic road to socialism is the unity of all workers and farmers for forcibly taking over the reins from the national and foreign bourgeoisie.

FOURTH CONCLUSION

The masses, more and more, see the utopian dream of parliamentary road to socialism as only a dream, but not realistic. But the people are still not as active as the situation demands. They still do not realize their own realistic might, capable of taking over the reins of government.

The working class still did not fully realize the difference between the so-called “communaki”, who are in fact in the camp of pseudo-democracy, and the dedicated Bolsheviks.

The participation in the elections in Russia was very low. The same situation is also prevalent in the Ukraine. In the previous elections to the Supreme Soviet of Ukraine, because of the small turn-out by the people, there were 45 districts that had to cancel the elections. In December of 1995, another attempt was made for these 45 districts to elect their representatives, but out of the 45 vacancies, only 14 were filled, due to the lack of turn-out of voters and non-interest!

People lost faith in pseudo-democrats, therefore, they do not participate in the elections. The people will find their own path to a socialist society, to communism. This is the path of a socialist revolution. □

FELIX
GORELIK



THE SAFETY FUSE IS ALREADY ON FIRE

On February 10, around the monument to V.I. Lenin, on the central square of Lugansk, Ukraine, there took place a meeting of striking coal miners, where they were supported by the Teachers Federation and workers of the city. From February 1, the strike of miners culminated at this meeting. What brought this on? The speakers at this meeting of the activists of the miners, rank and file miners spoke facts which have made these miners come to the end of their rope and they went on strike in order to feed their families. During the period of this "independent Ukraine", the production of coal keeps on going down, although there is enough coal in the Donbass region for another 300 years, while at the same time, there is no other energy source.

Miners did not receive their pay for over 2-3 months, while the prices keep on rising. With a monthly pay of 3 million karbovantsi (can you imagine this sum?), while a pail of potatoes – the main staple of the miners – costs 650-700 thousand, 1 kg of meat costs 600-650 thousand, 1 kg of butter, 650-700 thousand. The rent for apartments rose by 1 1/2 times, while in July it will rise again by two times – thus for a family of 3, it will cost 13 million karbovantsi. This does not take into account the gas, electricity, the prices which are going up and up. Frankly speaking, the miners are forced to practically

live on a starvation diet of potatoes!

Because of the terrible safety conditions, due to lack of parts, privatization, there are countless unnecessary accidents taking place. Last year in the Ukrainian coal mines, more than 300 miners were killed – among them, 105 in our district alone!

The miners have demanded not only economic benefits, but tied this to political demands. They blamed the so-called "democrats" and the social-economic policies, the market economy, the reforms which are the cause of the miners' deaths. The miners were very vocal and bitter against the late diktat of L. Kuchma, the president of Ukraine, about the "corporation" of the coal industry, against the proposed plans to close over 100 mines as "unproductive", "unprofitable". But who is it that brought these mines to this crisis? First of all, it was the demolishing of the USSR, which cut off the economic ties with Russia and other former republics, plus privatization.

In case these so-called "unprofitable" mines are closed, stated speakers, there will be absolutely 100% unemployment!

"Our perseverance has come to an end!", stated one coal miner. "We cannot look into the eyes of our wives and children, who are hungry. We have tried all sorts of methods to resolve this problem: picketing, hunger strikes, strikes. There is only one road left to us – give us arms!" The strikers applauded this demand.

Leaflets that were spread to the coal miners said that "Coal is the property of all the people". WE WANT TO WORK, NOT BE SLAVES. WORK WITHOUT PAY IS SLAVE LABOUR!

"For 4 months, the miners did

not get paid. We are afraid to go home to our hungry children. We look today at the pensioners, they are on the verge of starvation ... they do not even get their pensions."

"IN UNITY WE ARE STRONG!
WE SHALL NOT ALLOW
UKRAINE TO GO INTO POVERTY
AND DISAPPEAR!"

"The strikes are the beginning of cleaning Ukraine from the dirt. We shall be united and not allow a famine to overtake the working class."

The most forceful and emotional speech was given by Stanislav Shegoleva. He is a miner, chairman of the strike committee; he just joined the Communist party two years ago. Stanislav was elected as a Secretary of district committee of CPU at the last plenum of the party. He tied in the economic problems with political demands. "It is necessary to put Kuchma and his government out of office." He demanded – "that there be workers' control on production, adoption of a new Ukrainian constitution which would look after the interests of the working class". His speech received a tremendous ovation.

Coming to show their solidarity with the coal miners were the teachers, asking the strikers to fight not only for "small demands, but for political demands". He stated: "We who defended Stalingrad, did we ever think that the Soviet Union will be sold down the river, that to govern the country will come those, who now praise the bandits, the Banderites, that workers will be forced to beg for their pay?"

Kuchma and Marchuk – they decided not to meet the demands of the coal miners but are continuing their "market reforms", which are dictated by the International Monetary Fund. They think that they will break the strike by giving part of their monthly pay, but not

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however forsaking the closing of the proposed 100 coal mines. They are following the road of former "Iron Lady" Thatcher of England. This, what was able to be done in well-fed England, will not be allowed to happen in hungry Ukraine. The miners with the proposed closing of those mines, they have no other place to go. This is a cancer in our midst. The present government has no money to pay the miners or the pensioners. There is only one road – either we die, or we rebel!

The workers of Ukraine are receiving only the first lessons about the class struggles. During Soviet times, they never thought of fighting or striking. Their interests were looked after by the CPSU, the state. Therefore, today, the working class is finding itself in the "first grade" of the struggle, getting their lessons and learning fast. They are throwing away the stupidity of anti-communism, with which it was possible in 1991 to start a counter-revolution, the bourgeois coup. The workers are still not aware and decisive in order to break the cooperation with the regime ... as an anti-peoples regime. Although they criticize the government, they are still not fulfilling their demands with action: start collecting signatures to demand the resignation of Kuchma. But they will come to this realization and action soon enough, because the policies of Kuchma do not give the workers a choice of: "Socialism or death!"

A flame has already been lit and is racing along the safety fuse. Look out, you Messrs! When the coal miners reach their wits end, the dynamite will certainly explode. The situation today is exactly the same as it was on the eve of 1905, when Maxim Gorky wrote – "Song with Stormy Petrel": "Storm, will burst the storm!" □

From Newspaper:
"GLASNOST"
Moscow

HOW RED DID THE DUMA BECOME?

By: Nadezhda Garifullina



In a very indepth article, the Editors of Glasnost analyzed the election results, pre-election prognosis and predictions, plus post-election results. We cannot reprint the whole excellent article, since there are in this issue other observations on this theme, but, we cannot but quote some very interesting, thought-provoking statements by the Editors of Glasnost. We sincerely congratulate them on their observation and conclusions.

"Elections in Russia brought good results to the communists, regardless of the problems during the elections and lack of publicity that other parties had, more than 30% of the voters voted for communists.

This is a direct rebuff to Yeltsin and his across-the-ocean masters and the statement that communism in Russia is done away with, or his hysterical pre-election call to the people not to admit communists to the government.

The Government parties and their candidates spent over 12 billion rubles in order to defeat the left movement.

The standings are as follows: Communist Party of Russian Federation – 24.5%; Zhirinovsky's party – 14%; Yabloko party – 6%; Our Home is Russia (government) – 6.8%; Committee of Russian Nation – 5%; Communists-Workers Russia-For USSR – 5.6%. Even though the Communists-Workers Russia-For

USSR was short .47%, this was not a loss but a victory, since they were absolutely ignored and did not have the TV, radio or press time as others did (not to mention finances – editors).

Now, it is evident as to why Zyuganov and the CPRF did not want to join any election block – they wanted to test the waters as to their popularity with the upcoming presidential elections in mind.

If the communists-patriotic forces had a common front in these Duma elections, they could have received over 40-45%. Now, the CPRF has to look around for partners, alliances with people that would make strange bed-fellows.

I'm just stating a fact, that in my district, where the CPRF went at it alone for the "Governor" of the district without consulting or trying to form an election block with other left-wing parties, their candidate lost.

From the lips of Zyuganov himself in pre-election speeches and attacks, he certainly used

unparliamentary language when he attacked his communist opponents, with words such as "madmen communists", "cavemen communists", "orthodox communists" and other not printable epitaphs. But these communists collected over 120,000,000 rubles in order to win the elections!

If the CPRF does not soon set up an election block with the "Communists-Workers Russia-For USSR", then Zyuganov stands no chance of winning the presidential election in June.

Besides all this, the elections to the Duma were still on people's minds, when the heated campaign started for the top job - the presidential election. Already, there are known candidates: Zyuganov, Romanov, Tuleev, Zhirinovskiy, Yanvlinskij, Fedorov, Rutskoi, Zavidia and coming on the scene again is Gorbachev.

According to the Central Election Commission, they expect close to 50 candidates overall for the presidency.

This is absurd and dangerous for our Motherland.

One more disillusionment for the people to live through, and they will not forgive! □

REVOLUTIONARY GYMNASTICS

By: V. Marin

People and the governing clique in Russia are two parallel lines which eventually must cross their paths on the barricades. This is an axiom. Therefore, it is the duty of those who consider themselves revolutionaries to prepare oneself for the class struggles. How? There are many examples that one can give but let us quote V.I. Lenin himself in the article "Tasks of detachments of the army". As an example, Vladimir

Ilyich wrote of the necessity to study theoretical and practical tasks. In the theoretical work, he stated, "to learn army training methods, to become acquainted with army questions, learn from army trainers about military methods of operations ... ask serving soldiers to your discussions; publish articles in newspapers, issue leaflets". Also, he noted: "these detachments must be ready for all methods of proceeding with their revolutionary activities". Lenin also noted that "to forget or not to take advantage of the present situation in conducting such operations, this detachment is guilty of unforgivable inactivity and passivity ..."

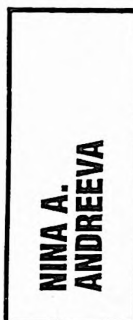
Contemporary revolutionary youth, listening to the leader, not only learns political methods, not only trains in the military-sports readiness, but proceeds to hold practical actions; paints slogans of agitational content and we must destroy posters and sign posters of the capitalist firms which promote bourgeois standards during the election campaign, tear down their election posters, put up the posters of communists and take part in all Soviet holidays."

From the newspapers, we found out interesting events that our "revolutionary gymnasts" had accomplished or took part in.

In Moscow on the "Day of Constitution" (which was instituted by Yeltsin after he liquidated the Constitution itself in 1993) a group of revolutionary youth took action in order to cleanse the city of all Vlasov-Yeltsin flags of capitalist Russia. Fifteen of these "flags" were taken off the governmental buildings, which were then sold and red flags gotten instead from these "new businessmen" and put up on these buildings instead.

This action was carried out beautifully and with success: near

the hotel Rossiya, they cut off the balloons from their moorings put up by the yellow trade union organization "Workers Union" of Shmakova-Volskov. This was the election block of the 'yellow block of unions' (FNPR) and of the "union of industrialists" - gangsters and privateers. There, balloons were carried away to agitate the angels on high. □



ALL UNION COMMUNIST PARTY OF BOLSHEVIKS Leningrad

On February 24-25, 1996, there took place in Leningrad the Second Congress of the All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks.

There were 149 delegates at the Congress with full voting rights, plus 52 delegates with voice but no vote. The delegates represented 38 provinces of Russian Federation, from Petropavlovsk to Kaliningrad and from Murmansk to Sochi, 10 Autonomous Republics of the Russian Federation, plus 15 provinces of Ukraine, Crimea, all provinces of Byelorussia, Kazakhstan, Tadjikistan, Turkmenia, Uzbekistan, Georgia, Moldavia, Predniester, Moldavian Republic, plus the Baltic Republics.

This Second Congress of AUCPB greeted all left and communist parties existing on the territory of Soviet Union. Greetings to the Second Congress were sent by 21 communist, workers parties and movements of the world.

Congress heard the reports of the Secretariat of CC AUCP plus the

main report by Nina Andreeva, General Secretary. The Congress adopted the new Constitution of AUCPB, other documents and reports, among them:

- About the position of AUCPB in the forthcoming presidential campaign in June of 1996;

- About informational-analytical survey by the Secretariat of CC AUCPB;

- About the situation in the Chechen Republic.

The Congress elected a Central Committee of AUCPB from 15 comrades, plus candidate members to CC. At the Plenum of CC AUCPB held on February 25th, the Plenum elected Nina Andreeva as the General Secretary.

The Congress also expelled from the ranks of AUCPB G.P. Kaspiev and S.G. Sologubov for organizing a campaign to derail the Congress.

UNITED FRONT BEING FORMED

On February 26, 1996 in Leningrad, there took place a meeting of the leadership of AUCPB and Communist Party of Azerbaijan about the formation of the Union of Communist Parties which now have a Bolshevik platform – now existing on the territory of the Soviet Union.

It was decided to prepare the Constitution of the future Union of Communist Parties (Bolsheviks).

This preparatory document and the meeting of the leadership is to meet during the spring of 1996. An Organizational Committee was elected under the headship of Nina Andreeva, General Secretary of AUCPB.

The participants of this important meeting appealed to all parties, working on the Bolshevik platform, with an appeal to take part in the workings of the Organizational Committee.

– The protocol of this important meeting was signed by Nina Andreeva, on behalf of AUCPB, and by S.A. Sajadov, on behalf of the Communist Party of Azerbaijan □

TO ALL READERS!

In the last issue of NSC (February) we informed our readers that it might be necessary to publish NSC every two months due to financial problems. We are happy to report that many readers have donated towards this campaign, for which we are thankful. BUT ... we need more readers to follow the example set by others.

March issue of NSC will be strictly devoted to news about the pre-election in Russia. We apologize to those whose materials were not included. They will be in the April issue of NSC.

PLEASE HELP US TO
ACHIEVE OUR GOAL!

– Editorial Committee □

Why do Americans want to destroy Count Dracula's coffin?

Now that Americans are in Bosnia, how do they intend to get to Transylvania?

– Anon.

FROM THE PEACE FRONT

By: Eryl Court

U.S., CUBA, CANADA – WHO IS THE REAL DICTATOR IN THE CARIBBEAN?

Considering the turbulent events of the past weeks involving the downing of two planes of "Brothers to the Rescue" by the Cuban authorities in waters adjacent to that island, we need to ask a few simple questions:

- What is the source of the crisis? There is no doubt that there has been clear provocation, often repeated, by the "Brothers" – and, it would appear, with the tacit acceptance (even support?) of American authorities, who, by their vindictive policies and actions (including a blockade which has caused the utmost suffering to the people of the island) demonstrate the same kind of paranoia long since shown towards the "aggression" of Vietnam – and with as little justification.

- What is the concern for human rights? Are the "Brothers" really concerned about the rights of the people of Cuba? Are they people who truly love their fellow citizens and wish above all for their welfare? Or are they people who above all love "property"? Some apparently want a return to a regime like that of the dictator Batista, under whom corruption and poverty ran rampant, and where "freedom" resembled the freedom of the lion in the jungle. (It was this regime that Fidel Castro, as a young man, in company with other university students, rose to crush – and he succeeded only because the people supported him. He has succeeded in continuing to live also, despite the determined efforts of the CIA to end his life). We have become acquainted with many such regimes in Latin and South America in recent years, and a number have had the often silent and always secret support of the U.S. Under such systems, poor people normally live in terror and, if they wish to champion their country's right to self-determination, risk and often forfeit their own lives, or remain silent in order not to endanger their families.

- What is the real motivation of the US? May we be so bold as to suggest that, in this case, the motives of the US authorities are

not quite pure? May we even say that their recent statements and actions are political in the uncomplimentary sense? When we hear Senator Jesse Helms waxing moralistic on this issue, do we not smell something fishy, or even ratty? What the Senator – and, we regret to say, President Clinton and some other leading people who are reputed to have some judgment – are concerned about is that, despite their most extreme and punitive efforts to crush their society, the people of a small country in the vicinity of “the greatest power on earth” have had the audacity to choose and to stick with Socialism!

So the world’s “greatest power” is not respecting Cuba’s, or Canada’s, or any country’s right to freedom, to determine their own policy. In fact, the present leaders in the US are violating the very principles on which their great nation is founded – and in the recent piece of punitive legislation that aims to penalize any other country that has trade relations with Cuba (almost certainly violating international law), they are in fact seeking to dictate policy to other countries, for reasons that are highly discreditable.

So let us in Canada make our own Declaration of Independence, and, for once, refuse to kowtow to the Great Dictator! Let us encourage our representatives to “speak truth to power” (as the Quakers, members of a historic peace church, say). Jesse Helms has said that Canadians “are condoning Fidel Castro. I suggest that they be ashamed of themselves”. We suggest that the shoe is on the other foot! Let us, as individuals and as a nation, stand up for what is right, for ourselves, for other countries, and for the World – because here, Uncle Sam is clearly wrong! □

LETTERS FROM ABROAD

From:
SAN MARINO REPUBLIC, Italy

Dear Comrades:

Enclosed please find my re-subscription and a donation in memory of my father Giuseppe Righi and of the mother of Michael Lucas, both of them great supporters of Soviet Union.

If you have any stamps, please send them to me ... I’m a fanatical stamp collector. Northstar Compass is read from hand to hand in San Marino – remember, it is a COUNTRY!

– Communist greetings,
Aldo Righi

Your letter was much appreciated and we also send you our condolences on the death of your father, who was known all over the world as a communist and an internationalist.

Here is the In Memoriam to your father, whom we salute with all of our hearts! □

*In memory of
our dear father
and grandfather,*

Giuseppe Righi

June 1, 1913 – July 21, 1995



Founder of the San Marino Communist Party in the 1940s.

A lifetime anti-fascist, fighter for peace and socialism.

A faithful Communist internationalist – his entire life.

Always in the hearts and minds of your family – son and daughter-in-law, Aldo and Domenica; granddaughters Laura and Lucia, and comrades of the Communist Refoundation Party and the Progressive Democratic Party (ex-Communist) of the Republic of San Marino (Italy).

Enclosed please see the In Memoriam that was published in the People’s Weekly World, USA.

Thank you for NSC which really tells the truth, not only about Russia but about all the struggles taking place in former USSR.

I’m a faithful Communist, although I am also a Roman Catholic and active in missionary work, helping the poor people. I do hope that 1996 will see bigger and stronger communist parties all over the world.

Letter From Newspaper:
PROLETARIAT
Moscow

Greetings, our dear comrades:

We received your letter and the latest issue of your Northstar Compass. Thank you for your support of the revolutionary struggles of our Workers Bolshevik Party, for the victory of the upcoming socialist revolution on the territory of our Socialist Motherland – the USSR.

Our party comrades state that your journal "Northstar Compass" is a leader in revolutionary workers communist movement in the world, a panorama in its pages showing the struggles being waged by the working class of the USSR against capitalism and the fascistization of our society. Therefore, we are going to regularly send you the newspaper of our Lenin's revolutionary party – All Union Communist Workers Guard of Bolsheviks – "Proletariat", where you will find a chronicle of the struggles of the working class and its allies – poor peasants and poor civil workers, plus articles on different themes which will analyze the growth of bourgeois regimes on the territory of former USSR. We will be glad to see some of this material on the pages of your publication, the Northstar Compass.

We give answers to some of your questions:

1. Regarding the unification of all, those that call themselves "communists" in the USSR, our revolutionary Bolshevik party is of the opinion, that at this time, this elusive unity can be achieved on the basis of an anti-fascist struggle. Imperialism in Russia is getting stronger, there is a growth of fascist and fascist-minded parties and movements, whose open aim is to undertake open terroristic dictatorship of the bourgeoisie. In first place is the Liberal-Democratic Party of Russia (Zhirinovskiy – variation of Mussolini) and the Russian National Unity (Barkashov – variant of Hitler). Without putting up a struggle against the coming of fascism, you cannot uplift the masses of workers for the struggle for socialism or the Soviet Union. Therefore, all that call themselves "communists" must unite in the first place against fascism in the Anti-fascist

Communist Front of USSR, which has now started its work in Moscow. In the initiative group, there are represented many "communist parties", among them also representatives of our party. We are in agreement with the Manifest of the Anti-Fascist Front that was adopted which unites all of us against the main enemy. This is the only possibility at this time to unite all communists-anti-fascists. This is absolutely necessary for all loyal communists and Soviet patriots. In this regard, we are sending you the Manifesto which was adopted unanimously and which we hope you will publish in NSC.

2. Regarding the results of the December elections of 1995 to the Duma, we predict that after a short social-democratic stage of capitalism (if the president will be Zyuganov), there is a real possibility of a fascist putsch, since the present bourgeoisie is not interested in the victory of even right-wing social-democrats.

Therefore, the communists in the "Rosskomsojuz-Russian Communist Union" must immediately prepare themselves for the decisive battle against fascists.

We await your letters and new issues of Northstar Compass.

– Yours,
Editorial Staff of
"Proletariat" newspaper □

Letter From Editor of Journal: "ENLIGHTENMENT"

Dear Comrades:

At the end of July, we sent you our journal "Enlightenment" – organ of the Communist Party CPSU-Lenin position inside ROSSKOMSOJUZ (Russian Communist Union) which also includes Russian Communist Workers Party, Russian Party of Communists and Union of Communists ... plus a number of questions.

Since that time, we did not hear anything from you and did not receive any Northstar Compass also.



We would like to know why this happened, and whether you have received our mailing?

Please let us know.

– V.F. Isajchikov

Editor

P.S. I'm also sending you our "Marxist Bulletin" and the "Bulletin of Informcentre".

As we wrote in a letter to you, dear friends, our NSC was returned back three times. The reason, we do not know. We have again sent it to your address, hopefully this time, NSC will reach the destination. In other issues, we shall utilize some of your interesting materials. □

From Editor of Newspaper: "ISKRA" Organ of Party of Communists (Bolsheviks) Ukraine

Dear Canadian Friends:

Maybe it's a bit late, but I would like to wish all of you the best of 1996 and to thank you for the wonderful work that your organization and Northstar Compass is doing. We thank you for the support of the progressive movement in Ukraine and in other former Soviet Republics.

Your work gives us moral support in a way that maybe it is hard for you to believe.

In the very near future, we shall send you our latest materials from the Party of Communists (Bolsheviks)

of Ukraine.

Looking at your interest on all aspects in the former USSR, I'm sending you a small publication of my poems which I myself have published at my own cost. I think that poetry also must become a weapon in the fight for the resurrection of socialism. I will be very pleased if this booklet of poems will be of interest to your comrades.

I will send you materials that show how the present regime has rehabilitated Bukharin. Later on, I will keep on sending you other materials.

Please try to inform the Canadian, American and other readers about the struggles that are being waged by our forces for the rebirth of our Motherland.

– On behalf of the Editorial Staff of Iskra
Eduard Oyaperv, Editor
First Secretary of CC Party of Communists (Bolsheviks)
Ukraine

From: MOSCOW

Dear Editorial Staff of "Northstar Compass":

Realization of the most righteous and the most beautiful society changes cannot be accomplished without youth. Especially, if the question is of revolutionary changes.

It is no secret that the ideals of revolutionary Marxism find it very hard to penetrate the hearts of the youth of Russia. The youth has been demoralized, taken off the path of socialism and dedication from the time of perestroika, if not before, by the "cleansing of the brains" of the people by powers that be, agents of influence. This was accomplished through the medium of mass information of the liberal-democratic values, adopting the standard of a bourgeois society. Another factor has its influence – very sluggish

steps being taken by the communist movements, which includes also Russia Communist Workers Party to the program of intensive agitation of the youth towards the communist viewpoint, finding roads and language to influence the youth, working youth, students and public school youth.

About a year ago in our party, RCWP, there grew a sense of ignoring the youth in its work, to put this youth question on a back burner for the present. A shock took place among the youth of Russia when it was found out that the legendary Komsomol of Russia was shown to be not altogether ours, because it was set up in order to help fill the ranks of the fading-pink Communist Party of Russian Federation, which showed up when the former leader of the Russian Communist Union of Youth, Igor Maliarov, became the candidate to membership in the CC Russian Communist Workers Party, but now finds himself in CPRF.

It was decided that the hard core of young communists must be formed into an inter-regional



organization of youth inside the RCWP. The main aim of the organization: proceed to work among the youth, upbringing and

educating the young fighters for the ideals of communism.

February 18th is already one year since our organization was established. During that time, we accomplished much.

We distribute the newspaper "Molniya", put up leaflets, gather names on petitions and we helped in the December elections the "Communists-Workers Russia-For Soviet Union", we agitated and visited voters' homes and painted slogans such as: "Band of Yeltsin to Trial", "Symbol of Victory – over the Kremlin", "Yeltsin-drunkard pig, get out of the Kremlin" – and many others.



More than that – our organization was one of the initiators of working with the left-radical youth and joined the Revolutionary Front of Youth. The Revolutionary Front of Youth is the fusing of unity among young fighters. This front held many events on November 14th and December 31st. We picketed also the Indonesian Embassy in Moscow, protesting their genocide against the Timor Republic. (I'm enclosing our leaflet of protest.)

Important also is our fraction inside the Russian Komsomol, where we are very active with the healthy dedicated forces inside the Komsomol.

We are very active in organizing the sport-army training of our members.

We are organizing theoretical seminars for young communists with the present contemporary

situation theme. As an example, we had not too long ago the theme of working among the recruits in the Russian Army, Soldiers Organizations and the Party of Bolsheviks among the soldiers.

At the present time, we are publishing a newspaper geared towards the soldiers, special issues of "Molniya" which our organization issued. We are sending you our agitational leaflet that we hope that you can utilize in Northstar Compass ... called "Revolutionary Gymnastics".

- With communist greetings!

Secretary

Inter-regional Organization of Youth in the Russian Communist Workers Party

"Revolutionary Gymnastics" article can be found under the section, "Items from Abroad". □

NEWS FROM U.S. FRIENDS OF NORTHSTAR COMPASS

From:

U.S. FRIENDS OF NORTHSTAR COMPASS

Dear Comrades:

Enclosed is a cheque for \$140.00 for 6 renewals and 2 new subs to our Marxist-Leninist beacon of light, the official voice of the International Friends of Soviet People.

Enclosed also is \$200.00 donation, which brings to \$500.00 the contribution from U.S. Friends of Northstar Compass. We understand the financial crisis of our little "beacon of light" ... therefore, we pledge another \$500.00 over the next few months.

We, all of us in the progressive-peace movements around the globe,

must get the needed funds to continue publishing Northstar Compass on a monthly basis. Only NSC has the contacts internationally to help get the news of the heroic daily struggles of our Soviet comrades in their drive to re-establish the Soviet Union.

Only with the revival of the USSR will the world's oppressed peoples in the under-developed countries and the working class in the West have a chance to overthrow monopoly capitalism and establish a just and prosperous Socialist society.

- Dr. Angelo D'Angelo
Director, U.S. Friends of
Northstar Compass

We can only say thanks and Amen, dear friends! We hope that your dedication and help will enthuse our readers to likewise efforts. □

NORTHSTAR COMPASS POPULAR AT THE CPUSA CONVENTION

With the diligent work and dedication of U.S. Friends of Northstar Compass, the display table with Northstar Compass issues on it,

plus other materials from former USSR, was well promoted and held great interest for delegates and guests attending the March 1-2-3 CPUSA Convention.

We express our many thanks to Roy Kaufman and Joan El-Bey of the U.S. Council for International Friendship which let the NSC use their table for the display. Joan and Roy, as you see below in the photograph, were the friends who helped to make our display a success.

Our member on the Editorial Board of NSC, Lois Singer, is shown holding up the sweatshirt of the "Workers Russia" movement in Russia, headed by Victor Anpilov.

NSC placed an Ad in People's Weekly World plus a message of greetings was sent to the 28th Convention of CPUSA.

The spark plug of this effort was Dr. Angelo D'Angelo, Director of U.S. Friends of Northstar Compass, who is not shown! Why? He was the photographer!

Many sincere thanks to Lois, Joan, Roy and Angelo for a job well done!

- Editorial Board NSC □

Lois Singer





Joan El-Bey and Roy Kaufman

From:
U.S. COUNCIL FOR
INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Our Council invited three leaders of the Pakistan All Federation Trade Union to the United States accompanied by a journalist in November of 1995.

The invitation was the result of their invitation to Joan El-Bey and Roy M. Kaufman to visit them in Pakistan which occurred from April 28 – May of 1995. We were treated by the Pakistanians with the greatest respect and solidified our friendship and resolve to work together for common goals of all peoples. But, unfortunately, the U.S. State Department denied our friends in Pakistan to visit with their friends in the United States which defies basic principles of all human rights organizations and the right of every person to meet and converse with friends, and discriminates against Trade Union leaders in different countries.

We ask the World Federation of Trade Unions to join us and vociferously protest the U.S. State Department's denial of visas to our brothers and sisters in Pakistan to

visit the U.S. and from any country who are invited as our guests.

Please inform the World Federation of Trade Unions affiliates to spread the word and enlist their members and protest to the U.S. Embassy in their country and at the United Nations.

We believe that this is a just cause and can be won. It's time that Trade Unions were accorded non-discriminatory treatment and permitted to travel the world and meet with their counterparts and other friends in any country and including the United States of America.

– In Solidarity,
 Fraternally,
 Roy M. Kaufman,
 Executive Director

DEAR READERS: We are asking all of our readers, especially those that are members of trade unions, to send protests to USA Embassy in your country, against this violation of human rights.

This shows that U.S. is bent on dictating to the world its policy on any and every opportunity that it chooses to.

Please forward your protests as quickly as you can. □

From: Hudson, WI., USA

Dear Mr. Lucas:

A recent edition of the Northstar Compass had an article on the 1918-1920 invasion of the Soviet Union, therefore I thought you might be interested in this May 1987 issue of U.S. Farm News.

The publication was a response to ABC's television mini-series, "Amerika", which was a fantasized Soviet invasion of the "defenseless" USA. We observed that no other source was counteracting this propaganda offal, so a few of the members of the U.S. Farmers' Association approached Fred Stover, who edited U.S. Farm News, and asked if he would lend us the newspaper for an exposé. Fred was a fearless old radical, who let us use the May edition to show the cruel absurdity of this cheap flick. He even participated in writing the Epilogue.



We were racing against time. As the leftist author, Meridel LeSeur once said, "The plot is to erase memory". This is relatively easy to do in a country where the average citizen is inundated in debt – whose main concern is to meet the mortgage payment on the house, car, television set, boat, or whatever – and where corporate power uses the sedation of spectator sports and bizarre films to anesthetize any symptoms of revolt. We wanted to get the truth out while the people were still discussing the mini-series and try to make some kind of impact on the

limited number we would reach. This explains the typographical errors and omissions which I have corrected for you.

To one as familiar with this era as you are, it must be comforting to learn that you have cohorts who have tried to spread enlightenment on this shameful chapter of world history. The staff who prepared this edition was surprised and pleased to discover in the course of the research that a few others before them had tried to bare the truth in radio and print.

If you should find any of the material useful, it would give me pleasure to share it with you, since I wrote all the unsigned articles. If so, exploit it in any way you wish.

- Yours for Socialism and Peace,
Mary K. Kral

DEAR READERS:

We published the above letter in full, because it is necessary to show our younger readers who might not know the complete story of the attack by Russia's Allies after 1917 First World War against Russia which had just achieved a successful revolution.

We publish above the masthead of the newspaper U.S. Farm News, the oldest progressive newspaper in North America.

Those that would like a reprint of this historical document which was published in response to the ABC's anti-Soviet TV series showing the so-called Soviet invasion of "defenseless USA" - send us your name, address and we shall send you this 16 page newspaper. It's a historical document that your children and grandchildren should certainly see.

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From: Elizabeth City, N.C., USA

Enclosed here is another donation (\$100.00 American) to help you with your heating bill ... which must be of sizeable proportions ...

Enclosed is another oriented essay that you might use.

- Sincerely and with best wishes,
Bill Grigg

Yes, your donation for our "heating bill" (read publishing expenses) is much appreciated again. Your very interesting "socialist oriented" essay is superb!

PERSONALITY AND PURPOSE

By: Bill Grigg

Measured against eternity, our presence in this world is for only an

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almost incomprehensibly short period of time. Our purpose in this scheme of existence is one of the greatest mysteries we could hope to contemplate. In our ordinary lives, however, we pretty well understand our purpose. We exist for our fellow beings with whom our destinies are tied up by bonds of sympathy. Individually, we depend upon the labors of other men and women, living and dead, in many and complex ways. And the best that we might do is to give back in an equal measure to what we receive.

Looking at our experience in life and the focus of our endeavors, we can see that almost the total of our efforts and desires are bound up with the existence of other human beings. An individual left alone in life from birth would not evolve as a civilized person. Rather, he would wholly retain his predatory beast-like mentality endowed by primitive instinct. The individual becomes civilized and rational through his membership in a great human society, which monitors his material and spiritual existence through the entire course of his life. A person's value to his community depends for the most part upon how far his motives are directed to promoting the well-being of his fellows.

The foregoing consideration is a reminder and verification of the fact that man is properly interdependent in human society, and that that interdependence should be 'constructive' and not 'destructive'. In the predatory capitalist system, constructive qualities are fleeting and a minor aspect of an overall interrelationship of turbulence and waste. The fundamental theory then of communal interdependence vanishes in the wildfire of profiteering and the determination to convert all the substances of the living world into gold and stuff

them into a bank vault.

Whatever a man may believe of life and its higher design, he cannot TRULY believe in the system of the capitalist. Capitalism depends for its greater strength upon immorality and people who are proficient liars – businessmen and industrialists who are provoked to lie through their teeth at the sight of a dollar. □

From: Philadelphia, PA., USA

Dear Michael Lucas:

First, I want to thank you for the coverage you gave "The Hammer" journal in your last issue. We've already had one response from England! We do appreciate your wonderful reception and your enthusiasm.

– Heike Rass-Paulmier
Co-Editor

Let our cooperation grow in our common struggles for the working class. □

From: Bronx, N.Y., USA

Here is an item which shows the truth of what these present turn-coats in Russia and other former Republics have done.

"Nearly 37 million Russians –

about a quarter of the population – were living in poverty in 1995, the government said.

The State Statistics Committee said that they were struggling to get by on less than the official minimum monthly income of 327,000 rubles – the equivalent of \$65.00."

– Joseph Small

Thank you for this newspaper clipping from New York Times. It shows that the present rulers, connected as they are with mafiosi capital and the International Monetary Fund, are doing everything necessary for former USSR to be just a source of raw materials and cheap labour. □

LETTERS

ATLANTIC REPORT

**By: Vic Ratsma
Atlantic Provinces
Director**

Dear Michael:

Today, I found the enclosed article in the Mail Star (Halifax). Quite ironic, I think. Here's the U.S.A., supposedly in a neutral position negotiating a peace

From: Valemount, B.C.

Dear Friends:

Enclosed please find a donation to Northstar Compass of \$1,000!

What value is life without truth?

Many thanks to you all.

– F.J. Blackman

DEAR READERS:

Comrade Blackman, a constant and devoted reader of NSC and a dedicated patriot of progressive mankind and the Soviet Union, has

AGAIN decided to donate a substantial sum towards our work. Previously, he had donated \$500 and thus, was eligible to win an oil painting by Michael Lucas.

We want to thank you our dear friend, wish you much health and spirit towards the cause of socialism. Your devotion we hope will be emulated by other readers of NSC.

WE AGREE! WHAT VALUE IS LIFE WITHOUT TRUTH? □

agreement in the former Yugoslavia, actively working to create a billion dollar Muslim-Croat army to defend against the Serbs. Speaking of hypocrisy!!!

The observation quoting a U.S. State Department official that "the U.S. has never been totally neutral in the conflict" might pass as the understatement of the month. Of course, the U.S. has never been neutral in any conflict.

No doubt the State Department official's name was shielded because he lives in a free country!

Just thought you might like this one for Northstar.

– Cheers,
Vic

**From:
HALIFAX MAIL STAR
February 27, 1996**

**MUSLIM-CROAT ARMY
TO GET U.S. AID,
EQUIPMENT**

By: The Associated Press, Washington

The Clinton administration intends to contribute the equivalent of \$137 million Cdn. in equipment and weapons to a joint Bosnian-Croat army and will try to raise \$962 million more at a donors' conference in Turkey next month.

The aim is to enable the combined army to deter a Bosnian Serb attack after U.S. and other NATO troops leave Bosnia-Herzegovina by the end of the year, a senior State Department official said Monday.

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"The United States has never been totally neutral in the conflict", he told reporters at a briefing that shielded his identity.

Gen. Rasim Delic, commander of the Muslim-led Bosnian army, and Maj.-Gen. Zivko Budimir, who leads combined Bosnian-Croat forces, and top aides were brought here to discuss the training and equipping program.

They met Monday with Gen. John Shalikashvili, chairman of the U.S. joint chiefs of staff, Anthony Lake, the White House national security adviser, and other officials from the Pentagon and State Department.

The fund-raising conference will be held in Ankara, Turkey on March 14 or 15. By then, the administration may select one of

three American contractors to oversee the program. Retired U.S. military personnel will participate. Training will be conducted in Bosnia and in other countries, but not in the United States, the official said.

The U.S. weapons and equipment will come out of excess stocks, the official said. He stressed no new Congressional appropriation was necessary.

Communication equipment and

infantry weapons will be provided initially. Later, the United States may give the Bosnian-Croat forces artillery and other heavy weapons.

Last week, the State Department spokesman, Nicholas Burns, cautioned that the program would not proceed until Iranian and other fighters imported during the four-year war against rebel Serbs were expelled. □

MAY DAY GREETINGS IN NORTHSTAR COMPASS

We would urge our readers to place May Day greetings in Northstar Compass. Let your friends know (NSC now read in 34 countries) that May Day is a day dedicated to the working class of the world.

Be certain that your greetings arrive in plenty of time to appear in the May Day issue of NSC.

Full page ad	- \$200	Half page ad	- \$100
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We would like to thank all the friends and readers of Northstar Compass who have sent their condolences on the death of the Mother of Michael Lucas, Editor of Northstar Compass.

Letters and fax messages arrived from Italy, India, Britain, Ukraine, Russia, Cuba and Brazil. - Editorial Committee

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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