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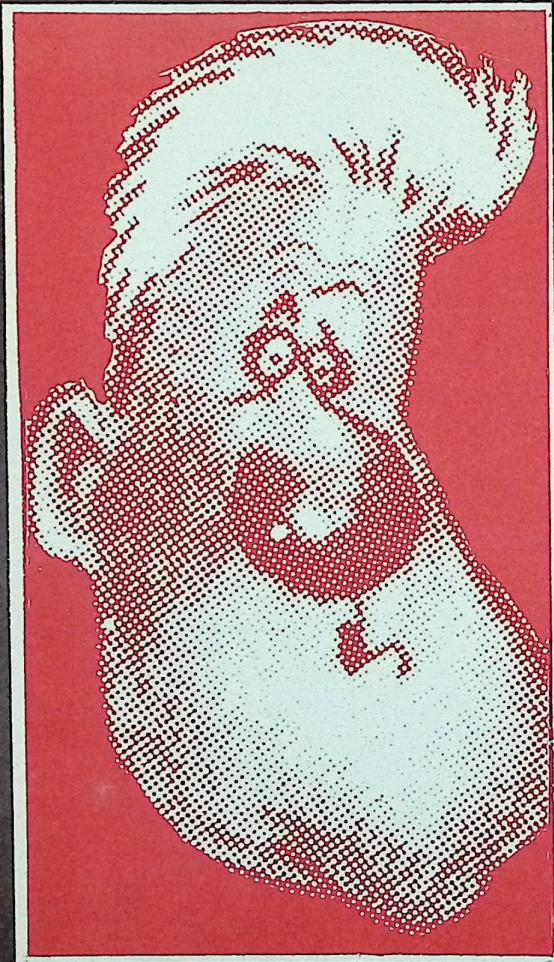
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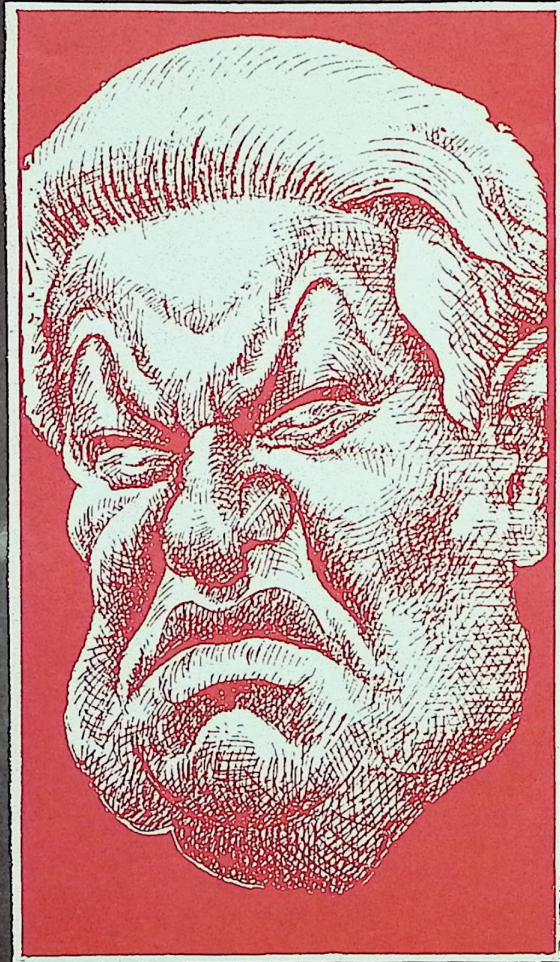
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EDITORIAL

STATEMENT

Adopted on January 31, 1999
Toronto, Ontario

"Cease carrying the New Cold War Baggage of the U.S. State Department. Canadian people want NO INTERVENTION in Ukraine!!!"

We are alarmed, dismayed and shocked by statements attributed to the Prime Minister of Canada in the *Globe & Mail* of Toronto, January 26th on page 18 calling for joint Polish-Canadian "intervention" in the Ukraine. "Canada and Poland, alarmed by the threat of a Communist revival in Ukraine HAVE AGREED TO JOIN FORCES in a renewed effort to boost Ukraine's endangered democracy" Prime Minister Chretien is quoted as saying...."The development of Ukraine can be helped if we could have a joint approach between Canada and Poland TO INTERVENE ".(emphasis added) Eighty years ago Canada, Poland and twelve other countries "joined forces" to INTERVENE and attempt to destroy the fledging Government of the revolutionary Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. We know that adventure not only failed but inflicted massive casualties on the peoples of Russia, Byelorussia, Ukraine et.al. A foremost figure in that blood soaked adventure was Poland's Marshall Pilsudski at the head of an interventionist army that joined forces with the counter-revolutionary armies of Petlura, Denikin and the banished Czarist forces. Now Chretien threatens unspecified forms of

"intervention" because there is a "threat" that the Communists might win an election over the forces now throttling the people of Ukraine.

We are an organization whose antecedents date back to the "wars of intervention" when Canadian Committees calling for "Hands Off Russia" were formed across the country in 1918. During World War II Committees of solidarity and friendship with the highest levels of leadership, including such as Sir Ernest Flavelle were formed. That kind of top level leadership of course disappeared with the advent of the Cold War.

What kind of democracy Prime Minister Chretien is suggesting now exists in Ukraine is absolutely incomprehensible. We know to a certainty that not only Ukraine is today on the verge of total economic collapse, we also know that "democratic rights" are reserved for the new elite backed by Western intervention and support. The vast majority of the people in Ukraine, as throughout the Soviet Union, are subjected to the collapse of economic stability and the loss of the former levels of health and educational standards, personal security, cultural achievements as well as the most severe denials of political rights and freedoms. These are the known results of the "interventions" of the so-called "freemarket" policies and the inequitable, hideous results of our "Cold War" policies together with the internal corruption and debasement of the country by current and past misleaders, some of whom even posed as Soviet and Communists while doing their dirty work. We respectfully assert that the Prime

Ministers projection of some kind of "democracy" in Ukraine is a sham without foundation in fact.

Further we inquire as to under what international law, organization or covenant does the leader of our country assume "rights" to INTERVENE in an election, or for that matter in any country? Surely the forthcoming election in Ukraine is a matter solely and absolutely an internal affair of the Ukrainian people. To suggest otherwise and more, to join forces with Polish forces historically hostile to the entire area of southern Ukraine as a coveted chunk of real estate is dangerous to the peace of the entire region...and even to Europe in general, and the world. To underline the unacceptability of this proposal we suggest that a "Joint Intervention" by let us say the Prime Minister of France and the President of Spain that they "are alarmed that a future referendum vote on the right of Quebec to self determination" would hardly be acceptable to either the Quebec people or Government or to the people of Canada and Government in Ottawa.

Even if, as in the case of the Prime Minister's call for intervention, he does not specify "military joint intervention" but leaves hanging the question... what precisely could he have meant? Are we going there to buy votes for Kuchma and his banker friends of the Western "interventionists"? What mandate does the Prime Minister carry to commit 30 million Canadians to such a dangerous course, or more plainly why does he carry this baggage on behalf of the U.S. State Department? Such questions demand straight answers

to the Canadian people.

A year ago our Prime Minister was in Communist China surrounded by dozens of Canadian business people making "deals" right, left and all over the place. We agreed with that because such international trade and commerce could help our own wavering economy. Similarly preceding governments, as well as this one, has maintained economic, political and cultural ties with Cuba. In the name of Peace and Friendship we are fully in accord with this and applaud such actions.

We can only surmise Prime Minister Chretien chose the road of "intervention" of an unspecified nature in the affairs of Ukraine for Cold War political reasons. We firmly believe these political reasons to be directly intertwined and part of the "Drang Nach Osten" (march to the East) of the U.S., British, German, French AND Canadian by the military based NATO forces to the western boundaries of the Soviets. The establishment of these boundaries UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW and agreement came as a result of World War II agreement between Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin after some 60 million or more Europeans had died. Twenty five million (or more) of these were Soviet citizens who died pulling the war chestnuts out of the Hitlerite fires previously fed by Western powers.

We charge that the HIDDEN reasons for Western support (including all states of the so-called Group of 7) to the totally corrupted Yeltsin regime in Russia and his Mafiosi supporters is to be found in Western fears of a Resurgence of Socialist and Communist Construction and Democracy

by the Peoples of the Soviet Republics. The same Globe & Mail story mentioned earlier (perhaps inadvertently) corroborates the truth of this charge when it says: "With a crucial election in October and Hard-line Left Wing forces leading in the polls, Ukraine is in danger of slipping back into a Soviet-style regime.(Our emphasis).

It is clear that Western bank monopoly forces of the World Bank, the iniquitous IMF, the European Bank of Reconstruction, Deutchbanke, Bank of England, etc. etc. etc. would be rebuffed in the current ongoing rape and pillage of human and natural resources in the Ukraine, Russia and even the other twelve Republics of the dismantled Soviet Union, if the Ukrainian people voted for such a "return to Soviet-style..."

That much is crystal clear!

It is equally clear that the strategic aims of Western monopoly (and particularly of the USA and Germany) fall into sharp focus in the hidden meanings of Prime Minister Chretien's statement. Five years ago, in 1994 Stephen Handelman writing in the top-drawer "think" magazine on U.S. policy, "Foreign Affairs", wrote as follows: "as Russians increasingly identify free market democracy (sic) with ORGANIZED CRIME AND CORRUPTION THEY WILL TURN TO MUCH LESS CONGENIAL FORMS OF GOVERNMENT.UNCHECKED ECONOMIC CHAOS AND GANG VIOLENCE COULD WELL FOSTER THE RISE OF HOSTILE, AUTHORITARIAN POWER ON THE EURASIAN CONTINENT..."

Simply placed, Handelman's thesis today indicates strongly that the current existence of a

corrupt and gangster backed regime, a new form of Fascist rule in Ukraine and Russia has emerged as an immediate, very grave and real threat to not only the Ukrainian, Russian and other people of the Soviets BUT TO ALL OF US. While such might not be the aim of the G-7 NATO bosses (or of Chretien) the logical dynamic of history, once on this road, carries awesome and possibly horrendous results. WWII was not an inevitability either except for the monstrous stupidities and blinked blindness of our vaunted Western "statesmen" and their monopoly masters.

The "Russians" who might be involved in such "authoritarian" designs we know are a tiny minority. But backed by Western mindless designs for new areas of conquest, new pillage, or, simply to seek ways and means of averting the massive crisis fast building in their own international economy, this tiny fraction of Russians, in bed with gangsters, racketeers and new born, primitive capitalists, might well drive to a new imposing Fascist and war regime. We know that Fascism is the

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final; and also inherently WEAKEST form of capitalist Government. At the same time the degree of horror, brutality, violence and suffering such can inflict has been more than amply proven...although the efforts to submerge and hide these facts likewise increases day by day.

But the current state of affairs is no accident. Zbigniew Brzezinski, the Polish born aristocrat, émigré to Canada before becoming a top-level Cold War strategist and National Security Council member and advisor to U.S. "Cold War" Presidents, states it clearly in the same above mentioned "Foreign Affairs" (Vol.73, No.2, on page 79:

"Geo-Political Pluralism (is) the central goal of realistic, long term grand strategy and should be the consolidation of geo-political pluralism within the Soviet Union.." (and would) define the American interest "IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER IN THE NEAR FUTURE RUSSIA DOES OR DOES NOT BECOME A VERY ACCOMMODATING DEMOCRACY" Brzezinski writes. "Failure" he says WOULD BE TO FORFEIT THE LONG RANGE FRUITS OF THE WEST'S VICTORY IN THE COLD WAR..."

The alternative in Brzezinski's (and official U.S. policy) view, to loading on the Soviet peoples backs this fancy new gimmick of "geo-political pluralism" is what we now have five years later... a looming threat of fascism. Of course the "geo-political pluralism" turns out to be hardly anything new...it is the old, monopoly capitalist and Hitlerite tactic of "divide and rule".

Again Brzezinski writes:

"...the basic premise of this strategy WILL FOSTER THE BEST CONTEXT FOR THE EMERGENCE OF A RUSSIA... WHICH WILL NOT SEEK, OR BE ABLE, POLITICALLY OR MILITARILY, TO DOMINATE"

"The CRUCIAL ISSUE here" writes this "Gunsmoke & Mirrors" Cold War architect...is the future STABILITY AND INDEPENDENCE OF UKRAINE. It certainly cannot be stressed strongly enough THAT WITHOUT UKRAINE, RUSSIA CEASES TO BE AN EMPIRE (sic) BUT WITH UKRAINE...RUSSIA AUTOMATICALLY BECOMES AN EMPIRE..."

("Empire") to us, seems hardly to fit the toil, sacrifices and victories of Soviet Socialist construction and anti-Fascist war that brought Russia AND Ukraine from 18th century feudalism and primitiveness to the status of a World Power. But we leave to Brzezinski's fevered Cold War mind whatever mischoice of words he desires...historically or practically.) We could even thank him for his "revelations" and Cold War clarity. But the final shot in his article brings us back to Prime Minister Chretien and some of his utterances...which we believe to be fully consonant with Brzezinski's geo-political, aggression ridden "strategies": "...it is urgent and essential that the United States (and Canada???) convince the Ukrainian Government THROUGH THE PROMISE OF SUBSTANTIAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO ADOPT LONG DELAYED REFORMES..." We presume, Slavic peoples of Russia and Eastern Europe. They have proven capable of both managing their own affairs in the

past and of sacrificing and reaching out to all people in a spirit of mutual good will and friendship to the world. Neither they, or the Canadian people, will lightly accept any further new "interventions", in our view!

Original drafted by Ray Stevenson and amended by the Conference held on January, 1999.

This Statement is being printed in Northstar Compass journal and going to 62 countries of the world. □

ALEX MCLENNAN

In celebration of the life and works of Comrade Alex McLennan, a stalwart and true fighter for the rights of working people, Socialism, Peace and Friendship. He was a founding member of the Editorial Board of Northstar Compass and a valuable contribution. He will be sadly missed.

Ray Stevenson
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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY MARCH 8TH

Much has been written on the history of this important day for women. In this issue we thought that it would be a good idea to reprint an article by the well known Anna Louise Strong, who lived in the USSR from 1921 to 1949 as a journalist. Although controversy surrounded her so-called "expulsion from the Soviet Union" and the consequent seems to prove that Anna Louise Strong was used by enemies of socialism. We hope that you shall get an insight into these years.

WOMEN In the STALIN ERA

By ANNA LOUISE STRONG

The change in women's status was one of the important social changes in all parts of the USSR. The Revolution gave women legal and political equality; the industrialization provided the economic base in equal pay. But in every village women still had to fight the habits of centuries. News did come of one village in Siberia, for instance, where after the collective farms gave women their independent incomes, the wives "called a strike" against wife-beating and smashed that time-honored custom in a week.

The men all jeered at the first woman we elected to our village Soviet," a village president told me, "but at the next election we elected six women and it is we who laugh." I met twenty of these women presidents of villages in 1928 on a train in Siberia, bound for a Women's Congress in Moscow. For most it was their first trip by train and only one had even been out of Siberia. They had been invited to Moscow "to advise the government" on the demands of women; their counties elected

them to go.

The toughest fight of all women's freedom was in Central Asia. Here, women were chattels, sold in early marriage and never thereafter seen in public without the hideous "paranja", a long black veil of woven horsehair which covered the entire face, hindering breathing and vision. Tradition gave husbands the right to kill wives for unveiling; the mullahs - Moslem priests supported this by religion. Russian women brought the first message of freedom; they set up child welfare clinics where native women unveiled in each other's presence. Here, the

rights of women and the evils of the veil were discussed. The Communist Party brought pressure on its members to permit wives to unveil.

When I first visited Tashkent in 1928, a conference of Communist women was announcing: "Our members in backward villages are being violated, tortured and murdered. But this year we must finish with the hideous veil; this must be the historic year." Shocking incidents gave point to this resolution. A girl from a Tashkent school gave up her



vacation to agitate for women's rights in her home village. Her dismembered body was sent back to school in a cart bearing the words: "That is for your women's freedom." Another woman who refused attention of a landlord and married a Communist peasant; a gang of eighteen men, stirred up by the landlord, violated her in the eight month of her pregnancy and threw her body in the river.

Poems were written by women to express their struggle. When Zulfia Khan, a fighter for freedom, was burned alive by the mullahs, the women of her village wrote a lament:

*"O, woman, the world will not forget your fight for freedom!
Your flame - let them not think that it consumed you.
The flame in which you burned
Is a torch in our hands."*

The citadel of orthodox oppression was "Holy Bukhara". Here, a dramatic unveiling was organized. Word was spread that "something spectacular" would occur on the International Women's Day, March 8. Mass meetings of women were held in many parts of the city on that day, and women speakers did urge that everyone "unveil at once". Women then marched to the platform, tossed their veils before the speakers and went to parade the streets. Tribunes had been set up where government leaders greeted the women. Other women joined the parade from their homes and tossed their veils to the tribunes. That parade broke the veil tradition in Holy Bukhara. Many women, of course donned veils again before facing their angry husbands. But the veil from that time on appeared less and less.

Soviet power used many weapons for freeing women. Education, propaganda, laws had all their place. Big public trials were held of husbands

who murdered wives; the pressure of the new propaganda confirmed judges who gave the death sentence for what old custom had not considered a crime. The most important weapon for freeing women was, as in Russia proper, the new Industrialization.

I visited a new silk mill in Old Bukhara. Its director, a pale exhausted man, driving without sleep to build a new industry, told me the mill was not expected to be profitable for a long time "We are training village women into a new staff for future silk mills of Turkestan. Our mill is the consciously applied force which broke the veiling of women; we demand that women unveil in the mill."

Girl textile workers wrote songs on the new meaning of life when they exchanged the veil for the Russian head-dress, the kerchief.

*"When I took the road to the factory
I found there a new kerchief,
A red kerchief, a silk kerchief,
Bought with my own hand's labor!
The roar of the factory is in me.
It gives me rhythm.
It gives me energy."*

One can hardly read this without recalling by contrast, Thomas Hood's "The Song of the Shirt," that expressed the early factories of Britain.

*"With fingers weary and worn,
With eyelids heavy and red,
A woman sat, in unwomanly rags,
Plying her needle and thread.
Stitch, stitch, stitch, in poverty,
hunger and dirt,
And still, with a voice of dolorous pitch,
She sang the song of the shirt."*

In capitalist Britain, the factory appeared as a weapon of exploitation for profit. In the

USSR, it was not only a means to collective wealth, but a tool consciously used to break past shackles. □

1999 SUSTAINING FUND DRIVE

GEORGE HESS
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Once again we are facing a new fiscal year and as the Sustaining Fund Director I want to take this opportunity to thank all those people who worked so hard to make our 1998 drive successful as it was. While it is true that we did not attain all the funds that we had hoped for, we did manage to raise sufficient funds to see us through last year. We attained over 72% of the objective.

However this year (1999) we shall be facing new and ever greater challenges. The costs involved with setting up the "International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People" will be incurred in the most part in the coming year. Therefore it will be important that our readers and supporters redouble their efforts to help us bring this project into fruition, as the surplus that was budgeted for last year was not realized. We realize that the economic crisis is such that no one really has a lot of money to spend. We are all suffering from the effects of the Globalization and the capitalist system that gave birth to it. It is no longer a question of which system is better, capitalism or socialism. The survival of this planet depends on the curbing of the excesses of capitalism and its eventual replacement. That is why our work is so important and must not be allowed to fail!

HOW CAN THE GOAL BE ACHIEVED?

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NEWS FROM SOVIET UNION

FROM VOICE OF A COMMUNIST MOSCOW

SIX SIMPLE QUESTIONS TO THE CPRF DEPUTIES IN THE RUSSIA DUMA

1. Why are you calling yourself Communists, since you do not protest at all at the ongoing

privatization and you all agreed to the selling-off to private interests of Gasprom?

2. Why do you not stop the process of begging more IMF money from the West? How long are you going to get aid with strings attached?

3. What right have you (as CPRF deputies) to vote for the presented Budget? Why did you agree to this budget and not demand that it be increased by at least two times, by taxing the new bourgeoisie?

4. Why did you defer for one year (which means that you have buried it) the law for establishing stricter control over the skyrocketing profits of the businesses now? Do you not know that your decision helps the present regime in their exploitation of the people?

5. Why did you, without a murmur, ratified the agreement between Russia and Ukraine? Were you not informed that this agreement ratifies into law the Byelovezh Agreement when the three presidents of Russia, Byelorrussia and Ukraine dismembered the USSR? That this agreement of Ukraine puts the nail in the coffin for the territories of Crimea and Sevastopol?

6. Are you not ashamed?

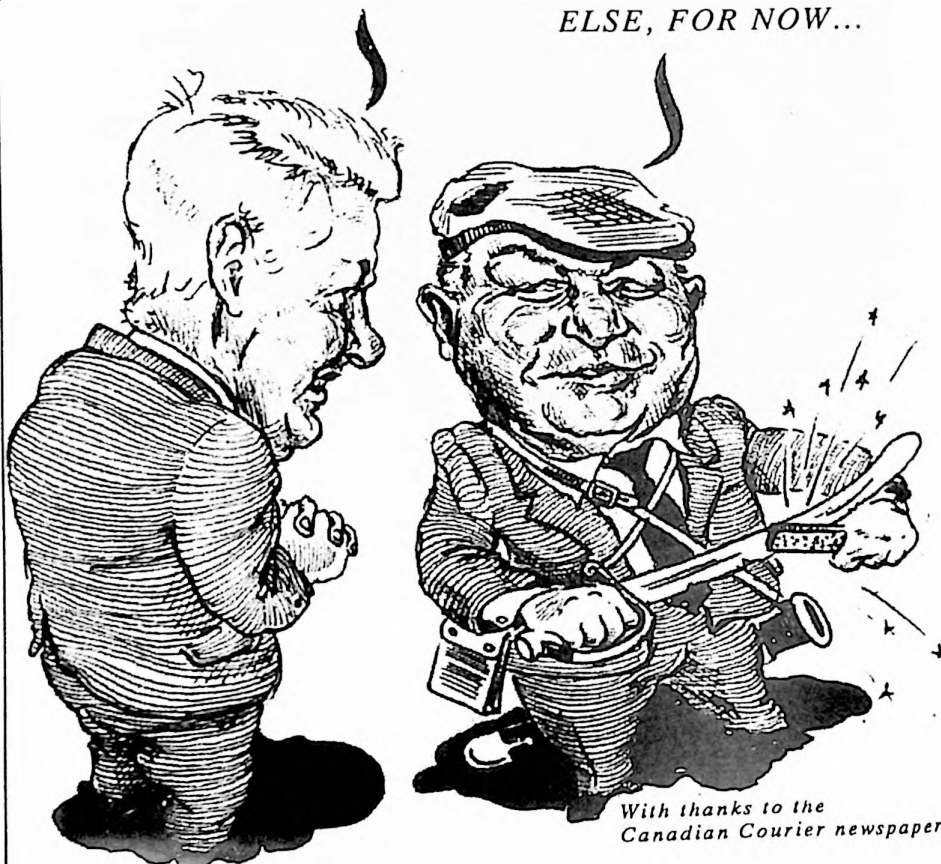
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MAYOR LUZHKOV OF MOSCOW

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CONGRESS OF CITIZENS OF USSR

Executive Committee
Moscow

To:
Organizing Committee
International Council for
Friendship and Solidarity
with
Soviet People

Dear colleagues:

The Executive Committee of the Congress of Citizens of USSR and the Bolshevik Platform in the CPSU, having got acquainted with your Appeal, published in the Northstar Compass in August of 1998, in its overall content presents the unchanging support of the idea of the unity of all progressive elements in the world under the slogan of helping the Soviet people in its liberating struggle. We are ready to put our signatures to this important document. We always thought and continue to think that the absence of the mighty and coordinated movement of such a movement in the world plays an immensely negative role in this tragedy, which is now being put into life in our country.

But, we have a few suggestions regarding the text of this Appeal and the concept it contains, and we would like that our suggestions be taken into account and find its place in the final document!

Our main point is this: we are categorically against all talk about Soviet Union as FORMER and now none existent. Besides this, the phrase "former Soviet Union" is repeated over and over again.

We are disturbed deeply, such a stance on this question will lead to a dead end in the struggle to resurrect the USSR.

In reality the Soviet people

and its state - the USSR - in actual fact they are the victim of the aggression by transnational capital headed by USA Imperialism; just because our country has become the victim and occupied by transnational corporate power, they did not disappear from the earth's surface. Citizenship - is the most important of the existing institutions of any country, and if the citizenship and its citizens are living, meaning its peoples, then it is only natural that their country did not go anywhere, it is still there. Since the people remain and they are not giving up their struggle or arms - the citizens of USSR, it is in fact existing and so does its state - the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics - de-jure - since the Constitution of 1977 still exists; meaning that the Soviet people are bound by the laws of that 1977 Constitution as citizens of USSR. Soviet Union is now under temporary occupation, forcibly dismembered, it is governed by an illegal collaborationist regime. Soviet people must consolidate itself as such - as joint citizens of USSR, - and we must liberate our Motherland.

The task of the progressives in other countries, as we see it, they must defend the rights of USSR and Soviet people on the international arena. In the first place it is necessary to make certain, that the implanted lie that is prevalent in many people and in the United Nations Organization and other international organizations the fact that the USSR and Soviet people do exist.

Here is one of the cardinal tasks that must be undertaken for the future International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People. Maybe it is necessary for the success of our struggle, is in the Statement that was sent to Michael Lucas on January 29, 1998. We cannot hide this fact - we are disturbed by the

fact that that statement of policy as a document was not published in Northstar Compass. And further, we cannot understand that on the pages of Northstar Compass which is the fact that the Congress held in 1995 also did not find its place on the pages of Northstar Compass. We feel that this question should be resolved, since on the pages of Northstar Compass there are articles published from USSR that are not politically correct and not all inclusive.

Secondly.

Whatever we stated above, we are concerned that more effort should be made for faster consolidation of Soviet people, that NSC should support only those organizations in the USSR, that actually are putting the political attempt at "resurrection" of Soviet peoples as their main task and are working towards this goal.

Regarding the question of unity of different Communist (more to the point - the pseudo-communist) parties in USSR, this question, to which, as we see it, Northstar Compass gives more space and effort than any other question - in reality is secondary or even a distracting character. The birth in 1991-93 on the actual occupied territory of our country of many communist parties and movements was the tactics of the stage of informational-psychological warfare. What can be said about the work and leaders of these movements in the USSR who OBJECTIVELY fulfilled this task of our enemy? Only this, that part of them - that they were unthinking and not far-sighted people, not worth to call them as serious people or leaders, while the other part of these leaders - the hidden agents of the enemy, appearing at the given moment with pseudo tasks and pseudo revolutionary camouflage. Without end this, forgive us, political rubbish which calls for "let us unite and save the country" .

this is meant to fulfill the tasks of the informational-psychological aggression.

Northstar Compass gives lots of space to the criticism of right opportunism, which is prevalent in the CPRF, leader G.Zyuganov. But you must see, that the present left wing of the existing "communist movements" in the USSR presents a more or less - if not more serious danger for the revolutionary- and liberating struggle of Soviet people, then Zyuganov's policies.

Finally, thirdly, - further stemming from the above mentioned points:

We categorically throw out all those proposals that are proposed to the Soviet people by these individual social groups, in this we also include the working class. The working class according to the Constitution of USSR -this is the "leading might", the binding that holds Soviet people. The working class on the territory of our country must take part in the activity of the political struggles not as a class of a capitalist society, but as the awakened Soviet working class, in the full meaning of this united role and liberate the Socialist Motherland.

It must be realized that it is not correct that there must be a change of one state apparatus to another. Not paying attention to some of the decorative attributes of capitalism, the genocidal occupational regime on the territory of USSR, existing on the orders and handouts and the stealing of the natural riches of the country by the internal enemies-this is not a unique social phenomena. These elements represent the tool of the aggressive geopolitical enemy, and in this quality, - and not another understanding of this situation, - this has to be the task of Soviet people to liquidate, arising, for the second Great October Socialist Revolution.

By formulating and telling you our suggestions as we feel is our duty, in order for them to be constructively discussed by our foreign friends, friends of Soviet people, we, - in spite of our comradely criticisms and suggestions, - we are ready to sign this Appeal as published in Northstar Compass and to actively take part in all the process, which will result in the establishment of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People, and then in the workings of this international organ, on which we put much trust and hopefulness.

With best regards and success in accomplishment of this worthwhile goal--
Members (elected) to the Organizing Committee for the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People -

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Member of the Executive Committee of Congress of Citizens of USSR

COMMENT

We publish this article so that readers of NSC can understand the complexity of all the different movements inside the Soviet Union. □

**NINA A.
ANDREEVA**



FROM NEWSPAPER
YEDINSTVO
OREL, RUSSIA

INTERVIEW WITH NINA ANDREEVA

We republish some excerpts from an interview with Nina Andreeva, General Secretary of AUCPB. Questions were given to Nina by the Central Committee of the Russian Communist Party-CPSU.

*Year 1998 was the year of protest movement all across Russia, but though the protests became more numerous and effective, unfortunately the demands are still of the economic nature. The present regime, in order to take some air out of the protests, gave in to some wage demands here and there...so that the people would not rebel and so that the people would not become so destitute and have starvation on the doorstep.

It is necessary to point out the official statistics that are well known to the government: -only 3% of the total population lives on the territory of Soviet Union, but this territory has over 35% of all natural resources of the world and over 50% of strategic re-

sources and if things should be as they should, every citizen of the USSR would be 17 times richer than any European! There are enough biological products that the country can produce to feed nearly half of the world population...and yet...the people are dying of hunger now. This is genocide and the perpetrators of this action shall pay the supreme price when time arrives.

*To the question as to "How long can the present Yeltsin regime last in Russia?". Nina Andreeva had the following answer:

-In this question I see two aspects. First - since there is already a pretender to the throne now, to which throne the economic elite is willing to let him get to. Secondly-how can the situation force Yeltsin to leave his throne?

The pretender in the last while to this throne was Chernomyrdin, who could have surrounded himself with the entourage to make this happen. This could have been possible during the events of last summer. Chernomyrdin has lost his image and Yeltsin was two steps ahead of his potential rival.

The "pink" Zyuganov of the CPRF shall never be able to get to the throne of Yeltsin. It is no use that he embraces the left and right political spectrum. He should be consistent as to what his political aims are.

General Lebed is still waiting in the wings, awaiting his cue...the "X" hour of action. He is there to see that no one starts "storming the Kremlin" as some of the "ultra patriots" are urging now as the solution. Mayor Luyzhkov is starting to build his power base, but it might be too late to gain

the presidency in the year 2000.

The second aspect factually in this. Yeltsin is surrounded by (at the moment) impregnable laws of the present Constitution which unfortunately even the CPRF faction in the Duma helped to put into place. Yeltsin shall not leave the Kremlin only if he is carried out first by his feet...or by "medical help" of his doctors who constantly are keeping him functioning by dope injections. Yeltsin knows that the absolute majority of Soviet people hate him, but with his entourage, his financial backing by the West, he shall hold on to his throne till his dying breath. This is seen in all of his TV appearances.

Unfortunately we are stuck with such a president until the year 2000. Zhirinovskiy in all of his speeches supports Yeltsin, stating that he does not have to rule, the Duma rules the country, he is just a figure-head.

Is this not the reason that there are so many leaders of parties that are rushing towards the throne now? The policy of the present "democrats" is understood in such a situation. But do you understand the rush of "communist leaders" of the opposition who should be concentrating on other problems?

If these "red leaders" understand Marxism-Leninism than there is no problem. Or are these really leaders, or just by chance have appeared on the scene as leaders of the communist opposition?

Concretely to your question - the present Yeltsin regime will be in charge as long as Yeltsin will be president.

WHAT MUST WE DO?

BY VICTOR ANPILOV

We must forthrightly throw out the illusion that, we can take away the power of Yeltsin by his "laws" that they put into place by the present regime. There shall never be unity of the opposition forces, until this opposition, shall not come to the only conclusion: the system must be changed, not the personnel only!



The Duma (Russian Parliament) is not capable to decide any question and has not answered any important questions in the last four years for the benefit of the working class. If we are really serious about helping the working class and to take the state into our hands, we must take the state out of the hands of the criminal elements!

The "Stalin Block of Workers Russia and Union of Officers of USSR" call upon all to start to form the initiative groups of citizens on a campaign of signatures to hold a Referendum on the question of doing away with the post of President in Russia as the first step towards the resurrection of the USSR. We must tell the people as Stalin would have said: Who in this question is not with us - then this person is for Yeltsin, and he or she is against us.

FROM THE
**PROGRESSIVE
SOCIALIST
PARTY
OF UKRAINE**
KIEV

Dear Editors of NSC!

Enclosed is some information about the work of the Fraction in Ukrainian Government of the Progressive Socialist Party of Ukraine.

We are prolonging the struggle for the resurrection of the Soviet Union and socialism, the fight against the present usurpers of power. The present regime in Ukraine is promoting genocide of its own people, because of the high unemployment and those that are employed are owed months of back pay and pensions. These people are forced to exist below the poverty level.

The PSPU in October of 1998 proposed a law in the Ukrainian Parliament to raise higher the minimum wage rate and it was our fraction in parliament that always demanded changes to the budget under discussions and we made some significant amendments to the budget for the benefit of the people.

With colossal pressure on our part and with the absolute majority of the people, we were able to raise the wages overall by 1.5 times and the minimum wages were raised by 2.5 times.

There were outside influences that came to bear on the present regime and the decision that was made again was shelved for "further discussions". In November, the fraction of the PSPU started a hunger protest. Our deputies for three days did not leave their desks in parliament, including three women.

After that, a vote was taken and the results were as follows: 270 votes for the demands made by us. We needed only 226 votes.



But on December 7, 1998 President Kuchma vetoed the results of the parliament vote. The Communists in parliament (CPU) on December 8, 1998 brought in their own proposal which as it turned out was much lower than the proposal that Ukrainian parliament had agreed to before by 270 votes!

As a sign of our protest our party on December 16, 1998, started a signature campaign which gathered over 53,000 signatures who supported our actions. But parliament did accomplish its black deed and adopted the 1999 Budget as proposed by President Kuchma

which in essence means the International Monetary Fund, which in fact is genocide against the population and the social policies.

We have not enough of clout and strength to change the situation, but our dedicated policy, determination and struggle for the resurrection of Socialism and of the Soviet Union...these will make us strong.

Natalia Vitrenko
Chairperson of the
Progressive Socialist Party
of Ukraine

**MOSCOW
REPORT
BY ELENA**

STRUGGLES GO ON!

The struggle is far from being over in the small town of Yasnogorsk (Tula Region). Last

September workers seized power in the machine-building plant and took control; over the whole town. Two leaders of the workers were arrested but the outcry and solidarity by the whole population got them freed. For six months the workers committee have been fighting against the bourgeoisie and the regional administration. It is an excellent example for the Russian workers all over to emulate.

Many of the leaders and militants have been threatened by the authorities. But far from being intimidated they decided to form the workers committee.

Many times the owners of the plant were not allowed to enter the plants. But pressure from the ruling class is getting stronger every day. The bourgeoisie justice system has condemned the workers struggle. Proletarian solidarity is one of the most effective instrument of the moment. International solidarity and financial help is desperately needed now.

Please send your solidarity messages to the fax number in Moscow (7-095-292-08-78 or e-mail address mgo@aha.ru.

On January 22, 1999 the first congress of the workers' and strike committees from Siberia and far east of Russia was held in Anzhero-Dudjensk. Over 155 delegates attended the congress. They discussed a report of last year railroad strike and the workers highlighted the necessity of revolutionary struggles and the overthrow of the present regime. They pointed out that the state power will be the central question for the workers' movement. Resolutions were passed and the Council of Workers' Committees was elected.

POLICE CALLED IN

Late on February 22 of this year special police forces were sent to Yasnogorsk to prevent workers from organizing the usual general meeting. The recently appointed plant director by the court issued an order to prohibit of holding any meeting of the workers, and threatening to sack any worker that attends the meeting. At a joint meeting of the trade union and workers' committee it was decided that no one will go back to work unless all of the workers get paid their back wages. The workers stated: "We have nothing to lose. If you want

bloodshed, there will be fighting!" The elected Workers' Guard took up its watchful posts all over the plant.

Police failed to stop the meetings inside and outside the plant. The new director had to attend the meeting and when he called the workers to return back to work he was booed off the platform.

The situation is desperate and many workers faint from hunger and lack of medical help. One worker reported that his apartment was robbed but the thieves, after looking at the squalor in which this worker lived and that he had absolutely nothing to steal, they left him as bottle of vodka and a note: "It is impossible to live this way!"

Please send messages and financial help to these striking heroes, who by their example it is hoped shall show the working class how to struggle.

Dear readers:

If you're able to send messages of solidarity, please do so. If you're able to help financially, please send your donations to NSC in care of "Workers Committee" and we shall make certain that these Yasnogorsk workers get it quickly.

Editorial Board of NSC □

FROM NEWSPAPER
"MYSL"
MOSCOW

Below we report in a condensed form the essence of the speech made by A.V. Kruchkov, Chairman of the CC Russian Party of Communists at the XXXI Congress of their Union of Communist Parties-CPSU.

"The question of the unity of Communists is always asked of all parties. How can we unite with a party such as the CPRF when their main slogan is that "Russia has had its limit of revolutions!" "The present regime should not be afraid of

Communists. We shall not start total nationalization. We are Russian people. We shall find common ground with the present regime".

I feel that a real Communist, if he is really a Communist, basing themselves on the Marxist and Leninist theory -- among them the main question as to who shall own the means of production, he cannot adopt the program that is being espoused by the "top communist of Russia" as the mass media of Russia refer to Zyuganov.



Today the Communist movement is divided into two main groups. Those that are for the poor or against the poor :

- *for the presidency or against the presidency-
 - *for change of the present course as pursued by the regime or against it, or is it just change the personnel -
 - *are you for private enterprise (capitalist development) or against it -
 - *Are you for the dictatorship of the proletariat or not
 - *Are you for reforms or for a revolution
- Our party is for the second proposals!

We feel that communists can only unite on this platform: Down with the presidency under all conditions and onwards to Socialism.

Regarding the CPRF, we would join the ranks if these comrades would accept the Communist Principles! But the CPRF belongs to the first part

of those questions, and looking at the many years of their activity, they shall not depart from them. Therefore there is absolutely no possibility to join together with CPRF as it is now headed by the present leadership. It is necessary now that honest Communists should leave this party .

Long live the Great October!
Long live the coming new Socialist Revolution!

FROM
NEW TIMES
MOSCOW

LUZHKOVS PRESIDENTIAL GAME

We do not readily quote from this former excellent magazine, which is serving other interests. Nevertheless they published some interesting news about Luzhkov, Mayor of Moscow and a candidate for the presidency of Russia, election which is coming up in the year 2000!



*Luzhkov states that he is building "new socialism" but in a capitalist manner. He is one of the biggest magnates in Russia and he has invested over \$8 million in his dear newspaper "Literaturnaya Gazetta" which at one time was the most popular newspaper for Socialism, but now is privatized.

*Moscow present Administration which in effect is Luzhkov has the monopoly on all the TV-radio channels in Moscow.

*Luzhkov is the defender of "our own" military-industrial complex and is the most faithful follower of Yeltsin. He admits it himself.

*Luzhkov surrounded himself with people like Shafranik, who is heading the lucrative, privatized LUKoil in the Caspian Sea and has the monopoly on supplying Moscow with oil and fuel.

*Luzhkov is also gathering around him the team composed of Rutsкои, Baburin, Shmakov the leader of the "Free Trade Unions." He is surrounding himself with all those that fell out of favor with Yeltsin.

*It's interesting to note as to what Zyuganov is doing in the midst of this array of Yeltsin's rejects.

People are wondering about the event when at General Rokhlin's funeral; they saw Luzhkov and Zyuganov shaking hands after a friendly chit chat?

If Zyuganov thinks that he shall win in the Presidential election, it will probably come to the following scenario: The first round will go to Zyuganov, Luzhkov shall be the winner in the second round, not doubt about it.

KAZAKHSTAN MILITANT WORKER DIES

A militant of Kazakstan Workers Movement, 28 year old Sergei Kolokolov died in hospital in Uralsk for his pro-Soviet activities. Last year (1998) he was arrested and spent more than 5 months in jail, charged with making "graffiti" and considered a "hooligan" by the present Kazakh authorities. The graffiti was anti-Nazarbayev ,



president of Kazakhstan and his message was anti-capitalist.

Despite appeals and the public defenders stating about the poor health of Kolokolov, the authorities did not care. He was ill and after mass protests he was freed but he could not receive any medical help and died.

The Workers movement and the people of Kazakhstan have lost one of their most active militants.

Please send messages of protest to:

President Nursultan Nazarbayev, Astan, Republic of Kazakhstan or to:
Embassy of Kazakhstan
1401 16th St, N.W.
Washington, DC 20036-2201
USA

CONGRESS OF CITIZENS OF USSR

Report at the meeting of the Moskomsojuz on Dec.30,1998

by
TAMARA KHABAROVA
Member of the Executive Committee

Dear comrades:

Year after year is passing as we continue to live without the USSR, but what is sorrowful is the fact that people who are patriots, who consider themselves as dedicated to the rebirth and the resurrection of

the Soviet Union, have no clear understanding or a common unified approach to the question as how this should be accomplished, how should the Soviet Union be reborn!

Just because there is no clear vision does not mean that there are no ideas or concepts. Idea and concept is here, a truly correct and logical path to the goal of the rebirth of the USSR.



TAMARA KHIABAROVA

We must look at the facts as to how the rest of the world is looking at us-the people of the world know that we have suffered a temporary defeat-that we suffered this defeat due to the ongoing "cold war" and this cold war is rolling along today as never before. The people of the world also know that we suffered a temporary defeat in this the informational-psychological war, the Third World War. People in the world who are promoting this war are determined that the USSR or whatever the present regime has divided, should proceed to its logical conclusion that the dismemberment should be so complete that we shall not be able to rise up again and that will put an end to the perceived "Soviet Empire" forever.

We must agree that our subjugation and occupation is temporary.

Our country is temporarily occupied...but judicially the Soviet Union exists. We did not dismember our country ourselves. We had enemies that accomplished this, both internal and external. To give rebirth to our Motherland, to clean out the enemy that is occupying our country can be done only by the lawful citizens of our country, historically owners of this country, and these are the Soviet People.

The key to this rebirth is to organize the people as Soviet people and to bring them up for the struggle to liberate their own territory from the temporary occupiers, and to re-establish on its territory the Soviet state.

We feel that though the word "revolution" is beautiful and presents a person with the glorious days when the Great October Revolution took place and gave birth to the USSR, we now should drop this. We should understand that this will not be a revolution but a war of Soviet People as a national-liberation war to get back our Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

We understand that as that momentous struggle shall commence, there shall be armed struggles no doubt, but it can be that this take-over of their country by the Soviet people might be able to be accomplished by utilizing all means at our disposal. This can be done by in every locality to organize Committees of Citizens of USSR who shall be organized to take power into their hands, and as citizens of USSR they automatically are united for the resurrection of the Soviet Union. This might be the key to take the country back by the people by peaceful means

where it is possible. This will be the take-over from the bottom by Soviet people themselves. The election of Peoples Deputies to the Soviets is the logical step to a take-over of the state.

This plan was suggested by the Congress of Citizens of USSR already three years ago. We have done much work and there are committees existing in many parts of the Soviet Union, although not in numbers as we would have liked or as it must be done. But unfortunately other parties and movements are somewhat sabotaging this idea and ignoring the potential success of this movement by Soviet citizens.

We would not like to have the same faith await as what transpired with the idea of resurrection of the CPSU. Much time has been lost unfortunately. More and more ideas, more and more programs and more and more confusion reins amongst Soviet people as to what to do and who to believe! So the end result is that there is no cohesion around one idea, one aim and everyone is flying in all different directions.

We must realize that every lost day means more and more dismemberment is taking place in our economy, territory, social sector and culture. It is time that we stopped our experiments.

I am optimistic, that at this meeting there shall be heard local and regional delegates of the Citizens of USSR.

I feel that the coming XXI century shall be beginning of the end of our enemies!

With best wishes on this Day of the formation of the USSR, our Motherland!

*This newspaper is the organ of
the Union of Marxists*



RUSSIAN REGIME IS ARMING ITSELF

The head of the State Security forces Sergei Stepashin announced at a January session with the press that the number of security personnel in Russia alone is overwhelmingly larger than were the security forces of the whole of the USSR.

In spite of this fact, there are now plans to enlarge even these forces with a special Militia Division in the Stavropol region of Russia. The present Russian regime does not feel safe with its OMON and other internal security forces.

For what purpose is there a need for such huge number of internal troops? The answer is very simple. The present regime is bolstering its array of punitive forces in order to deal with the upcoming revolutionary ferment amongst the Soviet people. The state is arming itself against its own people: miners, teachers, workers and unemployed.

What is interesting is the fact that even the Zyuganov CPRF is agreeing with this dangerous situation when they allowed the adoption of the 1999 budget which includes outlay of money for these new punitive forces. The adopted budget is already being called the present "military-police budget", since there are cut backs to the social programs while the budget allows innu-

merable sums towards the growing Security Forces in the country!

"PATRIOTS" SELLING LAND

On January 25, 1999 the TV company (private) NTV announced that that the Tula region administration has already sold 40 hectares of Russian land to the American company "Proctor and Gamble".

How many more acres of Soviet land shall be sold to foreigners?

TEACHERS ON STRIKE

The Education Workers Union estimated that 300,000 teachers from some 8,500 educational institutions either were on strike or suspended classes on January 17th, according to Interfax. It is interesting to note that teachers even in the best paid regions, such as Leningrad and Samara Region, decided to support their striking colleagues.

The Education Minister Vladimir Filipov suggests that there should be established local commissions composed of teachers and local journalists in order to make certain that the Federal money that is allotted for the regions gets to its destination.

Rafael Martinez

HERO BEGGAR!

Marshal Zhukov (Second World War) has this to say about Lt.-General Vasily Pavlov:

"He deserves the highest praise for delivering food to Leningraders and troops during the 900 day Siege of Leningrad in the most complicated situation. Entrusted with his job by the USSR State Defense Committee, he displayed great energy and

inventiveness to supply the troops and to bring relief to the starving population." (Volume 1-page 440).

And today, Vasily Pavlov, one of the most decorated Soviet war veterans must beg on the streets of Moscow for food in order to feed his family

He fought so that we may live, now he has to beg for a living while the present rulers are squandering the wealth of the Soviet People!

ATTITUDE TO STALIN

BY A.N.USTINSKYH
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1. It shall not be an overstatement if we state, that today the attitude of any person to Stalin - this is not only their feelings towards the Soviet period of history and to our Soviet people and Motherland, but also to the future of our people, our Motherland - yes and to all mankind.

2. It is also widely known that all the might, energy and force of the capitalist world from the very first days of the Soviet state was directed at completely dismembering and liquidating its existence: civil war, armed intervention,

helping to build the German Fascist war machine- as the shock force of the capitalist world in the future war that the Western countries were planning against the Soviet Union. Today this is well known and fully documented, that 70% of investment of building up the war potential of Fascist Germany was invested by USA, England and France. The major investment was put in by the United States of America.

3. But the most sinister and the heavily financed and guided were the internal forces who longed to re-establish capitalism from inside our country. This internal struggle is fully explained, that is why Stalin always warned us, that as success upon success is achieved by Soviet Union and its people in building socialism, the class struggle shall intensify. When Stalin died there came upon the scene this pro-Trotskyite sympathizer, but in fact Krushcher was a Trotskyite with his theory of "fight against the personality cult of Stalin" and gathered around himself likeminded entourage. After that, the leaders and the upper echelons followed the same path, as Mao Tsetung said: "...without Krushchev, but the road that Krushchev followed". At the end, Gorbachev and his pseudo-perestroika under the slogan of "more socialism" - liquidated Socialism.

4. Well, about the common people? This question of course is more difficult. In the ideological labyrinth of the bourgeois structure sympathizers - they seem to be with them, but they do not keep dumb people in their ranks. They came up with a well thought out plan that in order to eliminate the feelings of people towards the Soviet State - at first it is necessary to make them enemies and distrust the legacy of Stalin and Stalin himself.

5. What did they come up with in order for them to achieve their plans? They figured that they can get through to the masses on two points - two moments - the first being the myth of Stalin's repressions and, also in conjunction with this to spread the lie that Stalin was responsible for the Second World War and that he did not get the country ready against the onslaught of German fascism.

6. But today we must bring in facts that are constantly being thrown into the eyes of the people. But when these elements saw that this is not working (about the Great Patriotic War) because there are millions of people living that remember and lived through that period, all these traitorous elements started their attacks now violently against V.I. Lenin. Today, no matter how these elements try to hide or mask their intentions, the attacks are getting more vicious against V.I. Lenin and it is a fact, horrendous as it might seem, this vicious propaganda against Lenin is



one hundred times more vicious than against Stalin.

7. The theme of Stalin is very voluminous, let me just deal with two aspects only:

- a: Myth about the repressions by Stalin;
- b: About the mistakes by Stalin in getting the Soviet Union ready for war against Germany.

8. MYTH ABOUT STALIN'S REPRESSIONS

There is no secret that the inflated figures quoted as years go by has grown by tens of millions repressed and shot: from 40 to 100 million people.

These falsified figures, these sucked out the thumb numbers for sensationalism for Western publishers... if we are to believe these figures than it is very easy arithmetic to see that from June 22, 1941 all the able bodied men were already shot or were already in the labour camps... or these figures are more than all men living in the Soviet Union at that time. This statement was made by the American demographer Macksudov.

Nowdays there are "experts" that say they are experts on this question state that the following might be the truth: the people that were sentenced numbered 2,500,000; some other experts state that the number is 3,800,000 that were jailed. Where these figures do not jibe is the fact that some of these "experts" take only figures that were political and the economic crime figures, while others take the political, economic, administrative crimes and those sentenced to die.

Let us try to rationalize these figures.

The present TV and media cannot be accused of being pro-Soviet or pro-Stalin in their outlook or reporting. Well on the First Channel ORT TV program reported that today in Russia under so-called "democracy and freedom of speech" there are over 1,000,000 Russian people in jail. Looking at the present judicial system when it take 2-4 years for the court proceedings to take place or pass sentence, it is estimated by the present regime that there are over 1,000,000 people awaiting sentence and are incarcerated at present. This is already over 2,000,000 people. But, this is

only in former Soviet republic Russia. If we count all those other 14 former Soviet republics together, so then the figures are astounding and much more than were convicted in the Soviet Union for over 30 years under so called 'Stalins' repressions"!

The present enemies, do they know these facts? Of course they do! But they constantly muddy the waters in order to fool the people of the younger generation and thus try to stop the process of the resurrection of the Soviet Union. They are afraid, and they know that when the Soviet Union is resurrected, these falsifiers must become accountable to the people for their falsehoods and crimes.

9. THE MISTAKES OF STALIN IN PREPARING FOR WORLD WAR II

This lie can also be answered in a phrase, as answered by one political well known dissident who was sentenced for acts against the Soviet state, Vladimir Karpov: "Stalin was a great strategist, and thanks to him we achieved this great victory". You cannot add anything else to this phrase at all! But let me bring in a couple of historical truths here.

a: Krushchev, and from his words Volgogonov produced figures and so-called documents from practically thin air. They said that from June 22-24, 1941, Stalin became ill and lost control of himself for three days since Stalin had an angina attack.

First - this is an outrageous lie!

What did in reality happen during the first few days when Germany attacked the Soviet Union?

Again we have to go to the documents of those days. Yes, Stalin had angina problems for some time, but this did not prevent him from performing his duties as head of state. It

is a fact that right after Germany attacked the USSR, on June 22-23, 1941 there was already elected and existing and now it was the mighty supreme authority called SUPREME EVACUATION COMMITTEE, to which every governmental body was subservient, even members of the Politbureau, plus all the party, defense and governmental agencies-headed by Joseph V. Stalin!

Let us just stop here...who was it that could have organized and given it unlimited rights over the whole country's institutions, if not Stalin? Unfortunately this document is still not published...or maybe before the XX Congress of CPSU Krushchev and his clique could have disposed of it. But the results of this Committee is known by all, friends and enemies alike. Under the direction and plans of this Supreme Committee, in the first few months of the war there was evacuated from the European part of USSR to Siberia over 1,523 industrial complexes geared towards war production, plus about ten million people who were involved in the production plus their families. This was a task of enormous, unbelievable proportions of logistics, planning and making certain of housing, raw materials for production, transport, schooling, food etc. etc.

If the above was not been able to be accomplished in record time, how do you think the Red Army would have fared in getting war materials to fight the Germans, since the war industry in the European part of USSR was overrun and demolished by the Fascists?

B: In the Siberian journal called "Siberian Fires", No. 5, 1985 there were articles which portrayed those war years, as seen by a 16 year old evacuee. At that time this 16 year old wrote: "We already knew, that the machines,

tractors, lathes and technology that were being built, assembled around the clock here in Siberia, we felt that it was under the command of a very strong hand..." Sacred naiveté of a 16 year old youth! Even at that time, right at the start of the war the plans were already in place for the war industry output to be there for the defense of our Motherland.

This is well corroborated by the author Lev Isakov in his books: "Dilemma of Kutuzov and Stalin". The plans for the defense of the USSR were already being decided in the Five Year Plans and who else but Stalin, the Supreme Commander could have planned and saw to its implementation the quick turn over from peace production to war production of the whole of Soviet economy? These are just some examples of the unbelievable planning that went into this readiness to turn a peacetime industry into a war industry. An example, as was written in this publication "Siberian Flames" was the example of an industry which before the war was manufacturing primitive mining equipment, then inside of two months (!!!) was already producing rockets for the legendary Katushas!

In conclusion, we must again study documents which explain the revolution in Yugoslavia in the summer of 1941 and the speech made by Stalin in front of the graduation classes of the Military Academy in May of 1941, in order to understand why Hitler decided again to rethink and reevaluate the plans to attack USSR and thus he postponed his attack from May to June because he lost there two armies which could have been used when he attacked the Soviet Union. In front of the warring nations there is always one task and thought: to win not only the first skirmishes and objectives, but **WIN THE WAR!** □

TO ALL READERS!

Starting with April issue of NSC there shall be a redesign of the Journal, with new features, headings and contents!

**WE'LL KEEP ON
INFORMING OUR READERS
THE TRUTH ABOUT THE
SOVIET UNION!**

NATIONALISM, CHAUVINISM, FASCISM AND ZIONISM

You would think that after 70 years of Soviet power, where all nationalities enjoyed the same rights nationalist, chauvinist, fascist and zionist movements of the exploiting classes would be found only under capitalism. Unfortunately since present day Russia and other former Republics are capitalist, this is the case.

You would think that the defeat of fascism by the Red Army in our land and the untold suffering would have completely wiped these ideas from the minds of some people.

Present day regime promotes nationalism, chauvinism and even fascism in order to try and stave off the upcoming struggles of the working class. This is done systematically in all spheres of the mass media in order to sow discord and to take the minds of people off their daily terrible conditions and manipulate them into hate and action against the perceived enemies who these unfortunate deceived people blame for their plight.

The appearance of this national-chauvinism is now

being promoted by the internal and external enemies in order to get out of the impasse that the ruling class finds itself in. This influence unfortunately is directed at the young people who do not know the ideas of friendship and understanding between nations, having been brought up in school on textbooks that are meant to instill chauvinism between peoples and the growth of nationalism.

With the appearance of classes, the rich and the poor, the bourgeoisie very well knows fully well how to sow discord between peoples plays into the hands of the ruling class.

You cannot mix the understanding as to the meaning of patriotism and nationalism. Patriotism was the upbringing of Soviet people since 1917 until 1953 and to an extent onwards from there. The bourgeoisie have purposely combined and interwoven the meaning of these two words, making their meaning unfortunately the same.

Zionism as a belief and dogma had its growth in the Jewish bourgeoisie which then became the a chauvinist ideology and political understanding. All over the world Zionism fulfills the bidding of reactionary world Imperialism. It is good to remember that at the XXX session of the United Nations Organization in 1975. Zionism was condemned as a form of "racism and racist discrimination". Unfortunately, under the pressure of world Zionism and American Imperialism, this decision of the UNO was rescinded.

Take a look at yourselves, you, present nationalists, zionists and chauvinists! You are no different than what our parents and grandparents fought and died against during the Great Patriotic War. You are helping Imperialism, even though you use slogans of Marx, Engels, Lenin and also of Stalin.

Time has come to utilize the

teachings of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin to fight for Socialism and against Imperialism.

Patriotism is needed to defend your nation, but not at the expense of subjugating another. Patriotism and Internationalism are synonymous.

Maria Innokentieva
Novosibirsk

FROM
VOICE OF A
COMMUNIST

**WHERE IS
THE
CPRF GOING?**

A COMMUNIST CANNOT
BE A MINISTER IN A
BOURGEOIS
GOVERNMENT

Statement by the Central
Committee of the
Russian Communist Party-
CPSU

The participation of a member of the CPRF Y. Masliukov in the cabinet of Prime Minister Primakov is the result of the policy of the CPRF for the last five years.

This is nothing but step by step capitulation of the party before the present Yeltsin regime and also hiding this fact of complete subservience by utilizing communist phraseology and slogans. This leadership cooperation is completely ignoring the wishes of the Duma CPRF fraction. The top leadership of the CPRF has undertaken a witchhunt against the Left Wing inside the CPRF members in the Russian Duma. CPRF has not once taken to task the Duma CPRF members who vote with the Government on all occasions.

We do not want to mix into the internal affairs of the CPRF, but we cannot remain silent for the fate of the great majority of CPRF members and

the harm that this policy does to the whole Communist movement. Therefore the acceptance of Y.Masliakov and cooperation and support of the present bourgeois regime casts doubt upon all Communists.

Looking at the facts, the CC RCP-CPSU declares:

Any communist who finds himself in the bourgeois government, cannot call himself a Communist.

Any Communist party which allows its member to serve the bourgeois government with its anti-peoples policies, cannot call itself Communist!

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PROFESSOR
VLADIMIR
HERASYMCHUK



TOTALIARISM SHALL NOT PASS!

In the Kherson region of Ukraine there took place an event which was so tragic that no person can help but be shocked. But for the present "independent", "democratic" Ukraine this is a typical event. It seems that the average person overlooks this tragedy. But, just wait, this will come to everyone! If he of course does not right away sign himself up into the 10-15 million people, who, according to the recommendation of the West, this must be the "limit" of the number of people that should live in the present so-called "independent" Ukraine.

What is that happened in the Kherson district? In the vil-

lage of Velikaya Lepetikha there worked till the last days of December 1998 a dedicated comrade to his people, secretary of the district committee of the Communist Party of Ukraine, Valerie Cherevko. He was a helper-consultant to the Peoples Deputy S.Nikolaenko. But the Mafiosi structures they disliked this dedicated communist. They threatened him and told him that they would kill him. What can a person do in such a situation? He turned to the authorities as is supposed to be done in all "independent" countries and reported this threat. What do you think happened? Those who, according to the law should look into these threats, these authorities did not even blink an eye. Meanwhile the Mafia had accomplished their deed. They brutally beat him into unconsciousness, broke his legs and arms. On the demand of the "Left Center" fraction in the government, it was demanded that there should be an investigation. But...who needs such problems for the government to mix into? Before the court decided as to how they should get out of this situation, Valerie Cherevko died from this savage beating. His memory shall, always live in the hearts of decent people. But, nevertheless...Who will be responsible for this murder? The man reported these threats as is or should be the norm! But it could be that these same authorities were part of this tragedy?...

Let us look at the question of the present Constitution where there is a "guarantee" as stated by the former party functionary, today's president Kuchma. Not too long ago he swore an oath on the Bible that he shall uphold the Constitution. But this fact is now known, that when the present Constitution was being debated by parliament. Kuchma ordered that the hall where the

Deputies were discussing the Constitution be locked and no one could be let out until the Deputies agreed to adopt this "Constitution"! This is a fact, admitted even by the reactionary nationalists themselves.

Time has passed and it shows that the person who more than anyone else ignores and tramples this so-called "Constitution" is President Kuchma himself! While speaking to the media on December 15, 1998, Kuchma stated that "he wrapped them around his finger the whole Supreme Soviet and that in "one night" the Constitution "was adopted". It somehow looks as if Ukraine has no parliament. It is interesting to ponder as to how the people would react in the USA if this was stated by its President?, or in any other "democratic" country in the West?

But Kuchma, under the wing of Uncle Sam feels himself well. Even though the present Constitution prevents him formally from doing more, but it acts as a terrible injustice to the people and it gives Kuchma the power to close any newspaper that he so desires. As an example - a secret letter of the General Prosecutor of Ukraine, to the local prosecutors in Kiev and district. In this secret document that was leaked it asks that the following newspapers should be brought to court and disbanded closed the following: "Pravda Ukrainy", "All Ukrainian News", "Politika", "Kiev News", "Village News", "Tovarish", "Communist", "My(We)" (Communist, 1998.No .51). They were charged with "propaganda and lies and discrediting the office of the President as head of the state and of the people". Then why do we need such a President? But we must point out that a majority of the above newspapers can hardly be called "left". As an example, the

NEWS DIGEST COMMENT

ARE MEMORIES FOREVER?

By Lloyd Redstone

"Memories are not forever, they fade, recede, become all jumble and tangled and unreliable". I quote this from a column in the newspaper Toronto Star Feb.14,1999,Canada. Add to this fact the daily bombardment from the press, radio and TV etc., all owned and controlled by the capitalist clique, plus the many and varied religions who send out their priests, rabbis, ministers, mullas, to preach the word to the prospective converts. They tell them that there is a pie in the sky when they die, if they do whatever they're told here on earth.

Unfortunately there are many so-called leaders who invoke the use of the word Communism, yet deny the teachings of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin; who quote selective sections of the writings of the above for the sole purpose of trying to justify their personal objectives and confuse the people.

Unfortunately they do have successes.

Is it any wonder that there is such confusion among the people of the former Socialist countries?

In spite of the revised history as put forward by U.S. imperialism, the fact that the Soviet Union went from a third world country to a super power, all in a few short decades under the leadership of Stalin, cannot be denied. People had food, housing, health services, education. The country became industrialized and mighty enough to save the

newspaper "Pravda Ukrainy" is the mouthpiece of the former Premier-Minister Lazarenko, who heads the bourgeois party "Hromada". This person is of ill repute and under suspicion of money manipulating and a stalwart of privatization and capitalism.

Now it became a known fact that President Kuchma has at his disposal himself over 700 million Hryven! This sum is enough to pay off all the pensions that the government did not pay to at least 1,000,000 population, even giving them the maximum allowed and not 60 Hryven per month. But to have the workers know about this robbery is not only not correct but very dangerous. Well, they closed this bourgeois newspaper "Pravda Ukrainy". Soon the same fate awaited the newspaper "All Ukrainian News", "Politika". The Editor of "Politika" is being threatened with a jail sentence! Well, of course, "Democracy" is "democracy". You can rob all that you can. And why should any newspaper dare to expose such a thing!...

According to the testimony of the ex-president of Ukrainian Supreme Soviet, the national deputy Moroz, in the administration of government plans are being formulated as regards the communist and left-wing press. Is this not McCarthyism according to Kuchma's method of accomplishing it?

The people that are Bolshevik minded and thinking are now in a terrible and dangerous situation. As the newspaper "Workers-Farmers Pravda" stated at the beginning of October 1998, the Prosecutor of Sevastopol has started the proceedings against members of the All-Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks. On November 20, 1998 the Bolsheviks A.G. Bazhenov and comrade V.I. Podolsky were fined 425 Hryven each for belonging to the AUCPB. Where can these

comrades come up with such a sum of money? The people in the government should be fined! You cannot blame the Bolsheviks, for what transpired in the last 7 years of "independence" the economic losses that now are at the record level of \$400 millions. This is more than twice the losses of the Ukrainian Republic during the Second World War! Ukraine before belonged to the most developed countries of the world, now it finds itself in the 151 place of the production of goods internally, in 1221-130 place in the longevity of its people, and in 151 place in production per capita. ("Workers-Farmers Pravda", No.1,1999).

But more and more the people are beginning to see the truth, that the tie-in of the Mafiosi structures and Government are more and more tightly entwined. In order to help the people in their struggles and of the Bolsheviks in the first place. In Sevastopol there was established a fund and appeals went out to all honest people, to those who did not change their outlook and dedication, to show financial help in fighting these charges in the courts.

Financial help should be in the name of Alexander Chernikov.

Let us unite our forces, dear friends and comrades! In the name of future generations, let us unite! Let us say this loudly: Kuchma totalitarianism shall not pass! XXI Century - this shall be the epoch of Communist reconstruction of the world!

We appeal to our readers, if you can to send financial help to this cause in fighting fascism. Money received at our office, earmarked for the above shall be sent directly through our contacts to the fund in Sevastopol, Ukraine. □

world when they defeated German fascism.

With the death of Stalin, the forces of revision gained control! The socialist programs were gradually eliminated. Now the Soviet people are reaping the rewards of "democracy ala capitalism and of course Mafiosi"... "multinational style" Of course the people "free" to go hungry, cold, sick and are destitute, unemployed and with no health care or enough money to purchase the bare necessities.

In the meantime the foreign interests, the Mafia are having a field day of robbery and rape of the natural resources of the Soviet people.

But, they are "free" to pray to God for whatever they need... as they are told by countless missionaries that have swarmed into the Soviet lands, preaching the gospel of no struggle just await death for your "pie in the sky"!

The Soviet people have been degraded, begging on the streets, prostitution, child pornography and much much more.

The USA people are more concerned by Clinton's sexcapades than with the lives destroyed by American foreign policies. I have yet to hear of any preacher of any denomination speaking out about the slaughter in Iraq, which is being carried out not only by bombing, but also by actions which have denied them food, medicine and even fresh water. The same can be said for Cuba and other countries that Uncle Sam takes a dislike to.

On a brighter side- the Reverend Jerry Falwell of USA, the Evangelist zealot, has discovered that one of the TV Tubbies "stuffed toys" is purple in color and has a triangle on its head. Therefore this toy must be "gay" and an agent of the devil.

Let us praise the Lord for such people of "wisdom" that want to show the world the "American Way"!

Of yes, a new item is on a market for men... trousers that have the fly open all the time... called "Clinton"!

POLAND RATIFIES MEMBERSHIP IN NATO

As the saying goes: A picture is worth a thousand words" fits very realistically when you look at this photograph. Here you see Prime Minister Jerzy Buzek (left) and Deputy Prime minister Leszek Balcerowicz (right) and other members of the Polish Parliament voting to ratify Poland's membership in NATO.

These are all former Polish Communists who have jumped on the pro-West bandwagon now in order to save their own skins when time comes for the supreme penalty for traitorous acts.

These born-again Polish nationalists should remember their history! There were people like these during 1938-39 who refused help from the Soviet Union to stop German fascism on the Polish borders, which could have prevented the World War II, in spite of



Western backing of Germans on their march to the East. They should also remember their President Pilsudski who was nothing more or less than a Polish fascist who sent Polish "cavalry" with sabers drawn galloping against German tanks, rather than agree to help by the Red Army to save Poland from destruction!

Retribution shall come to these modern day Judas's, sooner than they realize! You can vote now, but soon the Polish people themselves shall vote on your fate!



IMPERIALISM PLAYS OLD GAME OF DIVIDE AND RULE

From
REVOLUTIONARY LEFT
MAGAZINE

*Revolutionary Political
Review about Turkey and
Kurdistan*



In the summer of 1998, a long-running conflict came to a head in former Yugoslavia - in the southern province of

Kosovo, as it is called by the Serbs, or Kosova, to give it its Albanian

name. The name Kosovo will be used in this article, simply because this is what it is generally called in English-language texts.

Kosovo is often referred to as the cradle of the Serb nation. It was there that in 1389, the mediaeval Serb kingdom was destroyed by the Ottoman Empire at the battle of Kosovo Polje (the Field of Kosovo). As is often the case, a defeat rather than a victory took on epic significance and was the rallying point for a sense of Serb nationhood which survived centuries of rule by the Ottoman Empire. The immediate effect of the battle was to begin the Ottoman Empire's period of dominance in the Balkans.

Kosovo adjoins Albania proper, so the movement of people from there was relatively easy. Like oppressors throughout human history who ruled over a number of different subject peoples, the Ottomans played a game of divide and rule with ethnic groups. After the death of Skanderbeg, the last major Albanian rebel against the Ottomans, the majority of Albanians accepted Islam and Ottoman rulers used them as a counter to the Orthodox Serbs, stirring up animosity between the peoples. So large numbers of Albanians

were settled in Kosovo, and Kosovo's population has been mainly Albanian since about the 16th century. Something like a third of the Albanians in the world live in Kosovo.

The decline of the Ottoman Empire caused this situation to unravel, especially after Serbia regained its independence in the 19th century. Kosovo was included within its borders, despite its largely Albanian population. Albanian nationalism existed (a superficially independent Albania dominated by Austria-Hungary was founded in 1912), but at first was a negligible factor. Before World War I, Austria-Hungary used Kosovo as a way to intrigue against Serbia. For example, it was falsely claimed in the Austrian press that Serbs in the Kosovo town of Prizren had assaulted the Austrian consul there, and this nearly led to war. When World War I did break out a few years later, Austria-Hungary played the old game of stimulating some types of national sentiment to combat others. So Albanian nationalism was stimulated by the Austrians, and some Albanian units were armed by them as a counter to the Serbs. In the age of modern imperialism as described by Lenin in «Imperialism, the Highest Stage of

Capitalism», divide and rule is evident just as much as in the time of the mediaeval Ottomans.

Following World War I, Kosovo was back in Serbia as part of the newly-founded Kingdom of Yugoslavia. Non-Serbs, among them the Kosovo Albanians, justly complained of ethnic discrimination. The swift collapse of Yugoslavia under the Nazi German attack of 1941 (in a two-week campaign, the German forces lost only 560 killed, compared with about 5,000 in the attack on Greece, which also was not defeated quite so quickly) was partly the fruit of the ethnic discrimination between the wars. The lack of unity between peoples made Yugoslavia an easy prey to external aggression. In the partisan warfare that followed, the German and Italian fascists tried with some success to exploit ethnic hatreds, recruiting many Kosovo Albanians into the Waffen-SS «Skanderbeg» division which committed atrocities against Serbs. Albanians were also killed in cold blood by Serbs. (It should be added that there were also Serb collaborators with fascism, especially those following a general named Nedic.)

After liberation, Albania and Yugoslavia were closely associated, but Kosovo remained a sore point. Albanian Communist partisans later stated that Tito's Yugoslav Communist partisans committed atrocities against Albanians in Kosovo during and immediately after the war. Such statements were not made public, however, until after Albania's break with Yugoslavia.

Yugoslavia regarded the Kosovo Albanians as a threat,

not least because its relations with Albania itself ranged from bad to just short of war. Tito's deputy Rankovic became associated with a policy of systematic discrimination against Kosovo Albanians. Albanian separatism in Kosovo was blamed on Tirana, and indeed a constant propaganda war went on between Albania and Yugoslavia over Kosovo, but Albanian discontent also had local roots - Kosovo was one of the least developed parts of Yugoslavia during the Tito years.

And then Yugoslavia died, and even the pretence of maintaining relations based on equality among nations died with it. Serbia has ruled Kosovo with an iron fist while the wars with the Croats and the Bosnians went on elsewhere. Tension and oppression continued in the 1990s, and came to a head this year. The Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA), consisting of ethnic Albanians, rose up against the Serbs. After claiming to control 40% of Kosovo, the KLA was beaten back by a Serb counter-attack which drove over 200,000 Albanians as refugees into other countries. The KLA have not been called «terrorists» for rebelling by the USA, which normally does not stint from applying such designations to liberation groups. The KLA are probably not considered to be a threat to US interests, and the Serbs are not considered to benefit them - hence the US display of discretion.

That the Serbs are oppressing the Albanians is beyond doubt. An old game is once again being played in Kosovo. External forces are seeking to intervene in the

situation. Fascists from Turkey are beginning to beat the Albanian nationalist drum. The Nizami Alem (World Order) organisation has appealed for the creation of a «Kosovo Volunteers Army», supposedly to provide humanitarian aid to Albanian refugees (Agence France Presse, August 18, 1998). Nizami Alem is associated with Turkey's BBP (Great Unity Party), itself a split from the fascist MHP which is connected to the Grey Wolves. The BBP only differs from the MHP in that BBP propaganda is more Islamic. Fascists from Turkey are already known to have been involved in the fighting in Chechnya and Bosnia. At the end of the 20th century, it would appear that the authorities in Turkey are trying to play the Albanian card, rather like Austria-Hungary did when the century was still young. Fascists of all nationalities are in their element in a situation where the only «solutions» being offered are nationalist ones, in this case Serb versus Albanian.

The ones who have been victimised are the people. They were the ones who suffered with the break-up of Yugoslavia, and the exploitation of ethnic differences by fascists and imperialists. They are the ones suffering in the events in Kosovo. The only solution for the people of Kosovo, like others in the Balkans, is self-determination without interference by outside forces, and unity of the peoples against fascism and imperialism. Otherwise the age-old pattern of powerful countries and empires exploiting ethnic differences will be repeated yet again.

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**NEWS FROM
U.S. FRIENDS OF
SOVIET PEOPLE**

**80th Anniversary of
HANDS OFF
RUSSIA
COMMITTEE**

BY DR. ANGELO D'ANGELO

On January 24 over 50 friends and supporters of the movement to help re-establish the USSR braved a thunder storm and heavy rain to attend the 80th Anniversary of the "Hands Off Russia" Committees held at the Brecht Forum in New York City.

The hall was decorated with red banners proclaiming "Unity with Soviet Peoples in their struggle to restore Socialism" and huge Soviet Flags hung proudly from the ceiling.

The event was sponsored by U.S. Friends of Soviet People which took the initiative in organizing the only such event in the USA. Guests were greeted as they entered the hall by the stirring sounds of the Red Army Chorus, and the singing of the World War II songs by the excellent voice of Alex Krasheninikov accompanied by accordionist Alex Parks. The scene was reminiscent of an earlier time when both Soviet and American forces united together to defeat Hitler's Fascism.

Master of Ceremonies, Stephen Palmier, Co-Editor of the Marxist Quarterly "The Hammer" stood by the banner depicting V.I. Lenin, and the Hammer and Sickle with the words "Back To the Future...Restore the Soviet Union".

Two key note Eyewitness Report Back talks were given

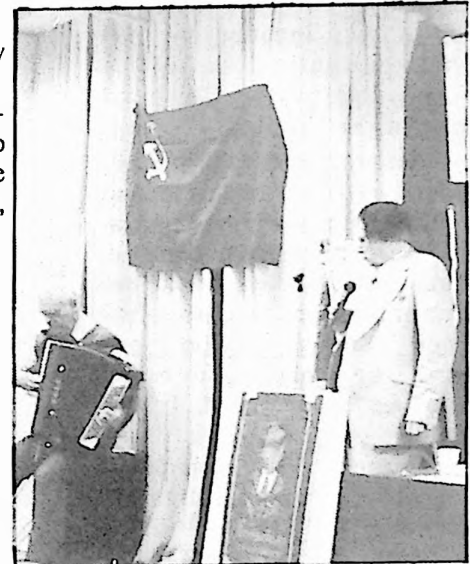


Alex Krasheninikov and by Bill Williams. Our guest Alex Krasheninikov, a former Soviet citizen from Ukraine who witnessed the horrors of the Nazi occupation in 1941,

Stephen Paulmier and Lois Singer

Alex Parks and Alex Kasheninikov

Overflow audience enjoying the program



spoke of economic collapse that the capitalist experiment has brought the people of the Ukraine, including members of his extended family. Comrade Williams spoke of the growing militancy of large sections of the working class, especially the coal miners. He also showed a video to the audience which contained interviews he had taken with workers throughout Russia.

Dr. Angel D'Angelo, Assistant Director of the USFSP congratulated the gathering on helping to make the day's event a success and spoke briefly on the history of the 1918 "Hands Off Russia" Committees which gave material aid as well as solidarity to the young Soviet Republic when it was invaded by over 14 Western nations in 1919 to try and destroy the Bolshevik "Baby in the Cradle".

Messages of support and solidarity to the organizers of the 80th Anniversary celebrations were read from the presidium and included various Communist Parties within the former Soviet Union and around the world, and representatives from the Left and peoples organizations and publications in attendance, who also expressed solidarity, including Rasheed Atamalibevov, Editor of the Russian language newspaper "Russky Golos" published in NYC since 1917.

Other speakers included Eugene Goncharov, special correspondent and representative of "Krasnoyarskaya Gazetta" a voice of the Popular Patriotic Union of Russia, a broad coalition led by the Communist Party of the Russian Federation; Dr. Kiloai-Klaus Von Kreiter, author of several books which deal with the aggressive nature of NATO and its threat to the peoples of the Soviet Union in their struggles to rebuild the USSR as a Socialist State.

Also speaking was Saad Kadhim, an Iraqi-American activist involved with ending the U.S. imposed sanctions against Iraqi people. He stressed that, since the demise of the USSR, the peoples of the world are now defenseless against the threats of U.S. imperialism.

Charles Keller, world renowned artist and member of the Arts & Entertainment Club of the Communist Party, USA spoke on Soviet Culture, especially during the early period of the USSR.

Lois Singer, Director of the U.S. Friends of Soviet People, urged the crowd to join the U.S. group officially by becoming a member and also to endorse the Call to convene an International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People. She also urged other people's organizations to officially endorse the Call.

Several progressive poets, including long-time communists Bernard Livingston and social activist Pete Dolack provided entertainment to those in attendance.

The atmosphere at the end of the program was spirited as the crowd, raising their fists, sang the INTERNATIONAL together, with English, Russian and Spanish clearly heard in the audience. □

FROM
INKSTER, MI.
USA

Dear friends:

We have now begun to receive NSC, and we are greatly appreciative to its publishers.

It is most encouraging to have finally found a publication that isn't afraid to present the truth about one of the greatest leaders of our time: Joseph V. Stalin.

It is absolutely and irrevocably valuable to all, but essentially to the very heavily-

propagandized American people, that the lies of decades past, and the present anti-Stalinist and also anti-Soviet propaganda of American corporate imperialism be uncovered, and challenged with the truth of the accomplishments, and in retrospective and the attitude of the majority of Soviet people towards this great man.

It is extensively discouraging and disappointing to have been appraised that a great number of people who refer to themselves as Communists here in the USA, seem afraid to say that they are "Stalinists"; as if that cascading waterfall of anti-Soviet propaganda in fact is just another lie, piled upon an ever-increasing mountain of lies from which emanates the unmistakable stench of anti-Sovietism - American-Imperialistic style!

Because it is imperative that the name and reputation of Stalin, the great Soviet leader be returned to their rightful place in the minds and hearts of all who have been reluctant to associate Stalin with true Communism - please accept our best wishes to Northstar Compass, and that it reaches many more progressive-minded people. Let it promote the resurrection and the greatness of the Soviet Union and the pre-eminent leader of Soviet people, Joseph V. Stalin.

Sincerely yours

Maxim A. Provin
Communist-Progressive Alliance,
North American International
J. Monique McDonald
Metro Detroit Club Organizer
Communist Party of the USA □

APPEAL FOR INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY FOR MUMIA

BY RAFAEL MARTINEZ



A courageous African-American is facing execution on false charges. The police and courts in Philadelphia have fabricated murder charges against Mumia Abu Jamal because he helped to expose racism, brutality and corruption of the Philadelphia police department. For 16 years Mumia has been on death row awaiting execution. Last year, in spite of overwhelming evidence, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court rejected his appeal to a new trial.

Mumia's case has become a symbol of the widespread human-rights violations that, as Amnesty International now documents, plague the entire U.S. judicial system. It vividly illustrates the hypocrisy of the U.S. government when it lectures people in other lands about "human rights" and "democracy". The U.S. has now the largest prison population in the world and the largest number of people awaiting execution.

From Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to Fred Hampton, too many Black activists and fighters for justice in the United States

have been murdered by the forces of racism and repression. We must not allow Mumia's name to be added to that list. The time to act is now by sending your protests! Please send your protests to

International Committee
Millions for Mumia
39 West 14th Street, #206
New York, N.Y. 10011
USA

*Northstar Compass and the
Organizing Committee for an
International Council for Friendship
and Solidarity with Soviet People has
sent protests in order to save the life
of Mumia Abu Jamal.* □

ALL THE NEWS THAT'S FIT TO MINT

BY BERNARD
LIVINGSTON

Call the New York Times what
you will:

Stuffy, opinionated, even shrill.
But never call it prosaic.
The Times has a voice that's
practically mosaic.
And, when it comes to predictions,
None's so expert at sorting
facts from fiction.
Indeed, on business, politics,
even sports,
Its predictions have the
finality of weather reports.

Take the Bolshevik Revolution, first of its kind:
Won't last eight weeks, Times
editors opined.
And this they said without
even blinking...
Perhaps because of wishful
thinking.

Actually, it didn't last eight
weeks—they were right.
It lasted eight decades, and,
all despite,
Would still be firm and strong,

Had not Gorbachev and his
renegades come along.

Or, consider Adolph's
invasion of '41.
Germans will reach Moscow,
put Joe on the run,
Predicted the Times. And
again it was not wrong.
Germans, hundreds of thou-
sands strong,
Did reach Moscow - prisoners
from Stalingrad,
Desperate, beaten, ragged and
sad.
And, while Joe smiled atop
Lenin's Tomb in the square,
The Nazis were marched off to
you-know where.

And today the Times is at it
still,
Fitting the news to its will.
This it calls news fit to print.
But really its news fit to mint.
Yeltsin robbing workers it
calls democracy.
Not capitalist theft or Mafia
plutocracy.
Saddam in Kuwait they call
invader,
But not so the U.S. Army
in Grenada. □

FROM
TAMMS, CA., USA

Hello!

I just read the letter from
Dr. Wm. Bunge (Vo. 7, #6, 1998)
and must protest about one
attitude expressed. I refer to
his description of the guerrilla
actions called out in Quebec
about the use of English lan-
guage. If he suggests that in
Quebec the French language
should be used exclusively in-
stead of English then I suggest
that both languages be
scrapped, because surely there
were aboriginal languages that
preceded both.

Isn't a stop sign that says
both "Arret" and "Stop" use-
ful. Travelling in Canada I saw
many bilingual signs. The
chip-on-the-shoulder of Dr.

Bunge seems to have is not becoming.

Regards
Donna S. Miller

REPLY TO DONN S. MILLER

Donn S. Miller knows a lot more about geography of Stalingrad than I do. But he I feel was never near my corner or he would know that absolutely not one English has never lived near here for many, many years. The English conquered the French in 1759 so a "stop" sign here is a mark of conquest, as revolting as German would be on the street signs in Stalingrad.

The general principal ; is

that when one looks out of ones window in an ethnic neighborhood one should see ones ethnicity in the landscape. For example, in both Montreal and Toronto "China Town" has street signs in Chinese characters. In general the USA, being an imperialist power, makes all "immigrants" feel as if they should be English since those are almost the only signs one sees in the landscape.

Are the Quebecois free of sin? Hardly. This neighborhood and small town is filled with Abnakis First Nations people yet they do not have a single street named after them,

not a single historic plaque. My daughter who now lives in a Jewish neighborhood in Montreal. English people do not live there, yet all signs are in English. Why not Hebrew, or at least streets named after famous Jews such as Albert Einstein? The USA pretends to be a "melting pot" which Dr. Martin Luther King took seriously and was murdered for it. Up in Canada the official line is that we are a "mosaic" and while this too in not true it is better then down there (the USA) the most primitive nation in the world.

Dr. William Bunge, Geographer

**TELL ME WHO YOUR
FRIEND IS...
AND I'LL
TELL YOU
WHO YOU
ARE!**

BIRTHDAY BLOWOUT

Former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, with his wife Raisa

looking on, extinguishes the candles on a cake as he celebrates his 68th birthday at a high class dinner party put on by TIME MAGAZINE in Beverly Hills, California, USA.

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

*No amount of hobnobbing
with the "big guys" shall save
the skin of Gorby and Raisa!*

All translations from Russian, Byelorussian, Ukrainian, Czech and Slovak by Michael Lucas.

**FEATURE
ANALYSIS**

**OPEN LETTER TO
GOVERNMENT OF
CANADA**

BY RAY STEVENSON

To:
Honorable Minister
Immigration & Citizenship
Ms Robillard:

I am informed of deportation proceedings presently pursued by your Government against above mentioned, being a refugee from the United States. He is currently, and has been for a number of years, resident in Manitoba. I am further informed of what has every grave appearance of officially sanctioned harassment against him



and his family by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

I join with and add my voice to each and every individual, organization or private and official appeals to you and the Government for an immediate extension to Mr. Maki and his family of asylum and refugee status in Canada. Further I most strongly urge all legal proceedings against him and his family to be withdrawn and squashed. Further prosecution of these proceedings cannot in any way be seen to be in the best interests of Canada and/or Canadians and will shred whatever legacies and claims we might make to openhandedness and generosity or traditions we might claim. There is no substantive reason, legal or otherwise why Mr. Maki and his family should not be permitted to exercise their energies and democratic activities and rights to his community and to Canada.

I draw to your attention what to many Canadians has been and is incredibly "generous" treatment accorded to hundreds of Nazi war criminals and perpetrators of the ghastly Holocaust crimes, as well as Nazi members and sympathizers and "refugees", by Canada following WWII under the Liberal St. Laurent and succeeding Governments..

I make that statement and charge as a sixth generation

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.

Canadian, whose ancestry dates back to the 18th century, so-called "Highland Clearances"; as a WWII Canadian Armored Corps soldier serving with a rank of Captain; as a long term hard rock miner and National Officer (elected) of the Mine Mill Union of Canada; as a senior Staff Officer of the United Steelworkers of America (retired); as the Canadian representative on the Secretariat of the World Peace Council in Helsinki and as a senior citizen.

My above statement is fully verified from information contained in the DesChene Royal Commission Report and documents published in conjunction with it, as well as from general information and knowledge. Additionally as a miner working underground and as a Union official I encountered on several occasions in various mines and mining areas these self-same Nazi refugees, both as underground or surface workers and also in supervisory capacities. Further verification of this is to be found in materials published in the Sudbury Star during November, 1993. The series of articles by writer Terry Pender was based on "Freedom of Information" materials and implicated the RCMP in "Spying" on Union members and proceedings, as well as harassing its general activities with secret reports et al. Most significantly the presence of Nazi elements in Inco work forces following WWII is beyond any doubt. Complicity of both industry and Government are strongly inferred. That high Inco officials were Board members of the Nazi controlled I.G. Farben is a matter of record. I also respectfully bring to your attention yet another facet of the hysterical,

sordid and totally cynical elements involved in the activities of J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation. It was he who first brought to bear his immense powers against Mr. Maki in 1970, ordering harassment against him by the FBI. Maki's actions at that time were consonant with those of millions of U.S. citizens who opposed the undeclared war of the U.S. on Vietnam that resulted in the death of millions there in ghastly and vicious bombing, nerve gas and other attacks. The corruption and horrors brook little repetition here.

But to bring to your attention the full cynicism of that sordid McCarthyite time, I refer you to the fully documented and now an unchallenged book "J. Edgar Hoover - The Man And The Secrets" by Curt Gentry. Published in 1992 by "Plume", an associate of Penguin Books USA and catalogued as ISBN-0-452-26904-0, Chapter 26, pages 401-434 and page 257 (with photos) states flatly that: "Although there was no credible evidence implicating Ethyl, Hoover insisted she be brought to trial to 'serve as a lever' to get her husband to confess. The plan failed however and on June 19th, 1953, both were executed at Sing Sing prison. Recently released documents reveal that the Judge, Irving Kaufman, engaged in ex-parte conversations with the prosecution, before, during and after the trial." This was the most infamous trial and execution in U.S. history, of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, for framed up charges on nuclear espionage. The highest authority of the Roman Catholic Church and religious leaders world wide intervened in the case,

even calling for clemency at the final moments.

Hoover was thus implicated in the state sponsored murder of these two Jewish parents whose innocence sealed their lips until death in the electric chair orphaned their two young sons. It was an act of incredible State savagery for which J. Edgar Hoover was culpable. His go-between with Kaufman was the despicable, odious Roy Cohen, close associate of none other than Joe McCarthy of hideous thought control infamy based on the Hitlerite calumnies and lies of "anti-Communism". You must now be aware that it was this same Hoover who set in motion the events that led to Mr. Maki and family fleeing his home to come to Canada after violent harassment INCLUDING A SHOT GUN BLAST AT MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY.

That Mr. Maki has been set up for deportation following his written denunciation of racist attacks and attitudes toward our native Ojibway, Cree and other indigenous peoples appears as incredibly cynical and malevolent as RCMP claims to the "unlawful" act of having some sort of "bombing" expedition against another protester, Ludwig, in 1998, against oil company intrusions that threaten his family.

According to press reports - "Manufacture false evidence against their suspect and thus secure a false conviction."

In both instances, whether exposing racism against native people, or manufacturing evidence to lead to illegal and false convictions are absolutely unacceptable conduct by the RCMP and smell strongly of police state actions that led to the Holocaust, the conviction of police suspected innocents on phony evidence such

as happened to Jean Guy Morin, Donald Marshall et al. Such stench on the Canadian body politic must be eradicated by firm governmental actions to protect the human, democratic and social rights of ordinary citizens.

Knowing the facts of the Maki Family "case" I respectfully and most strongly propose that such police state harassment sullies the good name of our country and any overt and officially sanctioned actions and support for these must be immediately withdrawn...and eradicated.

I therefore urge you with all due respect, Minister, to use your influence and powers to bring this desirable result to immediate fruition and remove these ominous threats from us all.

I speak as one who wore proudly the uniform of Canada to do whatever was within my powers to defeat the hideous forces of police statism, subterfuge, lies, torture and death and the "unconditional surrender" of the Nazi-Fascist forces. I learned then, and I know now, that those anti-democratic forces drew sustenance and support from week-kneed and fearful political figures and leaders. Such experience has enabled me, (and I speak without boasting) to quickly detect and recognize any forces that might (or have) re-emerged in Canada or elsewhere. I therefore in the name of my grandchildren, the young and old alike, entreat you and your Government to end this disgraceful and dangerous episode in our history. Fifty years from now the presence of Mr. Maki and his family in Canada as members of our Canadian society will be remembered with approval. His deportation will bring to the

surface memories both painful and disturbing as well as false, reaction spawned-and-ridden failure of a tiny policy based on inequity, discrimination and sour and hateful feeling among our people.

As I am now in my declining years and with whatever be the time left for me personally, I claim the right to a sense of tranquillity and good thoughts for myself and for all my fellow Canadians...and for all people everywhere.

Yours sincerely
RAY STEVENSON

The Canadian Friends of Soviet People, Editorial Board of Northstar Compass and the Organizing Committee for an International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People concurs with this Open Letter and has also sent protests to the Canadian Government. We urge all of ours readers to do likewise. □

OPEN FORUM

THE CORPORATE PLANET FACTS

BY REDMOND GUERRERO

TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS- companies which operate in more than one country at a time...have become some of the most powerful economic and political entities in the world today.

CORPORATIONS AND GOVERNMENTS

Many corporations have more power than the nation-states across borders they operate. For instance:

*The combined revenues of just General Motors and Ford - the two largest automobile corporations in the world - exceed the combined Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for all of the sub-Saharan Africa.

*The combined sales of Mitsubishi, Mitsui, Itochu, Sumitomo, Marubeni, and Nissho Iwai, Japan's top six Sogo Susha or trading companies, are nearly equivalent to the combined GDP of all countries in South America.

*Transnational corporations hold 90% of all technology and product patents worldwide.

*Transnational corporations are involved in 70% of world trade. More than 30% of this trade is "intra-firm"; in other words, it occurs between units of the same corporation.

*More than half of the 40,000 transnational corporations come from just five nations - France, Germany, the Netherlands, Japan and the United States.

*Despite their growing numbers, power is concentrated at the top. For instance, the 300 largest corporations account for one-quarter of the world's productive assets.

*Transnational corporations exert significant influence over the domestic and foreign policies of the governments. Indeed, the interests of the most powerful governments (USA, Japan, Germany) are often intimately intertwined with the expanding pursuits of the transnational corporations.

*Now, more than ever before, the transnational corporations are to circumvent their governments and these governments are caving in to the New World Order of globalization, allowing these corporations to assume more and more stateless quality, leaving them less and less accountable to any government anywhere.

*These transnational corporations are governments unto

themselves and thus they hold the balance of political power, through a series of intergovernmental treaties and accords.

*These international trade and investment agreements allow corporations to circumvent the power and authority of national governments and local communities, thus endangering workers' rights, the environment and democratic political processes.

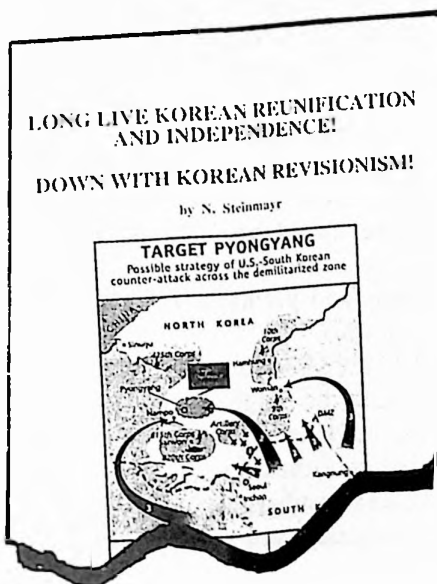
These facts are based on the book by Joshua Karliner "The Corporate Planet"

BOOK REVIEWS

A NOTE TO NSC READERS

BY RAY STEVENSON

We have recently received an 88-page document from Australia with an accompanying letter from Norberto Steinmayr of the Department of French and Italian Studies at the University of Melbourne. Mr. Steinmayr is author of the weighty booklet entitled "Long Live Korean Reunification and Independence! Down With Korean Revisionism". Further identification



on the cover page states - "Under the Auspices of Alliance Marxist-Leninist (North America) and also Communist League, (Britain) International Struggle Marxist-Leninist, January 1999.

Content of the booklet deals with a number of the more puzzling (even obscure) areas of political life and developments in North Korea and the problems of the imposed division of the country since 1945. It does not limit itself to this time period but gives the writers views on the historical background, the Japanese colonial control prior to that and in Chapters 3 to 13 deals with the modern era and what the writer sees as the central problems, shortcomings and revision of Marxism-Leninism.

The last paragraph on page 3 sets out some of the particular views and insights of the study when it says: "While resolutely supporting Korean reunification and independence, it is also to Marxist-Leninist parties and organizations to tackle the issue of Korean revisionism - as it has developed in North Korea since 1945, without having been affected by the final collapse of the USSR and other revisionist countries during the late eighties..."

The booklet is worthy of close and careful study whether or not in a readers view it advances general knowledge and understanding of the world wide strategic onslaught of the monopoly-Imperial powers, headed by the USA. The too brief study of the inner laws of development that has led to the official acceptance of "Juche" and "Kimilsungism" in North Korea needs both greater in depth study and broadening within the context of the day to day developments of the class struggle nationally and internationally. These are presented as efforts by the North

Korean Communists to develop a theoretical and ideological basis of "independence and class unification" in place of Marxist-Leninist theory of class struggle.

The treatment of the subject matter is extensive within all those confines. But equally as Kim Il Sung's Juche (independence for all and unity among all) cannot confront the global struggles of our time effectively, neither can the coming restoration of a unified Korea alone be seen as more than what it is...a demand for national reunification in a world at this time dominated by international finance capital...albeit real domination sinking in an ever deepening crisis. The results would be neither simple or without massive obstacles on the road to proletarian revolutionary power.

Be that as it may, the document is worthy of careful study and analyses. It is available by contacting-

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Ray Stevenson**

We publish this item under Book Review to give expression to varying points of view in the struggles of people everywhere. It does not mean we endorse the views expressed.

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REMINISCENCES AND REFLECTION

JERRY MORSE

**Marshall Georgi Zhukov
of the Soviet Union
(1896-1974)**

These two books contain his joys, sorrows, losses, his love for the Soviet people, for humanity and his respect for the

political and military education that he received. A dedicated communist, family man and his expose of the dirty tricks played by those that were supposed to be the Allies in the Second World War. This small two-book set was pub-



lished by Progress Books in Moscow. I would suggest that you get them. Study them and cram them down the throats of these present rulers of Russia and other republics!

What a different world it would be if J.V.Stalin lived and if Marshal Zhukov would have lived another 10 years!

*There would not have been the break-up of the USSR, no big debts, no racketeers pursuing and raping of the Soviet Union.

*Children would be looked after, pensioners would be looked after and paid on time and there would not be unemployment, terrible living conditions and premature deaths and suicides.

*The USSR would be defended, would be mighty and capable of holding at bay Imperialism from attacking countries or using embargo to bring the countries into submission.

*Marshal Zhukov wrote: in his book: "Devotees of the capitalist system could not take it into their heads how our Government managed to dismantle and relocate large economic complexes on so large a scale. Yet the key to this 'Russian Miracle' which our opponents cannot fathom to this day, is to be found in the socialist system based on people's socialized ownership of the means of production!"

Socialist philosophers will again prove to be a global need. No matter how the present capitalist system shuffles trillions of dollars all over the world, they cannot do away with the working class, who are more and more becoming aware of what the system is doing to them and to the workers of the world.

Capitalism fears a resurrected Soviet Union because the Soviet citizens will reclaim their own great land back. West fears the Red in the forthcoming new Red Army which saved the world from the scourge of fascism! Yes, Marshal Zhukov would have been one of the great man to stop the traitors in their tracks.

Read pages 212 or 344 to see as to who stood up for peace and who toyed with the idea to join forces with the defeated German Army and attack Russia right in 1945!

The 27,000,000 Soviet dead will not have died in vain. A new counter-attack is in the offing by the heirs to J.V.Stalin and Marshal Zhukov They shall sweep the present parasites of the face of the earth.

Soviet Union will again arise to defend the working class of the world! The fears of imperialism are justified.

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LETTERS FROM ABROAD

FROM
HOLGUIN
CUBA

Dear comrades of the
Organizing Committee for an
International Council for
Friendship and Solidarity
with Soviet People!

From the articles appearing
in the NSC and from informa-
tion that I receive from you, I
can appreciate how hard you
are working in order to fulfill
the Resolutions taken at the
Fifth Conference and although
I do whatever I can, my heart
and dedication for the success
of our venture is there.

We, Cubans learned to love
the Soviet people many, many
years ago. They are an intrin-
sic part of our Revolution and
of our capacity to resist the
blockade and the always pres-
ent menace coming from the
USA. We never forget that
thanks to the Soviets we could
never, never have survived for
more than 30 years they, were
on our side as supervisors,
teachers, doctors, engineers,
technicians....

Many factories, industries,
hospitals, schools, houses were
built thanks to the generosity
and solidarity of our Soviet
comrades.

*It's hard to think that these
beautiful and generous friends
who lived with us for so many
years are now in such a diffi-
cult and horrible situation.*

We are sure that sooner
than later the Soviet working
class will overcome the present

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absurd situation. No one "can
fool all the people all of the
time", as it was once said.

Every success for the estab-
lishment of an International
Council and the holding of the
First Congress!

Comradely yours
Professor Vilma Paez
Holguin University, Cuba
Member of the Organizing
Committee

VIA INTERNET
BY JERRY MORSE

BEHIND THE DOORS- DEALS MADE!

According to the latest press
release via Internet by
"Sehodnya", it seems that Prime
Minister Primakov has managed
to strike a deal with the CPRF
leadership in the Duma. At a
meeting with Primakov, Duma
speaker Gennady Seleznev
(member of CC CPRF) commu-
nicated an agreement that the
final document that would rein-
force the Yeltsin demand of
support for the idea of a politi-
cal accord.

So much for trying to re-
constitute the Soviet and social-
ism as the CPRF preaches to
the Soviet people. Any deal
behind closed doors is deal that
supports the present re-
gime...which means to solidify
capitalism and dismember even
further what is left of the
USSR!

MOSCOW

"The perfection of federal
relations and the strengthening
of Russian Statehood is the
sole and single task of the
day", Prime Minister Primakov
stated. He is talking a lot these
days and it's beginning to
sound very "Madison Avenue"
USA. With the 89 regions of
Russia now under attack for
the Free Market System, we
wonder whether Russia is not
suffering from the Crisis of

Capitalism?

WASHINGTON

Look boys, if we can get
Russia to sign weapon deals
with Syria, let's say a couple
of billions of dollars worth
than we can utilize this to our
advantage by being able to
completely buy out all of the
industrial potential of Russia
for very cheap prices, then we
can tell the Russians to in-
crease their weapon sales to ...
Middle East, Israel, Saudi Ara-
bia and point to this fact that
it isn't USA that sells weapons
to this powder keg, it's those
"Russians"- even though the
armament industry in Russia is
owned or controlled by us!

We can then keep up our
sanctions, hoodwink the USA
people and thus have our cake
and eat it!

RUSSIAN DUMA

With the Russian Duma now
having adopted the 1999
Budget, with the help of the
CPRF (Zyuganov) fraction in-
side the Duma, it seems that
Primakov and Zyuganov are
seeing eye-to-eye. But we hope
that the DUMA will not allow
the big foreign Insurance
conglomerates to get their ac-
tual claws into more Rus-
sian financial infrastructure.
These free market insurance
conglomerates are big in Real
Estate, Mutual Funds, Salaries
to top Mafia executives, and
big in lobbying the government
on behalf of the rich director-
ships. This is Primakov's plans
with the nod from Yeltsin and
Zyuganov. So much for pre-
tending to be "patriotic" and
"communist"!

Is the Mayor of Moscow,
Luzhkov using the old Ameri-
can con game? He condemns
extremists who Nazi salute but
somehow these elements are
never caught or jailed but
seem to enjoy complete free-
dom of action, while the real
patriots, communists are being
hounded under the pretext that

they're "extremists".

The CPRF leadership should be careful as to who they sleep with! Sickness (disease) could be transmitted through a love affair!

The new Budget was adopted by 308-56. This means that almost unanimous agreement for the budget by the CPRF!

There are promises by Primakov and a lot of hoopla that this budget "curtailed Yeltsin and his backers". Not meaning to sound skeptical, but Prime Minister Primakov is building capitalism, be it the Russian variety or IMF bastard child!

It is of course up to the Soviet people to push the CPRF members of the Duma not to be hoodwinked into believing that the capitalism that is being is purely "Russian" and thus must be supported! Capitalism is capitalism which the people who voted for the CPRF thought that this party shall struggle against it...not support Primakov who is now the "front page boy" for Imperialism and IMF!

BRASILIA, BRAZIL

The musical chairs being played in Brazil where the Central Bank Directors are frequently changed by using buddies of billionaire George Soros to fill such positions. It's the same as asking: "Does this financial stick of dynamite, I'm holding, have a fuse in it?"

LETTERS

FROM
ENDERBY
BC

Dear comrade Editor:

Healthwise I'm doing better and am working on my autobiography which NSC shall hopefully publish in the future with all revenues going to NSC.

Also sending you some interesting articles plus \$200 to the support of the Sustaining Fund.

I'm wondering why Prime Minister Chretien only visited Auschwitz concentration camp in Poland and not bother to have visited also the death camp Jasenovica in Yugoslavia. Did Pope John II forbade it?

Sincerely
William Charney

Appreciated your many donations to NSC and keep on writing your biography since your life deserves to be known by future generations in Canada.

OPEN LETTER TO YELTSIN!

The whole world knows that you and your regime plan to remove the body of Vladimir Ilyich Lenin from the Mausoleum on Red Square in Moscow. This proposed criminal act filled many millions of hearts with bitterness and indignation. Working people all over the world knew and honoured V.I. Lenin since he defended the rights of the working class all over this planet of ours.

The USSR and its party played the very important part in defeating fascism and saving humankind.

Likes of you and others of the same ilk will come and go, swept by history into the quagmire of trash, to be forgotten and damned forever. The memory and glorious deeds of V.I. Lenin shall forever live in the hearts of all working people.

Lenin lived! Lenin lives!
Lenin will live forever!

Robert Mackson
Toronto

FROM
KITIMAT, B.C.
CANADA

Dear comrades:

Receiving NSC and your letters plus the newspapers in Portuguese from Brazil is very refreshing. I also received your request about the possibility of translating some articles into English.

I am a patriot, almost mute, Grade 4 education in Portugal and a hard life, full of tears and hardships. I am a mute dear friends, but I am not blind and I see the truth, that is why I'm sending in \$100 donation towards the Northstar Compass. It shows the light to everyone!

Best of luck and health to all of you at the Editorial Board.

S. Ribeiro

Here is a comrade that should be an inspiration to all of us! No handicap can dissuade him from seeing the truth of socialism. Let that light shine on all of us Sebastian!

REPLY TO
WILLIAM (BILL) DASCIVICH
VEGREVILLE, AB., CANADA

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your recent letter. Your fundamental question was "Why socialism with the advent of Gorbachev collapsed like a house of cards"?

Our basic answer to you is that the collapse of socialism in the USSR was in fact, the very opposite - a protracted process that took decades! The real history of the Soviet Union includes the fact that there was a thirty five year period of socialist construction from the time of the Great October Revolution in 1917 to Stalin's death in March 1953 or 38 years - if we add the three years until Krushchev's attack on Stalin at the 20th Congress of the

CPSU(B) in 1956. Even these 38 short years were marked by ferocious assaults on the first Socialist country.

In 1918, almost immediately after the victory of the Red October, 13 Imperialist armies invaded the new USSR and in coordination with the White Russian Army of the late Czar waged a bloody three year war from 1918-1921. Following on the heels of its terrible losses in World War 1 (1914-1918) left the new Russian State a devastated country and an exhausted population, then there followed by a civil war. Nevertheless, reconstruction and rebuilding proceeded apace with new socialist construction.

Remarkably, over the next twenty years, the Soviet Union, with the Stalin-led Five Year Plans as the core, experienced an explosive economic growth that has never been matched in the centuries of capitalist development!

(In January 1935-the great Paul Robeson, reacting to his first visit to the USSR said,"I was not prepared for the happiness I see on every face in Moscow. I was aware that there was no starvation here, but I was not prepared for the bounding life, the feeling of safety and abundance and freedom that I find here, wherever I turn.")

This unprecedented economic success, with the Soviet working class and its Communist Party in the lead, was key to the Soviet Union's ability to withstand the most powerful military invasion in human history - the Nazi war machine's rapid march into the USSR in June 1941. For the next four years the heroic Soviet people were totally absorbed in leading the world's oppressed and exploited in the military defeat of German and world fascism. The cost of the victory to the heroic Soviet people and party was im-

mense. Twenty-eight million Soviet citizens died - including most of the best and the brightest young proletarian revolutionary fighters in the world.

The Soviet peoples immense sacrifices in World War II paved the way for the emancipation of hundreds of millions of peasants and workers throughout the world who formed a powerful Socialist Camp and more than a hundred newly independent nation states in the years immediately following World War II.

But the epic sacrifices of the Soviet people and party had left them in an exhausted condition in which to once again face the task of rebuilding their socialist Motherland. They were now more vulnerable to revisionist elements who would project peace (at any price) as a goal above Socialism. Following Stalin's death, these elements were able to come to the fore.

Even at that, it still took thirty five years from Krushchev's treacherous 20th Congress "Secret Speech" until Gorbachev-Yeltsin open sell out of the Soviet people to world capitalism, led by U.S. imperialism in 1991, or about the same amount of years that the USSR had spent building Socialism under Lenin and Stalin's leadership.

Had Krushchev dared to do what Gorbachev-Yeltsin did, the Soviet working class would have stopped the slide towards *capitalism immediately!* But the protracted process of dismantling socialism included: the gradual emergence of the bureaucracy over the working class; the renunciation of a proletarian international foreign policy of the USSR, breaking the links of the Soviet working class with the workers and oppressed peoples against Imperialism; and the gradual alienation of the Soviet working

class from the exercise of its political dictatorship.

You dear friend, describe larceny, apathy and indifference as being widespread during your three visits there, but these visits occurred in the 1970'ss and 1980's - long after the Soviet revisionists had renounced the revolutionary struggles for national liberation and socialism in favour of unprincipled peace with U.S. Imperialism.

Anyone who has life experience as an adult in capitalist society, as we're sure you have, knows how cutthroat even the small capitalist can be in the pursuit of his profit. Imperialism, whether spear-headed by British imperialism, or German Fascism or U.S. Imperialism, never gave up its goal of smashing the first socialist state by any means necessary- no matter how sweet the phrases of Lloyd George or Goebbels, or Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, Carter and the like. The Frontal Assault of world capitalism was never able to defeat the Soviet Socialist State - that's how strong and stable Socialism has already demonstrated itself to be. Compare this short Soviet period, historically, with the century long struggle to replace feudalism with capitalism in Western Europe.

In conclusion, had your question been raised prior to the existence of the USSR, then we would have had to deal with the "human nature argument", but a true knowledge of the Soviet experience now renders that argument superfluous. Finally, the quote you opened up with was from another Northstar Compass reader like yourself, and doesn't represent the views of Northstar Compass.

Fraternally
RAY O LIGHT

SPECIAL

WHAT'S NEW in the campaign to establish the INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR FRIENDSHIP AND SOLIDARITY WITH SOVIET PEOPLE?

FROM
AZERBAIJAN

Dear comrades:

We received your "Call" and a personal letter, for which we thank you. The ideas that you present in the Call document, have a very great political and world meaning. And, without question, the establishment of such an international organization shall play a decisive role in the question of the resurrection of the USSR and the approval of the principals of Marxism-Leninism in the political life of the communist movement on the territory of former Soviet Union.

In conjunction with this, we fully support your revolutionary initiative. Our Front of left forces- Bolsheviks-Leninists of Azerbaijan", and also the Central Committee of the United Communist Party of Azerbaijan", the leader being (Sayadov Sayad), we are willing to be a signatory and participant of this international organization under our dual umbrella. In conjunction with this, we ask you to send us concrete materials that are tied to the calling of this Conference. At the same time, we are asking you to look over our suggestions as to the name of this international organiza-

tion. Looking at the fact that today there is no country listed on the world map as Soviet Union, and since all the former republics that were united in this Union, at the moment are known as sovereign states and that in their understanding the words "Soviet people" has somewhat disappeared from their lexicon, we feel that maybe it would be better and more beneficial if this forthcoming international organization was to be called the: "International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Fighters for the Resurrection of the USSR or maybe called- "International Front for the Resurrection of the USSR".

With deep respect

Sayad Sayadov
Leader of KBLA and
General Secretary of KEPA

Dear readers:

This is just one of scores of letters from over 30 countries that have signified their adoption of the Call for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People and for the future meeting for election of the International Council.

In the next issue of Northstar Compass we shall report on these countries, parties, movements and publications that have consented to participate in the Conference to be called in the year 2000 in Europe.

Each reader is asked to approach their organizations, parties, movements or publications to adopt this important Call in order to show our solidarity with people who are striving to resurrect the USSR. Our Call is available in copies that you can ask for in order to approach your progressive friends.

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