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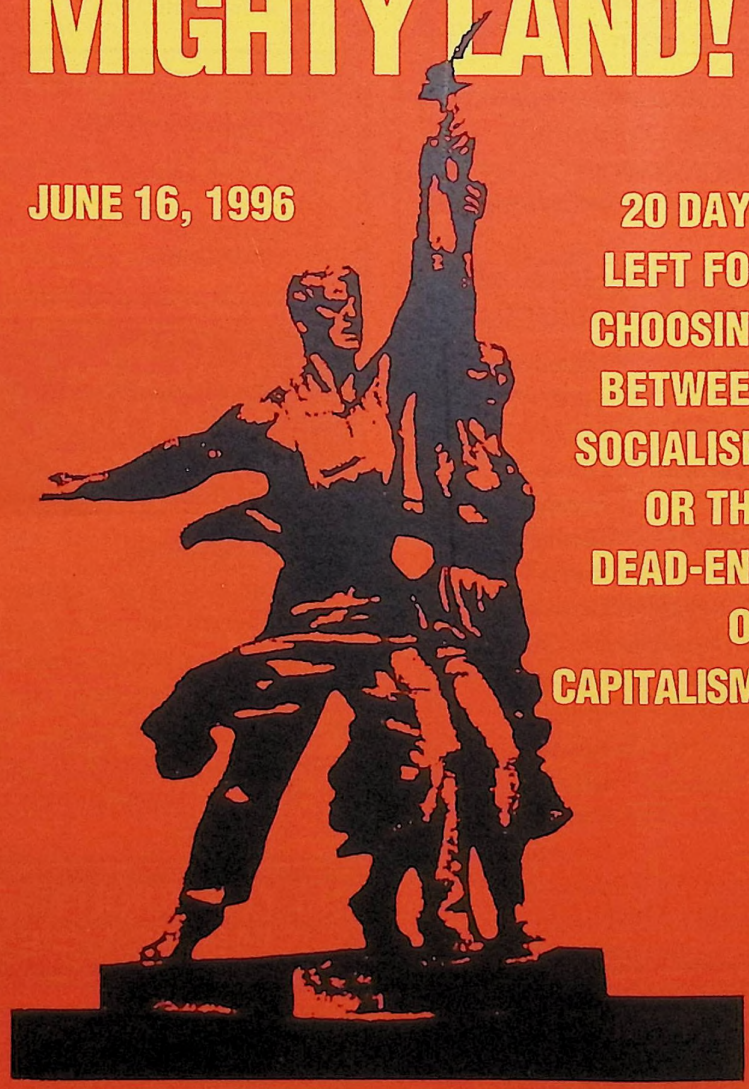
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LEFT FOR
CHOOSING
BETWEEN
SOCIALISM
OR THE
DEAD-END
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EDITORIAL

RUSSIA STUMBLES TOWARD CIVIL WAR

We reprint just a few comments by Matthew Fisher, Toronto Sun's correspondent in Moscow, May 6, 1996. Our readers should know that Toronto Sun newspaper is one of the most reactionary – based on sensationalism newspapers in Canada – not known for being friendly or even close towards USSR, socialism and God forbid – communism.

But Mr. Fisher reports things that we at Northstar Compass have been reporting for the last while, and especially now when June 16 elections are just around the corner.

Here are direct quotes from Toronto Sun:

• "Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov (CPRF) met privately

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**SALT &
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ON WRY**

By: Frank Ray Davis

• Thanks to "Free" Enterprise and other errors, tens of thousands of Mexican factories have closed and millions of Mexicans have taken a free fall into joblessness. But something constructive is being done about it! Under construction are 11 new prisons. □

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

last week with what the Russian media described as a group of 'leading businessmen'."

• "From this self-professed admirer of Lenin and champion of the Russian working class – he was breaking bread with a gang of slick mobsters, corrupt billionaires with a penchant for high living who, only a couple of years ago, were as poor as everyone is now."

• "The meeting with Zyuganov came after 13 of the top country's instant tycoons placed newspaper ads in Moscow dailies in which they predicted civil war unless Zyuganov and Russian president Yeltsin can work out a power-sharing agreement."

• "These 'businessmen' are not businessmen by any Western standards – they acquired their wealth by Byzantine methods (in other words, by stealing people's property – Editors)."

• "Very few Russians want civil war, but they want to have order and stability. They do not want their country's riches sucked up by a tiny minority, leaving everyone else to starve and plot revenge."

• "Driver at a tractor plant in Cheliabinsk just a few years ago, has managed over five short years, to end up controlling an entire business and its 100,000 workers. He is in the Yeltsin's ruling power structure."

• "Marxist-Leninist-trained former communist administrators now preside over banks and oil companies with billions of dollars of assets and cash flows of hundreds of millions of dollars a month."

• "The present senior army officers own fleets of the most expensive Mercedes-Benz sedans; leading municipal politicians own vast tracts of land and scores of buildings; Police officers of every rank get a share of everything from

traffic fines to criminal activity."

• "This is why the secret meeting with Zyuganov, to make certain that if he gets in, they will be spared, will get a reprieve from economic crimes committed on such a grand scale that even the most rapacious 19th century American robber barons would be staggered."

• "Zyuganov remained silent after this meeting, but it is rumoured that he is considering agreeing to Yeltsin's proposal to postpone the June 16th election. These 'bizness' elite would like to see Yeltsin remain as President and urged him to make Zyuganov his Prime Minister."

• "If Zyuganov accepts this proposal and the immense fortune that would inevitably go with it, tens of millions of Russians who intend to vote for him, will quickly find another champion."

A showdown between the wealthy and the masses would only be postponed, not averted."

OUR COMMENT:

Let us be clear about one thing: Western Press, representing the G-7 and the Transnational corporate powers, plus the might of Yeltsin's forces, his personal army and police, are doing everything possible to confuse, threaten with civil war, the Russian people, utilizing their controlled press!

The opposition block of communists and patriotic movements are under tremendous pressure to find an "accommodation" with Yeltsin's ruling clique or face a possibility of civil war, possible carnage and tanks firing on the people as they did at the "White House" in 1993 or as they are doing now in Chechniya.

As the election draws closer, we at the Editorial Board receive some feedback, some questioning our attitude towards Zyuganov and the CPRF, since these readers (very few of them) point out that other progressive newspapers in Canada, USA and

maybe some other capitalist countries, all seem to support or take a hands-off Zyuganov policy. Their argument is that we should not criticize Zyuganov just before the election.

Our position is very clear! We print every news item from the anti-present regime of Yeltsin that is sent to us by these patriots who are on the scene and in the midsts of the struggles.

In another report in this NSC, we showed the main points in the election program of CPRF – you can judge for yourself.

We also state that ALL Soviet people must get behind a single opposition candidate against Yeltsin, in spite of the differences that are there for all to see. Zyuganov should be supported at this moment of struggle.

The above article is printed in NSC in order to show our readers that even die-hard capitalist-yellow-journalists can sometimes see things as they are, even though it's in their interest to hide these facts – after all, these reactionary newspapers and powers that are behind them, are desperately trying to get Yeltsin and his gang elected again.

We hope that the Soviet people will make the correct decision and exert pressure on Zyuganov and the CPRF not to be embraced in this deadly game! □

BAD MIX

The primary interests of science are objective. The primary interests of theology are subjective.

Don't mix the mud and slime of evolution and creationism in the same pot. All that you will end up with is a can of worms.

– Bill Grigg

Elizabeth City, N.C., U.S. □

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CHARADE BY YELTSIN ON DAY OF VICTORY

Yeltsin as a demagogue outdid himself at the Victory Parade on Red Square in Moscow on May 9th! In order to try to fool the Russian people just before the elections, when his popularity ratings are going lower as June 16th approaches, Yeltsin did and allowed the following:

- He allowed Red Flags to be flown and carried in the Victory Day Parade –

- He sanctioned Red Army songs to be sung and played during this the most sacred of holidays of the former Soviet Union –

- He even called the marching officers and veterans “comrades”, while only yesterday they were called “Mr. and Mrs.” only, and comradely greetings were not

allowed officially –

- He then flew to Volgograd and there, he called everyone comrades again, and even called the City Stalingrad!

This is the same butcher who trumpeted to the world that “I am finished and have buried communism forever”; the same traitor who unleashed an attack on the “White House” in 1993 where hundreds were killed, even now

BLESS THIS DEADLY JET, OH GOD!

“A Russian Orthodox priest sprinkles holy water on a new MIG-AT plane at a Moscow airfield.”

Photograph from Toronto Star newspaper, April 13, 1996

This must be the most sacrilegious act that any priest, who is supposedly to be dedicated to life, harmony and peace, can perform. Probably this war jet flew immediately to Chechniya and bombed, strafed villages, killing scores of innocent people, including children, all in the name of God and of course, Yeltsin and Grachev!

We wonder whether this pilot thanked this Orthodox priest (servant not of God but of his master, Yeltsin) for a successful killing spree against his own people?

This photograph should sicken everyone that believes in peace, understanding and the church! After all, if Jesus Christ was alive and looked at this “performance”, he would have excommunicated this “servant of God” from his house of worship!



bodies are not accounted for; this is the same demagogue who opened the Soviet Union to rape and plunder! And now, when he feels that his power might slip out of his hands, he calls Soviet people "comrades", allows glorious Red Flags to be flown and carried!

We hope that this is the end of this infamous traitor whom Soviet people will try as a criminal against humanity!

JUNE 16 must be the day that this chapter of Soviet history will end.

Never should Soviets or we underestimate Yeltsin. Election can be called off or he could rule under martial law.

PEOPLE, BE VIGILANT! □

ITEMS FROM ABROAD

WHAT OUR PRESS DID NOT REPORT!

We received information from the "All Russian Officers Union", signed by General Achalov, Chairman of Central Council, who stated the following ...

"The situation in our country is getting more and more dangerous. On March 18th, we were on the verge of extraordinary situation, Duma was almost disbanded by Yeltsin, the abolishment of the Communist Party of Russian Federation and all other opposition parties was in the wind. the government press and media opened up a campaign to discredit G.A. Zyuganov. The government is ready for any eventually, to instigate any provocation before the election takes place."

Yes, our "free press" would not publish this item which was common

knowledge in Moscow. According to a telephone conversation with Moscow by Editor of NSC, with one of the top newspapers "For USSR", and its Chief Editor, plus a conversation with a member of Russian Duma from RCWP, it is obvious that the situation is dangerous and might cause clashes; suspension of the elections; manipulation of the votes or it might even cause the banning of all Communist parties and movements in Russia!

WE WISH OUR SOVIET PEOPLE VIGILANCE AND NOT TO BE PROVOKED INTO BLOODSHED! WE ARE CERTAIN THAT OUR SOVIET COMRADES WILL COME OUT OF THIS SITUATION STRONGER, WISER AND DEDICATED TO THE OVERTHROW OF THE PRESENT REGIME AND THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF SOCIALISM! □

STATEMENT

by the Executive Committee of the
CONGRESS OF CITIZENS OF USSR
in view of the forthcoming
Presidential Election

We feel that the present situation, on the eve of Presidential election in June, in which the masses will vote formally "against Yeltsin", not realizing the fact about what change is awaiting us. On the storm of promises of the most popular kind and with the slogan that might not be able to be realized, such as "let's eliminate the anti-peoples' regime" in the Kremlin, could be entrenched a new, but even more covert and masked likeness of the present regime.

Since the candidate of the CPRF has the most likely chance of winning the election, it is imperative to Soviet people to study the CPRF election platform very carefully.

This Congress of Citizens of

USSR has the following demands from a candidate for the President:

1. Insert in the pre-election platform the demand that Soviet people do not want interference in our election by the International Monetary Fund.

2. In the nearest time of expediency we demand that the Ruble currency be taken off the Dollar currency manipulation and tied into the Gold currency as USSR had before.

3. Stop the free conversion of rubles on the international markets. The state to have a monopoly on its own currency.

4. Enclose in the Constitution an article that guarantees the citizens' economic stability, have a devaluation of the ruble in order to stabilize it. Curtail inflation and speculation.

5. Reforms instituted by the present regime should be liquidated and an economic system instituted for the benefit of the people.

We appeal to all citizens of USSR living on the territory of Russia and as citizens of USSR, to actively support a presidential candidate who will support the policies that are geared to the re-establishment of the USSR.

— M. Khabarova □

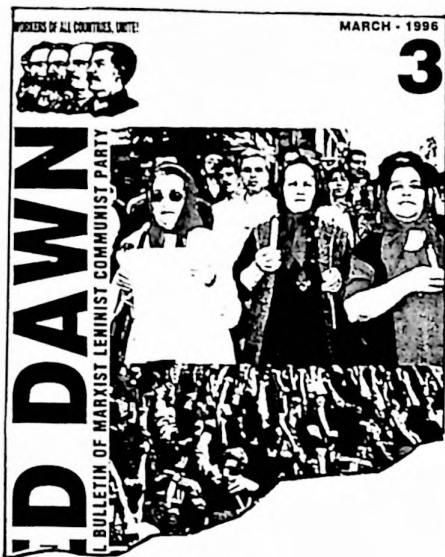
From: TURKEY

We are reprinting part of an article contained in a very impressive and influential magazine, published in Turkey, called "Red Dawn", organ of the Turkish Marxist-Leninist Communist Party.

One of its Editors is a member of the Editorial Board of NSC.

The magazine is published in English and those of our readers who would like to subscribe to "Red Dawn", please let us know and we shall forward you their address in Turkey.

We salute our brave Turkish



comrades in their struggles against reactionary-fascist regime of Turkey.

“PICTURES OF SAVAGERY”

On January 13, 1996, Özgür POLITIKA (Free POLITICS), a daily newspaper closely connected with Kurdish national liberation movement and published in Germany, printed on its first and last pages, what became to be called “pictures of savagery”. In these pictures brought to public notice on the pages of Özgür POLITIKA were depicted Turkish soldiers posing with the chopped off heads of Kurdish guerillas in their hands. This is no new scene for Kurdish and Turkish peoples and progressive public opinion. Almost everybody in Turkey and Northern Kurdistan knows that colonialist-fascist dictatorship of Turkish ruling classes has committed and been committing countless murders and massacres in Northern Kurdistan. In the “dirty war” they’ve been waging against Kurdish people and guerillas led by PKK (‘Workers’ Party of Kurdistan’) they’ve killed tens of thousands of people, burned more than 2,000 villages and forced millions of Kurdish poor peasants to emigrate to cities of Turkey and

Northern Kurdistan where they face both oppression and hunger. But despite the ferocious attacks and scorched earth policy of Turkish army, the glorious resistance of Kurdish people and guerillas continues unabated.

The publication of “pictures of savagery” have greatly embarrassed the fascist regime and provoked an hypocritical reaction on the part of their mouthpieces and stooges, especially after the wide coverage given to the event in Western European media. □

POLITICAL PARTIES IN RUSSIA

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION 1996

By: Raphael, Moscow

COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Founded in 1993 as a result of the collapse of the program for the formation of a social democratic movement and the prompt failure of Yeltsin’s reforms that resulted in the decay of the wave of anti-communism. The CPRF gathered hundreds of thousands of elder members, low and medium rank officials of the CPSU. The leadership of the CPRF reports 550 thousand members. (read the article “On the question of unity in the Russian communist movement”, published in Northstar Compass)

The foundation of the CPRF took place long after the banning of the CPSU, towards which present CPRF leaders took a passive stand. Gennady Zyuganov, the chairman of the Central Executive Committee of the CPRF, in December 1991, after the August events, joined the Russian All-people Union (Rossiskii obshenarodnii sojuz – ROS) a rightist nationalist organization,

National Salvation Front (FNS) together with famous anti-communist elements like Ilia Konstantinov, General Aleksandr Sterlogov, Sergei Baburin and others.

The CPRF took part in the elections that followed the bloody October 1993 events despite the general boycott of the parties of the opposition when most of its leaders were in jail. The participation of the CPRF in these elections legitimized a bloody government and made possible the adoption of a Constitution that gives unlimited powers to the president. (The level of participation in the elections was rather low. According to official figures, it barely reached the required 50% to legitimize the adoption of the new Constitution. The boycott of the CPRF would have disabled the adoption of the presidential Constitution.)

The CPRF, based on populist slogans and taking advantage of strong communist tradition in the Russian people, made a strong show in the last December elections in which it gained more than one third of the deputy seats. The programme of the CPRF adopted in 1995 in its last congress is ambiguous on many crucial points. The issue of the recognition of the private property of the means of production is unclear in the programme. The electoral platform of the CPRF made by its leadership makes clear their stand is for mixed economy. This has been reported by the Western media. In an interview to representatives of the ICRSU (International Committee for Resurrection of Soviet Union) by the spokesman of the CPRF Duma fraction in February, 1996, it was confirmed that the CPRF stands for mixed economy. The term mixed economy implies equal rights of all

forms of properties without exemption. The necessity for private property does not bear a temporary character and it is due to the present conditions of development of Russia, as they say, the Russia of the 21st century.

The leadership of the CPRF considers absolute absence of private property a "remnant of dogmatic understanding of Socialist economy that comes from Stalin's times and that does not correspond any more to the needs of the present Russia". The transition of society to Socialism is based on mixed economy. The transition to Socialism is an evolution (in the narrow sense) process. Socialism is seen as a far away perspective.

Further, the CPRF leadership, in public interviews, puts forward the terms of legal and illegal privatization. The latter would be preserved in the case that the CPRF wins the presidential elections. The word 'nationalization' has been removed from the electoral documents released by the leadership of the CPRF – this fact that has been repeatedly pointed out by the Western media. The position of the CPRF towards (read "On the question of unity ...", op. cit.) the Chechen war has made clear its chauvinist essence. By denying the right of the Chechen people of self determination, therefore, Yeltsin's regime exploits both Russian and Chechen peoples. The question of the integrity of the Russian Federation should be taken into account – the fact that Russia is not a Socialist state, but a Capitalist one with strong imperialist tendencies. (Recent calculations made by the Russian Government showed that the debt of the States of the CIS to Russia comes up to \$10 billion. However, the debt of Russia to the IMF and other Western banks now reaches more than \$120 billion.

This difference in the proportion of debt and the structure of the economic rights with the other former republics of the USSR, i.e., oil and gas, points out to the dependent character of present Russian imperialism.) Recently, Duma failed to pass a resolution to grant political amnesty to Djojar Dudaev, mainly because the CPRF fraction voted against it.

AGRARIAN PARTY OF RUSSIA

In the position to the right of the CPRF, we have Agrarian Party of Russia. A coalition of different organizations like the Union of Workers of the Agricultural Complex of the Russian Federation, Soviet Veterans of War and Labour, and others, plus a large number of unions. The chairman of the APR, M. Lapshin, in 1994, stated that the goal of his party is to come to power in order to stop the disintegration of the Kolkhos and Sovkhos (collective and state farms). The APR displayed a weak opposition to the decisions of the government. In the Duma sessions regarding the 1995 budget, they were easily bribed by the government and voted for the Government draft unlike the CPRF. Nevertheless, the APR is against the free buy-sell of land. M. Lapshin in 1991 was one of the co-founders of the Socialist Toilers Party (STP) that became an effort to establish an organization that would replace the old CP in the new conditions created in Russia after the August 1991 events, as happened in most of the countries of Eastern Europe. The conditions of Russia proved different from most of the countries of Eastern Europe. The Social

Democracy in Russia is still obliged to bear the name "communist" as the practice of the last two Duma elections has shown. The STP (Socialist Toilers Party) project finally collapsed with the foundation of the CPRF in 1993. The APR lost most of its votes in the last December elections in favor of the CPRF. In the present Duma, their fraction has become too small to become an influential force. The APR supports the candidacy of G. Zyuganov.

YABLOKO PARTY

The party Yabloko, led by G. Yablinski, by the name of Yabloko, named after its leader, represents a liberal pro-Western stand orientated towards the U.S. Yablinsky, an economist, member of the CPSU from 1985 till its banning, never played a major role in Gorbachev reforms, becoming known only after 1993. In the times of Perestroika, he was one of the most active supporters of free market reforms. In 1989, the leading economist of Perestroika, Leonid Abalkin, having become a member of Soviet of Ministers, invited Yablinski to join the committee for economic reforms, the so-called "Abalkin committee". He was one of the authors of the program for the transition to free market economy, that inspired the famous 500 days program put forward by Academician Shatalin. He supported Yeltsin in the so-called "Putch of August 1991", but after the collapse of the USSR, he had withdrawn from Moscow. In the October 1993 events, he takes a conciliatory stand, and offers himself as an intermediary to allow talks between the Supreme Soviet and the President. After the bloody 3-4 of October, Yablinski forms a political party that gives birth to Yabloko. Among the co-founders of this party, we have Vladimir

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Lukin, dismissed from the post of ambassador to US in September 1993 for his "childish Americanism". Yablinski is supported by a large number of medium trade companies that supply him with enviable material resources. Yablinsky proposes a "new federalism" for the Russian Federation in which the role of the centre would be diminished.

He is for the amendment of the Russian constitution according to which the powers of the president should be lowered in favor of the State Duma. He opposes the War in Chechnya and calls for the immediate withdrawal of the Russian troops. Takes a liberal stand in economics, stating that inflation shouldn't be stopped at any price, and that other economic mechanisms apart from financial resources should be used. He is for the lowering of the state control on the economy. His political platform has elements that made him cooperate with the CPRF. In January 1996, Yabloko supported the candidacy of Gennady Zeleznirov, former Editor of "Pravda", to the chair of the State Duma.

Yablinski has been accused by radical democrats of "co-operating with the communists". West grants (financial also) support to Yablinski, seeing in him the best replacement to Yeltsin, a replacement for an unpopular politician and a guarantee for preserving the US from the revival of Russian imperialism.

LIBERAL-DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF RUSSIA

The Liberal-Democratic Party of Russia (LDPR) founded in 1988 by Vladimir Zhirinovski, a failed diplomat and mediocre lawyer. Open anti-communist, Vladimir Zhirinovski regards the formation of the USSR in 1924 and the CIS in 1991 as illegal acts and that the

Russian state should be restored within the frontiers of the former Soviet Union. He regards the withdrawal of the Soviet troops from Eastern Europe as a shame for Russia and that all Russian troops remaining in the former republics of the USSR shouldn't be withdrawn.

He is against the CIS for having divided the country into different nations and also against the existence of Russia as a Federation of Republics but as an unified country. Vladimir Zhirinovski considers that a strong state should be based on a well-fed army and KGB. LDPR in its electoral documents has called for the liquidation of the shameful phenomenon of homeless officers and multiply officers' wages by several times (to an average of \$600-700 a month, when the average wage in Russia is \$100-150).

On the other hand, LDPR promises full liquidation of unemployment, low wages, restore free education, free medical care service and free vacations. LDPR calls for the nationalization of the economy and the annihilation of Yeltsin's programme. LDPR won the 1993 Duma elections and gained second position in the last 1995 Duma elections, ahead of the government party.

Due to his menacing anti-Western speeches, Vladimir Zhirinovski is considered persona non-grata for imperialism. A figure with the same populist speeches but with less ambitions and called to replace the impetuous Zhirinovski, we had in the last election in the person of the retired General Aleksandr Lebeb who, however, made a weak show, not crossing the 5% barrier. He is also against privatization, against the buy-sell of land.

Vladimir Zhirinovski stands for a presidential republic with strong presidential powers. He supported

Yeltsin's constitution adopted in the December 1993 Referendum. He supports Yeltsin in the war in Chechnya and calls for the liquidation of the Chechen nation, since it is made of thieves and assassins.

LABOUR RUSSIA – FOR USSR (RUSSIAN COMMUNIST WORKERS PARTY)

The strongest and most massive movement that, as a question of principle, stands against Capitalism in Russia – "Labour Russia" led by Victor Anpilov. Labour Russia is an anti-capitalist popular movement composed basically of workers. There are a few hundred thousand activists around the country which daily do agitative work. This enabled Labour Russia against all predictions, to make tremendous show in the last December elections. Despite lacking resources and having been object of a cynical boycott by the bourgeoisie media, Labour Russia got 4.6% of the votes, 25% of those obtained by the CPRF. This is very strong showing, taking into account the fact that the CPRF still preserves among the masses the authority the Communist Party (CPSU) used to have historically. In the electoral platform of Labour Russia, it was made clear that the participation in the Duma elections does not mean that parliamentarism is the way for restoring Socialism and the Soviet Union. This question will not be decided by a parliament. The participation is used as vehicle for agitation, not seeing in these parliamentary debates the salvation of Russia. Labour Russia stands for the restoration of the Soviet system of representation, the nationalization of all banks, factories, land and all

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main means of production, without compensation, the illegalization of any kind of privatization.

Labour Russia sees in the Socialist mode of production the only way of development for Russia and all the former republics of the USSR, as the only system that can fulfill the needs of the people, the right for a job, free education and medicine, decent pensions. Labour Russia militant members are called hardliners by Western media. The CPRF has rather cold relations with Labour Russia because the differences of principle divide them and the latter refuses on a regular basis to organize public events with the "Anpilovites", not to be accused by Yeltsin's regime of co-operation with the radical Stalinists.

Labour Russia regards the war in Chechnya as an intervention of the Russian troops, therefore accepting the right of the Chechen people to secede. In one of his interviews, Victor Anpilov pointed out that the right wing opposition, including the CPRF, are playing with the "great nation" sentiment, which fosters chauvinism, racial segregation, etc. ... among the Russian workers. Labour Russia stands firm for the abolishment of the post of president and other posts created by the Yeltsin's regime that originally come from the Tsarist Russia.

Victor Anpilov has preserved his candidacy as a candidate for president from Labour Russia, as was decided at its last congress concluded, but Anpilov has endorsed Zyuganov for president.

OUR COMMENT:

As promised in previous issues of NSC, we print here an overview by Raphael, our "Man in Moscow", of the 5 main political parties-movements that will play a major role in the forthcoming presidential election in Russia in June of this year.

Raphael is on the spot, in the midst of this bubbling scenario on which the future of Soviet people and basically the working class of the world depends.

Besides the above 5 parties, this does NOT include the official governmental parties and movements – there are numerous other political parties and patriotic forces. Some of these, like the All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks, are at the moment boycotting the upcoming elections. We stated the reasons in our previous issues.

As our Editorial states – ONLY 25 DAYS LEFT – we just hope that in this short time, ALL communist-patriotic forces will STILL UNITE in order to end this present nightmare.

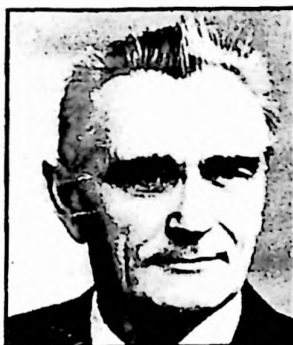
By the latest count – there are now 43 candidates for the Presidency of Russia – including Gorbachev, the architect and traitor of this whole shameful historical catastrophe.

We hope that this "insight" by Raphael will give our readers a clearer picture as to who is who.

– Editors

□

**PROFESSOR
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HERASYMCHUK**



UNDER CONDITIONS OF TOTALITARIANISM

The last event in the political life of "independent" Ukraine shows us that the so-called "constitutional process" is coming to its conclusion. Towards this end, all stops along the way were pulled out for faster realization; lies and fabrication in the press; pressure on the deputies to

the Supreme Soviet; falsification of facts and open spreading of lies and half-truths; loud demands by the president for quick adoption and putting into life the proposed reforms. What actually is happening on this question in Ukraine?

The question is the demand to adopt a new Constitution of the Republic. But did we not have a Constitution before? How did the government govern if we did not already have a Constitution? How could then President Kuchma, appearing as head of state, putting his hand on the Bible, did he not swear to uphold the Constitution? This was the case and is in effect now. But the president cunningly masked his intentions, because all of his work and decisions after he swore to uphold the Constitution, he dismantled the Constitution; he overrode it, he ignored it and did everything possible so that the country would become totalitarian, ruled by high finance and establishing a personal dictatorship.

Particularly, the anti-Constitutional activity by Kuchma was done by his edict: "On the question of the attitude of the citizens and belief in the President of Ukraine and the Supreme Soviet of Ukraine" (May 31, 1995). This was basically a demand for the Supreme Soviet to institute a personal dictatorship of Kuchma. Kuchma stated that "it's impossible for the President of Ukraine to further exist under the present constitution". He demanded the liquidation of the last remnants of Soviet State. This question was designed to make it easier for Kuchma to get his way. As an example, the Bulletin issued in which it asked the citizens to vote for confidence (or not acceptance) in a President and in the Supreme Soviet, were looked upon as invalid. (!?) The organization of this question of confidence in the TWO PARTS

OF POWER was supposed to be performed by the Executive power of the State. (!) This, in effect, was a question meant to eliminate the Supreme Soviet's authority. As opposed to Russia, the elimination of the State was done without the use of force. But the results of the outcome was the same – unlawful and totalitarian.

On this matter of Constitution, the Supreme Soviet of Ukraine vetoed this fact. But Kuchma dismissed the Supreme Soviet veto and demanded from the organs of power to comply on this question by June 28. Under the president's pressure, unfortunately, parliament capitulated. The deputies gave up their rights given to them by the voters in favour of the president, which in effect gave Kuchma ALL THE POWER in his hands. Public opinion of the people was not even considered. In June of 1995, the so-called Constitutional Agreement between the President and the Supreme Soviet of Ukraine was signed. But can this be called Constitutional, if by its own existence, it is anti-Constitutional? Besides all this, during the vote, this "document" did not get a majority of votes in Parliament. This document should be called unconstitutional!

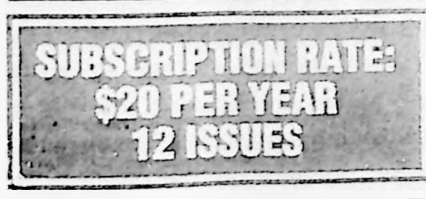
It is needed to ask these newly appointed "leaders" the question – whether it is possible to build a "correct state" by unconstitutional means? Another question. How can you state that this newly hatched Constitution is legal if it was adopted by an illegal process? But this does not bother the present ruling mafia. It is imperative for them to institute a state power under a personal dictatorship and the diktat of capitalism.

Let us look at some interesting moments in the so-called "Constitutional process".

1. The first question to ask and analyze is the composition of the group of people that are working on this Constitutional project. As an example, why is there no specialist included in this group, having a view different and not in the employ of the president? Besides all this, Kuchma in his statements, during the discussions and in the Constitutional agreement discussions, many times stated emphatically that if the committee will not agree with his demands, or if it takes too long to arrive at its decisions favourable to Kuchma, he will take the whole question to a Referendum. Is this not a classical case of blackmail?

And one more thing. There are already existing examples of Constitutional paragraphs as done by Communists, Socialists. Why does not Kuchma look at these examples as guides or at least to discuss their pertinence at this time?

2. The idea of a Referendum on the surface looks very democratic. But we should ask the president as to why is he in such a hurry? But the question has to be looked from another point of view – looking at the present blockade of news available, majority of people do not read any newspapers, since they are expensive. As an example, we instituted in our university a questionnaire given to teachers, lecturers, professors and other representatives of the intelligentsia. The question was to find out who from their ranks (and they have the learned experience, finances to read more than the average citizen) as to who amongst them read the president's new proposed laws of the Constitution? Results showed



that very, very few even read the proposed laws. This shows that in such conditions, it is easier to fool the general public. Therefore, the hurry of Kuchma. This planned "all peoples' discussion" will be in an atmosphere of a complete political and ideological propaganda by the mass information media controlled by the government.

Thoughts come to mind – the blame is in all directions. The Constitution to which Kuchma swore on the Bible was not changed by anyone!

If the Referendum will be organized, the citizens of Ukraine will be asked one question: "Are you for the Constitution or against?" Who, please tell me, would be against the Constitution? The results are already known, of course. People do not totally distinguish between their former Constitution and the new one. Majority of them do not even know that a new Constitution is proposed! This is brazen disinformation, trickery and lies, all instigated by Kuchma, which are meant to bring victory of totalitarianism and the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie.

3. Looking at this from a healthy mind, the president's project, or alternative documents are unfamiliar. Majority of people have no opportunity to study them. Why not ask people the cardinal question instead – about the social and economic future of Ukraine? Ask the people – what kind of path should we take, capitalist or socialist? What kind of society should dominate, social ownership or private ownership? Question also should be asked as to what symbol of Ukraine do the people want to represent them, what languages should be used in Ukraine.

But Kuchma and company are afraid of the people, are afraid of posing such pertinent questions in

the proposed Referendum. They do not care about the thoughts and feelings of the people. President Kuchma is in much hurry. Hurrying, before the people will realize what is being proposed.

4. Kuchma's plans guarantee rights to private ownership of the means of production. Then why is there no such guarantees to collective ownership?! Not one word is mentioned about this.

Why, as opposed to the present Constitution of Ukraine, in this proposed document, there is not one word about guarantees for free medical help or free schooling, guarantee of work and rest? The present governing mafia keeps quiet on this.

5. The proposed plans and schemes for a new Constitution is based on no control of the President and unlimited powers. Let us suppose this scenario. The President is head of the State. But he is not in charge of the State apparatus, the Executive Branch is! But the proposed Cabinet of Ministers will govern according to the proposed Constitution, which is basically the power of the President, and they will be responsible only to the President. But to whom will the President be responsible to? There is not a word included in the new Constitution about this extremely important question!

The President will have in his hands all internal politics of Ukraine, armed forces, cadres. He personally will hire and fire members of his government without any brakes put on him by the Executive Branch of the proposed government. The Prime Minister, although elected by parliament, can be fired by the President at will. He could also do the same with parliament if inside of 60 days, they do not adopt his proposals!

The President appoints the

Attorney General himself plus the composition of the Supreme Court of Ukraine. In what other "democratic" country, even bourgeois, such powers are held?!

6. Only the President under the proposed new Constitution would have the power to institute Referendums or changes to the Constitution.

The new proposed Constitution does not give the power of a veto to the elected deputies against the President's edicts. All power will be in the hands of the President.

7. Parliament is proposed to be of two chambers: deputies and a Senate, is appointed by the President. (This is the format in Canada that Canadians are trying to do away with as useless and unnecessary - Editors) Under these conditions, the old tried scheme of "divide and rule" will predominate.

Kuchma, as he was quoted in the newspaper "Communist", Kiev, by the contemporary Ukrainian publicist G. Kruichkov, wants to "get into history books not only as a restorer of capitalism in Ukraine, but as the funeral director and grave digger of the Supreme Soviet of Deputies as an institution of the working class". Kuchma himself has stated: "the adoption of the new Constitution will mean the end of Soviet State in Ukraine". The Chairman of the Supreme Soviet of Ukraine, Alexander Moroz in one of his speeches, stated that "such an undemocratic Constitution as is proposed was never seen before. Not even in all countries of Europe".

Social protests against the policies of Kuchma is growing. People are demanding a public Referendum on this Kuchma's project in all of its agenda, but in particular, about the clauses of the proposed new Constitution. In Ukraine, there was already instituted initiative groups to gather signatures

in order to hold such a Referendum. Even under this situation of lies, total political and psychological dictates by the controlled press, in only two months in Ukraine, over 3 million signatures were gathered. Ukraine only has 50 million people, including children, youth and elders!

But Kuchma and his mafia do not recognize these signatures and peoples' demands for a Referendum on these specific questions. They are proceeding headlong on their chosen anti-Constitutional counter-revolution.

People! Be vigilant! Fascism is not sleeping! It's on your threshold! □

From:

MOLNIYA'S YOUTH PAGE called INSURGENT

Very interesting and informative articles appeared on this Youth Section of Molniya and we are just excerpting a few lines in order to show that the YOUTH OF RUSSIA is mobilizing and taking its place in the ranks of a socialist revolution.



**VICTOR
TABOLIN**

Without youth, the realization and the most correct and beautiful plans for society cannot be realized - especially if the talk is about a revolutionary change.

It is no exaggeration that revolutionary activity and understanding among our youth is still not very noticeable. But we are gaining membership, we are activizing protests, we are explaining to the youth of ALL persuasions that socialism and revolutionary activity are the only answers to our future.

We are getting more and more

members joining the Youth Section of the Russian Communist Workers Party. That is why our Youth Section in Molniya carries the revolutionary name of "INSURGENT".



**ALEXEI
IVANOV**

As a student in the university that was set up by the present "regime" and which is prone to open hostility against socialism and communists, we did manage to organize a communist youth section on the campus that is part of the Russian Communist Workers Party.

Different youth movements exist on the campus, some well financed, some set up by agents provocateurs. We work among them and we are winning them slowly to our side. We have opened up a dialogue with these different youth movements and now we are not "red baited" as was the custom before. Our former political opponents are now even attending our youth communist meetings, asking for our literature and newspapers. Yes ... we are surely winning!



**SEMEN
KHRIUKIN**

Not only in Moscow but in other cities, young people are beginning to be involved in revolutionary work. Semen is a communist, young, energetic and considers himself a professional revolutionary. He hung red flags in his city of

Cheliabinsk, he distributes flyers, he puts up leaflets, he agitates, he gathers signatures for candidates. He makes certain that the hated "Yeltsin's state symbol" does not appear or fly anywhere that can be torn down. He is under constant surveillance, harassed and attacked by police. He stated that after Communism wins in Russia, he wants to work as professional agitator wherever the party sends him.

He is only 18 years of age. There are many like him and there will be even more.



LENA

Living near Moscow's outskirts, Lena has a philosophy that "Only in struggle can you find happiness"!

Her biography is so full of events, that this young woman has known physical attacks by OMON, jailed for demonstrating and carrying a red flag, beaten up, held incommunicado and fought all this through "crooked courts" but nevertheless, she won her case and is free to proceed with her revolutionary work among the youth and workers' movement.

Wherever there is a demonstration, a meeting, a protest, a picket line or in the thick of struggles against Yeltsin's goons, people see this young Lena - that is all that she is known by ... a devoted communist, a member of the Russian Communist Workers Party.

Her courage sets an example. She is very modest and even if she's

called a modern "Young Guard" as were her previous sisters and brothers during the civil war, she is very modest and states that she has a long way to go in order to carry such a glorious name as a "Young Guard".

DEAR READERS:

These 4 fighters-revolutionaries are the vanguard of the ever-increasing ranks of Soviet youth that are joining the struggle for socialism.

There are countless thousands of these modern heroes, but they are not known and we unfortunately cannot publish scores of articles about these young communists in NSC, due to space problems. We just wish that we could have a 48 or 52 page Northstar Compass each month! - Editors □

PRE-ELECTION MANOUVERS IN RUSSIA

Perusing numerous articles, news items, fax's and OMRI Daily Digest stories on Presidential Election coming up in June in Russia, you don't have to be a wizard to see that this election campaign is going to be manipulated and Western powers are deeply involved with advice, money and tactics.

Here are some examples:

- The "EUROPEAN" newspaper plus other Western publications warn of possible civil war or civil strife before, during or after the election on June 16th. It seems that every Western newspaper, magazine and reports emanating from Russia are full of the spectre of CIVIL WAR!

This is a diabolical move in order to scare the population of Russia with bloodshed in case they would decide to vote a communist into power! This is an orchestrated campaign which might play havoc with potential election results.

There are indications that Yeltsin might provoke a clash, might instigate events and then cancel the election or he might institute martial law and rule as a dictator.

As the election draws closer, the cry of "civil war" is heard more and more loudly and this is meant to bolster Yeltsin's image as the "ONLY SAVIOUR" that is possible for Russia!

- Deputy Chief of Staff for President Yeltsin's administration, Vyacheslav Volkov, has rejected persistent rumours about plans to falsify voting results. Financial Director of Election Commission, Tamara Petronsvichus, stated to foreign newspapers that Yeltsin's government gave only 40% of the funds that are budgeted for elections according to law. She also stated that the present situation is even more dangerous for real results than it was in the December 1995 elections to the Duma!

THIS JUST IN ON MAY 17, 1996

- "Head of President Boris Yeltsin's Security Service, Alexander Kozhakov, called for postponing the June 16 presidential election. He argued that many influential people in Russia support postponing the election because we need stability more than anything else."

- "Yeltsin met with leader Yabloko Yavlinski on May 5th who is willing to back Yeltsin if he gets the post of Prime Minister."

- "Third force is brewing into unity - Yavlinski, Lebed and Fedorov."

- "However, the fact that Zyuganov met with the top businessmen has fuelled speculation that the businessmen are less worried about a communist victory than about the possible authoritarian steps of personal dictatorship of Yeltsin should he lose the election."

- National Socialists of Russia endorse Yeltsin. Alexander Barkashov, leader of the neo-fascist "Russian National Unity", announced that the nationalists are satisfied with Yeltsin and warned that if Zyuganov gets elected, Russia should prepare for civil war.

These "Russian National Unity" members, dressed in black uniforms and wearing a re-designed swastika on their shirt sleeves, were very active in supporting Yeltsin when he unleashed an attack with tanks against the Deputies in the White House massacre of 1993.

- President Clinton of USA visited Yeltsin to give his backing in Yeltsin's re-election bid, stating that he is "satisfied with Yeltsin's and Russia's performance."

At the same time, President Clinton and his entourage met with Zyuganov, Leader of the Communist Party of Russian Federation, for a "chit chat"!!?

- Yeltsin is ready to give or sell nuclear fuel to Canada to be utilized for heating and disposal effort.

Plutonium from decommissioned Russian nuclear warheads is to be converted into nuclear fuel by Canada.

OUR COMMENT:

All of our contacts in former Soviet Union write in their letters and articles that falsification in the coming election is a real threat. People were being forced to sign nomination papers for Yeltsin under threat of losing their jobs, pay or bonuses at work. Read an article on this question under the "Letters from Abroad".

When neo-fascists of Russia support Yeltsin, there can be no question as to the future of Russia if Yeltsin gets elected. These forces are well supplied with money, publish many newspapers, have plenty of uniforms, arms, and are tied in to the fascist network that operates around the

world, with ties to Germany and USA.

Speaking of the one who pays the piper and calls the tune ... President Clinton went to Moscow in order to put all the power and "prestige" of the USA (read New World Order - Editors) behind Yeltsin in his election bid.

How brazen, how mafia-like tactics! What would the USA citizens think if any foreign leader, including Yeltsin, would come to the forthcoming USA elections and give the nod to Clinton? What would the Republicans say? What would the controlled mass media say? That would be unthinkable, would it not?

THEN, WHY IS THERE NO OUTCRY BY OUR "FREEDOM-LOVING, DEMOCRACY-ESPOUSING" MEDIA WHICH IS KEEPING MUM ON THIS SCANDAL?

In order to make it seem as if President Clinton is unbiased (!?), he goes and has a meeting with Zyuganov, Leader of the Communist Party of Russian Federation in the Duma. Is this only Protocol visit, or is there a hidden message and manouver some place?

We just hope that this get-together was only a "courtesy protocol visit" and nothing else that broods evil in the quagnire that is now Russia and former Soviet Union!

From a Superpower (USSR-Russia) to a Banana Republic inside of 10 years. While the West is armed to the teeth, building their striking military force as fast as they can, Russia is being wholly disarmed of its potential defense; and to rub salt into the wounds, the liquid fuel (nuclear) is now being sold to that "peaceful peacekeeper" - Canada - as nuclear fuel!

THE DAY IS SURELY COMING WHEN THESE WRONGS WILL BE RECTIFIED!

THAT DAY COULD BE ON JUNE 16TH! □

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**From Newspaper:
"VOICE OF STALINGRAD"**

RUMANIAN COMMUNIST PARTY PROTESTS AGAINST NATO

The Central Committee of the Rumanian Communist Party protested against the present government's communique requesting admission into NATO. The CPR is against any NATO forces being stationed on the territory and to be used as a base of operations against the territory of former USSR.

The CPR calls upon all of the people to voice their protests and to call strikes, demonstrations against the mortal danger for Rumania and its people.

The Communist Party of Rumania sees its ties growing stronger with Communist/Bolshevik parties in Russia and all other former Republics.

There was also an announcement of a meeting of the Central Committees of the Predniester Republic and Rumanian Communist Party. They agreed on all aspects of their cooperation. Only in unity of the two parties will the question of Socialism in Rumania be settled.

The communique was signed by:

- I. Koshevoj, First Secretary of Predniester Communist Party
- A. Pantazi, First Secretary of the Rumanian Communist Party

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**From O Proletariado
Brazil**

ELECTIONS IN RUSSIA THE FARCE OF THE "COMMUNIST COMEBACK"

With the collapse of revisionism in the USSR and in all of East Europe, there was completed, after a long period, the process of capitalist restoration, modifying the institutions which still retained certain vestiges of the period of socialist construction, establishing completely the power of the counter-revolution. In those days, the world was swept by an anti-communist hysteria of a revanchist type that decreed the end of communism and even the end of history.

The "democracies", established by fire and sword, soon introduced with the scene the apple of the eye of the "democrats": parliamentary elections. In the case of Russia, the Duma was revived on top of the thousands of corpses of the defenders of the Congress of Deputies, which was bombarded in October of 1993.

Contradictorily, after the holding of several elections, particularly those for the Russian Duma, the same media that boasted of and decreed the end of communism, proclaimed the "communist comeback".

The elections for the Duma, it is true, signified the total demoralization of the Yeltsin government, expressed in the abstention of more than 35% of the electors. Of the 65% who voted, 33% were null or blank votes and Yeltsin's gang, through their "Our Home Russia Party", headed by Prime Minister Chernomyrdin, only achieved the ridiculous figure of 9.5% of the votes.

Almost 50% of the electors who took part in the polls voted for the opposition, more for the left and

less for the right wing.

Besides a totally clear demoralization of the Yeltsin government, the holding of the elections for the Duma and its results expressed other factors which have as their base the contradictions of the current counter-revolutionary process and the bourgeois restoration in the countries that made up the USSR and which, with unstated objectives, the reactionary media wants to claim as a supposed "communist comeback".

It is obvious that the election results expressed in a general form the mass discontent with the capitalist restoration, which has caused not only the catastrophic deterioration of the living conditions of the people, but also the subjugation of the national sovereignty and the moral and cultural degeneration of the society. The high level of absence, the null and blank votes and those of the opposition (fragmented, the right both within and outside of the government received mediocre votes: the supporters of Yavlinsky - pro-USA - obtained 8.5%; Gaidar, the former minister and ideologist of the "reforms", - 5%; and the Liberal Party of the fascist Zhirinovskiy - 11%), portrayed as a whole a picture of disintegration in which is found the process of destruction and the political incapacity of imperialism and the monopoly, comprador and mafiosi bourgeoisie to unify themselves to stabilize the process of restoration.

The anti-communist cackle, utilized systematically and in abundance during the election campaign, was despised according to the results of the polls. It showed that it was worn out and had failed as an instrument of political struggle in the sense of providing a cover for the bourgeois restoration and to try to "pasteurize" the class struggle in

these countries, principally in Russia.

The 22% of the votes of the electorate for the revisionist and opportunist "Communist Party of the Russian Federation" of Zyuganov was the expression, beyond the discontent with the chaos of the capitalist restoration, of the confusion which still prevails in the collective consciousness about socialism and revisionism, a confusion which surely will still take a long period of political struggle for the masses to get over, making clear the differentiation of classes, politics and ideologies, in the development of a genuine Russian communist and revolutionary movement.

The 4.5% of the vote given to the "Communist Workers' Russia" bloc (more than 3 million votes) is a surer indication of the existence of a base of support for socialism. Nevertheless, as the All-Union Communist Party (Bolshevik), which adopted a position of boycotting the elections and the Duma, analyzed: "... the majority of the voters correctly analyzed the negative results of the loss of socialism, but they still were not prepared to go into struggle for their own established interests, they still have not shed their parliamentary illusions and only limited themselves to voting."

The participation in the elections and in the Duma of the opportunist parties hidden under the name of Communist Party, in the current conditions of counter-revolution and the restoration of capitalism, serves as an instrument for the bourgeois legitimacy and institutionalization and becomes part of the imperialist strategy of putting a break on the development of the revolutionary and communist movement in Russia.

Faced with the inevitability of the increasing discontent of the masses

with the catastrophic situation and misery, as well as the failure of other alternatives of a chauvinist nature, imperialism is promoting the revisionists, with the label of communists, to legitimize the system and to continue in the campaign of demoralizing the masses and sowing among them disillusion in communism, by means of presenting as its representatives renegades and collaborators with the "civilized" restoration of capitalism.

These are the reasons that the means of communication of imperialism obviously, are not interested, in clearing up, and in this case, in showing the true identity of the opportunist parties which conceal themselves under the label of communists, since it is a matter of powerful instruments of subterfuge and diversion trying to put a brake on the revolutionary movement.

The publicity about a "communist comeback" in Russia and the various countries of East Europe is nothing more than a diversionist manouvre based on a farce which, as one example among others, still at the price of blood shed by the workers, will be unmasked and swept away, opening the way for the advance of the revolutionary struggle and of a new edition of the Bolshevik revolution and the re-establishment of the USSR and Soviet Power. □

From Newspaper:
WORKING PEOPLE'S NEWS
Silver Spring, MD, USA

BLOCKADE OF CUBA: THE ECONOMICS OF SUGAR

Of course, powerful economic interests, as well as political ones, are behind the blockade of Cuba. One example: the Big Sugar lobby in the U.S. While prattling about

the wonders of the "free market", successive U.S. governments, both Democratic and Republican, have provided subsidies to the tune of \$120 million a year, and have kept out Cuban sugar in order to give the gigantic U.S. sugar growers a virtual monopoly. This has meant that the domestic price of sugar is double what it could be, costing consumers anywhere from \$1.4 to \$3 billion a year!

This has spawned an industry in producing cheap corn sweeteners, mainly by Archer-Daniels-Midland, one of the handful of agribusinesses that dominate the worldwide food industry. Dwayne Andreas, CEO of Archer, could see that corn sweetener profits would be halved if Cuba could export sugar to the U.S., and cheaper sugar were on the market. He is a major financial backer of BOTH Bob Dole and Bill Clinton. Right-wing Cuban exiles, Alfie and Pepe Fanjul, lobbyists for Flo-Sun, which lobbies for Big Sugar interests, are typical of the fanatic supporters of the blockade, who also make sure they maintain ties to both Democrats and Republicans. This unholy alliance has allowed Florida sugar growers to pollute the Everglades, wreaking havoc with the entire ecosystem of South Florida. □

FRONT OF REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH

Below, we reproduce a leaflet issued by the Front of Revolutionary Youth which is growing and having influence on the youth of Moscow. We translated the text.

"WE ARE NOT SLAVES! WE WON'T KEEP SILENT!"

"We, the youth organization of the Russian Communist Workers Party, friends of 'Workers Russia',

we do not want to live according to the laws of the traitorous regime of Yeltsin. We are against a society of money bags where everything and anything is sold and bought. We are for the ideals of brotherhood and equality. We are for a Socialist Russia, where youth will be appreciated not because of money, but by work and talent, where youth will be governing as equal with all of the workers. We do not want to be a product and expendable meat for those that dismembered the Soviet Union, for those that abuse and rob Russia. We want to help our country with deeds.

We need your support and attendance. Comrade! Friend! Do not keep silent! With red flags and understanding, we cannot be defeated! Every Sunday we await you at the Karl Marx monument!

Only one path is left for us – revolutionary path to socialism!" □

**From Newspaper:
THE NEW WORKER
Britain**

STATE TERRORISM IN CAPITALIST ALBANIA

By: Erna Bennett

Albania's Law 8001 of September 22, 1995, marks a new stage in the present regime's forced march to "capitalist democracy" depriving members, supporters and sympathisers of the former socialist government of civil rights.

The regime also hopes that the law will effectively stifle opposition to Albanian capitulation to the rapidly growing US military presence and the spreading economic penetration of the country by western and US transnational capital.

Law 8001 bans communists, socialists and other opponents of neo-capitalist policies from exercising

their right to participate in political activities, or to vote or be voted for.

It exposes them to arbitrary arrest, imprisonment – even assassination by the death squads close to Berisha's ruling Democratic Party.

Forty years of socialist government – isolated, encircled by hostile forces – has ended with a foreign debt of \$480 [£315.8] million. But the first two years of capitalist "freedom" more than doubled this by \$638 [£419.7] million. Capitalist freedom, clearly, is only a boon to capitalists.

Unemployment exceeds 25 percent. In Albania's capital Tirana, it has risen to 60 percent. Official statistics admit that 380,000 Albanians (11 percent of the population) have fled in search of work. But in Greece alone, 400,000 Albanians provide a cheap illegal labour force.

Agricultural production in this largely agriculture-based country, dropped 30 percent lower in 1992 than in 1990, when Albanian cooperatives were dissolved and 400,000 new land-owners were created.

Each of them owns less than a hectare and a half of this land – insufficient to buy a cow, much less a tractor. Not surprisingly, production is still 10 percent lower than 1990 levels, and 40 percent of Albanians are poorer now than five years ago.

Despite the catastrophic economic situation, foreign capital has invaded the country – less interested, need it be said, in Albania's three million inhabitants than in the richer markets of the Balkans to which Albania is a gateway.

But Albania is a strategic as well as an economic gateway. So it hosts sizeable US forces which, in 1995 alone, took part in nine joint

exercises with Albanian troops. US-NATO spy planes operate over the former Yugoslavia from an airbase south-west of Tirana provided gratis by the Berisha regime.

Also, Germany has just approved a \$32 [£21] million loan to Albania, repayable at 0.75 percent over 40 years. This is in order, it says, to support the country's "democratically elected government" and prevent a return to a socialist administration, "which would be a disaster".

While world attention has been focused on the Yugoslav war, sustained behind-the-scenes US pressure on Albania, and on the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, has paid rich dividends to the architects of the New World Order.

It's no surprise that capitalist Albania, with territorial ambitions in Kosovo, a powerful mafia and intrigues with many shadowy military groups in neighbouring countries, should now mobilise state terrorism.

It hopes to break an awakening ground-swell of opposition that could, indeed, shake the regime's hold on power. State terrorism or not, sooner rather than later, that hope could turn out to be a vain one. □

**From:
POSTMARK PRAHA NEWS SERVICE**

GERMAN GOVERNMENT BACKS REVANCHIST SUDETEN DEMANDS

There has been an angry response in the Czech Republic to the German government's open espousal

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of the revanchist demands of the Sudeten Germans and its refusal to accept the 1945 Potsdam agreements as binding on Germany, on the implausible grounds that Germany – the instigator of fascist aggression in Europe – was not a party to the talks, held from July 17 to August 2 to settle its fate.

Social Democrat leader Milos Zeman told journalists on Friday that there had been a fundamental shift in German policy, challenging the very results of World War Two. His party was calling on the Czech government to “clearly, unambiguously and decisively” condemn “the current activities” of the Bonn government – a reference to its foreign minister Kinkel’s recent rejection of the “conclusion” of the Potsdam Conference. This was couched in the language of the Bavaria-based *landsmanschaft*, the organization claiming to represent the interests of the Sudeten German minority which lived in the Czech borderlands adjoining Germany until 1945 when, with the exception of those with a proven anti-fascist record, it was transferred to German soil. Kinkel called the Sudetens “expellees” who had been unjustly removed from “the eastern territories” – an expression which sent a chill up the spines of Czechs who remember the vocabulary of the Nazis in the 30’s and the early Cold Warriors of the 50’s.

Zeman also attacked former

Charter 77 dissident Jiri Dienstbier, who was Czechoslovakia’s first post-socialist foreign minister from 1989 to 1992. He had “spat in the face” of the Czechoslovak victims of the Nazis by coming to Kinkel’s defence and denouncing the transfer of the Sudetens as “ethnic cleansing”. Zeman said that the transfer of the Sudetens, undertaken by decision of the USA, Britain and the Soviet Union at Potsdam and later endorsed by France as a reaction to the complicity of the mass of Sudeten Germans in the crimes of the Nazis against the Czech people and as a preventive measure to forestall any future use of a national minority by an expansionist German government, had not been based on a concept of collective guilt.

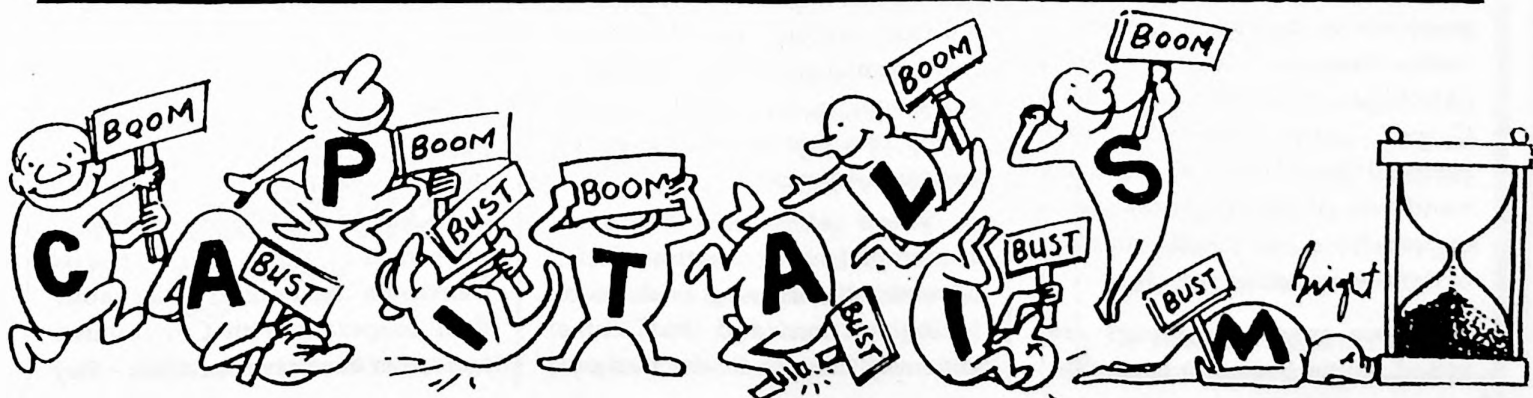
Information about these, gleaned from the German press in the absence of reports in the Czech media, has revealed that the Czech government of Vaclav Klaus has been making concession after concession in its efforts to gain favour with Bonn. However, its goal of a joint Czech-German declaration embodying the principles on which future relations between the two countries would be based has proved elusive, as the German side has stepped up its demands.

Quoting a BBC broadcast on January 11, reporting that the draft declaration conceded all the main Sudeten demands – abolition of the Benes decrees of 1945 implementing

the Potsdam agreement, the right of Sudetens to reclaim “their” property in the Czech Republic, with compensation, and protected status for the returnees as a national minority, the Brno Communists in their petition call for publication of details of the Czech-German talks and the draft declaration before it is submitted to the Czech government and parliament for approval, a referendum on the declaration and information on the position of President Havel – a noted Germanophile – on the negotiations and the draft declaration.

For its part, the Czech government has remained strangely reticent in the face of Kinkel’s statement and the support for it voiced by German international lawyers. The KSCM calls for the necessary steps to be initiated to defend the sovereignty and independence of the Czech Republic and to finish with policies of concealing “contradictions” in Czech-German relations, “unprincipled retreats” in the face of the government and revanchist forces of the German Federal Republic, and “circumvention and deception” of the citizens of the Czech Republic. □

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“AMERICAN MAN WITH A GUN” WHO IS HE AND WHO IS BEHIND HIM?

This article by a Soviet political observer should interest our readers as to their outlook on this dangerous “free America” phenomena.

Gathering strength, it is becoming more and more bolder and actually coming to the surface in the USA, thus bringing danger to the very existence of USA itself. This movement was not really looked at very closely before. The fact in America is this: that practically the whole population is armed. For everyone of the 250 million Americans, irrespective of their age or gender, there is at least one firearm for each person.

Besides individual ownership of guns, there are official and non-official formations of population that are fully armed. Aside from the regular U.S. Army, there is the “National Guard”, and their hundreds of thousands sections of militia; there are “Citizens Militia”, “Michigan State Militia”, “State Guard”, “Army Reserve” of each State and “State Troopers”, plus many hundreds of others, legal sports organizations and illegal groupings of right-wing militia.

These mass groupings and armed militia started to get formed

quickly during the latter 1950’s and early 1960’s. There were formed “Minutemen”, “Societies of John Birch Militia”. Aside from these very ideological-political formations, in 1965, there was formed the “Montana Militia”. All of these military-militia formations base themselves on U.S. Constitution, “Second Amendment”.

At the beginning of 1994, these military formations and militias started to come into the open and become very active. In April of 1994, there was formed the “Michigan Militia”. This militia inside of 1 year grew to 10-12,000 members, all fully armed ... forming 4 divisions. Brigades of this militia are in every city and town in Michigan State. In November of 1994, there was formed the “Texas Light Infantry Militia”. These well-known militia grouping number over 200,000 fully armed members.

The social composition of these militia groupings, according to Michael Wallace of TV fame, and also according to the magazine “Soldier of Fortune”, is from the middle class; using Marxist terminology, these are the middle class bourgeoisie.

All of these formational groupings are anti-government in their outlook and policy. They are effective lobby groups against Clinton and their policy is to defend the right to bear arms!

These groups of armed militia can be correctly labelled their political outlook as “American Fundamentalists”. The left wing movement in USA and Canada rightly sees this as the coming of fascism in America.

These movements are anti-communist, nationalistic, adventuristic, utilizing brute force in their actions and thus, come extremely close to fascist methods

in dealing with the masses. This brings to mind the defeat of the Paris Commune in 1848, when General Kaveniak in 5 days shot 40,000 people, also his militia was based on what the present American militia groupings are based on.

Compare this to the 400,000 Communists shot by Hitler fascism in 12 years! Then the question remains as to why the world does not call Kaveniak a fascist?

In the last 5 years, I worked in archives of Crimea. I studied German newspapers, leaflets and other materials that were captured by the Red Army in Crimea. The period of 1941-1944 during the German occupation of Crimea, I read an interesting book written by an American writer, Rex Stanly. This writer is called a “liberal”, but his book is so full of anti-communism, that Hitler’s anti-Soviet propaganda seems more humane by comparison to this “liberal” American who is viciously anti-Soviet.

Looking at all these facts, you must realize that any political outlook is based on the question of economy and in whose hands is the production and products produced? If you think that the economy under fascism is in the hands of the ruling government, in its control (we have to think of the fact as to who comprises the government, what class – editors) you realize that this was done in order to save the country from a revolution by the working class who wanted the country to be socialist.

In this regard, during 1920’s when Social Democrats were in power in Germany, Stalin called them “social-fascists”, it was not just an off-the-cuff remark, history proved that these same “Social Democrats” sold out to Hitler rather than cooperate with Communists and rather than have Socialism – they

opened the door to fascism.

The question remains to be asked, as to where do these American militia and guard movements stand in the USA? In their present state, USA is the most advanced bourgeois country in the capitalist world. The middle class now faces a crisis in the monopolistic growth of super-rich upper echelons and do not actually understand the future of their class and of America.

Marx and Lenin predicted that in the situation of Imperialism and monopoly capitalism, the growth of extremism and anarchy leads to fascism.

As far as this moment in the USA is concerned, (but this is changing extremely rapidly) these military groupings have not yet undertaken the road to fascist rule, but ... it is leading towards fascism by instituting "right anarchism". As is known as a classic example, "left anarchism" demands the immediate liquidation of state apparatus and the establishment of "small socialist self-governing communities".

The demands of American militia groupings is closely connected to the above formulation. Of course, instead of "socialism", their ideals is "capitalist small business communities". This is based on feudal experience when the population was armed and is part of the military ideology of American Military Doctrine. □

SPECIAL FOR NORTHSTAR COMPASS

WILL THE "LEFT" BE ABLE TO WIN THE ELECTION?

By: V. Chechentsev
Moscow

Among certain sections of the

progressive society, there is a feeling that in the presidential election, there is a serious chance of Communists coming to power, opening the road to a rebirth of Soviet Union, and return back to Socialism. In this spirit, the meeting that took place on March 12 in Moscow was of this positive spirit in the talks and discussions that took place ... that Zyuganov has a real chance of getting elected. The euphoria at this meeting was such that in the newspaper "Pravda-5" issue #10, there appeared a column under the heading of "Temptation of easy victory", which calls for a more serious analysis and realism towards the forthcoming presidential election.

I also do not feel an euphoria in this situation (about the victory for the "left"). More than that, from my point of view, the present dramatic situation in the country could even bring temporary defeat of the progressive forces, if the final word will not be said by the Russian working class.

What kind of political forces are at play at the moment that are involved in the struggle against the present regime and taking part in the election? I will give in concrete terms the blocks, parties and movements that are in this campaign.

In the spectrum of those in opposition, you can call everyone who is opposed to the present course of Yeltsin's economic order and policies. Some of these forces are united in the block "Communists-Workers Russia-For Soviet Union (representing the interests of the working class); Communist Party of Russian Federation, and also supporting CPRF in the Duma is the Agrarian Party; block "Power to the People" (representing the top class of workers, individual farmers, civil servants and small businessmen).

The "right" of the political spectrum are LDPR, block

"Yabloko" and "Our Home is Russia" which represents small capitalists and large owners who support the privatization of the industry and the whole economic structure.

As the last December elections have shown, the "shifting to the left" of the majority of voters can be seen. But this "left movement" is not schooled in political understanding;

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We were again pleasantly surprised to receive from our reader \$1,000 towards NSC. His gift can be expressed only in his own words: "I wish it was a million dollars."

His generosity again and again is very encouraging for us at NSC and we shall try to live up to his expectations!

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these masses have come to choose and sympathize with the CPRF, whose policy is making it come closer to cooperation with the present capitalist situation and thus, adding credence to the present regime.

The most progressive and understanding part of the working class was not able to elect their fraction into the Duma.

The question that I headed this article with has two sides to it: (1) Can the representative of these "left" forces receive enough votes at the election to be elected as president of Russia?; (2) Will the "left" forces get an absolute victory, meaning to form the basis to qualitatively change the present character that is ruling the country now?

In answer to the first question, it is clearly enough to state that the majority of feelings of Russian people is that the left can win the election. By today's feeling, it seems that a majority will vote for the "left" candidates. According to the latest poll published by newspaper, "Soviet Russia No. 19 (11304)" practically 3/4 of the voters are categorically against the presidential powers and against giving him another term in office.

Newspaper "Moscow News" agrees with this prediction and according to them, that the second round of the presidential election will see Zyuganov and Yeltsin. In this second round, the newspaper predicts that Zyuganov will be the winner, receiving more than 1.5% more votes than Yeltsin.

Taking part in the campaigning to the Duma in Kolomensk 106 district, I was amazed that ordinary workers as a fact are giving their votes to a communist candidate, not caring as to which party this candidate belongs to. And it's no wonder that the CPRF candidate,

Cosmonaut German Titov became a winner here with an overwhelming margin.

But the will to cooperation with the present regime which are in the national-patriotic front headed by Zyuganov, might bring it to discredit the pre-election slogans of the "left".

We should not underestimate the power and strength of the "right" forces, those who are supporting the present regime. Billions of dollars, which are influxing into the coffers of Yeltsin, especially in the last while, they can be utilized by Yeltsin or other "right" candidates to buy votes just before the June elections. The present regime has other plans in readiness (falsification of votes is just one method). Remembering the last elections and the policies of terror, you cannot guarantee that the election is going to take place if it looks that the present regime is in trouble. (To help in this scenario, the war in the Caucasus can be utilized to abort elections). There could be a revenge by the "right" in case the election results are not to their liking.

The most understanding part of the working class is absolutely against any pro-capitalist regime machinations. They are ready to do all to make certain that the "left" candidate for the president gets elected.

In my opinion, if there is no

provocation instituted, the chances of the candidate of the "left" might receive 55% as opposed to 45% for the "right" candidate.

Let us look more closely at the answer to the second question. Looking at the prognosis and at the deteriorating economic situation in the country, we can predict more workers' upheavals. Even now, all regions practically are in the midst of workers' struggles. This is only natural. According to official statistics for 1995, in all of Russia, 25% of Russians had less than the minimum wage, in the Volga-Viatskov region, the figure goes even higher than 30%. More and more, the working class is going on strikes. Last February, more than one million miners went on strike in Russia and Ukraine. More than 200,000 teachers in Russia went on strike. But unfortunately, these potential forces are not organized and not led effectively. They still are not the barometer on which can be looked upon as the time for storming the barricades and country-wide General Strike. Unfortunately, we must admit that the industrial centres such as Moscow, Leningrad, Sverdlovsk, Murmansk and others are the citadels of bourgeois ideology. Therefore, the organizing of these workers - the vanguard of the workers - is the first task of communists, irrespective of the

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results of the presidential election.

Until such time that the working class is organized and has done away with illusions as to reforming the present society, illusion of a peaceful transformation of the present regime through presidential elections and the formation of the government which has the backing of the people, the present regime can institute such laws that its results will show themselves even if the "left" candidate should win the presidency.

DEAR READERS:

We thank our friend Chechentsev for his insight ad prognosis in the forthcoming election. His thoughts and prediction correspond with the Editorial Board's conviction that no one should underestimate the potential of the "right" to manipulate and even cancel the election.

We have to be cognisant of the facts that billions of dollars have poured in and are pouring into the hands of the present ruling clique of Russia. Our March issue exposed this very well, judging by the letters we receive and by the reprints that appeared in other newspapers, quoting Northstar Compass. □

**From:
POSTMARK PRAHA**

Postmark Praha, in its April release, states that Queen Elizabeth of Great Britain did not address the Czech parliament during her visit to that country. The reason for this was the fact that the chairman of the chamber of deputies could not guarantee that at least 100 to 120 of the 200 deputies would turn up for the queen's speech.

Czech parliamentarians, noted for their frequent absenteeism and poor constituent representation, have had their approval rating drop to less than 30%. A quarter of the deputies have changed parties since

their election - some as many as four times. Noted for their conflicts of interest and outright fund miss appropriation, many deputies are now millionaires. They have found it necessary to transfer directorships and other financial interests to spouses and other close relatives to avoid conflict of interest. Of the deputies elected as members of the left coalition in the last election, 35 have left, taking most of the KSCM state funding with them.

Fearing defeat in the upcoming May elections, the deputies voted themselves an 80,000 crown severance (the equivalent of 10 months pay). The only deputies to vote against this measure were the Communists and Republicans. It should be noted that normal severance is approximately 2 months.

Chairman of the chamber of deputies Mr. Uhde's claim that the deputies had more important things to do than to listen to a visiting monarch ring somewhat hollow, given his power to persuade them on many previous occasions. It is felt that the Klaus administration did not want to risk any exposure to the international media of the controversy being generated by its secret talks with Germany, and its application for membership in the European Union.

What has been presented to the international media as an unfortunate gaff by Mr. Uhde is in reality, a strategic political line aimed at imposing "consensus" on the Czech nation in the interests of consolidating the political power of a comparator bourgeoisie, hell bent on selling off the Czech Republic to foreign capital. □

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**From Newspaper:
"PRAVDA MOSKVY"
Organ of Communist Party of
Russian Federation**

CPRF ELECTION PLATFORM

After close to 4 years, someone finally sent us this newspaper, which represents the CPRF - the largest group in the Russian Duma.

Our NSC readers are aware of our policy towards the anti-Yeltsin usurpers of power and the opposition parties that are in existence in former USSR, which includes the Communist Party of Russian Federation.

Some of our readers would like to have direct quotes from the Election program of the CPRF and Gennady Zyuganov, the candidate who has a very good chance of winning the June presidential election.

Here, we quote from a very long article by Zyuganov in his pre-election appeal to Russian voters. We cannot quote the whole 10,000 word article, but we shall list the promises that Zyuganov makes to the electorate on behalf of the CPRF. Zyuganov stated:



"We shall put into effect the following platform:

- Power will be given back to the people.*
- To manufacture private goods, build, study will be made easier.*
- Workers shall have guaranteed jobs, pay for equality and quantity of work produced and the right to take part in management.*
- Farmers will be able to farm*

on his own land, will receive help from the State.

- Teacher, doctor, engineer, artist, writer, sportsman will again take their place in their chosen profession.

- Women will peacefully bear children, upbring them, and be secure in their future.

- Children will receive all that is necessary.

- School children and students will receive free education and rest.

- Talents will not go without help from the State.

- Militia, judges will again serve the innocent and law abiding citizen according to law.

- Soldiers will receive everything necessary and will defend the Motherland.

- Veterans, invalids, sick will receive help necessary for them.

- Freedom of conscience, press, security and organizations will be guaranteed.

- Refugees will again have a homeland.

- Fooled investors and marketeers will have their robbed goods returned, the crooks will be put in jail.

- Our aim: freedom and truthfulness, if the State will guarantee this, then people in a free country will make things right themselves.

- I believe that this will transpire. I believe in peoples' understanding, and that they will vote for this during the forthcoming election.

- For peace and against civil war!
- For law and order!

- For brotherhood amongst the people!

- For peoples' government!
- For honour and might of the Russian nation!"

DEAR READERS:

We, as dedicated friends of Soviet people, believe in the return to Socialism

and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, minus the anti-Marxist-Leninist mistakes that were made in the course of post-World War Two period. Otherwise, our Friendship Society and our publication of Northstar Compass would not exist – there would be no need for them!

After you read the "22 items" in the CPRF election platform, ask yourself the following questions:

1. *Is there any mention of Socialism?*

2. *Is there any mention of the Soviet Union?*

3. *Is there any mention of Communism or Marxism-Leninism?*

4. *Is there any criticism of present capitalism in Russia?*

IN SPITE OF ALL THESE SHORTCOMINGS, WE STILL FEEL THAT UNITY IS NECESSARY AND A SINGLE CANDIDATE FROM THE LEFT MUST BE SUPPORTED!

Again, we must repeat the obvious:

Let no one underestimate the candidature of Yeltsin, Gorbachev and some others, who are waiting in the wings and supported by the West.

Let us also not rule out the possibility of cancellation of the elections, as is being threatened by Yeltsin if a Communist should happen to be on the verge of winning.

WE JUST HOPE THAT ZYUGANOV'S PROGRAM IS A TACTIC BEFORE THE ELECTION □

NEWS DIGEST COMMENT

MOSCOW HOT LINE INFORMATION GATHERED FROM OMRI

- Following the G-7 meeting, Yeltsin held a 5-hour private meeting with President Clinton on

April 21. With their eyes on their respective re-election campaigns, both presidents tried to portray their meeting as a success.

Five hours of talks were not just spent drinking vodka, we're certain ... but plans that were hatched by these two will eventually come to the surface

- Yeltsin in a flurry of activity before the June election, met with President of France, the Japanese Prime Minister, where it was agreed that Russia will discuss the trouble border-land dispute in the Far East – mainly the Kurile Islands, that Yeltsin is hinting to give to Japan in return for loans.

Yeltsin certainly is scurrying around the capitals of NATO countries, trying desperately to gain prestige at home, not knowing what the Russian voters will do come June 16th election.

- Clinton meets Zyuganov of the CPRF on April 21, stating that USA will "respect any choice that the Russian voters will make"!

Zyuganov, accompanied by DUMA Speaker Gennadi Seleznev and Deputy Speaker Svetlana Goryacheva, both members of CPRF Executive, assured President Clinton that he (Zyuganov) supports political pluralism and a mixed economy.

This is reported by Western Media sources who were present at this meeting!

- Yeltsin and Defense Minister Grachev have suspended the troop withdrawal from Chechniya and as the CBC radio reported, they are bombarding the Chechen people with all the might they have, not allowing doctors into the hospitals to treat the wounded and dying.

This is done especially in order to "end the war in Chechniya" before the forthcoming election – in order to try and convince Russian voters that "Yeltsin is the defender of Russia's interests!"

- More than 2,000 government-owned firms in Russia were privatized in the first two months of 1995 alone, while in February of 1986, more than 864 were privatized.

Most of these firms are now in the hands of foreign capital while trade unions are banned, wages lowered ... in other words, Banana Republic economic-gouging is the order of the day.

- International Monetary Fund pressures Russia to put the screws on the wages, if they expect to get the \$10.2 billion loan. They (IMF) threaten according to Reuters, that future loans will be withheld and interest rates on them will rise sharply if Russia does not follow the plans of IMF. Russia must follow the IMF loan conditions or it might affect negotiations with the "Paris Club" investors over the re-scheduling of Russia's \$38 billion national debt.

Does anything else need to be stated? They have Russia in a vicious strangle-hold and Yeltsin and company are the willing tools for Western Imperialism!

Yes ... the Soviet people have to make the correct decision on June 16th and then get rid of these traitors.

- Kazakhstan Prosecutor General is taking steps to ban the Communist Party of Kazakhstan. This called forth an opposition movement which is trying to get legal status in order to fight this fascist-proposed law.

Those of us who know the development of these former backward, illiterate territories that joined the USSR, know that if it was not for Socialism and the Soviet Union, these people would still be in the agrarian backwardness of some of the countries of far and middle east. Now, Islam Fundamentalism, promoted by the West and their lackeys in the East, are trying to turn these countries, including Kazakhstan, into the role of cheap

labour and export of raw materials to the multi-national corporations.

- Slovakia's present rulers are desperately wanting to join NATO. NATO leadership stated that Slovakia is the "most favourite" candidate to join the NATO from former socialist countries.

We wonder whether NATO will then, as a gesture of good will, erect in front of NATO headquarters a monument to Tiso, the war criminal that former NATO members fought against. After all, Tiso of the "Slovak Republic" under the Nazi rule, declared war on the Allies! The present Slovak leaders are erecting these monuments now in Slovakia!

- World Bank is demanding of Hungary that they reform their welfare program. Vice President of World Bank, Johannes F. Linn, on April 22 visit to Hungary, stated: "If this is not done, then the future of the \$500 million credit will be in jeopardy".

Yes, of course ... either you dance to our tune, or face having your feet broken. Business is business! □

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A REPORT: RUSSIA MOVES DANGEROUSLY CLOSE TO CIVIL WAR

In a very interesting article in the People's Weekly World April 6, 1996, the writer Frank A. Durgin states the following, among a detailed analysis of the economic hardship that is the lot of Russian people now.

The probability of civil war is a subject that is on every Russian's

mind, and one that Boris Yeltsin has adopted as a key theme of his presidential campaign. In a television interview February 14, Yeltsin warned that efforts to "return the country to the past ... would be a tragic mistake ... and would not be the light at the end of the tunnel, but the outbreak of new, ever more terrible fires of civil war".

On the 15th, in his hometown of Yekaterinburg, Yeltsin warned that without him there would be danger of "possible upheavals, including civil war".

Other "reformers" are voicing the same theme. Anthony Chubais, the recently deposed Head of Russia's privatization commission, said Gennady Zyuganov's calls for a revision of the privatization program would lead to a "bloodbath". Yegor Gaidar said the "elections were merely a prelude to new and deep shocks in Russia" and went on to state that if the left gains power it will give rise to a "new anti-communist wave which - shorter and more brutal than that of August of 1991 - will sweep them away". When asked by the reporter if he considered such an outcome inevitable, he responded, "No hope, honestly speaking, absolutely no hope".

It is not the possibility of civil war that should surprise, but rather the fact that it has not already erupted. In a *New York Times* essay six years ago, A.M. Rosenthal wrote that the Soviet Union was becoming "hungrier, shabbier and colder week by week ... [It] is as near collapse as a country can be without exploding into total revolution". Since those words were written the situation has drastically deteriorated. □

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DANGER OF U.S. MILITARY BUILD-UP!

Replacing armies, according to Pentagon scenario, will be a new high-tech mobile force of long-serving professionals. This problem affects not only Britain, France and Europe's military powers, but also middle-sized nations from Canada to Japan.

This can be seen by these facts:

- Slaughter of Iraq's armed forces in "Desert Storm" which was dubbed "information warfare". Computers, sensors and signals technology are altering the conduct of war ... precision-guided munitions, real-time command gave the U.S. armed forces a third dimension of military power.

- U.S. developed aircraft, variety of unmanned recon-air-craft, such as their new "Dark Star", will virtually put commanders over the battlefield and behind enemy lines.

- Top-secret unmanned aircraft will be flown via datalink by pilots sitting in front on consoles at their own base.

- New technology is now in the production stage which allows missiles' batteries from 50-80 miles distance to attack with pin-point accuracy ...

- GPS satellites in the sky provide precision targeting for weapons delivery. Exotic laser and directed energy are also in the post-planning stages.

- New generation of fighters cost over \$100 million a piece. "Smart" munitions cost \$2 million per round. Hardly any nation can afford these ... the USA has the complete monopoly on life or death over all countries.

- It is evident that NO NATION can compete or be even second-rate power to U.S. Imperialism.

- Each year, Russia (USSR) slips more and more behind and thus, is completely vulnerable to attack and annihilation.

- This substantial lead will widen further and further each year ... other military powers will become obsolete in 5 years if nothing stops USA.

The above facts, gathered from sources dealing with military matters, points to one cardinal TRUTH! But, also, it asks a very pertinent question.

IF THERE IS NO LONGER THE "RED ENEMY", IF THERE'S A WILLING TRAITOR IN RUSSIA TO DO THE BIDDING OF UNCLE SAM, WHY IS USA SPENDING BILLIONS ON THESE HIGH-TECH KILLING MACHINES?

Uncle Sam, according to the plans of the CIA and Pentagon, thinks that USA must rule the world, that New World Order is given to U.S. Imperialism by divine power to do as it likes!

The billions upon billions of dollars spent by the USA is not meant to "save the world from communism" at all. It is meant to subjugate the world, both so-called "friends and enemies" and bend them to the wishes of transnational corporate power for cheap labour and raw resources!

There are millions (over 40 million) U.S. citizens living under the poverty line ... this is according to UNESCO agency. Crime, murder, arson, unemployment, discrimination and under-nourishment is haunting this "fortress of freedom". Can you imagine what could be done with those trillions of dollars if they were to be utilized for the benefit of the people?

Capitalist countries, these "friends of USA", better watch out!

This Yankee Eagle is thirsty for conquest, no matter be it friend or enemy ... all this for "God and America"!

American leaders do know that their days are numbered. That is why they are spending all these billions to save their skins. If they were not afraid of the revitalized socialism sweeping the world, they would not be building up all this inhuman destructive power!

What then will the present armed forces of capitalist countries do, while Uncle Sam is hovering over their countries?

They shall be used for "internal struggles", used to subjugate their own people for the sake of transnational corporate power and be used as "keeping the lid" on any disturbances by workers who will struggle for jobs, security and future for their children!

CAPITALISM CANNOT EVER SETTLE OR RESOLVE THEIR OWN CONTRADICTIONS!

THERE WERE PEOPLE IN THE WORLD WHO EXPOSED CAPITALISM - JESUS CHRIST, MARX, ENGELS, LENIN, STALIN! □

SPECIAL FOR NORTHSTAR COMPASS

The article below is from a letter to Northstar Compass from the "American Society of Former Soviet Political Prisoners, Inc." with offices in New York, USA, Kiev, Ukraine, Moscow, Russia, Frankfurt-am-Maine, Germany.

We publish this letter without much comment, since these "dissidents" were NOT ALL dissidents; some of them were dissidents against some of the policies of the leaders that have destroyed the Soviet Union. These two different articles have much in common ... WEST is heavily involved in forthcoming elections!

HANDS OFF RUSSIA!

On February 1, 1996, an American governmental radio "Liberty" (in Russian) broadcast, that a member of Russian parliament and "known human rights fighter" Mr. Sergey Kovalev was appealing to the West to interfere in the political process inside Russia, for "stability democracy" there, because, as Mr. Kovalev said, "during few last months, Russia lost much of its democracy"! Remember, at election campaign to Russian parliament in 1995, Mr. Kovalev's and Mr. Gaidar's political party "Democracy Choice of Russia" had received only 4.5% of votes (it is three times less than in 1993 election campaign).

The difference from the last election was a new orientation by the electors: social and economical justice, politics, attention to all-society problems and against foreign interference in Russia (from the West). Many communists gained. The Communist Party of Russian Federation received more than 21%, but in 1993, received two times less.

After election campaign in 1995, Mr. B. Yeltsin, who, as President of Russia, fired a few key persons of his government (Mr. A. Chubais, Mr. A. Kozirev, among others).

In February 1995, many members of Mr. Yeltsin's government "Committee for Human Rights" (Chairman Mr. Sergey Kovalev) left as a protest against Mr. Yeltsin's politics inside Russia.

In this situation, the appeal by S. Kovalev for Western interference in Russia is a call to save pro-Western capitalist's regime in Russia, and stop real democracy.

Both inside and outside Russia, West is using former Soviet dissidents of pro-Western capitalist's orientation, and quasi-dissidents for one pretext only - to interfere inside Russia!

Before Mr. Kovalev's appeal, the American newspaper "Novoye Russkoye Slovo" 1995, November 30 (pages 2, 3) published - but not checked by anybody - information by quasi Soviet "dissident" Mr. A. Bolonkin, that the Russian's "K.G.B." was trying to kill him in November for his "human rights activity". Newspaper published photos of "victim" and his fairly old car.

In fact, this "dissident" started his anti-Soviet activity, when the Soviet state scientist's office did not give him a Ph.D. degree diploma (end of 1971). Therefore, in 1972, this "victim from science" started a policy of revenge, and as a result, he was arrested (1972) and sentenced (1973). Mr. Bolonkin was speaking in public on Soviet TV (April 7, 1982), in Soviet press (weekly "Nedelya", 1982, #16, and others) against all Soviet dissidents and against the Western interference in USSR.

In "Novoye Russkoye Slovo", Mr. Bolonkin published his appeal to ex-Soviet emigrants - to get money from them and from American funds, too, total \$12 million ("Novoye Russkoye Slovo", Dec. 13, 1993).

So, the West is using these so-called former Soviet dissidents and quasi-dissidents in Russia and in U.S.A. to support and continue the unpopular capitalist's reform in Russia.

This is an old losing game of
1918-1919.

Justice demands:

No exploitation of man by man!
For economic and social justice for
all in Russia!

For the new Soviet Union!
Hands Off Russia!

- Mikhail Malinin
American Society of former
Soviet Political Prisoners, Inc. □

CHERNOBYL DISASTER

Ten years ago, during April of 1986, the start of the so-called Gorbachev's "perestroika" (destroyka is more apt description – Editors), an explosion took place at the Chernobyl nuclear plant that caused tragic consequences to lives and spread contamination.

This April of 1996, it was as if by a signal, the media – TV, radio and the press – were full of horror scenarios, of innuendoes, of tear-jerking stories – all pointing indirectly that "socialism is to blame", that "communism caused this tragic accident", that it was the ONLY nuclear explosion in the world.

Yes, it was a tragedy! Yes, it caused 28 people to lose their lives at the time of explosion! Yes, hundreds of people were contaminated and consequently, slowly, met their deaths – some from the disaster, others by complications from contamination and side effects!

Northstar Compass reported many times, especially articles written by Professor Herasymchuk from Lutsk Ukraine, where he documented the "accidents" that all of a sudden, started to happen in former USSR for unknown reasons and to this date, there is no final explanation as to what caused these "accidents". There were ship collisions, railway collisions, airplane disasters and nuclear power failures.

There are very strong suspicions, some of them documented by scientists that most of these "accidents" were no accidents at all!

Rays, scientific high powered beams playing havoc with sophisticated instruments on ships, trains, airplanes and on the control panels of nuclear reactors – these are some of the scientific findings by scholars and scientists looking into

this terrible phenomena of the time period – the beginning and middle years of 1980's.

Their findings of course do not see the light of day in the present Russian or Ukrainian press, or in our so-called "objective and democratic media"! But there is enough evidence that if the United Nations Organization would bother (or better still, if the USA would ALLOW the U.N. to investigate – Editors) to constitute an Investigating Commission to look into this world significant multitude of accidents that transpired before and after the "Gorbachev's Perestroika" hoopla!

There is a nagging question to be asked. Who gave the permission to the scientists in Chernobyl to try this new "experiment"? Also, why is it that of the 28 people who perished at the time of the explosion in Chernobyl, not ONE of them was the scientists who were working there or who did the experiment?

Also, it's good to ask yourself the question: Were there no other nuclear disasters happening in the capitalist world? What about in the USA, England, France, Canada and other countries?

These accidents are hardly discussed at all. Why? Of course, the answer is obvious. Capitalism is so technically perfect that there are no explosions, no contamination, no accidents and no need to report them!

Which was the first country to propose the abolition of nuclear weapons? Which country demanded to stop nuclear testing? Of course, USSR! Which country now is stockpiling nuclear and biological weapons? Which country is building up sophisticated weapons of such dangerous consequences that it would be the end of civilization if a world war was to be unleashed? It's U.S.A.!

The truth about Chernobyl will eventually come out. No matter

how the present Russian or Ukrainian or American and their Allies try to suppress the truth, truth will come to the surface. The responsible culprits and their "hidden masters" will be exposed.

But the moment now is to stir up animosity against Russians, the former Soviet Union and socialism. That is the essence of the crocodile tears and articles that appeared, as if by command, in all of the capitalist press and media, besides the present Ukrainian nationalist leadership.

IF THE WEST IS SO CONCERNED ABOUT THIS TRAGEDY, WHY DOES IT NOT PROPOSE AN UNBIASED INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS TO BE SET UP AND DWELL INTO THE CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCES OF THIS TRAGEDY?

Their findings would help to dispel a lot of dust that is covering the tracks of the guilty people that eventually will be brought to justice for this "crime against humanity"! □

FRIENDSHIP NEWS

OBITUARY



HARRY FISTELL
1911 – 1996

Canadian Friends of Soviet People and Northstar Compass have lost one of its members who had a history of dedication to socialism, peace, and a defender of the Soviet Union and former socialist countries.

Harry was born in 1911 in Montreal and very early in life, showed talent for writing and involvement in the progressive movement. Serving for 4 years in the Canadian Army, he fought overseas and in pitched battle in Caen, France, he showed his hate for fascism.

Although having no university training, Harry made his living writing essays for university students, editing different publications. He was also an avid-dedicated book collector, known in Canada as an authority of rare editions.

He presented as a gift over 10,000 volumes of books to the V.I. Lenin Library in Moscow, where there's a plaque dedicated to him at the Lenin Library.

His articles in different newspapers and magazines were many times quoted, reproduced and had their effect on the peace and progressive movement.

He was one of the Editors of the progressive newspaper Daily Tribune.

Harry Fistell was a member of the Editorial Board of former publication "Focus on Friendship" of the Canada-USSR Association and was very interested and gave suggestions for the formation of "Northstar Compass" journal.

After a long illness starting in October of 1993, he was confined to the Sunnybrook Veterans' Hospital and passed away on April 28th, 1996.

He left behind in deep sorrow his son Shane and his many friends in the peace and progressive movement. □

BOOK REVIEWS

By: Ray Stevenson

"MY SECRET MISSION" - Andrew (Andrè) Durovecz ... A W.W. II personal story of a Hungarian born Canadian who fought and survived behind Nazi enemy lines - 273 pages with three appendices, published by LUGUS. Price \$20.00

It has been said that to fight for peace, front line combatants who carry in their bones the knowledge of the horror, stench, blood, filth and grime, not to say terror and nerves strung beyond human endurance, do it the best. Durovecz's book affirms that notion.

His is a true story that begun when Churchill, British Commander-in-Chief, decided that essential to the general Allied military cause was in depth, "behind the lines" contact with the partisan and guerilla forces already fighting a war of resistance against their Nazi occupying force and the fascist



blood-stained collaborators in the Balkans, Hungary and Slovakia. By today's standards, after fifty years of unremitting, anti-communist ravings, his next incredible move

(through his secret agents) was to contact Tim Buck; deep-in-hiding leader of the Canadian Communist Party that was under Canadian law, outlawed and illegal. His purpose was to get agreement from Buck to recruit from among the Balkan nationals and Hungarian and Slovak members of the illegal party a sufficient force to parachute behind enemy lines to contact the resistance. Buck responded positively and without conditions. Durovecz relates the result.

Something more than one hundred, dedicated anti-fascist young men were recruited for the ominously dangerous mission - Durovecz among them. Some had been refused Canadian citizenship for their activities as Communists in Canada, fighting for a measure of security and dignity in the monstrosly difficult years of the Great Depression. Mostly they were Croatian, Serbian and other Yugoslavs with somewhat later, a minority group of Slovaks, Hungarians and others being recruited.

Durovecz joined the regular Canadian Army and takes the reader through basic and advanced training of all regular Canadian recruits in 1942-43. But without ceremony, suddenly, he was pulled from his unit and dispatched to the then-secret training camp for counter-espionage and partisan warfare on Lake Ontario near Oshawa. There, his training assumed a different character under the famed "Man Called Intrepid", counter-espionage chief, Canadian William Stephenson, whose task it was to prepare the young recruits for their mission. Durovecz's accounts here will sound unfamiliar to any other trained combatant in Canada's armed forces. But they emerged from this training hardened beyond any other military ... physically, mentally and

emotionally, adept in the arts of killing with their bare hands and a multitude of other skills up to, and including, outwitting the enemy.

Routed through England and now as a member of British Intelligence with the rank of Lieutenant under special command, Durovecz soon found himself in Cairo, Egypt, soon to be re-routed through the Middle East and finally dropped by parachute with his fighting companions and a large amount of gear, munitions, guns, wireless sets, into Slovakia. It was four days after the Slovak National uprising against their Nazi occupiers and the Fascist Tiso Government.

From there, the narrative reads like a fast-paced, unimaginably sequenced parade of events of violence, guile, torture, imprisonment, escape and final victory with the total surrender of the Nazi forces, the collapse of the collaborating Horthy and Arrow-Cross fascist regimes in Hungary, Tiso in Slovakia and the Ustachi Pavelic Clerico-fascists in Yugoslavia. The Tito Partisan Army there, in full collaboration with the Allied forces, and in particular, with the advancing Soviet Army, were triumphant.

The role of the Canadian guerilla and partisan fighters like Lieutenant Andrè Daniels (Durovecz' British Intelligence alias) had executed precisely the all important and significant military role they had been recruited and trained to do. To this reviewer's knowledge, Durovecz' book is the first time their story has been published. The truly heroic and all important strategic and tactical role played by these young Canadian Communists was almost lost to future generations. Their knowledge of what was really involved in W.W. II has been abysmally neglected. We believe

this is no accident if for no other reason than the fact the guerilla-partisans were almost to a man Communists with deep working class roots, and with their immigrant heritage in Canada that added immeasurably to Canadian life. To his immense credit, and to the gratitude of those learning of the uniquely heroic, dangerous mission, Durovecz has torn the curtain of secrecy aside.

As a partisan and guerilla operating under the nose of the Nazis and collaborationist Horthy and later, the Fascist Arrow-Cross Governments in Budapest and Hungary, in these pages, Durovecz relates the true story of Raoul Wallenberg and his activity in the city. He states that the wealthy scion of the Swedish SKF ball-bearing monopoly was in the service of the U.S. based OSS, predecessor of the C.I.A. Both of these operated under the command of Allan Dulles, virtuoso spymaster for the Americans, and brother of John Foster Dulles, Eisenhower's Secretary of Defence and sometime Executive member and shareholder in Inco, the U.S. nickel producing giant, and I.G. Farben of Nazi holdings and infamy. Wallenberg's Swedish ball-bearing company dealt directly with both of these corporate powers. His mission, now broadly speculated upon in the general press, was not to save "Jewish" people from the Nazis and Arrow-Cross fascists in Hungary, but to promote a phony cop-out deal between the U.S. and Horthy to open the door for further U.S. penetration to the entire central European and Balkan region.

There will undoubtedly be those who will find disagreement with some of Durovecz's estimations and conclusions at the strategic level. A case in point is his suggested close ties and even admiration that

existed between Churchill and Stalin. That there will be differences on this and other questions of general strategic importance is inevitable.

But in no way should these differences dilute or divert the extraordinary historical value of this extraordinary story. It is Andrew (Andrè) Durovecz story of danger, hardship, miraculous escape and sacrifice. In the telling, he has touched upon and exposed a universal nerve of the heroism and courage that human beings can muster without thought of themselves, and in their ability to rise above fear, torture and the death rattles created by the insanity of war.

Written originally in his native Hungarian language and translated into thoroughly readable and remarkably fluent prose, this book should receive the widest reading and circulation. We most heartily recommend it to old and young alike. □

FROM THE PEACE FRONT

By: Eryl Court

PROGRESSIVE NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

"Workin' men and workin' women
Has one glory and one theme -
Everything that's done inhuman
Injures all o' them the same"

- *Words of an outstanding American
poet James Russell Lavell*

"THE BEACON"

Shedding its beams around the world, "The Beacon" of the Melbourne, Australia, Peace Memorial Unitarian Church, is well

named.

The March 1996 issue refers to a meeting of the "Australia (Canberra) Anti-Bases Campaign Coalition" held in Canberra in December. Ivy Mart, speaking for the Melbourne Church:

- deplored the fact that a succession of Australian governments had "renounced our sovereignty" over parts of the country where U.S. bases are located; and that these bases should be prohibited and ousted from Australian territory, and;

- urged that the Australian government should stop mining and selling uranium".

"SOLIDAIRE"

Clara Zetkin, a German Communist of earlier years, designated March 8th as the "International Day of Struggle for Women". This information (highly topical in view of the recent World Conference on Women in China, and International Women's Day) was published in the Belgian newspaper "SOLIDAIRE", which also described the great demonstration - Brussels on March 9th, organized by the group "Marianne", and including women in struggle from various parts of the globe.

Women throughout the Third World have long demonstrated on March 8th as the International Working Women's Day, in accordance with Clara Zetke's proclamation, emphasizing women's struggle against misery, and the extreme exploitation of Imperialism.

The demonstration in Brussels pinpointed the struggle of the unemployed against exclusion, the concerns of public service workers, teacher, immigrant women, refugees, all of these in the Third World.

The article concludes - "MEN ARE WELCOME TOO! We are engaged in a common struggle."

"WORKING PEOPLE'S NEWS"

Public Service workers are now everywhere under attack. Ontario's (Canada) recent (and first-ever) General Public Service Strike is not an isolated phenomenon. The Working People's News published in Silver Springs, Maryland, USA, featured in its latest issue news of attacks on public service workers' rights in Maryland, as well as developments in Ontario; but this phenomenon is evident in Europe and elsewhere throughout the planet.

- Eryl Court

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CANADA-PEACEMAKER OR POWDERMONKEY?

We Canadians like to think of ourselves as a nation of peacemakers (both within and outside the UN), and, especially since that time when Lester Pearson received the Nobel Peace Prize, to assume the plumage of the dove, not the hawk.

A number of years ago, the outstanding Canadian journalist and broadcaster, James M. Minifie, wrote a book about Canada - "Peacemaker or Powdermonkey?" - a passionate appeal to the people of our country to assume a principled and courageous role and to pursue an independent foreign policy, for peace.

Canada has continued in its dual role, preaching one thing and practising another, over the subsequent years. How do we stand at present? Are we really peacemakers, or hawks in doves' plumage?

It is well known that Canada produces advanced nuclear technology and related products and actively promotes their sale, frequently to highly unstable and/or repressive regimes, and (in spite of our protestations to the contrary)

to countries (formerly India, now China and France) that undoubtedly have used, or intend to use them, for the development of nuclear weapons. How do we square that with our protestations about peace?

We have been, and continue to be, one of the largest sellers of arms in the world. This trade has been actively promoted by the government's Defence Industry Productivity Programme (DIPP), our country's "primary vehicle for public subsidy of Canada's military production, especially Canadian arms exports" (see "Ploughshares Monitor" - the publication of the research institute Project Ploughshares at the University of Waterloo) of December 1995 - in an article by Ken Epps - "New Farewell to Arms?", the conclusion of which is that, until our sales of such technology are redirected, Canada's professions about conversion "remain more rhetorical than real".

The duplicity of our foreign policy was well outlined by the research director of Project Ploughshares, Ernie Regehr, in a book about the profitable Canadian arms trade published several years ago, appropriately entitled, "Making a Killing".

It is time we firmly make up our minds about our external policies and insist on representation in Ottawa that reflects our convictions. With our new Minister of Foreign Affairs, Lloyd Axworthy (who has already made some impressive advances in our international stance - e.g., re: Haiti, Mexico and the recent US sabre-rattling and threats to Cuba - and Canada!), we are likely to have an impact. So let us speak out! □

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LETTERS FROM ABROAD

From: MOSCOW

Dear Friends:

Congratulations and greetings to all of you on May Day and Victory Day. I wish you courage, strength and great success in our common struggle against the reborn bourgeois in our country. We shall win in the long run!

- We are doing electioneering work now for our candidate, Zyuganov of CPRF.

- There are at this moment 11 candidates for the President. Aman Tulayev, Kazakh, Chairman of the Legislative in the Kuzbass coal mines district of Siberia, is our alternative candidate, just in case anything should happen to Zyuganov.

- The Yeltsin's entourage and supporters dominate the TV, radio and press 24 hours per day, while others have no opportunity to do so.

- There may be problems, scuffles and OMON is ready to use their clubs against peaceful demonstrators.

- Many small left-wing parties and movements are on the scene but they are inconsequential. Only the CPRF and RCWP are the forces that stand a chance. 70 progressive organizations and parties are supporting Gennady Zyuganov.

- Only in Moscow and Leningrad has Yeltsin large support. The propaganda in these cities is so prevalent and influential that I even heard elder women, scrounging for food in garbage cans, shout that they "will vote for Yeltsin". The provinces around Moscow and Leningrad are completely on our side.

- Maybe this was reported in your press ... Gorbachev, while electioneering in his Omsk, Siberia district, was slapped in the face by irate voters.

– Your friend, Rudolph

Readers of Northstar Compass are aware of your dedication, your help towards NSC and your constant information to us.

Our readers are sending you our best wishes on your birthday which was on May 15th – a young man of 64! Best of health, courage in these very difficult times for you and Soviet people. □

From: STUDENTS' DEFENSE LEAFLET, MOSCOW

We received a request (which we're publishing below) plus 3 samples of a leaflet issued by the Students' Defense organization existing on university campuses. We're excited at their request and publish here only one article that was in their leaflet no. 12, 1995. In future issue, we shall keep our readers informed about the growing militancy of the young generation in former Soviet Union.

Here is their letter:

Dear Comrades:

Secretariat of the red trade union of students, "Students' Defense" are very proud and like your journal Northstar Compass. We would like to receive it regularly. We shall keep in contact with you and send you materials about the youth, students of the revolutionary and communist movements in former USSR.

– Signed, Secretariat of
"Students' Defense"

TO ALL STUDENTS

Dear Comrades! Brothers and Sisters!

In front of you is the 12th number of our publication. We publish this

leaflet because we see that everyday as students, we are being robbed, they steal our future. We see disgusting bourgeoisie, spending their ill-gotten gains at night in clubs and casinos. We see how they try to make us to be passive, stupid and not show any interest in our surroundings. We see dirt, lies, banditism: from TV monitors, from cable tubes, poisonous propaganda flood every apartment livingroom, to remake the people into "not thinking zombies" with one thought in mind – and that is below your belt!

We, although not very large, are dedicated and fighting trade union students, we cannot live like this any more. We haven't millions of "bucks" for our own TV channel or our own newspaper. So, we have nothing but the ache in our hearts because of all this tragedy amongst our midsts, but a belief that man on this earth is not alone.

Already, twenty times we found time, we found money to publish these leaflets. We always managed to get this leaflet into your hands. To you, who now hold this leaflet in your hands at night, when we are able to distribute them.

We believe in you friends, because we saw as to who, under flying bullets and death, crawled in the underground corridors to rescue wounded comrades who were being butchered by Yeltsin-Grachev forces when defending the "White House" in 1993. We saw that it was students who stood up to OMON militia, who were butchering innocent people!

We believe that not all of your brains were dried out just because you got "American sneakers" on your feet, that most of you do not want to be "cleaning ladies or servants" to the "new Russians". Even those of you who succumbed to the "green bags" have in your heart the agony for our

"Motherland"!

Friends! We need your help!

We need your voices, your attitude, to these leaflets. We have no censors as the present regime has now.

We need hands to distribute these leaflets. Take at least 10 copies, give them to other students, let their brains be cleared of smoke and propaganda!

We are opening Political Clubs in all of university faculties. Students that are not in political life are living dead!

WE ARE AWAITING ALL OF YOU!

– Editorial Committee



From: Cosenza, Italy

Dear Michael Lucas:

Thank you very much for sending me NSC. I have received the three issues of 1996 Jan., Feb., and March. I think that your work is really good and useful.

I feel it is not right to get it free of charge, so I'm enclosing \$50 for my subscription; perhaps this is not the safest way to send money but it's certainly the easiest. I hope you receive it!

Please take note that I'm interested in receiving everything (books, documents, etc.) you are going to publish, and I'd like to receive some back issues of NSC; in particular, numbers 1, 2, 3 of Vol. 4 – that is, August, Sept., Oct. 1995 – and the document "The Last Resignation of Stalin".

– Fraternally,
Mario Januzzi

We certainly would like to welcome you to our readership and many thanks for your donation. Your requests are on the way to you and we hope to hear from you shortly, since our readers would like to hear from you on the pages on Northstar Compass!

From: "FOR USSR" Newspaper

Dear Michael Lucas!

I'm writing to you on behalf of comrade Tikhonov and as Chief Editor of newspaper "For USSR". We are amazed at the Northstar Compass publication and the way that it treats our newspaper "For USSR" by republishing some articles. Our newspaper (No. 1-14, 1996) informed our readers about NSC and have translated your excellent articles. We shall continue to do so in the future, if you will not mind.

May we ask you to be ever more critical in your articles about the present Yeltsin government ... the internal and external policies that they are now engaged in. Give facts that are known in the West since there is no way that we can know about these facts in Russia, since the opposition newspapers are barred from access to archives, newsprint in quantities necessary and not having finances enough to send its correspondents across Russia, not to speak of abroad.

Would it be possible for you, our dear friend Michael, to send us also (please forgive us this bold request) other Western publications that contain articles of a critical nature against the present regime, caricatures and cartoons.

During these months, when in our country there is a pre-election campaign and political struggles for the future of Russia, we certainly would need these publications in our struggle.

We are very sincerely asking you to be our correspondent and have your articles appear in our newspaper "For USSR". We are also offering you an invitation to come to Moscow, at the invitation of the Duma member comrade Tikhonov, in order to first hand see the present situation, the editorship of "For



Here, we publish the photo of Georgy Tikhonov, Member of the Russian Duma and his letter of thanks to the voters.

USSR" is willing to send you an invitation and to host you.

Once again, please accept our thanks for paying such attention to our newspaper.

– Larisa T. Babienko
Editor-in-Chief
Committee for Contacts with
Commonwealth of Independent
States and Abroad,
G.I. Tikhonov

"I give sincere thanks to the voters who have elected me in the Moscow District, to all the activists, dedicated communists. All of the voters demanded the resurrection of the Soviet Union.

Results of the December 17th elections have given a mandate to us deputies-communists to speak on behalf of the people for socialism and resurrection of our Motherland.

We shall take up this struggle in the Russian Duma!"

In the issue "For USSR" No. 14, 1996, the newspaper publishes a reprint from NSC, including the cartoon of Yeltsin. In next issue of NSC, we shall publish the logo of the movement "SOIUZ".



"FOR USSR" has some interesting facts that we reprint below:

- In Russia, there are 2 million children of school age that do not go to school now, plus 1 million children that are homeless!

- Moscow has only one month's supply of wheat for the population in reserve!

- 85% of foreign goods that are presently being dumped into Russia are not good enough to be consumed!

- School textbooks for Russian schools are through the Fund of Soros! (Soros is the reactionary Hungarian billionaire who holds many countries under his financial diktat - Editors). □

**Letter From Newspaper:
"YOUNG GUARD", Kirov, Russia**

Dear Comrades!

We do not know whether this letter will reach you, because all letters and newspapers going to you and to other countries, but especially to your publication, are being censored, opened and held up. They told us this because we receive the publication which is in a "foreign language"! Therefore, we write in Russian, since it is obvious that someone there speaks Russian.

Thank you for your journal. We certainly read it with keen interest. We can then start sending you our newspapers, so that you can have an idea as to our policy and program.

You might be aware as to how our Kirov Province is working, how our local AUCPB is working and gaining more and more authority amongst the population. We hold meetings, demonstrations, pickets and all other forms of protests against the present regime. As an example, the night before May 1st, our activists hung red flags all over the city. The latest successful work

was in connection with the falsification of names and addresses for the present government's candidates in the previous December elections and also for their candidate in the June presidential election.

According to the new Yeltsin edict, candidates for the President must receive no less than one million signatures. But since voluntarily no one wants to sign for Yeltsin's candidacy, the authorities are utilizing all underhanded methods, putting on these lists signatures of people whom were never asked to sign, taking the names from the people's passports, or taking in the names of the workers in any given enterprise under all sorts of excuses, as from patients that are registered in hospitals or they force the people to sign under the threat of being fired - will not get their bonuses at work and other threats ... some people are so scared that they sign the nomination papers. This is the kind of "governmental democratic tactics" that are being used.

This is also the kind of an attempt we undermined and forced to be abandoned at the Kirov Section of transport on the railways lines. We enclose a copy of the leaflet that we issued (the AUCPB) and given to railway man, dispatchers, working repairmen, brigades, machinists plus guards at railway stations in order for them to pass these leaflets out.

This is the way we work - sometimes it's dangerous, we're physically attacked, jailed and also taken to court. All the requests to voters now are being looked at and we did a real convincing job of informing the people about these reactionary tactics. So, we are certain that your letters will now be very carefully looked at and certain that they reach us, since we are ready to start an international scandal on this point.

You can write to us in English, Russian or French, since we have young people that are fluent in all three. These are the people that will change the present situation. Young Bolsheviks must know foreign languages in order to lead correctly our struggles.

And in order that you would see, as they say, the face that is together with the copy, we're sending photographs of one of our young comrades, who has written an article for "NSC", called - "Work, Courage, Dream and Happiness".



She is pointing out the fact in her article that "unfortunately the communist ranks are filled with not enough young people".

It is not altogether correct, because our "golden fund" is filled with people like her - talented, strong, clever and inspired by socialist ideals!

- With Bolshevik greetings and the best of wishes,
Ivan Kozlenko, Editor

We hope that our established contacts with your newspaper and your young revolutionaries will be beneficial for both sides. Let us hope that the struggle will have positive results after June 16th elections. □

From: CHINA

Dear Mr. Lucas:

I thank you for each issue of NSC that I get, as an English teacher at the Xiamen University in the People's Republic of China. I like living in China because of the great hospitality of the Chinese people.

Yes, there are feelings of uncertainty as to what might happen regarding the relations with Taiwan and what the USA fleet is doing in these waters. But we are optimistic.

Give my regards to the Editorial Board of NSC.

- Everett C. Barkley

It certainly is nice for our readers to hear from you and that you are enjoying NSC and your friends at the university. We would certainly like to hear from you on the tremendous economic projects that are being built all over China! □

From: Leo Tolstoi Cultural Institute, Bogota, Colombia

To Michael Lucas:

Dear Friend,

My most cordial greetings to you and best wishes for the success of the publication you skillfully direct.

We wish to acknowledge receipt of the NSC magazine, which no doubt plays a great role in the countries it is read and knowledge of problems of the former USSR by providing news on the events taking place in its former republics. We are receiving it regularly and are making an effort so that its important content may be known by the greatest number of members and friends. Thanks for these mailings.

Apart from that, I must say that it would be very pleasurable for me to know that my modest name is appearing in the shining list of your collaborators, with the possible articles and comments we may be

able to send.

- Yours most cordially,
Néstor Pineda G.

Your articles will appear from time to time on pages of NSC. We greet you and the struggles of Colombian people and wish you success. □

From: London, England

Dear Northstar Compass:

Am enclosing a donation towards NSC.

Congratulations on continuing to be so informative in these mirky* times.

All right, murky, if you prefer!

- Greetings to all,
Jim Leech

Yes Jim, it is mirky-murky ... but your constant help is helping to clear up this fog.

For our readers: Jim Leech is a former Canadian and former Editor of newspaper Canadian Tribune. □



From: Chicago, Ill., USA

Dear Friends:

Here is a cheque for \$100 for a five year subscription!

More donations will follow soon. Keep doing what you're doing so well.

- Nick Anagnostopoulos

Your optimism is great and we certainly will be around for another 5 years. Many thanks for your constant generous support. □

**From: STANLEY FAULKNER
Law Offices, New York, USA**

You might be interested in printing part of the pamphlet, "The Illegality of Nuclear War", published by the World Peace

Council.

- Stanley Faulkner

We thank you for the pamphlet, which will be published in review under the column "On The Peace Front". □

From: Matawan, N.J., USA

Greetings on International Women's Day to all women, readers of Northstar Compass. We hope that the women will finally succeed in the struggle to achieve equality and recognition for their contribution in the struggle for lasting peace and brotherhood.

Enclosed is \$100 for the work of NSC.

The news that NSC might have to appear every two months saddens me. I hope that the readers will respond in earnest.

- Michael Logoyda

Your wish is coming true, Michael. The readers have appreciated our call and for the immediate future, we are a monthly publication. Your donation plus others is doing the trick! □

From: Chicago, Ill., USA

Here is a small donation towards the Appeal by the Soviet war veterans.

- John J. Pruger

We have already sent financial help to Byelorussia veterans and will keep on sending as donations appear. □

From: San Pedro, CA., USA

Enclosed is the cheque for video, audio tapes plus a sub for NSC.

- Comradely yours,
Babaiko Ivanov

Everything you ordered was sent and we want to welcome you to our ever growing readership. □

From: Kalamazoo, MI, USA

I saw your Ad of NSC in the newspaper People's Weekly World.

I'm anxious to subscribe.

– Yours truly,
John Bassett

From: South Bend, Ind., USA

I am a subscriber, thanks to Angelo D'Angelo whom I met at the CPUSA Convention in Cleveland. Can you send me previous copies of NSC? Enclosed is an article on Zyuganov that might interest you.

– Lee Gloster

Past copies of NSC were sent to you and we thank you for the copy of an interview with Zyuganov of CPRF. I agree with you that the whole interview is certainly not from a Marxist point of view. We shall quote only two answers to 2 questions put to Zyuganov.

This is from a NEWSWEEK magazine:

Q: You're talking about re-nationalizing some privatized industries after your election. Wouldn't that create a very tense situation?

A: I know that if we start to take away privatized industries, then Russia will become one big Chechnya. If an industry was privatized and is working normally, we are not going to touch it and will encourage it ...

Q: Will you follow other former socialist countries in Europe and after the elections, call yourself social-democrats?

A: This decision belongs to all party members. And the word "communist", translated into Russian, means "social". It seems that you like this name, too. □

From: New Jersey, USA

Please accept this contribution, have it applied to the General Fund and also, to help the disabled veterans of the Great Patriotic War.

– Norma Rand

Yes, the fund is growing and we're certain that the Soviet war veterans will appreciate this help. □

We thank People's Weekly World and you for helping to promote and spread the influence of NSC. □

From: Cosmopolis, WA., USA

Enclosed \$100 in memory of Yuri Gagarin. His memory will always be bright in the hearts of Soviet people and all people of the world. A hero to all mankind, Yuri said the following: "I dedicate this flight to the people of Communism the human society into which all people on this earth will enter!"

– Lydia S. Karhu

Your thoughts are the thoughts of all peace-loving people, and the memory of Yuri Gagarin will be a glorious page in the history of the world. Keep on sending us interesting materials, Lydia! □

From: Elizabeth City, VA., USA

Greetings to the Associates of the Northstar Compass:

Here is another donation, the like of which I will be sending you occasionally.

There are some items that have appeared in the recent issues of the Northstar Compass that I would like to comment on, but my literary obligations for these last few months have been quite heavy and have prevented me from giving adequate thought to it. For the present, let me be brief and state that there will never be another 'Lenin' or another 'Castro'. Political achievement will become increasingly more dependent upon purely scientific persuasions.

– Sincerely,
Anonymous

Dear Anonymouse:

Your generous gift is much appreciated and we hope that you will find time to write for NSC soon. Again, many, many thanks. □

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LETTERS

ATLANTIC REPORT

**By: Vic Ratsma
Atlantic Provinces
Director**

From: Dartmouth, N.S.

Dear Michael:

A recent Canadian Press article published in a local daily newspaper in Halifax recorded a complete rejection of privatization by Russian workers.

Mikhail Alliluyev, Union leader of the 60,000 workers at ZIL, a huge Moscow automotive plant, was quoted as stating "privatization solved nothing for us". The workers are now asking the government to re-nationalize the company.

One worker who hadn't been paid for several months said "when the State ran this place there was order. We were well taken care of and we were proud of our plant. Private owners have just looted it and left the workers with nothing".

Nova Scotians are learning that privatization doesn't solve their problems either. The profitable publicly owned Nova Scotia Power Corporation, which was sold to private owners by the Liberal provincial government a few years ago with promises of no lay-offs or price increases for consumers, has quickly shown its true priorities. They almost immediately stopped purchasing quantities of coal from Cape Breton coalmines, affecting employment in that already hard hit region of the province. Since then, there have been job reductions at Nova Scotia Power, price increases

to the public, dramatically increased management salaries, loss of public accountability and no social commitment to communities.

The privatizers in our governments clearly continue to place profits before people. Perhaps there's a message for us in the actions of the Russian ZIL workers.

– Your anti-privatizer,
Vic Ratsma

As always Vic, you are right on the target, because privatization serves only one class – the capitalist class! □

From: Thunder Bay, Ont.

Dear Friends:

Enclosed, please find a donation of \$200, from our Slovak Home Association of Thunder Bay for the Northstar Compass, with thanks for the work that you friends are doing.

– Best regards,
Victor Tomcko

You are one of the dedicated members/readers of NSC and the name of Slovak Home Association is on the Honour Board at our Friendship House for all to see. Many sincere thanks! □

From: Burlington, Ont.

Dear Friends:

Here is a cheque for \$100 towards the much needed Sustaining Fund.

I look forward to the Northstar Compass publication as I did for each issue of the Daily Worker during the dark days of World War II. As you might know, the Daily Worker was banned in England until the Soviet Union was at war and people began to realize the future of mankind rested on the outcome of the battles against fascism on the Eastern Front. We progressives were never in doubt about the success of the Red Army, fighting for socialism under its great leader, Stalin.

I was very much interested in

the "Stalin Society in England" and look forward to reading more about it.

– Regards to all,
Bob McNicol

We cannot say more than you have said, except to quote from your beautiful letterhead which has the words of Robert Burns ...

*For a'that, and a'that,
It's comin' yet for a'that.
That Man to Man, the world o'er,
Shall brothers be for a'that!* □

From: Montreal, Quebec

Enclosed, please find \$80 donation towards our NSC. this is an anonymous donation.

– Best wishes,
Anonymous

Many thanks dear friend, and we understand! □

From: Stornoway, Sask.

Enclosed, please find a sub plus a donation towards the J.V. Stalin Museum being built near Moscow.

The Imperialists have told more lies about Stalin than about any other leader in the world. Stalin actually was loved by the Soviet people.

Krushchev, then others that followed, proceeded to demonize Stalin. the people of Russia are in a terrible mess and may have to suffer another nightmare in order to get rid of the present traitors.

– Keep up the good work,
D. Gellert

We cannot but agree with your comments. We are slowly winning this campaign of lies ... the light is beginning to shine brightly. □

From: Wakaw, Sask.

Dear Friends:

Enclosed is a cheque for \$100 for the Northstar Compass. I'll say it again, your magazine is unique with writers and readers from all over the

world. Articles are enlightening while some are confusing regarding the different movements that are in existence in former Soviet Union. But ... I would not want to miss one issue.

That's an enormous, unbelievable task you have undertaken and manage to produce only with volunteer labour at that!

– Congratulations and good luck,
Magda Burechailo

Yes, sometimes, it is a daunting task to accomplish what we do. It is through devotion and help from people like you that we manage to do so! Many thanks! □

From: Victoria, B.C.

Enclosed is an article from the Times Colonist which might be of interest to NSC. these crooks will all perish like rats under water. Nature will always get its way – so will justice.

– Olga Kimtschenko

Yes, the article "West Holds Soviets Under 67-Year Siege" is very good and we shall quote from it later on. Many thanks. □

From: Kamsack, Sask.

Dear Friends:

I always wait to receive my Northstar Compass. I find it very essential for the news it carries.

The item "exposé" by Ray Stevenson was very interesting. Wishing him good health and more contributions to NSC.

Enclosed is a donation of \$50 towards the good work.

– Wm. Rezanoff

We shall try to do even better so that readers like you will be in the know of the situation that really exists in former USSR. □

From: Regina, Sask.

Dear Friends:

Perhaps through NSC, you could publish a review of the book called

the "Great Conspiracy", and advise people to re-read it. It certainly will provide a background and an insight into how and why the Soviet Union was dissolved, plus providing some warnings about the new pitfalls awaiting its re-establishment – and hopefully hasten the corrections of this hindrance historical "blip" in human progress.

– Elsie Beeching

We have already taken the steps to have this important book reviewed in future issues of NSC. Many thanks. □

From: Quill Lake, Sask.

Dear Michael:

As global conditions worsen, Northstar Compass becomes more important and valuable as ever. We must strive to get rid of capitalism in Russia and a return back to socialism.

Enclosed is \$100 donation towards the Sustaining Fund.

– Peter P. Motozoff

Your name again and again shall find its place on the Honour Board at the Friendship House. We shall try to continue to stand for and defend what we stood for since our inception in 1918 as the "Hands Off Russia Committee". □

From: Edmonton, Alta.

Dear Helen:

Please find a donation of \$50 to NSC. Here's wishing NSC health and much strength to further produce the valuable information from around the world. My only hope now is that NSC will become a weekly edition!

– Michael Skolski

We hope that your enthusiasm catches on with our readers! Until such time comes, let us concentrate on making our monthly NSC to be published in 48 pages instead of the 24 we are doing now. Many thanks, Michael! □

From: Cowley, Alta.

Dear Friends:

Received your last issue of Northstar Compass and was sorry to read that because of financial problems, you are considering of publishing only six issues per year. Because of the interest the election in Russia last December created and the one to take place this June, I was looking forward to reading about it in the Northstar Compass every month. It will be a disappointment if one will have to wait two months to know what is taking or took place.

Yes, I fully agree, that \$20.00 per year for 12 issues will not cover the cost of postage, envelopes and

paper. Raising the subscription to \$25.00 per year might help a bit, and I do not think that would hurt anyone's pocket book.

Sending a small donation now and will send more when I renew my subscription in the summer.

– Sincerely,
Michael Verigin

It seems that other readers of NSC, like you, were touched by our appeal and we are going to be able to publish each month. We just need those donations coming in. We must inform our readers in the next two months what is or what will happen in former USSR. It shall be the turning point for the Soviets, as well as for the whole humanity. □

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