



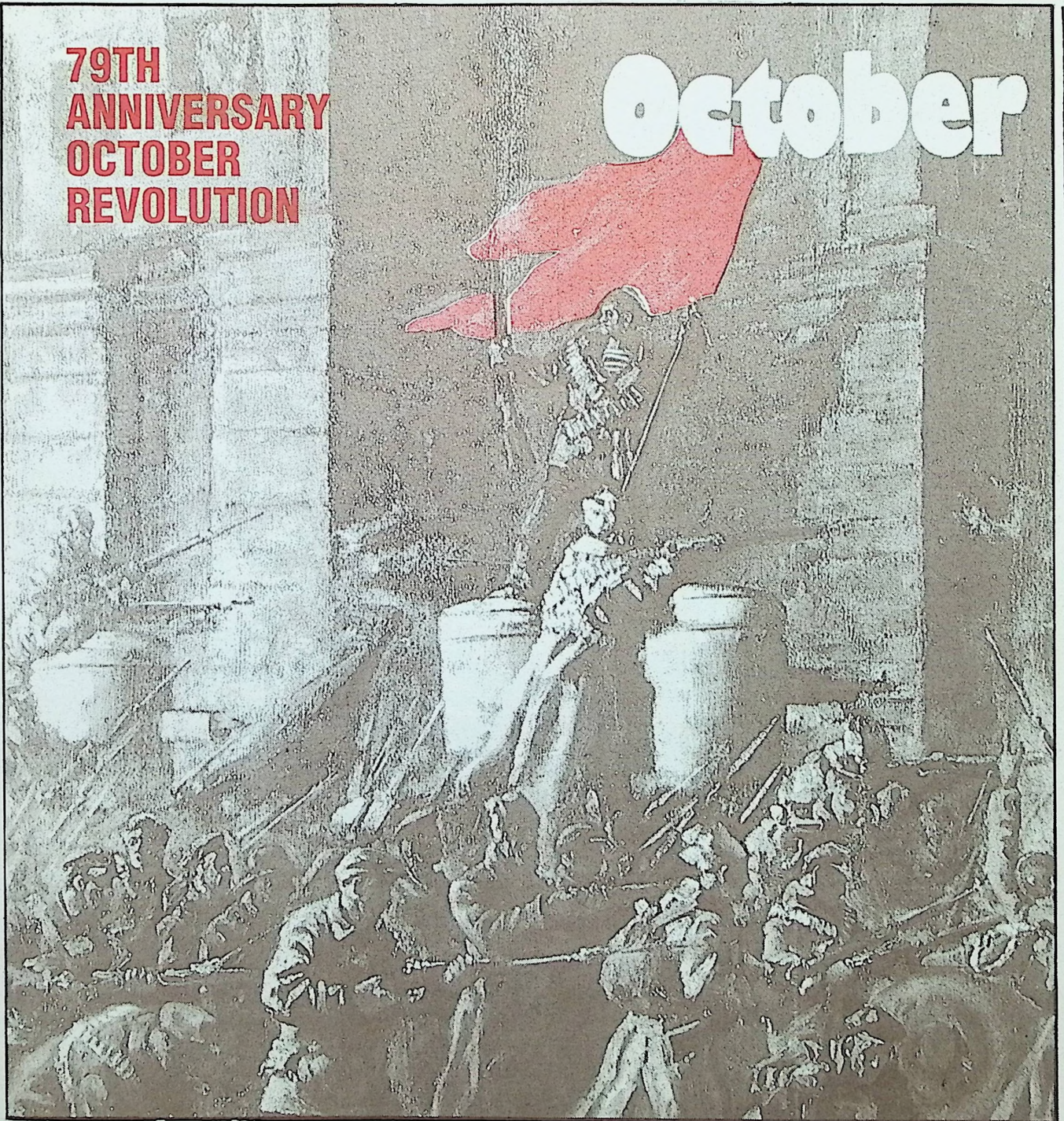
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# 79TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OCTOBER REVOLUTION IN RUSSIA

**By: Michael Ukas**

In October 1917, the revolution in Petrograd (later re-named Leningrad) brought down the Alexander Kerensky provisional government, replacing it with a truly revolutionary government. These were the historic events described by John Reed in his book, *Ten Days that Shook The World*. The capitalist nations were terrified because what was taking place in Russia was unprecedented, but could also happen in other countries, especially in the more industrialized ones. Winston Churchill, who was minister of munitions, urged immediate intervention, asking that the revolution be put down as soon as possible and stating that the best thing to do was to strangle the "socialist baby" in the cradle and not give it a chance to achieve maturity.

However, Lloyd George, the prime minister, disapproved of doing this - not out of humanitarian considerations, nor because he had any sympathy for the workers and poor peasants, but because he felt that such intervention would prove too costly for Britain which was waging war against the Kaiser's Germany. However, fourteen countries did send contingents to Russia - but try as they might, they were unable to break the will of the heroic Russian people who had suffered too long

and too much under the oppressive regime of Tzar Nicholas II and his wealthy corrupt nobles, and the clergy who were expert in lulling largely illiterate masses of people into a state of indifference.

Lenin had correctly said that religion is the opium of the people. But even the opium habit can be broken when there is the will to do it, and the will was there. This will was provided by the Bolshevik Party which instructed and led the people, pointing out to the workers and peasants, and the soldiers who consisted mainly of peasants dressed in military uniforms, that they were nothing but expendable cannon fodder. The majority of the people



*V.I. Lenin*

agreed with the Bolsheviks because they were already becoming aware of the callousness of the authorities and that the government of Tzar Nicholas II was thoroughly incompetent as well as dishonest.

When the First World War broke out in 1914, the Russian armies suffered one defeat after another, the first of which was the battle of Tannenberg and the Masurian Lakes in East Prussia. In this, and the

battles that followed soon after, Russia lost some two million soldiers, wounded and taken prisoner. More heavy losses were to follow during the course of the war. This is not at all surprising since Tzar Nicholas, in his ineptitude and indifference, drove millions of poorly trained and poorly armed peasant conscripts into battle, many of whom hadn't even been issued rifles. There were insurmountable transportation problems. Added to these problems, there were also serious food shortages both in the army and on the civilian home front.

Some indication of just how corrupt the Russian government and the tzar, and his noble officials were can be seen in the kind of life that was led in the royal court in Petrograd. While millions were starving at home, and other millions being killed at the front, tzarina Alexandra was holding her gala soirées in the palace. These night parties would be better described as orgies because that is what they were in reality.

The tzarina was of German origin and looked upon the Russian people with contempt, considering them inferior beings. It was rumoured that she passed on information to the German authorities. At the same time, the tzarina was carrying on with the evil monk, Rasputin, who practically controlled the royal court. No government appointment could be made without his approval. He exercised very considerable influence over the tzarina and the noble ladies in the palace. Claiming that he was inspired by God, he insisted that the way to salvation was through union with him - body and soul. There was much gossip that he and the tzarina, and the noble ladies of the court, did practice such union, especially union of

bodies. It was generally believed – and was likely true – that the wildest acts of debauchery took place in the palace. In fact, all this was well known in the court circles, and at least rumoured by the public in the city. Foreign diplomats knew this and talked about it when they returned to their own countries.

Needless to say, the high ranking nobles – that is to say, the husbands of the ladies seduced by the “saintly” Rasputin – took a rather dim view of such “spiritual” goings on. They were not impressed by Rasputin’s claim that he was divinely inspired, and that the way to their wives’ salvation was through union with his “holy” body in the bedroom. One night, they invited Rasputin to a banquet and shot him.

It is against this sleazy background that the October Revolution took place. □

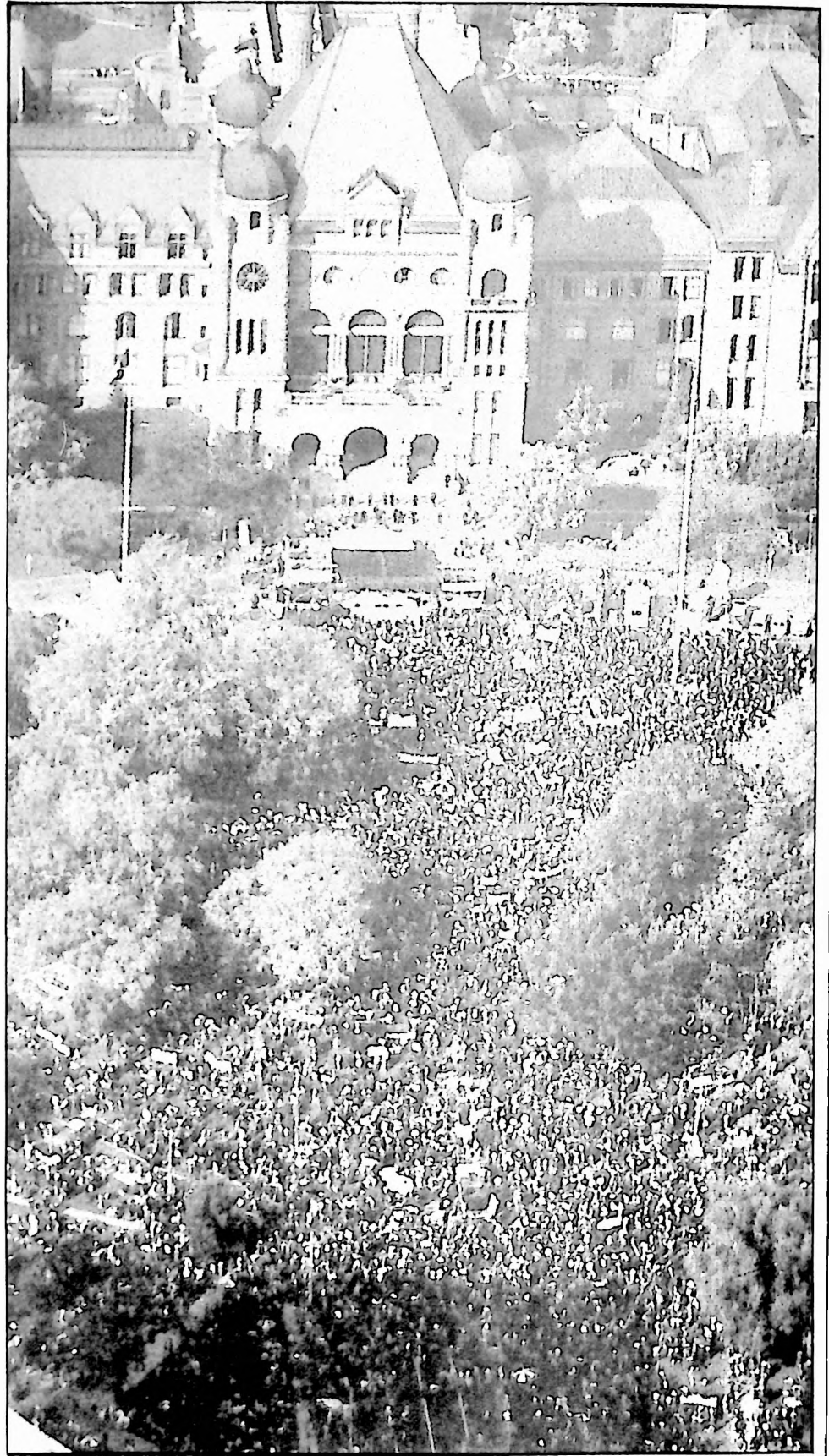
## GUEST EDITORIAL

# LABOUR STRIFE GROWING IN ONTARIO

By: Will Lambert

Since the fall of 1995, the labour movement, with its natural allies in the social justice coalitions, have embarked on an economic and political city to city protest and strike, here in Ontario, Canada.

The working class here in Ontario, Canada, has rested far too long. The concessions granted by capital, in the face of a tangible socialist bloc, here and now are being recalled. The impact of the dissolution of the former U.S.S.R. undoubtedly has led to the intensifying capitalist aggression against the Canadian people in the



MIKE SLAUGHTER / TORONTO STAR

*Huge, peaceful crowds jam Queen’s Park and University Avenue during Metro’s Days of Action demonstration against Premier Mike Harris’ cutbacks to provincial programs.*

main. There are those within the Canadian Social Democratic faith that do not see this relationship. Illusionists here within Social Democracy are matched by wishful thinkers in the trade union movement that hearken back to a more placid domestic economy. Now with globalization, the sheer mobility of capital to cart itself anywhere on "Mother Earth" for the sake of profit rate enhancement and little more shifts the ground under the once comparably steady feet of labour and Social Democrats alike.

The international imposition of debt through the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank box and seal, similar to a coffin, *Crowds as far as the eye could see.*

on those that hope to substantially improve the life of the working class. For the creative progressive minds, the room to manouver is stunted by these forces of market economy.

The city to city strike protest and parades are gaining scope, size and acceptance of the working class. (100,000 plus - Feb. 26, 1996 Hamilton, Ontario; 250,000 - October 26, 1996, Toronto, Ontario.) Still, there is a large contingent within the working class that still holds to a job at Union Scale Wage rates and through insecurity, essentially 'hide' from the struggle they are part of, yet, are not victimized personally by it. This experience and education now is fundamental here. The

protests then serve a lasting impact on the political consciousness of those attending. The ills of the corporate governments and their business backers is attacked in speech after speech from labour and community activists alike. The missing ingredient here is a socialist program that would fortify the people with an alternative to the misery of the liquidation of the 'welfare state'; expropriation of the means of production, nationalizing the banks and abrogating the debt with no compensation. These aims must be presented by labour and the people's movements in Canada.

As mentioned before, the Canadian economy allowed room



for the producers of wealth, the workers to obtain a modest portion of that wealth they produced. Now, the capitalists work doubly hard to broadcast through all major media sources a corporatist perspective. This day-in-day-out underscoring of the necessity of the social order dulls the minds of many in the working class. The vested interest of private profit and "business sense" is justified, by media here, as akin to the working classes' dimming hope of a decent lifestyle. Play by the 'dog-eat-dog' rules and you have a chance, and by the way, it is as natural as Mother Nature. This is the most poisonous infection today that mends social fears in our country by confusing many workers local news people have admitted as much to me over the last two years. Northstar Compass is as useful here in Canada as it is for comrades in the former socialist countries. Our country is rapidly drawing lines on class motivations and actions through the perverted behaviour of capitalist greed. This economy here serves well less than 2% of the population – the rest serve that less than 2%. Nothing to admire or emulate but seek to overthrow.

**NOTE:**

*For our readers abroad (in 38 countries) who might not understand what is meant by "welfare state", we print below the explanation:*

- Canadian Pension Plan
- Employment Insurance
- Welfare
- Universal Health Care
- Public Education.

\* Will Lambert is: President, Oakville & District Labour Council, Chairperson CAW Local 1256 – Oakville Transit Workers

**We Do Produce Totally By Volunteer Labour.**

## **A DAY OF PROTEST\***

**By: Victor Paradon**

Today we walk and sing our songs,  
The songs of workers, the exploited,  
The unemployed, the working masses.  
We walk the streets, watch out Bassett!

Bassett is rich, all kinds of money.  
He calls to his workers "No money".  
The Bassetts grew from our sweat,  
Today we're screaming, "Nyet, nyet, nyet!"

The working class in our city,  
Should lead the fight against these fascists,  
Against poverty and corruption,  
Let's have some action, some real action!

Mike Harris\*\*, our big oppressor,  
Won't smile at all, and that's for sure,  
The rich won't smile, and that's a promise,  
The poor will walk – a good beginning.

We will get better organized,  
We will build barricades on every corner,  
Who knows Mike Harris for how long,  
You'll serve the banks, for how much longer?

\* Dedicated to the striking General Motors Oshawa workers.

\*\* Mike Harris is the Premier of Ontario Province. □



## **THE COUNCIL OF CANADIANS 11TH A.G.M.**

**By: George Hess**

If not now, when? If not us, who? Were the concluding remarks of

Maud Barlow to the 11th Annual General Meeting of the Council of Canadians held in Vancouver from October 18 to 20. She was summarizing what had been a very busy three days filled with deliberations by a group of Canadians trying to win back their country from the control of foreign (predominantly U.S.A.) corporations. The tone of those deliberations was established by three keynote speakers on Friday evening; the first of which was Maud Barlow.

Maud, an author and volunteer National Chairperson of the Council, told the gathering that the membership of the organization had increased by close to 30 thousand in the last two years to a total of 61 thousand members. That there were close to 300 delegates registered for the conference which was 100 more than what had been expected. These included farmers from Saskatchewan who had taken time from their harvest to be at the conference as well as people from virtually every other province in Canada. She pointed out that there is a growing concern among Canadians about the future of this country. The capitalism we are dealing with today is not the same as what we were dealing with at the end of the second world war. We are now faced with corporate rule by huge transnational corporations, 200 of which control 1/4 of the world's business activity. Governments have surrendered completely to these conglomerates and are totally controlled by them through their lobby groups such as the Business Council on national issues here in Canada. For example, while corporate profits are at a 20 year high, child poverty has increased by 49% in Canada since 1989. There is no collectivity, no leadership and no freedom of the press.

The speaker informed the gathering that the council is challenging in court the take-over of Southam Inc. by Hollinger which will result in Conrad Black having 60% control of all printed news media in this country. Corporations are now telling governments that if they are forced to pay taxes, they will move and take all their jobs with them. In short, national governments have been reduced to little more than apologists for the transnationals.

Bob White, president of the Canadian Labour Congress, pointed out that the Free Trade Agreement with U.S.A. has resulted in the entrenchment of corporate rights rather than free trade. Mexico is a prime example of what happens to a national economy as a result of free trade. He went on to say that while the economy grows, black markets are at record highs and the dollar is strong - the food banks in Metro are running out of food. The unemployment rate has been above 9% for the last 72 months. Outsourcing a policy practiced by large industrial corporations whereby jobs are taken out of unionized enterprises and performed by non-union shops is being used to downsize and marginalize labour unions.

James Laxer, author of "In Search of the New Left" and a university professor, gave the meeting an intellectual interpretation of the present situation in our country. He pointed out that there is no one willing to challenge corporate power in the leadership of our society. He pointed out that there is no one willing to challenge corporate power in the leadership of our society. He pointed out that Canadians are being told that individualism rather than social responsibility are the wave of the future and that this is being used as a means through which to

sell Canadians the demise of their social welfare programmes. While the right and its media (i.e., the bourgeois press) talk about non-interference in the market place, the U.S.A. did not hesitate to put together a financial aid package in conjunction with its G-7 partners to intervene in the Mexican economy to stop the devaluation of the peso and the subsequent financial losses of U.S. corporations. Laxer concluded by saying that the present generation of young people has no right to squander the social programmes and quality of life that we all worked so hard to build.

The workshops and various other speakers all seemed to confirm a commonality that seemed to permeate this gathering. Canadians in growing numbers, are becoming alarmed at what capitalism is doing to their country. They are, for the first time in recent history, starting to have doubts about the free market and the last stage of capitalism manifested in its policy of globalization. The fact that this entire affair has been boycotted by the media both written and electronic attests to this fact. □

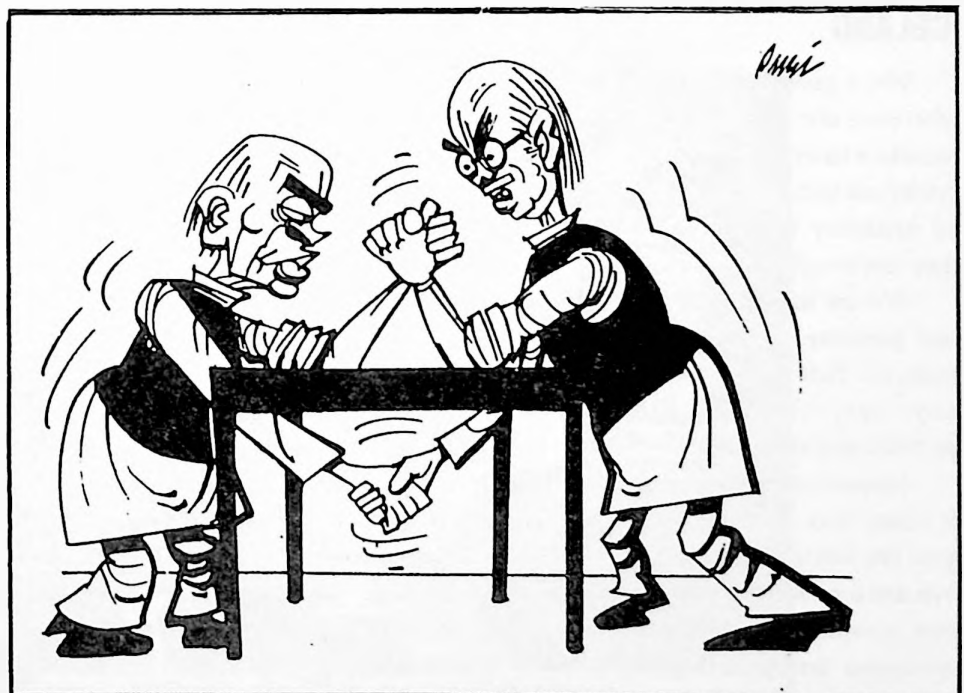
## THE ECONOMICS OF FUNDAMENTALISM

*From the excellent publication "Awakening" from India. We took the liberty of re-editing this article to serve a wider aspect of this danger.*

Religious fundamentalism is a very dangerous movement which seems to be spreading in the world. Our press is inundated with all sorts of news about these religious "squabbles", so we are told. What is really behind this movement that is very anti-socialist, extremely anti-communist and is spearheading the demolition of any departure from the fanaticism of fundamentalism of Islamic variety.

The Muslim fundamentalists (according to this article from India) have set up trusts. Behind these trusts is the known fact that their coffers are filled with petroleum pumped by the reactionary regimes of the Gulf under different pretexts of setting up trusts, humanitarian funds, etc., etc.

All this wealth collected in the name of "religion" is then used to finance communal vicious propaganda, rallies plus the guns,



bombs and other weaponry. These trusts and their backers are registered by their governments and state patrons, besides being given additional benefits.

We feel that the cartoon published below says it all. On the surface, there is squabbling, rhetoric, arguments one against the other section of Islamic Fundamentalism, but below the table, all is in agreement! □

*The following two items were received from friends in Seattle, USA, for which we thank them – Editors.*

**A PEOPLE'S VICTORY:** On August 27th, a NATO FLEET of 17 warships came to the REYKJAVIK HARBOR IN ICELAND on a "Friendship" visit. 7 were to stay 4 days, 10 were to leave September 6th. The leaflet below was distributed to the NATO crews. The result: the crews were driven to the U.S. military base at Keflavik, stayed on board and left 4 days early. (SWAP thanks the Icelandic Peacemakers.)

## **LETTER TO ALL NATO PERSONNEL ON VISIT TO ICELAND**

We, a group of Icelandic citizens who love our country and wish it to remain a haven of peace, would have preferred to have you in our country as ordinary tourists who come of their own will.

We are fully aware that you did not personally decide to come to Iceland. Nor do we attribute to you any responsibility for NATO policies and decisions.

Nevertheless, we wish to make it clear that as military personnel, you are not welcome to our country. We are a peaceful people and expect our guests to visit Iceland without weapons and military equipment. When we visit your country, we

don't bring weapons with us either. Therefore, we cannot consider your visit as a friendly act. No one in Iceland will be deceived by your posing as ordinary tourists, even if you dress in civilian clothes. Are you ashamed to appear in uniforms?

Don't be deceived by the smiles you'll get from salespeople in shops. They like your money but they don't like you. The Icelandic people have always been opposed to militarism and you should know that.

Let us be frank. NATO is no charity club. It is a military organization. It is an undemocratic organization. It is an organization based on the assumption that nations should suspect each other. It is an organization that threatens non-member countries with nuclear weapons. It is an organization serving the arms industry and those who wish to rule the world. People who respect others and have no enemies, such as the Icelandic people, do not need military organizations and are justified in considering such organizations as a threat to world peace. Farewell.

– Ad hoc group of peace activists  
Reykjavik, ICELAND

## **LOOK OUT, SADDAM**

• Air Force Brig. Gen. William Looney, head of the Central Command's Airborne Expeditionary Force, which directs operations keeping Saddam Hussein's troops from flying south of the 32nd parallel, explains it all in a recent interview in Defense Week.

"They know that if they even come across, just a little bit, I've said air-to-air missiles ... They know it. If they turn on their radars, we're going to blow up their goddamn SAMs. They know we own their country. We own their airspace ... We dictate the way they live and talk. And that's what's great about

America right now. It's a good thing, especially when there is a lot of oil out there we need." □

**From: SOLIDAIRE  
Organ of the Party of Labor of  
Belgium, September 4, 1996**

*Translated by:*

*George Gruenthal, N.Y., USA*

## **EAST EUROPE: NEW HUNTING GROUNDS**

Child prostitution has experienced a considerable development in East Europe. In the case of An and Eefje, the Czech Republic and Slovakia are regularly cited. In Romania, Hungary, Bulgaria, Poland, Russia, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, the export of prostitutes and pornographic material including children has seen an important increase. This trade, which is flourishing and is extremely lucrative, is destined for Western Europe and the United States.<sup>1</sup>

It is easy to imagine the direct link with the social and economic ravages which have struck large sections of the population following the introduction of savage and mafia capitalism. Geert Cappelaere, of the Centre for the Rights of Children at the University of Ghent, confirms this suspicion. "The links is manifest," explains Geert Cappelaere. "Although the studies on this subject are still quite few, it is enough to walk, for example, down the streets of Sofia, Bulgaria, to realize that the catastrophic social and economic situation favors child prostitution. On several occasions, I have gone back to East Europe for missions of the United Nations and I have observed the same thing everywhere. East Europe has been forced to abandon socialism and nothing is being done for the outcasts."<sup>2</sup>

1. *Information Bulletin of the ECPAT, June, 1996.*

2. *Press Conference, ECPAT Belgium, August 22, 1996.*



## 100,000 CHILD PROSTITUTES IN EAST EUROPE

The restoration of capitalism in East Europe has brought with it poverty, increasing social inequality, a high level of stress for many families, an increase in drug use. All these factors favor child prostitution. The number of child prostitutes in East Europe is estimated to be 100,000.<sup>1</sup> Estonia has at least 4,000 prostitutes, of whom one fourth are minors. In the capital Tallin, one can see girls of 10 or 11 years walking the streets near the railway station. In Latvia and Lithuania, 10,000 children are wandering the streets instead of sitting at school benches. One can buy them for next to nothing. In Romania, the street children sell their bodies for a night's lodging. In Russia, sexual exploitation of children is directly linked with organized crime, where gangs of children are involved in

selling themselves and even sometimes selling their own younger brothers and sisters.

1. *Source of all the data: Documents of the Congress, Stockholm, August 27-31, 1996.*

## US TROOPS INTRODUCED THE SEX INDUSTRY

The Philippines and Thailand are number 1 and 2 in the sex industry. This is not an accident.

The explosion of the sex industry in Thailand began during the war in Vietnam. The US troops were deployed in seven bases in Thailand, where they took their leaves. The number of Thai prostitutes rose from 20,000 in 1957 to 400,000 in 1964. The World Bank stimulated this growth by encouraging tourism. A spokesperson for South Vietnam, at that time occupied by the US, stated this in a direct way: "The Americans need girls and we need dollars. Why can't we exchange?"<sup>1</sup>

Until 1991, the largest US overseas bases were situated in the

Philippines: Subic Naval base and Clark Air Base. An enormous sex industry flourished around these bases, with entire streets filled with bordellos. The complaints against the soldiers continued until the bases were closed. The troops of the United Nations Organization, sent to bring "peace", are also a scourge for the population. At the beginning of 1990, the UNO troops in Mozambique and Cambodia have often been accused of sexual exploitation.<sup>2</sup>

1. *Prostitution in Thailand and Southeast Asia, 1994.*  
2. *Julia O'Connell Davidson, The Sex Exploiter, Stockholm, August 27-31, 1996.* □

Look at this graphic presentation of what US Imperialism is doing to the world, by its greed, by its disregard for humanity living outside its borders in the first place, but also, not giving a damn for its own citizens. Profit above all - damn humanity!

HOW LONG WILL THE  
WORLD HAVE TO PUT UP WITH  
THIS GENOCIDE?

Thanks to Olga Krinitscheko  
West Bank, B.C., Canada □

## USA - THE MOST WASTEFUL COUNTRY ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH!

Michael Deland - Council on Environmental Quality



## ITEMS FROM ABROAD

PROFESSOR  
VLADIMIR  
HERASYMCHUK



## GENOCIDE

Dark forces, usurping the state in my country, are celebrating. As if on baker's yeast, there is growing criminal capitalism. The ruling mafia, through the hands of the president and the present administration, is devastating our economy and culture. Genocide, the scale of which is impossible for our overseas friends to understand, is becoming more and more clear-cut – all inclusive and, I fear of unstoppable character. As an example, in 1995, the population of Ukraine became less by 400,000 people. Before, such a serious drop in the population only happened during a world war. From the middle of 1950s to the beginning of 1990s, the growth of the population of Ukraine grew from 40 to 52 million people. But already in 1991, when there was announced the so-called "Independent Ukraine", it went hell-bent onto the road of capitalism, the number of deaths far surpassed the number of newly born by 39,100 people. In the last few years, this number grew alarmingly with each passing month. Because of this, the present population of Ukraine numbers only 51 million people. But

according to demographics, the population of Ukraine should now have reached 53 million people! Who is it that liquidated 2,000,000 people?! The present pseudo-democrats are trying desperately to come up with facts that this is the consequences of "Bolsheviks", "bloody terror of Stalin", etc. Why all these worries? Here, we have actual facts for all to see! The 1990s are a classical example of the total genocide of the present regime against their own people. Who is to blame for this genocide of Ukrainian people? Why is it that in the course of the last five years, the lifespan of men has fallen by 10 years while that of women by 3-4 years? Today, the average life of men is 62.5 years of age while women are 73.4 years of age. What is this – is it not the result of the "democratization" of the so-called "legal" state?

The real fact is this – that the present regime's policy is to rob the workers. Soviet people today cannot afford normal medical care or medicines. Today, this is absolutely impossible for a working man. In the hospitals, each worker must bring his or her bedding, pillows and covers. Not everyone can afford the astronomical priced medicines. Just a few years, they cost only pennies, while the majority of patients did not have to pay anything at all.

Deaths in the country are growing alarmingly. As an example, even in my own, not-too-big city of Lutsk (200,000 people) in the first half of 1996, more than 1,000 people died; of them, over 27% in the prime of their lives. A large number committed suicide. Only in the Volyn district of Ukraine for the past 6 months there were 160 suicides. But did they commit suicide voluntarily? What can a person do if his life becomes unbearable and there is no help

from anyone? Unfortunately, not everyone has the strength to struggle against the mighty mafia, governing our country. Here is just one example. Novovolynsk, one of the coal mining centres of the Volyn district of Ukraine, from the 9 coal mines, they were operating only two shafts. The 10th shaft will not be built. Where will the workers go to find a job?

With everyday, the food intake of the population becomes more meagre and not nourishing. The falling away of productive capacity is also a factor in the countryside. With no technology, machines, mineral fertilizer, herbicides, the growth of farm products is falling sharply. If, let us say in the Volyn district during Soviet times, they gathered even on poor soil up to 35-40 percent of grain per hectare, in 1996, this amount fell to 18.6 percent per hectare. If Ukraine before every year gathered over 50 million tons of grain, now in 1996, only 21.3 million tons.

The production of consumer goods for the population in January – June 1996 fell by 16.5%. During that time (imagine) only 65 automatic cranes were built, 4 bulldozers, and the average for each person of Ukraine received in production only 1/10 of a shoe. Lutsk Automobile plant has reduced its work force by 89%, and in 8 months, it manufactured only 85 cars!

This is how the Ukraine (not only Ukrainian) market economy works! It stifles and throws on dump heap workers. This trauma is not only economical, but a moral-psychological trauma. Workers feel that they are no longer needed by society. Everyday, the libraries, theatres, preschool nurseries and kindergartens are closing. In the last 5 years in Ukraine, there were eliminated more than 2,000

preschool and kindergarten centres. Well known in Ukraine and across its borders, the Film Theatre "Kiev" is planned to be turned into a cafe, hair dresser salon, sauna, body rub – everything but showing cultural films. But in those theatres that are still operating, the films that are shown are American – propagandizing sex, robbery, rape, traitorous acts, and other harmful variations that are foreign to our population. Genocide of the morals, as also physical, is the norm ...

But nevertheless, more and more Soviet people are beginning to see and realize the character, the traitorous actions of the present Kuchma regime.

"People of Ukraine, wake up!" – writes the newspaper 'Tovarish' (Kiev) from a letter in the city of Boyarka – P. Fursov. "Your factories, enterprises are already in the hands of foreign owners, but this is not enough for them. Now they want to take away our land – the land of your forefathers – which belongs to you. The adoption of the new Constitution illegally, is like a thorny branch hanging over your back."

Let us unite, people, in our struggles for the rights of the working man. In the name of our children and grandchildren, we must win this deadly struggle! □

## ERRATUM

In previous issue, we stated that Mario Jannuzzi was on the Editorial Board of journal "INTERNATIONAL STRUGGLE". Mario is a translator and a contributor for "IS-ML" and not a member of its Editorial Board. – Editors □

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

## JUST RECEIVED FROM MOSCOW BEFORE PRINTING OF NSC

Yeltsin appoints two Security Chiefs – Colonel-General Leonid Maiorov and Boris Berezovski. Berezovski is a wealthy businessman, director-owner of ORT TV complex. This multi-millionaire said that he will "withdraw" from his business interests!?

*We wonder what General Lebed is doing now, since there's no news about his whereabouts. Expect some fireworks later on.*

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Infighting in the government is in full swing. Duma speaker Seleznev is calling Chubais to step down. Other players are at each other's throats, positioning themselves in the power struggle in case Yeltsin does not make it in his surgery.

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NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana wants Russia to immediately become a member of NATO by early 1997.

*We wonder why all the hurry? What is up the sleeve of USA, Yeltsin and the G-7 multinationals?*

## GREETINGS FROM UKRAINE

Dear Comrades:

I greet all the Editorial Board of Northstar Compass with the 79th Anniversary of the Great October Revolution.

Wishing you success, health, optimism in your revolutionary struggle for the resurrection of the Soviet Union, socialism, for the great ideals of the October Revolution.

– Comradely Yours,

A.A. Maevsjij

Member of CC AUCPB in Ukraine

Thousands of students in Leningrad and their teachers went on strike, protesting educational cuts and demanding that the budget for student grants be held at the present \$27 per month!

*Many more strikes of this kind are needed and by our information, strikes of this kind are spreading across Russia like Wildfire.*

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Soros Foundation, the billionaire Hungarian who practically rules the financial markets of the world, has made certain that the Far East State University in Vladivostok (where Soros has invested heavily) gets hooked unto the INTERNET which will hook up 32 Russian provincial universities to the world computer network into which Soros has a majority of financial interest. This agreement was signed by Soros and Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin.

*Yes, get these Universities hooked up to the propaganda machine of transnational corporations and CIA managed International Monetary Fund.*

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Collapse of Latvian "Banka Baltija" is under investigation by the Government among charges of fraud, graft and other money laundering. The directors (all members of the present government) will be arrested come next February 1997.

*Why only in February of 1997? Or is it to give these crooks the opportunity to get rid of the evidence? After all, since Latvia got its "freedom" you do have the right to steal, embezzle and hide it in foreign off-shore banks ... why do you think they call it "democracy"?*

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Former President of Poland Walesa is charged with stealing the Polish secret documents after he was defeated in the last elections.

State Security Office of Poland is laying the charges.

*Why, my goodness – this darling of the West, this "Democrat", this "Patriot", this Religious Zealot, could he have done anything like this? Perish the thought! What about the millions upon millions of dollars that Walesa has stashed away in foreign banks? He rides to work in the Gdansk shipyards in a limousine, driven by a chauffeur. Which ordinary worker in any country has this luxury?* □

**From Newspaper:  
"POSITION"  
Tver, Russia**

## MISTAKES AND THEIR RESULTS

During the course of the presidential elections, I told my friend: "We have parted company in our ideals." She retorted: "I do not



want to go backwards." But are not the present reforms pushing us backwards? From an organized work edict with technology to help us, we are driven back to the plough and rake, robbery and no future.

"I do not want that Communists should come back into the government", said my friend, stating that she is voting for Yeltsin. But can you find among the present presidents, mayors, governors, ministers, journalists who were not in the Communist Party of Soviet Union? I remember how these elements crawled into leading positions in the CPSU, in order to make a career for themselves. And

now, they changed their skins and are "democrats". How could these people be democrats?

How can these people call themselves democrats and at the same time, bury all the democratic rights that we had under socialism? Governor of Tver province demanded and was given the right to appoint and fire at will, with no recourse of the population to have a say. Is this democracy?

All these "leaders" tell us that "Only we know how to get the country back on its feet". If this is so, please tell the people that they would believe you that their future will be better. We cannot understand why these so-called "plans" are kept secret from the people! I remember as a member of the young Pioneers, we had 3 members whom we elected to look and see that things were done correctly. To whom are these present "rulers" responsible?

"After the patriots come to power, there will be civil war." These were the scare tactics that we were bombarded with day and night. Are we not now in civil strife, civil war? They divided the people into "reds" and "whites". They are killing without any responsibility to the courts of the land, in the cities and villages. They are killing our sons in Chechnia, Tadzshikistan. Brother is fighting with brother, father with the son at work and at home.

"If the patriots come to power, they will take away your riches." With this tactic, the pseudo-democrats and Yeltsin command were fooling people, subverting their minds. Are we not robbed by the so-called Gaidars and Chubais? These people robbed us in one night of all the savings that we had and gave us vouchers. That is why these hated "New Russians" took over the hard earned riches of the country into their own hands.

"Communist Party must be held responsible for everything." One more lie. The most vile and loud screamer of these lies is none other than Alexander Yakovlev, who says that he is not responsible at all, although he was the second in command under Gorbachev. Of course, he has many sins for which he will pay – his traitorous acts will never ever be forgotten or forgiven.

In conclusion, I would like to tell those people that fell for these lies: stop your complaining and stop supporting the present regime. We must defend our rights!

– S. Ulanova  
Tver □

**From:  
Moscow, Russia**

## ANOTHER WORKER-BOLSHEVIK NEWSPAPER APPEARS!

Below, we publish the masthead of the newspaper "WORKER-BOLSHEVIK", a Lenin newspaper of the working class. Here is the call on their front page ...  
REVOLUTION IS COMING!



Workers! How long are we going to persevere? We awaited the elections – they did not resolve any problems. The country is under crudest raw capitalism. Must we wait another 4 years? Strikes although helpful, they do not resolve anything – the state is in the hands of the bourgeoisie, who are killing us with hunger and killing our sons in internal wars. Hungry

workers in large number of cities are willing to rise up in Russia, Ukraine, there is boiling a revolutionary upsurge. It is not for nothing that wild dog Lebed fulfills the plans of fascist Yeltsin, threatening to jail everyone that strikes or demonstrates. But we must jail him first and this can only be done by a people's uprising!

If we call ourselves communists and that is the way the workers' leaders are calling and telling us, that the workers should not get armed – do not listen to them. Those are not communists at all – they are traitors to the working class. These so-called trade union leaders are afraid of an armed working class, then they are of the present bourgeoisie. But the workers have their own revolutionary party – Workers Guard of Bolsheviks. We are workers ourselves, we do not need "apparatchiks". We are going to bring on the revolution, we will take the power into our own hands.

Comrade workers! Organize yourselves into workers' defense teams, take over the industries, factories, let us establish the Workers Councils all over the country. Down with capitalism and Yeltsin and Lebed! Let us revolt against the oppressors! □

**From Newspaper:  
"HAMMER AND SICKLE"  
Krasnoyarsk, Russia**

*We're showing the masthead of this newspaper to our readers, since this newspaper is very widely read and is influential.*

*We publish here a small item that our readers should find interesting, since it is signed by three extremely well known and dedicated Soviet leaders. This was written before the elections took place, but it is significant that Northstar Compass policy regarding elections was correct and Sazhi Umalatova, Golovenko*

*and Shashviashvili were absolutely on the mark, as were millions of other Soviet citizens.*

"In a few days, the important elections shall take place. In front of our eyes, a spectacle of grandiose proportion is taking place – between the former 'party apparatchiks' in the Kremlin and the Duma. Again, we are without choice.

Today, the most important task for Yeltsin is for the elections to take place. This will allow him to



'legalize' his post as president of Russia, which he unconstitutionally took upon himself in September of 1993. Bringing millions of voters to the voting booth was G. Zyuganov, calling himself 'only candidate of national-patriotic movement'. And into this post and title, this person (Zyuganov) who not once or twice in his career sold out the Motherland and the CPSU that fed him.

With his insatiable ambition, Zyuganov left the people of Russia the opportunity to elect their own representative that would REALLY represent the Soviet people. Therefore, we are appealing to the voters – we want to warn them: the upcoming elections results will absolutely not change anything in the country. But a danger lurks for all of us – that Boris Yeltsin and his command will again be the winners. The blame and the dire results shall rest squarely not only on the Yeltsin regime, but on the shoulders of the leader of CPRF (Communist Party of Russian Federation) Zyuganov and his circle of advisors, whose ambition was to get into the Kremlin by whatever means it takes.

Until such times that we will believe the bankrupt former party-nomenklatura, no matter in which clothes they might find themselves in – democrats, patriots, communists – until such time, we shall be part of their intrigues and lies. Only when we shall cleanse ourselves off is 'rubbish of past', putting up new, dedicated, not tarnished leaders, dedicated to their people, to socialism, to USSR, not only to rule and money – only at that time can we Soviet people improve our lives, our future for us and our children."

– Sazhi Umalatova  
Chairperson of Permanent  
Congress of Peoples Deputies of  
USSR  
Alexander Golovenko  
Special Correspondent of  
Newspaper "Pravda"  
Ivan Shashviashvili  
Peoples Deputy of Russian  
Federation  
Deputy Chairman of  
Union of Peoples Resistance □

**From Newspaper:  
FOR REVOLUTION  
Moscow**

DEAR READER:

*Below, we publish an Appeal from the organization Young Guards and their newspaper which is called, "For Revolution, a "Lenin newspaper of*



*working youth". The Bolshevik Young Guards are sprouting all over former Soviet Union as mushrooms after the rain.*

*We publish only the "Appeal" unfortunately – we have no space to publish very revolutionary, heart-*

rendering stories that are being published in this youth newspaper.

We publish a copy of a two-page spread showing photos of these "Young Guards of Krasnodon" who were murdered by the German fascists during the Great Patriotic War, because they were leading the struggle against German fascism.

## TO YOUNG WORKERS!

"You should not humbly work for bourgeoisie-parasites, living off the avails of the workers! We haven't enough to live on, many do not get their pay for months on end, which the bourgeois directors, bosses rob us – eat in fancy restaurants, riding and buying foreign-made cars, building their villas, and look upon us workers as animals. It is a fact – as long as capitalists are ruling over us, our life will not improve. This means that we must forcibly take away their privileges and take back the people's property. Workers can only do this if they join together. If you do not want to be an ignorant slave of capitalism, if you are ready to join our ranks and struggle for workers' rights for a genuine workers' socialism – join our ranks – the Young Workers Guards! WE SHALL WIN!" □

## POLISH YOUTH

According to latest information in the Polish government, more than 200,000 children in Poland are starving. (It is about 20% of all minors living in Poland.) The basic food for them are bread, water, potatoes and not so often, vegetables.

Those children cannot even afford to buy jam for bread, not to mention some cheese or meat – the taste of which they can't remember since 1989, when the era of "vivifying" capitalism had begun. The same applies to all the fruits.

Those poor children can only dream about living in luxury!

Poverty and starvation are the causes that many of those kids become criminals. In Poland, we have more and more banditry, murders, etc. Recently, Polish police had captured a 6 year old child (!) that had broken into a grocery store.

There is a lot of alcoholism and drugs among Polish children and youth. After the fall of the Socialist government, most public libraries, cultural houses, dance halls had gone bankrupt. Young Poles, deprived of places to entertain themselves and to rest by ruthless laws of free market, look for recreation in alcohol and drugs.

To worsen the situation, Polish youth has no possibility to find any work because unemployment in Poland is 20%. In this situation, among young Poles, we have right now big problems with prostitution among minors. For the first time since 1945 on the Polish streets, we have kids begging for money. In the railway stations, in underground tunnels, there are whole colonies of homeless and hungry kids.

The fall of socialist system in 1989 in Polish People's Republic and connected with this, the fall of state's protection over children, brought on a catastrophic, tragic situation for Polish children. But near them, near their dirty and hungry Polish children, 10% (only) of Poles live in luxury, drive in fancy cars. These are the Capitalists!

– Jaroslav S.

Dabrovsky

Union of Polish Communists  
"PROLETARIAT" □

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TO SUBSCRIBE TO  
NORTHSTAR COMPASS!**

## PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE AGAINST IMPERIALIST GLOBALIZATION

The Bagong Alyansang Makabayan (New Patriotic Alliance) which is a multi-sectorial alliance of people's organizations in the Philippines, is organizing this Conference November 18–23 in Manila in order to coincide with the Philippine Government sponsored conference, "Fourth Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)" ...

The Conference organizers are planning different meetings, protests, marches, rallies, peasant meetings and ending up with the mighty "People's Conference Against Imperialist Globalization"!

*On behalf of all the readers of Northstar Compass in 38 countries of the world (including Philippines) we wish this Congress success against the Transnational Corporate power which is ruining the countries of the world.*

*We hope to get Congress materials soon so that we can publish some of them in Northstar Compass.* □

## PSEUDO-COMMUNISTS AND PARTISAN MOVEMENT IN USSR

Khrushchev-Brezhnev-Gorbachev policies have always been afraid of the people's movement. They always refused to believe in the Constitutional Right of Soviet people to undertake partisan warfare against the anti-Soviet regime that exists since the death of Stalin.

NO! These pseudo-communists do not realize that the present policies as dictated by Imperialism are, in reality, a liquidation of Soviet people (in the last five years – the population of USSR had been reduced by 15 million people, in this number, Ukraine is less 5 million people.)

Today, there are existing partisan detachments all over former USSR,

struggling to liberate the people, to give them: FREEDOM, TRUTH and SOCIALIST FUTURE!

ALL PEOPLES' PARTISAN MOVEMENT IS GROWING!

ROT FRONT! VICTORY WILL BE OURS!

- S.P. Belyh

Member

Bolshevik Platform of Ukraine

*They sent us the photocopy which we print below:*



### **GENERAL LUKAC (MATIE ZALKA)**

This was the legendary Hungarian and Soviet Ernesto Che Guvera of Cuba! ... All of his life, he gave towards the struggle for your and my freedom (from the mighty territory from Khabarovsk - to Lvov and from Moscow to Madrid), and he is the forerunner of the legendary comrade CHE!

General Lukac was killed in Spain during the civil war on June 11, 1937 as head of the International Brigades fighting fascist Franco. □



## **AMERICAN COLONIZATION OF UKRAINE**

By tearing away of Ukraine from Russia, these vultures at the same time are proceeding to make Ukraine a colony of USA. At a secret meeting with his staff, heads of General Staff on October 24, 1995, Bill Clinton, president of USA, who has no qualms bombing Arabs and Serbs, stated: "Liquidating the ideological bases of USSR, we were capable of liquidating without a war a state which was mighty and world effective, which was the only competitor for America ... in the next ten years, we must do the following: we must break up Russia into small states through the medium of inter-regional wars; set up in these small regions (states) that broke away from Russia, regimes that we need." (Kirov Pravda, July 23, 1996)

In Ukraine, the Americans need a regime that is subservient to colonization, regime of neo-banderovites and party turn-coats which is already complete and in place. The flow of constant propaganda over the airways, American sadistic "heroes" and sex-films are looked upon by the neo-banderovites as "rebirth" and thus, they try to cover up the process of colonization. Mr. Kuchma (president of Ukraine - Editors) follows these neo-banderovites' examples and against the will of the people, now

is pleading to have Ukraine become a member of NATO. They make themselves happy in this, that in future, they will not be held accountable by the people!

The systematic course of "dollarization of our financial system which itself causes great inflation and at the same time, helps the export of our colonized resources at very low prices across the borders. The constant falling in the standard of living for the population saw the startling fact that in the last 5 years, over 2,000,000 people died from the effects of this colonization.

Neo-banderovites leaders of the "Independent Ukraine" are making it very easy for American firms to buy everything and anything that Ukrainian people built, even the buying of our enterprises of the Defense Complex Industries. The Yankees already got their hands on such enterprises of world renown as "Motor Sich", where helicopters were manufactured - the best in the world, which worried the USA brass, the Russian Helicopters called "Black Shark".

Organizing with their Ukrainian helps a system of "non-payment", the colonialists in this way got their hands on Ukraine's machine-building enterprises, which were world renowned. (In a colony, machine building is not needed!) This then made hundreds of thousands of Ukrainian workers unemployed, thus the Yankees are forcing Ukraine to buy American machines from "John DEER" and other American machines and tools, while shutting down the Ukraine's machine-building industry, since competition is not what market economy is all about.

Because of the systematically proposed and a carried-out deficit, the Americans now have assigned their "Controllers" into every section

of manufacturing in the Poltava and Crimean oil and gas production enterprises and exploration.

From 1996, there is taking place the Americanization of our Goskomat of Ukraine. Therefore, the Kiev Institute of "Energyproekt" is now officially controlled by the American multinational corporation "Westinghouse Electric". Also, in the near future, the deal was signed for American nuclear waste to be stored on the territory of Ukraine – besides the waste from other G-7 countries ... also the storage of defective reactors and rockets.

The Yanks have invested over two billion dollars into the business of Ukraine for profit. By hiding the facts that Ukraine now owes USA, Transnational Corporations and the World Monetary Fund such amounts that these facts are hidden and more borrowing is concluded by present Ukrainian regime. In 1996, Ukraine owes 275.6 billions of dollars in back payments and interest on loans.

In order to get this colonization proceedings to go even faster, the Americans have made certain that every enterprise has American controllers on staff, thus controlling the whole economic life of Ukraine.

And all this is being overseen, controlled and also promoted by Mr. Kuchma, who, at any given opportunity, shows his hate of anything Russian or Soviet. This has gone so far that in Sevastopol where the Russian Navy is stationed, the authorities shut off electricity and power to Russian vessels.

Mr. Kuchma was not ashamed to have started the issuing of a new Ukrainian Currency, "Grivna" with his beloved hero, the traitor Mazepa.

#### NOTE:

*MAZEPA – in 1709, he became a traitor to Peter I, and deserted with*

*troops to the side of Karl XII of Sweden – thus, selling out his country and people. Therefore, there is no difference between Mazepa or Judas.* □

## **STRIKES, CONFLICTS ON UPSWING IN RUSSIA**

According to the latest information reaching our desk, the following labour unrest has taken or is taking place:

- At the industrial enterprise "Daxenergo", the workers went on strike, besides some sectors went on hunger protest, demanding that over 18 billions of rubles be paid for back wages to the workers.

- Federation of workers in the Premprije Province of Russia in the Kamchatka territory of Russia took strike action against non payment of back wages and against privatization.

- In the energy sector of the whole of Russia, there are constant labour conflicts, hunger strikes and the workers are tying the economic demands to political demands. This movement is gaining strength.

- In the coal mining industry, the strikes are spreading like wild fire. But the Yeltsin regime is desperately trying to disunite the workers, by paying off some sections and not paying other sections of the workers.

- In Moscow, there took place the 3rd Plenum of the Coal Industry Unions where there were reports of hunger strikes by miners all across Russia, political demands ... more than a million miners are ready for action that override strikes or hunger protests. More and more, the workers in the oil and coal industries are demanding political action to change the situation.

- Protests, actions, picketing by workers in the school and cultural fields are taking place. In Moscow, the Director of Physics at the University went on a hunger strike

at the offices of the Russian-American Press Centre.

- Musicians of the Moscow Symphony Orchestra went to the picket lines, plus workers in the well known Moscow Museums went into the streets in protests.

- Workers in the health care, ambulance, high school teachers and medical faculty went on strike and were picketing their respective places of work.

- Hunger strikers in many enterprises are common and unfortunately, many hunger strikers died in these protests without the authorities even meeting with them for discussions.

- On October 5th, the Presidium of the trade unions declared a one-day General Strike, protesting the lack of payment of back wages.

- At the Muromsky enterprise manufacturing armaments, over 1,000 workers took over the whole enterprise, defeating the regime's police cordon and demanded the payment of back wages to the workers. The workers decided that there is a need of more militant forms of struggle, not only strikes or hunger actions. Workers are starting to be politicized and more and more take-overs of enterprises by the workers is needed.

*The above summary is just an inkling of what is transpiring in Russia and former Soviet Union. Information gathered from the newspaper "Voice of a Communist" and from "Bumbarash".* □

**From Newspaper:  
"MYSYL-THOUGHT"  
Moscow**

## **QUESTION OF OFFICER'S OATH AND ALLEGIANCE**

**By: Y. Boyakovsky**

### **OPEN LETTER TO GENERAL LEBED**

During your speeches before



presidential elections and after, you talked many times about the Officer's Oath and his allegiance. I would now like to ask you: "How, according to you, is the question 'Officer's Oath' and 'Officer's Allegiance' to defend your own people, your country, which you and all soldiers gave when you entered the Army?" According to my way of thinking as a former Soviet Army soldier, these two oaths are tied together – never to be broken as an Oath. But who was it, if not you that broke those oaths in 1991, when you defected to Yeltsin during so-called Putsch and ordered the bombardment of duly elected Parliament with thousands of deaths, undertaken although not successfully, by former leaders of Soviet Union to save the break-up of the USSR.



I do not know whether you, Mr. General, remember the Army Oath that you have taken – I do. "I will always be ready to fulfill the commands of Soviet Government to come to the defense of the Soviet Motherland – Union of Soviet Socialist Republics – and defend it to my last breath ..." This Sacred Oath you took and this Sacred Oath you broke!

Of course, you and many more others like you, could not have liked the leaders at the top who were governing the Soviet Union. But you gave an oath to the country not to the leaders, you gave the oath to defend the Motherland. Look at the map of our Motherland to which you gave your Sacred Oath.

Look at it now and see the pieces that are left of the once mighty USSR after 1991!

You went over to the side of the leader who is governing this broken-up piece of Soviet Union. This again could happen in the present territory of Russia itself, a break-up, so-called "independence" as in Chechnia – which break-away piece are you going to serve in the future, Mr. General?

From your words and your publicity, you said that the most everlasting effect on you was the tragedy and loss of life in 1962 in Novocherkass, the civil strife that took place there. But somehow, the tragedy in 1993 around the White House in Moscow seems to slip your mind, when you yourself were



General (Pinochet) Lebed

responsible for thousands of deaths of Soviet patriots! Why are you keeping quiet on this, as if this tragedy never existed? You somehow do not speak about your Officer's Oath of Allegiance to the Motherland. Or do you regard that your given Officer's Oath can be changed about as you change money? Let me remind you that our fathers and grandfathers always said: "Guard your honour from your youth ..." and it is the truth, that once you lose your honour, you will try and try to find it again and

again, but it is lost forever.

Aside from this, our "democrats", starting from the president, they do not know what honour is!

This president has the self-given authority to trample underfoot all laws, oaths, and oaths of the Generals, oaths of journalists who make heroes out of traitors, etc., etc. This is self evident in news dispatches from Chechnia and the ills that befell our Motherland now.

Please, Mr. General, reply as to how you understand the word "Honour", "Officer's Oath". Will your answer correspondent to the words written in the dictionary, Dalia, Ozhekova and others?

You, of course, cannot reply – you will keep mum on my request, but keeping quiet will not be to your benefit.

I cannot end this letter with, "sincerely yours"!

## RUTSKOI RETURNS TO THE POLITICAL STAGE

By: D.R. Open Media Research Institute

Despite the fact he was only able to register as a candidate three days before the poll, Aleksandr Rutskoi, the leader of the opposition movement Derzhava and the former Russian Vice President, won the gubernatorial elections in Kursk Oblast on October 20. According to preliminary results, he received 79% of the vote, while the incumbent governor Vasilii Shuteev finished second with 18%.

As governor of Kursk, Rutskoi will take up a seat in the Federation Council, the parliament's upper house, which is composed of regional leaders. This represents the triumphal return of a politician who left the parliament in less auspicious circumstances on October 4, 1993. Rutskoi, together with the other defenders of the "White House" who

had defied Yeltsin's order disbanding the parliament, was arrested after troops stormed the building and taken to Lefortovo prison. He was released under an amnesty granted by the newly-elected State Duma in February 1994.

Rutskoi, born in Kursk in 1947, had made a name for himself as a pilot in Afghanistan. He flew 428 missions, was shot down twice and spent a period as a prisoner of the mujahedin. In 1989, he became active in nationalist politics, winning a seat to the Russian Congress of People's Deputies in 1990. He backed Yeltsin in his conflict with Gorbachev, and was chosen as Yeltsin's vice-presidential running mate in the June 1991 election. Rutskoi was one of the defenders of the White House in August 1993, but fell out with Yeltsin over the question of radical economic reform (which Rutskoi strongly opposed). He was gradually stripped off of his powers as vice president, and was the target of corruption accusations. Rutskoi in turn claimed to have "eleven suitcases" of evidence of corruption in the Yeltsin administration.

After Yeltsin's order in September 1993 disbanding the parliament Rutskoi again became a defender of the White House, at one point swearing himself in as president of Russia. After his release from prison, in April 1994, he formed the Derzhava movement, which spent most of the next two years in endless internal bickering and feuding with other "social patriotic" movements. Derzhava backed the candidacy of Gennady Zyuganov in the June 1996 presidential election.

Until last week, Rutskoi's participation in the Kursk governor's race was uncertain. In late September, he was refused registration as a candidate by the regional electoral commission on the grounds that he

had not been resident in the Oblast for a year prior to the election, as required by the Oblast electoral law. However, on October 16, the Russian Supreme Court's Presidium overruled the commission's decision on the grounds that such residence requirements violate federal legislation, and instructed the commission to register Rutskoi for the gubernatorial poll.

Though Rutskoi only had 36 hours for his campaign, his victory could be expected. Although he has not lived in Kursk for the past ten years, he remains a popular figure. In the 1995 Duma elections, Rutskoi's Derzhava movement failed to clear the 5% barrier at national level, but the party finished in first place in Kursk Oblast, leading the Communist Party (KPRF) 31% to 29%. The Oblast has traditionally been a communist stronghold and there was little doubt that the incumbent Shuteev, supported by the presidential administration, would be defeated by a nominee of the opposition.

Rutskoi is one of five co-chairmen of the coalition of opposition parties which united to back Zyuganov's candidacy, the Popular Patriotic Union of Russia (NPSR), the NPSR initially promised to back Rutskoi for the Kursk gubernatorial election. When it became obvious that Rutskoi could well be prevented from running, the NPSR nominated another candidate. Aleksandr Mikhailov, Duma deputy and leader of the regional KPRF organization.

Moreover, the Agrarian Party, which had joined the united opposition, endorsed their own candidate.

The reversal of the regional election commission decision left Rutskoi little time to persuade his fellow oppositionist, now contestant, Mikhailov to withdraw. At first,

Mikhailov, with the support of the regional KPRF, refused to step down, saying he worked too hard during the campaign to quit at the last moment. However, under pressure from NPSR's central leadership, he withdrew the day before voting. Agrarian candidate Vitalii Gukov had already left the race before Rutskoi's registration in favor of the "sole opposition candidate".

Rutskoi's victory is somewhat soured by the uncooperative stance of local communists. On October 18, the Oblast legislative assembly, mostly controlled by the communists, announced that it would file an appeal against Rutskoi's "illegal registration" as a candidate. Rutskoi, immediately after being registered for the race, asked the legislature to postpone voting for a week to give him an "equal chance" to conduct his campaign. Despite the support of the electoral commission, his appeal was ignored by the assembly.

Rutskoi told NTV the day after his election that in his new post, he is going to concentrate on economic problems and ignore politics, especially at the federal level. He added that he will invite prominent economists, who have helped him write a plan for the Oblast's recovery, to join the Oblast administration. The Oblast communist leader Mikhailov will become Rutskoi's first deputy.

Rutskoi said that the two regional leaders that he most admires are Moscow Mayor Yurii Luzhkov and Nizhnii Novgorod Governor Boris Nemisov - in other words, figures known as competent economic managers rather than ideologists.

Although his new job in Kursk will give him a seat in the federal parliament, Rutskoi apparently wants to avoid repeating the bitter confrontation with Yeltsin that derailed his earlier career. Rutskoi may have more luck as a regional

leader than he did as a national politician.

#### OUR COMMENT:

True colours usually show themselves after a period of time, AND, the true colours of Alexander Rutskoi, former Vice President of Russia, are now known – YELLOW!

From a communist, from an enemy of Yeltsin when he helped defend the "White House" in 1993, although he refused to call upon the Army to help the legally elected Parliament – now he is to take up his post as a "Governor" of Kursk Province?

Anything is for sale (including one's soul) if the ultimate prize is a nice cushy job in the DUMA!

Oh yes, and his statement that he is not interested in "politics", only in "economics" ... who does he think that he's fooling!

Yes, unfortunately, these were the kind of "heroes" that wormed themselves into the Communist Party of Soviet Union. NO wonder that most of these leaders turned and ran, with a big yellow streak down their backs! □

### **ON A LIGHTER SIDE**

**By: Misha**

A boy and a girl were out driving one evening. They came to a quiet spot on a country lane, and the car stopped. "Out of gas," said the boy.

The girl opened her purse and pulled out a bottle.

"Wow!" said the boy. "A bottle! What is it?" "gasoline," the girl said.

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There are three ways to tell if you're getting old: first, a loss of memory; second ... □

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**From Newspaper:  
"YUNKOM"  
Kiev, Ukraine**

### **RELIGION AND FASCISM**

In Italy in 1924, the believers under an edict by Pope Pius XI, urged all of the church followers of the Catholic religion to vote for National Fascist Party of Mussolini.

February 11, 1929, between Pope and Mussolini, head of the fascist government, there was signed an agreement, a "Concordat" that saw the establishment of The Vatican, with Pope Pius as the head of this STATE. In the face of fascism and Mussolini, the Pope saw as the only force that would be capable to struggle with Communism.

June 7, 1982 saw President Reagan of USA and the head of the Roman Catholic Church, John-Paul II, came to an agreement of proceeding with a world-wide campaign to see a speeding-up campaign to dissolve the Soviet Union and communism on a world scale. (This was stated by Times Magazine, 1995) □

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

### **APPEAL OF STRIKERS TO OMON POLICE**

Soldiers of OMON!

Think, why are you being made the executioners of your own people? Your truncheons and your weapons are being used by those who have no other arguments to back their position.

How are we to "BLAME"?

We, the striking workers, just want to receive our back pay which the present owners and managers of factories and enterprises did not give us for months on end. Why? Because these elements in power who support the present regime of

Yeltsin and company, are "manipulating" these monies owing the workers, thus making again and again "interest" on our hard earned money, on our sweat and tears and our anguish.

We just want to feed our hungry families.

We want to pay off the debts that we incurred ...

Our demands, as you see, are elementary, straight-forward and realistic.

Soldier! Remember, whose son, brother or grandson you are!

Do not disgrace yourselves!

Defend the rights of people from your young age!

– Strikers from

Vladivostok

*OMON is the security-punitive force in the pay of Yeltsin and his present mafiosi-infested regime.* □

## **LETTERS FROM ABROAD**

### **ANOTHER PEOPLES' MOVEMENT IS BORN**

**From:  
THE RUSSIAN PARTY OF  
COMMUNISTS  
Moscow**

Dear Comrade Lucas!

Our best comradely greetings on the fourth anniversary of the Northstar Compass and on the 79th anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution of 1917.

The Great October of 1917 has opened up a new historic epoch of

transition from capitalism to socialism. The temporary victory of the bourgeois-bureaucratic counter-revolution in the USSR and Eastern Europe cannot tarnish this historic event (as well as, say, the restoration of monarchy in France of 1815 did not belittle the significance of the Great French bourgeois revolution of 1789-1794). This 79 years after the Great October demonstrated, that the transition is far harder and complicated, than first expected. It is sure to be passed only through several subsequent revolutions (as well as the capitalist socio-economic formation had asserted, for instance, in Germany and Austria through at least two bourgeois revolutions of 1848 and 1918). The October Revolution is, thus, a pledge of a new socialist revolution in Russia and other countries, that will complete the cause of the Great October as well as the abolition of slavery in the 19th century USA and a set of revolutions in France had completed the cause of the 18th century American and French bourgeois revolution (that was the War For Independence and that of 1789-1794). And the forthcoming new socialist revolution is to happen under substantially new far more favourable conditions with working class as the dominant force and with quite a different world situation. With all our respect to the achievements of the elder generations, we are sure that the true socialism is not behind, it is in front of us. And in this new revolution, we shall rely on the shoulders of our revolutionary fathers and grandfathers as they did in respect of the Paris Commune and the workers' movement.

The bourgeois counter-revolution has brutally distorted and dismantled many of the revolutionary achievements of the Soviet people as well as that in

other socialist countries, but it still cannot smash them out and with every failure of the bourgeois Yeltsin regime underline their true historic significance. Even after more than five years of an open bourgeois dictatorship, these achievements still exist and they will greatly differ from the new socialist revolution from that in other imperialist countries.

And the main revolutionary achievement is the World Communist movement with its internationalist traditions. Your magazine is one of the contributors to it. You have opened to the world the young Russian Communist press, discriminated by reformists and opportunists. You have opened the window to the really Communist current in Russia, and we wish you most of success in this activity.

As you might have heard, this October was noted by the formation of the new Union of the Communist and Socialist Forces of Russia, designed to become a revolutionary alternative to the reformist movement headed by Zyuganov. This union was constituted by the RPC, the Russian Communist Workers' party, the Russian Organization of the CPSU, the Union of Officers and the Movement in defence of Childhood.

We enclose the 20 issues of our newspaper Mysl (that is - The Thought) and the declaration of the new Union. One of them contains your material, underlined by red. We hope that you will find these materials interesting.

The presidential elections in Russia have proved to be incapable to tackle any of this country's problem. The government cannot even pay wages and its debt to the employees is growing. The war in Chechnia is about to resume again. Most notorious officials in the Yeltsin administration, who had been

deposed before the elections, are nominated to the top posts again. The number of strikes is growing, and even the official trade unions are compelled to come to the streets in a Day of Protest.

The defeat of Zyuganov in the presidential elections has nothing to do with the Communist movement. It was the defeat of reformists and nationalists, who failed to offer a coherent and radical program of socialist transformation. Our hopes are associated with the renewal of the Russian Communist movement and its link-up with the growing workers' movement and the rise of social activity of other exploited people. This is the force capable of changing the situation by non-parliamentary and mostly peaceful means. This is the main aim of the new union.

- With Communist Greetings,  
The Chair of the CEC Political  
Council of the RPC  
Anatoly V. Kryuchkov  
A Member of the CEC Political  
Council of the RPC  
Sergei A. Novikov □

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## GREETINGS TO NSC FROM "MYSL" NEWSPAPER, Moscow

Editorial Board of newspaper "MYSL - THE IDEA" greets our colleagues in Canada, with our common Anniversary and we wish you success in our common struggles to truthfully inform our readers with the national and international events that are taking place all over the world and in the former Soviet Union.

- A. Gurianov

*The border-encircled article published in the #19 issue of this year informs its readers about the history of our Association since 1918.*

*We would like to thank our friends also wish them UNITY in the struggles against the present regime.* □

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**From:  
Moscow, RUSSIA**

Dear Comrades!

This letter is being written to you by young Communists-Anti-fascists from Soviet Union. We are all members in the "Anti-fascist Communist Front of USSR" which is struggling with creeping fascism as represented by RNE (Barkashov), LDPR (Zhirinovsky), NBP (Limonov) and others. We publish the only newspaper in USSR that is anti-fascist, called "Worker Anti-fascist". We published only two issues so far.

Somehow, we do not seem to get "Northstar Compass", but just lately, we were lucky to receive a copy from friends. Your publication is very necessary and we are asking for it directly since the articles contained in NSC are invaluable in our struggle. This is the most



progressive, communist journal that we have seen.

Forgive us, but would you be able to help us financially so that we can issue more anti-fascist newspapers? Your help will go a long way to re-establish socialism in Russia and to liquidate creeping fascism that is upon us.

– With Communist Greetings,  
Editorial Board of  
"Worker Anti-fascist"

*Below, we publish the "CALL" of the newspaper "Workers Anti-fascist".*

**WORKERS! COMRADES!**

Fascism is coming – raw dictatorship of the rich, who will

outlaw the right to strike for workers, will jail any activists that struggle as communists, and will try to rule and manipulate the people under the slogan of "national unity", using the workers as cannon fodder. Therefore, all those that call themselves COMMUNIST, all dedicated workers must unite against the coming of fascism. The unity of all communists is possible now only on the basis of anti-fascism. That is why this Anti-fascist Front was established. Join our ranks, help the newspaper financially, start establishing small active cells of anti-fascists where you work. Only in unity can we defeat oncoming fascist snakes! Only by being together can we achieve victory!

*We have put you on our mailing list and you shall be receiving NSC regularly plus other printed matter that we publish.*

*We are also in a financial bind, but we're appealing to our readers to send donations to NSC which we in turn shall send to our young comrades in the Anti-fascist Communist Front of USSR so that they can continue to publish their newspaper.* □

**From:  
Moscow, RUSSIA**

Dear Friends at Northstar Compass!

I would like to greet you on your 4th Birthday and wish you every success on exposing new bourgeois attempts to take and consolidate power in the former USSR. Let us strengthen mutual friendship and understanding between our two countries and its people.

Greetings to you, to Helen and to all of my friends in Canada that I have met.

I have just returned from a visit to a small Russian town called Zubtsov, 210 km north-west of Moscow. Zubtsov was occupied by the Germans in 1941-42 but was

liberated on August 23rd, 1942. I attended the celebration of these days thanks to the visit to my old friend who now lives there. The celebration was held at the Memorial to the Fallen on the hill in town, and at the Monument to V.I. Lenin in the main square.

I was happily astonished at what I saw and heard. The Head of the District Administration Yury Travnikov, former 1st secretary of the local CPSU, spoke of the great Soviet times, paid tribute to the Red Army and the socialist reconstruction of the town. He also praised the mighty achievements of the Soviet Union and of Soviet times in the district.

Valentina Furtsova, former partisan of the area compared the present day with that during Soviet times ... deterioration and suffering of the people, hardships that are today's lot for the population.

Flowers were laid at the Monuments. Next day, there was held a celebration of the 780th Anniversary of the founding of Zubtsov with cultural concerts, Soviet songs, Soviet red flags.

By the way, this small town on the Upper Volga, 7,200 people voted for Zyuganov, although even here, there are "democrats" and the hated "new Russians". Of course, Michael, this is very different than what is happening in Moscow or Leningrad.

Am sending you a local newspaper published by the local organization of the CPRF. Some people voted for Yeltsin due to the great TV fraud and the skilled activities of American and British advertising consultants. This is also written about in the "Pravda" newspaper that I am sending you.

*Our readers will remember that NSC had an exposé of this in the few issues back – Editors.*

Also, am sending you the vile



rag of Yeltsin newspaper, called "God Forbid" which was printed in Finland in millions of copies and given out free in Russia before the elections.

By the way, I left NSC in Zubtsov, with your cartoon of Yeltsin with "I love CIA" on it ... it went over great! This showed the people in Zubtsov that other people across the ocean are struggling to help resurrect the Soviet Union.

- Yours,  
Moscow Friend

*We shall publish some of the articles contained in the newspapers you've sent. No need to add more. Your letter is great!* □

**From:  
San Marino, ITALY**

Dear Comrades:

First of all, I thank all of you for sending me so many valuable stamps from all over the world.

Please send me "Secret Documents" and "Next To Stalin" books since I feel that they are priceless.

Although it is belated, but nevertheless, I'm wishing Northstar Compass "Happy 4th Birthday". I have already collected two volumes of your wonderful publication ... I have also bound them in book form ... it's my pride and joy.

We also had an election in San Marino where our communist-socialist side won 60% of the votes. Am sending you the newspaper which I hope you get some articles translated ...

As you probably know, in local elections, the progressive left forces won big gains in Greece.

Enclosed are some valuable San Marino stamps which might help NSC financially.

Again, Happy Birthday, Northstar Compass. Greetings to all faithful communists in the world.

- Yours,  
Aldo Righi  
P.S. Enclosed \$25.00 for NSC. □

Northstar Compass and all of our readers would like to wish **Comrade Righi** and his wife a very happy **25th Wedding Anniversary** which falls on October 31. Many more years of happiness with your son and daughter. □

**From:  
Wales, GREAT BRITAIN**

Dear Comrades:

I have managed to scrape up the 10 English pounds in order to help you with the Sustaining Fund and to at least pay for some of the costs of NSC that you send me.

Today, more than anything, we need a UNITED WORKING CLASS, that will understand and demand a policy of Real Socialism, not only in Britain, but all over the world!

We should all know that capitalism leads us to crisis and

disaster. Socialism (not opportunism) will lead us towards Communism, the only way to prolonging our existence.

- Tom Hopkins  
(Retired Miner)

*Keep on writing us, Tom. Your articles not only appear in the daily press in Britain, but your message gets around the world.* □

**From:  
Lvov, UKRAINE**

Dear Comrade Lucas!

Again, we would like to thank you and comrades at Northstar Compass for publishing our letter and materials. For us, this is very important, since we can divide (literally) all Bolsheviks in USSR (according to revolutionary preparedness) into three groups as shown below:

1. Leaders of party organizations (former CPSU) having very highly paid work or maximum-top pensions. To them, the most important questions: live better or worse (doesn't matter what the situation is at the present time).

This contingent for active revolutionary work is absolutely not capable and can be utilized only in the (legal) forms of struggle.

2. Rank and file members of the All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks (AUCPB) having very low pensions or part-time work (with very low pay). For them, the main question is: live or slowly die. They are capable and ready for revolutionary struggles.

The most radical part of this section, they are liberated from the illusion of legal forms of struggles - eventually will, in large numbers, join the number 3 group.

3. The most revolutionary contingent, largely non-party Bolsheviks, guided by their class instincts, fired up with their class hatred, they are ready without

compromising to take part in the class struggles, by changing the elements of class cooperation, already today, are free from the dogma of bourgeois parliamentarism, and other bourgeois ideologies, brought into the political life of USSR by Khrushchev, Brezhnev, Gorbachev, from the West and their agents of influence.

The most trusted and ready element for leading a revolution – liberating struggle with the present occupational regime on the whole territory of the USSR.

– With Brotherly Greetings,

S.P. Belyh

Member of the

Bolshevik Platform of Ukraine □

**From:  
London, ENGLAND**

Dear Comrades:

Sending you money for the two books you have published. Read about your publications in a circular by the “Stalin Society” of Great Britain.

I’m a shop steward at the Ford Car Plant in East London.

– Rod Finlaysom

*Books are on their way to you, plus a sample copy of our publication, “Northstar Compass”. Keep on the road! We shall overcome!* □

**From:  
MARXIST PLATFORM  
MOSCOW**

Dear Comrades:

The previous election campaign in Russia, plus business with editing newspapers and my book, did not give me an opportunity to write to you, my dear friends. In newspapers that you receive, there is enough material to give you a very good picture as to why Zyuganov lost the elections, and I’m certain that you always draw the correct conclusion.

You could analyze it more, but there is one subjective factor – the leadership of CPRF (Communist Party of Russian Federation) did not WANT to win this election! Another objective factor is that the working class is not yet fully organized, and without the working class, no party calling itself Communist can hope to win the struggle.

There are many strikes taking place in Russia now, but their numbers and quantity is not enough that it would become strong opposition to the present regime, but the CPRF is not a party of the working class – it’s a party of pensioners and bureaucrats.

Other Communist parties in Russia are weak, the most numerous in numbers is the Russian Communist Workers Party (RCWP), but it also is suffering from internal squabbles, and it might even split apart. In October (this month – Editors) there shall take place a Congress of ROSKOMSOYUZ (Russian Communist Party’s Union), but will this Congress be able to unite the fractured parties? We do not know, since the position lately of All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks (AUCPB) is going further apart from other Communist parties and not getting closer together, while the Russian Party of Communists (RPC), although willing to cooperate with different parties, is not willing to unite into a SINGLE COMMUNIST PARTY. The problem is the same: weakness of the working class and the separation of the leaders themselves from the working class.

We utilize materials of Northstar Compass in our publications. We are interested in the situation of the Canadian-American working class movements, their knowledge, their experiences, their theoretical outlook, those that call themselves Marxists, or those that call themselves

left-wing, since there is absolutely no way that we here can find out anything about what is going on outside of Russia in the struggles of the working class; official press either does not give the news, and if it does, it is so stilted that it is impossible to draw proper conclusions. Only after many days did we find out about huge student strikes in Seoul, Korea. The official press said that the students want unification of both Koreas even if South Korea has to invade North Korea!

– Yours,

V.F. Isaichikov □

**From:  
“UNION OF POLISH  
COMMUNISTS PROLETARIAT”**

Dear Comrades:

This letter, I’m writing to you in Russian, since I know it better than English.

Sincere thanks comrades for sending me already two issues of Northstar Compass, and I’m very glad that you were able to include my letter in the Number 12 issue.



Let me tell you very sincerely. Your journal NSC has become very important and very influential. By reading your journal, I became informed with all tendencies in the communist movement in former Soviet Union, also with news about communist movements in the 38 countries that your journal is read in. At the same time, I can read and be informed about different political nuances and programmes that exist in the communist parties and

movements in Russia, Canada, USA and other sections of the working class. To me, a 19 year old communist, it is very good to hold in my hand NSC where news of the most important kind is printed.

The journal to me is very well designed, printed, excellent photographs and caricatures, the whole composition of articles and their flow. In other words, it's a pleasure to read such a journal.

I just like to end to wish you well, good success and cooperation between Soviet people and their friends, comrades in the common struggle for peace and socialism.

– With Proletarian Greetings,  
Jaroslaw S. Dabrowski

P.S. Am sending you 2 numbers of our journal called "Brzask-Dawn" which is the organ of our Union of Polish Communists. On behalf of my friend in Moscow, a communist, Mark Boikov, I'm sending you two of his very important books. I'm also sending you a short article for NSC on the theme of crisis of the Polish youth.

*We shall look into the journals you sent and will translate some of the interesting articles. We're sending you our book, "Secret Documents".* □

### **From: Wales, GREAT BRITAIN**

Dear Michael:

I received and devoured with interest (as I always do) your magazine, and then realized I had been reading it for a year. Now, that means that my subscription is due.

I enclose \$50 (US) to cover the subscription for another year and at the same time, I would like to order the book, "Next To Stalin" and the cassette, "Soviet Treasures".

Put the change into the sustaining fund.

I also enclose the text of a talk I

gave in Cardiff in 1986 – before the collapse of the Soviet Union, but just as valid today. It might be of interest.

– Best Regards To All,  
Keep up the Battle!  
Denis Martin

*Many thanks. Your talk is exceptional and we shall use it as a Supplement in future issue of NSC, since it explains and analyses the capitalist system in language that is absolutely priceless!* □

### **From: RUSSIAN COMMUNIST PARTY – CPSU**

Dear Comrade Lucas:

Central Committee of RCP-CPSU wants to thank you very sincerely for sending us Northstar Compass and time from time, by publishing articles appearing in our newspaper, "Voice of a Communist"

From our side, we would like to republish your article from NSC Number 12th, about the presidential elections in Russia, which are extremely well analyzed, very pertinent point of view and in the fighting revolutionary spirit that Northstar Compass is noted for.

Let us know when the Allen Dulles speech was made and some addresses for our common struggles.

– With Respect,  
Anatoli Vitrenko  
Head of the International  
Department of CC, RCP-CPSU

*We certainly will be honored if you will republish our efforts in NSC and on our part, the requests that you asked for are on their way to you.*

*Victory shall be ours!* □

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### **From: "FOR USSR" Newspaper Moscow**

Dear Michael:

Our lawyer in Moscow from newspaper "For USSR" will undertake to register a Russian-Canadian Friendship Society as a non-political peoples' organization. Your translation and the book you published, "Secret Documents" – our publishing house in Moscow, called "Paleya", is very interested in it. The Director Yuri Mishin is extremely interested to republish it in Russian with all your comments.

You will receive the video later on. This is a professionally done video "Russian Secret", done by an opposition director of films. If there would be a company in TV in Canada that would be interested in showing and producing copies, then we would send them the original which could be shown on TV.

I will write an article for NSC soon enough.

Other news later on.  
– With Many Thanks,  
Larisa Trofimenko

*We at NSC thank you for your dedication to our cooperation and we certainly would be honoured if our book "Secret Documents" would be published in Russian.*

*The excellent video we received, and shall do what is necessary to get as big an audience as possible.* □

### **Letter From Editor T. Bogisvoj: "ALL POWER TO SOVIETS"**

Dear Comrade Lucas!

I again ask for your forgiveness. We received your two packages of newspapers and other materials for which we thank you, but they were coming to us for 3 months (while your NSC comes to us very quickly), and unfortunately, they came to us while I was not in Kiev, thus no one



was there to answer your letter.

When I finally returned, we were expecting the appearance of our newspaper, but the private printers asked us for such an astronomical sum of money that we were forced to hunt for another printer. We then started to organize our movement "Communist Movement of Ukraine" on an organizational basis.

The fact is that the situation in the left movement in Ukraine is in a catastrophic situation, worse than in Russia - fully impregnated with opportunism. The face of communist movement in Ukraine at the present time is full of revisionism and opportunism, leading this opportunistic movement is the Socialist Party of Ukraine, and with all the weaknesses of the Communist Party of Ukraine also (but on this, we must write an indepth analysis and detailed answers to questions, which we are going to do in our forthcoming issues).

We of course have with us real dedicated Bolsheviks in the Communist movement, in this regard in the membership of parties that are now existing. But these Communists are splintered in all other parties, divided in loyalties and understanding and there is no serious effective force or unity to be seen at the present moment.

Therefore, today, we began a serious attempt to find these dedicated Communists wherever they are dispersed in other parties and movements and unite them around the "Movement of Communists of Ukraine" ... and although our movement is small, but it is the most dedicated to Bolshevism and Bolshevik ideals in Ukraine. But we also have our organizational weaknesses with which we are not yet at the moment analyzing or trying to correct this weakness.

Looking at the present situation in the USSR, we are at the crossroads and have put ourselves into a corner, therefore there is an absolute necessity to take a step forward, to start enlarging the membership of people devoted to socialism.

The cleansing of membership is being done by the "Russian Communist Workers Party" (RCWP). This party now is in a serious crisis, but this is the most perspective party-movement of Communists in the country. It is a tragedy of course, that Victor Anpilov has found himself not in its ranks any more, but his theoretical weakness, from which followed serious practical mistakes were not noticed at first, but the last events of Anpilov coming on strongly to support Zyuganov in his bid for presidency, plus the advisors that are circling around Anpilov now, is tantamount to diversion from Marxism.

To our way of thinking, the defeat of Zyuganov was also not a victory for the bourgeois; in actual fact, the bourgeois lost much - but we also do not support the boycott of the elections by AUCPB (Nina Andreeva) - this, we shall write about later for NSC.

But, maybe Anpilov will find the courage to return back to the ranks of Bolsheviks.

The "All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks" (Nina Andreeva) is going through very difficult period now. Their time on the scene has already gone. The AUCPB did not, in actual fact, become a bona fide party and could not have become. I, in my time, was very much against the formation of this movement, although at the very start, I was a member of the movement "UNITY" on which base the AUCPB was formed. The future of this movement is also very difficult and needs a further complete analysis which we shall do for NSC.

Troubles, problems, splits are also the lot of all other communist parties and movements that are existing in Russia and other former Soviet Republics.

Meanwhile, in this complicated situation, the movement is growing. Parties that must disappear will go out while movements and parties that remain will become much stronger. With difficulty, the parties that remain are groping for the Marxist road and they will combine

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together in Russia, Ukraine and other republics.

It was not too long ago that our people were influenced by the official bourgeois propaganda, but now this fog of confusion is disappearing and you can sense this when you hear people discuss on the streets, on buses or trains and meetings. This process gathers momentum as economic difficulties mount one upon each other daily. In Tadjikistan as an example, into the Communist movement creeps religion which is promoted by Islamic Fundamentalism. And our Soviet-Muslimans (priests) are joining the communist movements (not all of course, since the worst of them always serve bourgeois repressions).

People are now comparing what was before and what is now. Even the last years of Socialism while it was being slowly dismantled was better than "perestroika" or the present market economy.

After Stalin's death and slowly passing away of the elder generation that remembers what was being done for the people, these old comrades would have never allowed this to happen, what has happened now. I fear that the victory of capitalism will be with us for a bit longer ... but judging by the economic troubles of capitalism all over the world, including USA, the time frame could radically change.

But to return to the theme of this letter, our task, the task for all Communists today is: Bolshevization of the communist movements, defeating once and for all opportunists. It is opportunism which is the main cause of all of our problems and disuniting our people, and not only our people.

As you can see, we have many problems

– With Communist Greetings,

P.S. As soon as our newspaper appears, we shall send it to you.

*Another movement of patriots devoted to the resurrection of the Soviet Union and Socialism. We hope that our readers will not be dismayed by this proliferation of movements ... unity will come through struggles against the main enemy: capitalism.*

*We're glad that comrade Bogisvoj has written this analytical letter and we hope that her future articles will be as enlightening.* □

**From:  
Wales, GREAT BRITAIN**

Dear Comrades:

We need communist parties all over the world and especially, we need Northstar Compass to guide us. Northstar Compass is a joy to read. It's excellent!

Just in passing ... after Stalin died, I was in Moscow in a delegation from Communist Party of Great Britain and during a reception, I proposed a toast to the memory of Stalin. Not one of our British comrades supported me in this and I did not seem to be very welcome by my former "friends" after that! I have never altered my opinion and I never will! If Stalin had lived longer, the world would not have been in such a mess as it is now.

– Tom Hopkins

*As always Tom, your words of wisdom will travel through the pages of NSC and our readers shall be much better for it!* □

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YOUR SUB?**

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SUSTAINING FUND?**

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## **RUSSIAN ELECTIONS – HINDSIGHT THOUGHT**

Excellent articles with pretty clear graphics were run in the July '96 NSC regarding the elections in the (temporarily former) Soviet Union. They vividly showed the sneaky trickery of the expensively bought experts – American and British experts – in screwing up elections.

We must emphasize several statements gloatingly made by these experts: "The president, Yeltsin, was favored by only 6% of the electorate ..." when these political slickers began their dirty work to make sure that Yeltsin gets elected – by hook-or-crook. "They (the voters) are scared to death! ... We gaged the average fear of the Russians ... it gave us the clue to systematically utilize the Civil War scare ... on T.V., radio, public speeches ...". And this is what they did.

Of course, the Soviet people are rightfully a proud people. But, to say that they did not fear a new bloodbath is an unnecessary illusion. All fathers, mothers and children have a natural right to fear war; especially the Soviet people. With fear, but brave angry hearts, they bravely fought the invading German Fascist hordes and chased those bloody, blood-thirsty inhuman butchers out of their dear-to-them homeland. A brave person, a man or a woman – especially a mother – will fight, even to death, the enemy of their people – fight with fear or suppressed fear. The October '93 murderous massacre was also aimed at putting fear into the hearts of the toilers of the (temporarily

former) USSR.

The policy of instilling fear into the victims of the World Imperialist Corporate greedy thugs has been amply demonstrated in Vietnam, Panama, Nicaragua, Iraq, and now in Chechniya. These brutalities are a big problem for the people of the whole world. This is what the Yeltsin clique is pursuing there. The spreading of such fear was a large part of Yeltsin's victory in the elections. What made this policy stick is also the fact that the toilers of the Soviet Union are as yet not properly unified, nor ready to overcome the Yeltsin liars, traitors – traitors of the people of the Soviet Union and the world proletariat and the people of the world who cautiously and steadily are marching towards the establishment of a new, just world, world of Socialism. Yes, these uncivilized, selfish, uncorrectable, greedy lunatics will march into the garbage dumps of history. We, victims of the rigidly controlled media censoring us of the truth, and feeding us with gigantic batches of mis-and-dis-information, can only judge by hindsight and question:

- Was Andreyeva's party right when it advocated to boycott the elections?

- Was Anpilov's party right when they flip-flopped into supporting the ambiguous Zyuganov instead of joining the boycott?

- Would Clinton and his gang of smart guys still gloat if the boycott would legally nullify Yeltsin?

These questions, we temporarily leave for writers to NSC.

Just one more thought: Zyuganov is the current Kerensky. Like Kerensky, he is pandering – kissing the stinking feet of the drunk, berserk Tzar Yeltsin – the stooge for the gulping, climbing newly-cooked capitalist class –

gulping the people's wealth and puking as they climb over each other.

When Anpilov and Andreyeva succeed in educating the people who mistakenly voted for Yeltsin and for Zyuganov – they will be able to move forward. Anpilov, who impresses us as a very sincere, unselfish, courageous leader there, is probably now trying – with the help of his party – to find the suitable methods to throw the Tzar Yeltsin, with his salivating for the wealth of the Soviet people, thieves, out of power. In the present circumstances of the people suffering from the unemployment, starvation and fear of more massacres like in October '93, they are trying to find the sensible way to a clean tactic that will promise a successful result. The people have had their 1905, but now, facing also the atomic threat of American Imperialists, the tricky CIA "ambassadors", the people are indeed frightened – wish to take a breaking spell. The mothers and fathers who are worried about their children, who in millions now are suffering hunger and cold – miseries brought on by the Yeltsin "democrats", are cautiously trying to decide what method to use to get rid of the "free market prosperity". To educate the people to dump their illusions with which they have been contaminated is no easy task.

When the down-to-earth Russian Communist Workers Party – Anpilov – and the All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks (much theoretical) – Andreyeva – put their heads and forces together, things will then be much clarified, tactics more effective, even in spite of the continuing confusion spread by the reactionary Capitalist agitation – lying babble of the Kerenskies, Zyuganovs, Yeltsinites, the rest of these cowardly provocateurs.

Today, our beautiful world is going through very serious, difficult, dangerous times. It requires a lot of honest thinking and lots of courage to stand up and face the evils of Capitalism and Imperialism.

We, who live within the countries of capitalist rule, also exploited by the "democrats" of capitalism, will also wake up, gather our strength, assist the people of the Socialist Soviets to re-establish their sweet Socialist USSR. Now, faced with intensive campaign by the right-wing, the Canadian working class will soon, we hope, also intensify our resistance to the present ripping of us – cutting our hard-earned wages, throwing us out of work, lowering our life conditions.

– Frank Franklin  
Unionville, Ontario

*And, dear Editor:*

*Thank you for the nice words – remarks regarding the previous article regarding Cuba.* □

## NEWS FROM U.S. FRIENDS OF NORTHSTAR COMPASS

**From:  
Miami, FL., USA**

Dear Friends:

I want to refer to a letter sent by Ms. Lois Singer and published on the August/September, Vol. 5, No. 1-2, 1996, page 18 of NSC.

I very much agree with her on her comments about Russia/Soviet Union and about the danger of the rise of U.S. fascism.

I understand the reasons why a section of the U.S. Left supports "Lesser Evil" Clinton for president, but I have strong reservations about it because the same thing has happened on many different presidential and congressional

elections, always the same tough choice between the "wolf" and the "fox", and I question myself when the U.S. Left, united as a whole, it is going to start to offer a real clear cut alternative to the U.S. working class? When a united or associated U.S. Left is going to stand on its own feet and decide to solve its own internal differences and discrepancies only after final victory is achieved? Of course, that the U.S. Left is not going to win elections the first time or times, but it is the best way in the medium and long term, to develop political strength, build up political and social consciousness among the people and become eventually a real political power. Unity and political independence are paramount on the road to victory for the U.S. working class.

Certainly, I also have to say that I strongly disagree with Ms. Singer when she states, "Also, our friends in Cuba may come out of a Clinton victory with their lives spared. I am afraid that with a Dole victory, that may not be the case." First, let me tell you that U.S. Imperialism, the real "Evil Empire", for sure, is evil and opportunistic but it is not stupid at all. I would like to point out to Ms. Singer that the only reason why nine consecutive "republican" and "democratic" U.S. administrations have not attempted to solve the "Cuban problem" with an open and direct U.S. military invasion is because they know full well that the war/struggle would be hard, long, bitter, bloody, difficult and very costly, and that victory would not be assured. The Cubans know well that the imperialists only respect strength, and they have done everything necessary militarily, socially and politically to make sure that any U.S. military "Cuban adventure" would turn into a "Cuban nightmare". Unfortunately, Cuba had no other choice because

of the imperialist hostility to dedicated an enormous amount, for a small country, of human and material resources for the defense of the Revolution, resources that otherwise could have been dedicated to accelerate the social and economical development of the country, but the Cubans are very

much aware that, as Lenin said, "a revolution is only worth something if it is able to defend itself." Cuba shall never renounce to National Independence and Sovereignty and Social Justice.

Most Cubans are highly patriotic, socialist minded and politically motivated people and they would

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*DEAR READER:* Below, we publish a cartoon which was sent to us by our reader, Martha Acevedo in California, USA, which shows exactly what the present U.S. government and its CIA operatives are doing in selling narcotics in order to make super profits which, in turn, support the counter-revolutionary regimes in Latin and South America, besides other global spots. CIA - THE OFFICIAL TERRORISTIC ORGANIZATION!



create a new Vietnam, only much worse, for the U.S. ruling class. The U.S. military machine might destroy to a great extent Cuba's infrastructure, but as Ho Chi Minh said, "after the imperialist defeat, a country many times more beautiful shall be built." Cuba is not Iraq and Fidel Castro and the Cuban leaders behind him are not Saddam Hussein and his clique. Without implying at all any kind of chauvinistic beliefs because the leaders may be different but all the peoples are the same. It is a fact that Cuba is a real socialist country, full of mountains and caves, with a revolutionary communist leadership and with a people well armed and trained, with a long and proud revolutionary tradition and heritage, and that is what makes the difference. The Cubans know the cost of victory would be very high, but they also know that the cost of submission would be many times higher. Besides, the Cubans are not going to be alone in that struggle, if it ever occurs, they can count with the support and solidarity of all progressive, honest, decent and healthy minded people throughout the world, including right here in the U.S.A. and the U.S. imperialism knows that full well.

- Cordially,

Joaquin C. Pedroso

P.S. I hope the Russian/Soviet communists achieve genuine unity as soon as possible. The longer it takes, the longer and more difficult shall be for them to save their Motherland from the traitors and predators that are encroaching on her now. After victory, they will have plenty of time to conciliate and sort out their differences.

*Excellent! The only comment we can make is ... AMEN!* □

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

## **From: Hudson, WI, USA**

Dear Friends:

The August-September issue of Northstar Compass featured a very fine article on Chechnia in the Open Forum. As a life-long Atheist (capitalization intentional), I was pleased to discover another admitted Atheist, who could put religion in proper perspective regarding the international scene.

There was, however, one misconception the writer has about the U.S.A. As a foreigner Popovich is not alone in this belief, perhaps because our press has given a false picture of the way our rights operate in reality. NO, Atheists cannot "speak FREELY on TV and in the press". True, a few of them have managed to get some time on TV, but not FREELY - this represents a difficult struggle, and when Madeline O'Hara finally did air her views on radio and TV talk shows, she endured every type of vile insult and abuse. Eventually, American Atheists did get a program of their own on a few select stations with a limited audience. Other Atheist organizations have managed to get on cable, but again, they have had to put up a tough battle.

The press offers no improvement. "Letters to the Editor" are always defensive letters and I will wager that it took several calls to the editorial staff before the letter was published. Religionists can publish FREELY their offensive letters, but when an Atheist is able to get a reply published, one can expect a spate of anonymous mail which is largely composed of scatological and pornographic language (our files contain a few).

Try to make a statement with an automobile sticker such as "Tax the Church". One doesn't dare leave one's car in a supermarket parking

lot or a department store ramp. The sign would be ripped off and one would be lucky if one's vehicle had not been harmed. Even the reminder "Keep state and church separate," a so-called constitutional guarantee, is not safe from religious zealots. In our travels, this sticker has been displayed on our car. Enraged fanatics have attempted to break into our motel room, have tried to ram our car, and directed epithets at us from passing automobiles.

After the Oklahoma bombing, one of your journalists was prompted to write in the Toronto Star about a pernicious form of Christianity practiced in the U.S.A. Did any of our spineless journalists in the "land of liberty" assess the issue from a religious perspective? NO, they chose not to rock the boat by challenging the UNWRITTEN LAW which only recognizes "freedom of religion" but not "FREEDOM FROM RELIGION".

While the founding fathers accepted the 1st Amendment, they couched the part referring to religion in such obscure language that future lawyers have had to philosophize and carefully use jurisprudences to convince the bench of the dual purpose of the law. Even the original sponsors of the amendment were cautious. They called themselves Deists although a perusal of their writings reveals Atheism. Today, others hide behind the words Agnostic, Humanist, or Free-thinker and still, others find Unitarian convenient. If it weren't for a handful of militant Atheists in the U.S.A., this liberty, which has never been publicly debated with equal protection nor tested for popular acceptance, would soon vanish.

Lawyers of the American Civil Liberties Union take on a few outstanding cases of religious violations of the 1st Amendment,

but they can't take them all. In our country, litigation is VERY, VERY COSTLY. Few people can afford to go through a court system where many of the judicial politicians are often not conversant with the Constitution of their own nation. A minority of cases of this nature are decided in the lower courts, the majority end up in the Supreme Court. The price is prohibitive for the average citizen.

The "establishment clause" is currently under attack by this Congress, which has been bought by corporate America. Their argument is that the 1st Amendment ban on government participation in religion is outmoded. If this should pass, it would strengthen the leash corporate America has on the people. Religion dulls the mind, which creates a withdrawing from controversy. If people are willing to surrender their right to FREELY air their doubts and voice their questions about religion, they will soon surrender other rights. And this is the game the fascist, corporate American establishment is playing. At the rate we are going, we could soon have a theocratic plutocracy wherein the plutocrats, who regard religion as so much rubbish, will control, but will find the theocrats useful.

NO, Atheists in the U.S.A. cannot "speak FREELY on TV and in the press". There was a place where the protection of Atheists was clearly spelled out, but we shall not see that again until (as Popovich says) the "resurrection of the Soviet Union".

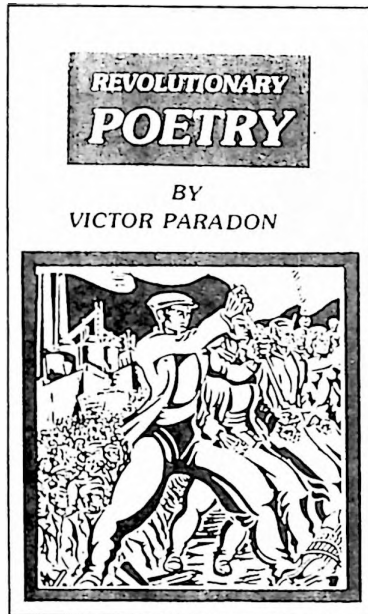
– Mary K. Kral

Your explanation, we feel, will set many people on the right track in their misconception about "American Democracy"! Keep on writing, Mary! ☐

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## REVOLUTIONARY POETRY

An excellent collection of revolutionary poetry, 42-pages in total, book was just released by one of Northstar Compass members. It is printed in 2 colours, graphic in its presentation and a must for all those who want to read how a real comrade feels as he looks at the world.



You can purchase the book for \$8.00 by sending your name-address to Northstar Compass and the author, Victor Paradon, will mail you a copy.

PRICE: \$8.00 ☐

## FRIENDSHIP NEWS

### DEAR READER:

*Below, we publish a poem about George Legebokoff who was one of the most active, dedicated organizers of the Canada-USSR Association besides being active in the progressive movement, peace and ethnic movements all of his life.*

*Our movement feels this loss of George more than words can say.*

– Canadian Council and  
Editorial Board

## IN REMEMBRANCE OF GEORGE LEGBOKOFF WHO DIED OCTOBER 1, 1995

*(Written for George's 6 week memorial and recited again at his one year memorial.)*



You've left us George, as the night  
With its empty gurgling darkness  
evaporated  
In wisps of grey light.

The crow bolted from the lower  
Rooftop, beating a near vertical  
Path of flight  
Just as the last dignified breath  
Was so sadly mixed with the hospital  
air  
And shared in breaths with all of us  
there.

Where are you now George?  
Did you startle that rooftop crow  
To make it bolt so vertically?  
Or did this freedom of new life and  
From pain have you hovering  
Near us for a moment or so?

I stayed in your room  
That whole semi-sleepless dream-like  
Night, wrapped around the warm

Numbness of deep fatigue  
That did nothing to cloud my  
objectivity  
Or to soften the blow  
When just before dawn's first dull  
glow

You raised your arm and in salute  
Shouted, "Bye!!"  
I came to you as I had  
All that night this one last time.

The wise and saintly nurse  
Knew the time from her  
Holy, terrible experience.

Your breaths were rhythmic  
Airless gestures,  
Rhetorical gasps melting into  
blackness,  
Or into light!

Lydia arrived first,  
Then Larry and Mary all stooped  
And contorted with the long  
Dealings of grief.

And so said Lydia, words I will never  
forget:

"Dad if you're ever up on Gambier  
Leave some acorns on the deck."

And then the bustle of the house  
The mourning of a death.

So the day dawned and the  
Sun on that day reached a zenith  
And October 1, 1995  
Turned dark and ended.

People began arriving, offering  
Strength in their embrace,  
Distraction in their deeds,  
Shared grief on every face  
And hope in their eyes  
As people are apt to do when one of  
theirs dies.

Now six weeks have loomed and  
Lurched on past.

Dear George,

There are those among us now  
At this grey gathering, on this grey day  
Whose beliefs as to your whereabouts  
Differ greatly.

George, I know your earthly  
Form lies in ashes now in  
Some dark place, But your essence,  
George,

Is not ashes!  
You are somewhere, perhaps in  
darkness too,  
Perhaps in light.  
You know we are here and have  
Caught glimpses of the odd one of us  
Over the last six weeks  
From wherever you are.  
We are here to remember you  
And I hope to celebrate you, for  
You are now our ancestor,  
One of thousands stretching  
Back in time to an ancient age.

But you have children and  
grandchildren  
Who will one day join you in  
The land of ancient ancestors  
But until then:

The wound is grave still George.  
We all still bleed the black blood  
of grief  
And though in recent weeks have  
felt relief  
At the gradual cessation of dullness  
and pain  
It comes and goes and comes back  
again.

And one day George, perhaps today,  
But one day, and I know it will be true  
That you will give a sign to us  
And we will know it is from you.

It will bear a note of humour,  
It will drip with human love.  
Perhaps a bottle of cognac will break  
Or perhaps we will see a dove.

Whatever it is and whenever it comes  
We'll know you've passed some test  
Then on that day and on that hour  
We'll lay our grief to rest.

- Mark Hyder

## OBITUARY

## LETTERS

**From:**  
**Swift Current, Sask.**

The books "Secret Documents"  
and "Next To Stalin" show how  
important it is to correct the  
impression that Stalin did not have  
Lenin's approach to problems. Of  
course, he did!

Congratulations on your  
endeavours.

- John P. Saum

*We hope that all the readers that  
order these two extremely important  
books arrive at the conclusion that you  
have. No other conclusion can be  
drawn.* □

**From:**  
**Enderby, B.C.**

Dear Editor:

Enclosed please find a cheque  
for \$100 for a subscription of 2 years,  
books and donation.

Also enclosing document of the  
Catholic Church and their role in  
armies, military dictators who all  
say that they are Christians, go to  
church on Sundays while on  
Mondays, it's business as usual!

- Evan Mihalsean

*We could not have said it better  
ourselves, Evan!* □

**From:**  
**St. Paul, ALBERTA**

Dear Comrades:

Enclosed is money for renewal,  
the rest is to go towards the  
Sustaining Fund - \$50.

Your publication is getting better  
with every issue, the August-  
September issue was the best. The  
article by an Atheist is superb, since  
they are the most intelligent, because  
they refuse to be brainwashed.

Every capitalist, every exploiter

says that he's a Christian – "In God We Trust"! Yes, somehow, religion is a very profitable business. The Pope blesses the armies, preaches peace while those armies and weapons kill, kill, kill! Presidents are also Commanders-In-Chief of helping fascist Franco during Spanish Civil War.

Russia and Ukraine and others are not the only countries to have traitors. Canada had a share of them – former Prime Minister Brian Mulroney was the biggest of all of them and his Free Trade.

– A. Charney

*Many thanks for donation and for the excellent archival exposé of the Catholic Church helping fascist Franco in Spain. We shall utilize it in future issue of NSC.* □

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**From:  
Stornway, SASK.**

Am sending you the book "Great Conspiracy Against Russia", plus a newsletter by Rev. C.P. Bradley, who was banned from the Saskatoon United Church and from the radio, since he was writing the truth about Russia and peoples' causes.

Your information in NSC is very interesting.

– Oscar Gellert

*We are going to quote from the sayings of this extraordinary man of the cloth, besides trying to find out the possibility of reprinting the book, "The Great Conspiracy", since it is needed to be read by the two generations that have grown up on lies since 1917 Russian Revolution.* □

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**From:  
Consul, SASK.**

Here's a cheque for \$100 towards books and the rest as a donation towards Dr. Thut's Sustaining Fund.

– Paul Harmon

*May your example be followed by every reader, Paul!* □

**From:  
Mud River, N.W. Ontario**

Greetings to all Canadian Friends of Soviet People:

Re: Letters to NSC: Regarding Rebuilding Socialism around the world. Have come to believe that while we all agree that Capitalism must go, and that it carries within it the seeds of its own destruction, however, we must all recognize that the "rate of change" is constantly escalating AND WE MUST ALL KEEP IN TOUCH WITH ALL THE NEW REALITIES, AND A REALITY THAT IS MOVING TO CENTRE STAGE IS "HEALTH, DISEASE AND HOW THEY RELATE TO OUR CONSTANTLY DETERIORATING ENVIRONMENT". If the people of all classes and all nations don't recognize this fact and all work together peacefully to address this danger to our survival (just as is the Nuclear Weapons Threat) we will end up with an environment in which no system (including Socialism/Communism) and mankind can survive. We believe that there is no time to lose in bringing Socialism up to date by moving health, disease and the environment up to the front burner!

It is my belief that if Karl Marx and V.I. Lenin were alive today, they would recognize this and BE SOUNDING THE ALARM!

Yes, the "final confrontation" with Big Capital and the giant multinational corporations is inevitable but it may not manifest itself in quite the same way as originally envisaged by the old stalwarts!

I suspect that this "final confrontation" will involve very large contingents of the ever-growing Environmental Movement in a

showdown over the ruthless irresponsible disregard by the polluting large corporations for life-giving environment and health and safety in the workplace!

No question that the workers will be a massive contingent but they must close ranks with the growing environmental movement if we are to replace capitalism with a new and dynamic socialism (taking all the mistakes of the past into careful consideration). In this future scenario, we "suspect" that there may be some "misguided contingents" in certain unions that will perceive the growing environmental movement as a threat to some of their jobs, if the methods of manufacturing are altered so as to be in harmony with the environment and the people's health and survival as a species! There have already been instances of this with certain unions lining up with their polluting corporate employers in the misguided view "that they are only protecting their jobs" (they have bought the corporate agenda "hook, line and sinker"). They must be somehow convinced that only through a New Green Socialism will their survival and jobs be ensured.

Welcome comments and debate on this urgent matter from the good comrades.

– Cordially,

Doug Townsend

*Our Conference did touch on this extremely important subject. More will be written in future issues.* □

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

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## SALT & PEPPER ON WRY

By: Ray Davis, Mexico

**PROFESSIONAL PRIDE:** Mexican insurance companies are threatening to drop auto insurance because so many cars are being stolen. Seems they want to be the auto industry's No. 1 robbers and not take a back seat to common crooks.

**UN-ARGUMENT OF THE YEAR:** "The Importance of Creating Jobs" was the main theme of a meeting of American-Mexican functionaries in Texas. I didn't know anybody considered employment UNimportant.

**C O N F O U N D ACCOUNTANTS:** CIA agents in CIA lingoese are "assets". If the international criminals are assets, I wonder what a liability would look like. □

**TERRORISM COMES IN MANY FORMS:** Mexico's president vowed to throw at "terrorism" (i.e., guerrillas) "the full power of the State". But wouldn't this potent power be better aimed at poverty?

**PEACE, PIECE, PEASE?:** With the president of the world's most war-happy country, a genocidist, and a nuclear technician from a massacre-loving country being considered for the Nobel Peace Prize, it does seem a pity Adolf Hitler's premature death removed him from competition

Can't help wondering if peace means the same thing to those Nobel folks as it does to Jesus, Webster, and the rest of us.

**"GUIDED DEMOCRACY"?:** Mexico City archbishop's press conferences are to be "private meetings, almost family like, with only reporters who behave themselves and have ideas similar to the prelate's. The rest won't be invited." Freedom of information, Roman-style, I must confess.

**BUTTON, BUTTON, WHO'S GOT THE BUTTON?:** Yeltsin temporarily placed Russia's nuclear button in charge of his prime minister. I'd feel safer if it were permanently placed in the hands of his bartender.

**HURRAY FOR HISTORY:** Mexican Senator Muñoz Ledo says he has not "struggled in politics to rise high in power, but rather, to place high in History." Sound thinking. It's easier to burn a history book than a dictator. □

### SPECIAL FOR NORTHSTAR COMPASS

## Cuba embargo trouble for U.S.

**BY PETER MARTIN**  
NEWSDAY

The U.S. embargo of Cuba reminds me of the story about how a mighty Russian marathon runner lost an international race. She said that it wasn't the competition, the heat, the distance or for lack of training. "I lost it," she said, "because of a tiny grain of sand in one shoe."

Cuba is our tiny grain of sand and, because of our heavy-footedness, we will lose our one-nation race for the minds and hearts of the

world.

America's embrace of Vietnam, China, oil-rich Mideastern countries and other big-time offenders of freedom and human rights suggests that Cuba's crime is not Fidel Castro or human rights offenses. Cuba's crime is that Cuba has no strategic mineral, no oil, no rich lobby to walk the halls of Congress passing out largess.

Miami Cubans and their richly endowed coffers, much of which are filled from federal grants, simply have more muscle on Capitol Hill.

As we add bells and whistles — such as the Helms-Burton Act Bill Clinton signed in March — to the embargo that has failed since 1961, we go from bad foreign policy to bad law, from bad law to bad international relations. Our excesses with Cuban sovereignty have appalled the world's leaders.

Caribbean and Latin countries already see us as a bully: Indeed, in early June, the Organization of American States — from which Cuba was excluded in 1962 because of United States pressure — denounced Helms-Burton as probably violating international law. And, in late June, the leaders of the 15 nations of the European Union, none of which observe the Cuba boycott, voiced their "deep concern" about Helms-Burton and threatened to retaliate if the act was used.

Our government's recent threat to bar from the United States executives of Sherritt International Corp., a respected Canadian mining company, chills freedom-loving people everywhere. It was the first brandishing of Helms-Burton, which aims to penalize foreign companies that do business with Cuba involving, in any way however remote or obscure, former U.S. property there. The fact is that we have no right to interfere with the laws and businesses of Canada or any other country.

Maybe that was on Clinton's mind July 16 when he suspended for six months — until after the election — the key part of Helms-Burton, Title III. This provision allows suits in U.S. courts against any person or entity whose business dealings meet the act's hazy but broad definition of benefiting, directly or tangentially, from properties of U.S. nationals that were expropriated by the Cuban government.

So the reign of "The Ugly American" is back to haunt us all. Helms-Burton is mucking up our relations with Canada. But we are also creating gross breaches with other allies

that will take years to heal, for the bill aims at a full-blown de facto commercial blockade of Cuba that nobody but a very few members of the U.S. Congress wants.

Remember that the United States is the only nation on Earth that boycotts Cuba. Is every other country out of step? Why are we back to gunboat diplomacy?

Is Cuba a threat to our safety? Is Canada? Italy? Britain? France? Germany? Sweden? Companies from these and other nations have invested several hundred million dollars in Cuba and can invest more every day. They also can send hundreds of thousands of their citizens to bask on Cuba's pristine beaches and stay in four- and five-star properties built and run by foreign investors.

Although Clinton or his successor will, sooner or later, end the embargo, what he might do right now is to waive Title III for yet another six months and so on.

Political wisdom tells our political leaders that, on the Cuban question, we must wait until after the election 25 November 1980's electoral votes.

The great malaise of our time is that our leaders won't take risks on what their gut tells them to do, however small the risk. Political wisdom says that it is safer to do nothing. So our leaders do nothing.

If Clinton makes the Cuba issue a political and moral imperative and waives Title III again and then mitigates the embargo through diplomacy and principled reason, he will demonstrate uncommon moral strength, vision and leadership.

*We would like to thank our reader Bill Grigg of Elizabeth, NS, USA for sending us this very timely piece on Cuba. You cannot call the newspaper that had this article, "The Virginian Pilot, Norfolk, VI", as pro-Castro, but the article by Peter Martin is well written and points to the stupidity and danger that USA presents, especially during the presidential circus that we are bombarded with now on TV. Again, many thanks, Bill.*

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# NEXT TO STALIN

## NOTES OF A BODYGUARD

### A.T. RYBIN

This book of 90 pages was never published in English before and is an essential document for those that for over 60 years had nothing but vile and terrible accusations heaped on the grave of J.V. Stalin!

In this book, this veteran bodyguard to Stalin presents his thoughts that completely differ from the present calumny about the personality of Stalin. Rybin has the right to set this part of history

straight as an eyewitness and in daily contact as a bodyguard to J.V. Stalin – a man, many facets of his life that we have not been privy to before.

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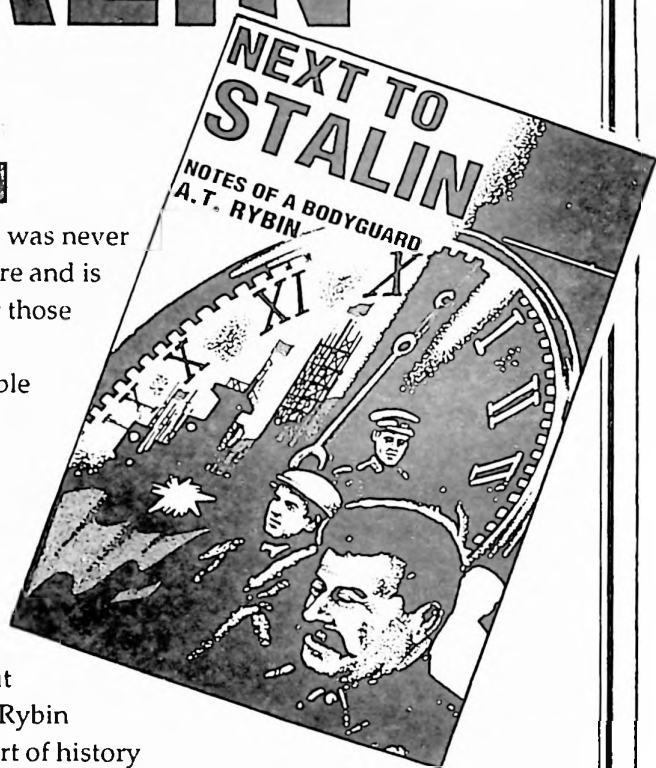
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# Cash-starved Russians strike

## Workers protest unpaid wages, poor conditions

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MOSCOW — Thousands of angry and desperate workers turned out across Russia's 11 time zones yesterday to protest unpaid wages and unstable working conditions.

"This has nothing to do with politics — it's coming right from our difficult lives," said Natasha Mihishkhina, a defence plant worker who joined hundreds of her colleagues in front of the government headquarters.

"We don't know if we have a job from one day to the next. When we do, we don't get any money."

The nationwide protest, announced two weeks ago by the Independent Federation of Trade Unions, fell well short of the millions of workers hurting from lack of pay, and less than 10,000 people milled around Moscow's Red Square under threatening skies late yesterday afternoon.

But the federation said many who stayed away were skeptical of the chance to change anything while Russia is in its worst cash crisis.

Forty-one of the federation's member organizations ranging from health-care workers to coal miners and machinists planned strikes lasting from an hour to all day.

"Our slogan is 'for labor, wages and social guarantees,'" said Vladimir Korneyev, an expert at the federation's Moscow headquarters.

In the impoverished far eastern port city of Vladivostok, more than 20,000 turned out to blast the government for broken promises of payment, and 160,000 more protested in the surrounding region.

While campaigning for re-election last spring, President Boris Yeltsin promised prompt payment of wages. Now many workers who voted for him are bitter because the money trickled in, then stopped.

"Is anybody listening to us?" Victor Sidelnikov, a defence worker in his 40s who grinned as Prime Minister Victor Chernomyrdin arrived surrounded by bodyguards. "It's nice that somebody turns up. But it doesn't mean much."

Last weekend, Chernomyrdin asked union leaders to call off the strike and vowed to pay state employees within two weeks.

### OUR COMMENT:

We do not know for certain (until we get verification from our friends in Moscow) whether it was thousands or millions of workers that struck in Russia. But, whatever the numbers, the

general strike as a means of forcing the government to take notice is gaining momentum.

The weakness to our way of thinking is the supposedly made statement in the Toronto Star story by Olivia Ward is this: "This has nothing to do with politics ..."!!!

Whoever made that statement (a defence plant worker) — she has a lot to learn about labour strikes and conflicts to be sure. ONLY when the workers combine economic demands with political demands is there a real possibility of getting rid of the present capitalist, mafia-infested regime. □

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