

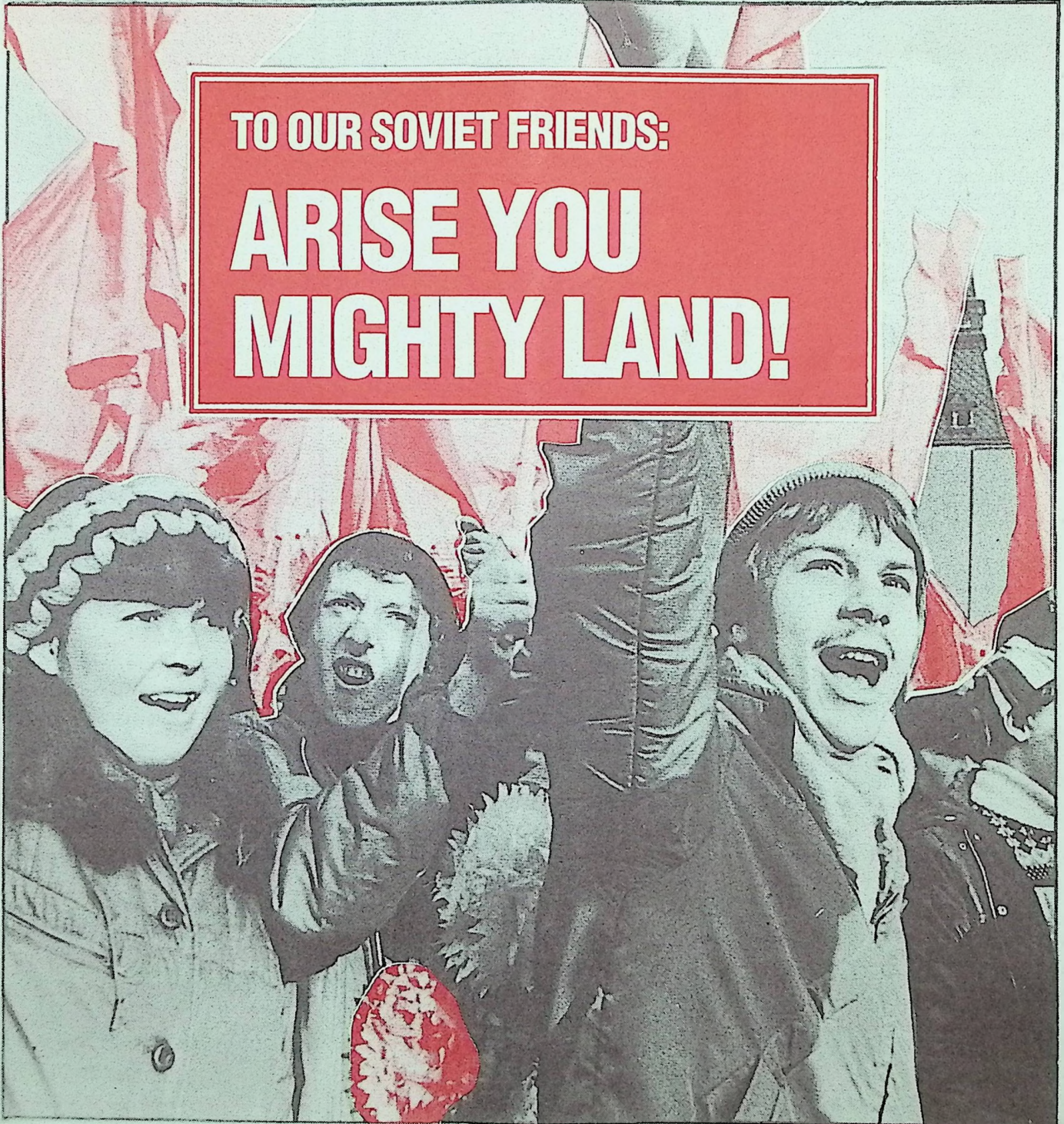


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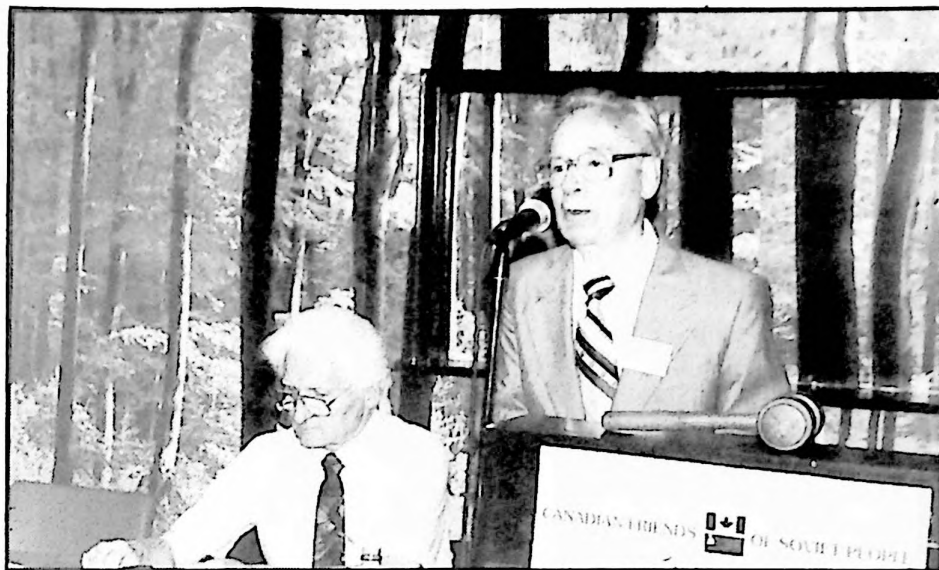
NORTHSTAR'S FOURTH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE

By: George Hess

Northstar Compass marked its fourth anniversary by holding a conference at its Toronto headquarters on 280 Queen Street (commonly known as the Friendship House) on the 21st and 22nd of September under the slogan of "UNITY IN DEFENCE OF SOVIET PEOPLE AND SOCIALISM! KEEP THE FLAME OF FRIENDSHIP AND PEACE BURNING!". Delegates from across Canada and the U.S.A. reviewed the publication's past performance and set future goals and policies. These included a review of the magazine's organizational structure, format and editorial policies, as well as listening to first-hand analysis of the present situation in the former U.S.S.R. Other items of general interest were also dealt with and discussed.

In his report back to the conference on behalf of the editorial board, president and editor of Northstar Compass, Michael Lucas, dealt with several issues. He pointed out that the magazine is now read in 38 countries around the globe and that Northstar Compass has managed to remain financially solvent and to overcome all its financial challenges. He extended special thanks to the Society of Carpatho-Russian Canadians for their financial support.

He also extended thanks to all our friends in the U.S.A., especially Angelo D'Angelo, and Bill Doaris for



Michael Lucas, Editor Michael Ukas, Chairing Conference

their faxes and copies of E-mail, etc. He further made mention of the fact that two books were published: namely, "Next To Stalin" and "Secret Documents". Mr. Lucas restated the editorial board's decision to follow an independent editorial policy in its objective evaluation of the various progressive forces in the former Soviet Union fighting for its restoration free of any influence from the various other left wing publications published on this continent. To this end, he pointed out that the struggle in the former U.S.S.R. is growing sharper and as a result, the lines of delineation are becoming better defined as a result of the various splits and counter-splits now taking place. Mr. Lucas pointed out that numerous conferences, meetings and discussions have taken place world-wide by various progressive elements; an example being a new theoretical magazine called "International Struggle-Marxist-Leninist", the first issue of which was available from our literature table. In conclusion, the speaker voiced the hope of the editorial board that Northstar Compass will continue in its efforts

to help the working class world-wide and lend support to the international struggle to restore the U.S.S.R. as a counter-force to Western Imperialism in general and U.S. Imperialism in particular.

A fax received from Dr. Angelo D'Angelo (U.S. Friends of Northstar Compass) was read to the conference, expressing Dr. D'Angelo's regrets for not being able to attend the gathering due to personal obligations. He did however express several points his organization wanted conveyed to the meeting which can be summarized

*Michael Lucas reporting on behalf of
Editorial Board*



as follows:

(a) That Northstar Compass continue on its present course – that of being a unifying force for all those world-wide support networks struggling to restore the U.S.S.R. and an education tool to inform these forces as to what is really taking place in the land of Lenin;

(b) That this publication not fall into the sectarian trap of becoming a mouthpiece of still other small ineffectual super-left grouplets which would destroy the unifying character of this publication;

(c) That Northstar Compass needs to elect a small editorial committee, which would include the editor, that can meet weekly and act quickly and decisively whenever international events take place

world-wide which affect the former U.S.S.R. and thus, activate a fight back by all the progressive forces world-wide;

(d) The journal also needs a larger editorial board that would meet on a monthly basis and act as an advisory board to the editorial committee and help to steer the editorial committee in the right direction;

(e) That all members of the executive board world-wide should try to meet at least once a year to review and set long term policies of the journal;

(f) That the U.S. Friends of Northstar Compass be enlarged to include more subscribers from across the U.S.A. and more efforts be made to get more youthful readers for this publication who would become more actively involved in the struggle to restore the U.S.S.R.;

(g) That Northstar Compass

associates be set up whereby these people can get all of the journal's publications for an annual fee of approximately \$100.00 Canadian per year;

(h) That the journal print more of the views of Russian communists that show how anti-Stalinism was instrumental in destroying socialism in the former U.S.S.R. and the former family of socialist nations in Eastern Europe.

This fax was sent over the signatures of the executive board of U.S. Friends of Northstar Compass.

A long and detailed discussion followed these presentations in which the conference considered in detail all the implications of these proposals and their long term impacts on Northstar Compass.

In a moving ceremony, Michael Popovich, Chairman of the Slav Committee, presented flowers to Helen Lucas in appreciation of her

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*Thanks to
Working People's
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for this excellent
graphic*



*Milenko Popovich
gives roses to
Helen Lucas*

work for the organization through all these many years. In his speech, Michael gave a condensed history of the involvement in the work, the problems, successes and the prestige that the Canadian Friends of Soviet People and Northstar Compass enjoys among Canadians.

Ray Stevenson, a former associate editor of Northstar Compass and one of its founders, made a speech, informing the conference that he is a convener of the preparatory committee for the world assembly of peace forces that is to take place in Mexico City on the 23rd to the 27th of October, and he urged that a delegate be sent to this conference who could report back to this organization. Readers can get more detailed information about this conference from "CANADIAN PREPARATORY COMMITTEE" at NSC address. He further advised the meeting that a copy of John Hanly Morgan's speech made at the observance of Hiroshima Day, August 6, 1996, at Toronto City Hall, was available to those attending the conference. Mr. Morgan is the former president of the Canadian Peace Congress and former vice president of the world peace council.

Mr. Lucas pointed out that while we started out, last year, with two boards – one being the editorial board and the other, the executive committee of FRIENDS OF THE SOVIET PEOPLE – it was impossible to set up a friendship society since no parallel structure existed in Russia, and as a result, the two bodies were amalgamated into one editorial board. However, this is now being rectified. In recent communications with a member of the Duma, Mr. Lucas was informed that a friendship society is being set up in both the Ukraine and Russia, and that shortly, exchanges can be initiated.

Bill Doaris gave a first-hand account of the situation in Russia as it now exists and gave a very detailed description of the elections that took place last summer. He pointed out that five years ago, communism was declared dead, but in 1996, Imperialism had to spend billions of dollars to prevent them from winning the election. He further pointed out that while in other East European countries, the Social Democrats could drop the name communist, in Russia, they were compelled to keep it due to its

popularity. Mr. Doaris further stated that the election last summer was marked by a campaign of outright lies, intimidation and fraud. For example, Russians living in the former Soviet Republics were not allowed to vote and people living in Russia native to former Soviet Republics also were not given a vote while emigres in the U.S.A., Israel, Canada and Western Europe were allowed to vote. People were warned that there would be a civil war if Yeltsin was defeated. The media was totally controlled by the Yeltsin forces and the population was subjected to an unending barrage of anti-communism, tanks were brought into the Kremlin. When all this still failed in the final round of the election, suddenly money was poured into retired general Lebed's campaign in the hopes of taking votes away from the communists. Finally, the outcome of the election count was somewhat in question since many of the regions that voted for Zyuganov in the first round of voting by a large majority gave Yeltsin a large majority in the second round. In short, the election was a continuation of the Cold War by other means. Mr. Doaris pointed out that there is a wave of strikes

Bill Doaris



sweeping Russia, unequalled in history. Perhaps the situation can be best described by the comments of Russian housewife: "during Soviet times, the stores were empty, but our fridges were full - now, the stores are full, but our fridges are empty".

Raphael who had lived in Russia for a long period of time, after emigrating from his native Spain, and is now residing in U.S.A. and frequenting Russia on a regular basis, gave the conference the theoretical basis for the present situation in Russia. He prefaced his remarks by observing that the task of evaluating the various forces in Russia is not easy. First of all, Zyuganov is not a communist in the true sense of the word. He is a doctor of philosophy and as such, he claims that there is no class struggle in Russia today. The speaker also pointed out that in Russia today, the working class is organizing and class consciousness of the working class is constantly increasing. The speaker further pointed out that the decision to participate in last summer's elections was very difficult and required some very basic theoretical deliberation. He then expounded on this in some detail. He pointed out that Workers' Russia (Anpilov's party) is a broad Marxist-Leninist movement which consists of many elements, while the C.P.R.F. (Zyuganov's party) is not as close to the workers as Workers' Russia and is comprised mostly of former C.P.S.U. functionaries. He also made reference to the fact that the I.M.F. had loaned some \$10.5 billion U.S. plus \$.5 billion U.S. in cash to Russia for the election and that Russia will not be able to pay the interest on this loan which is the largest loan in I.M.F.'s history. He then went on to explain why the West will tolerate social democracy in some Western European countries,

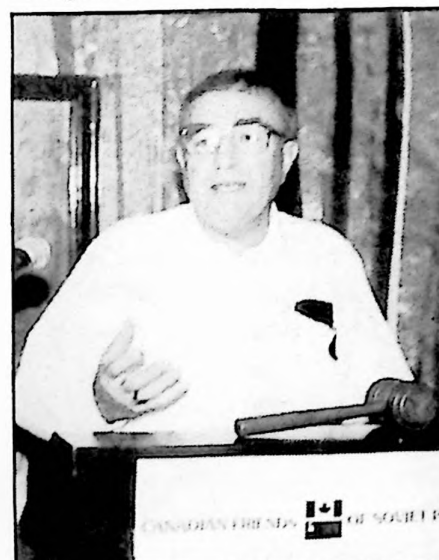


Part of delegates

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Haresh Kirpalani
George Hess



Dr. A.J. Thut

but is afraid of same in the former U.S.S.R. - the reason being that in countries with a strong socialist tradition, the fear is that social democracy may lead to the restoration of socialism. The speaker pointed out that social democracy where it confronts imperialism should be supported but that the C.P.R.F. has accepted all the questionable practices in the last elections and that it lacks the will to confront imperialism and its agents in Russia. On November 8th and 9th, there will be a Marxist-Leninist conference in Moscow to discuss the rehabilitation of Stalin. More and more, the people of Russia are coming to realize that to be anti-Stalin is to be anti-socialist. This is borne out by the fact that even Zyuganov is forced to pay tribute



to Stalin in the media due to his (Stalin's) popularity.

Participation in the discussions during the conference by U.S. delegates was very significant. Their ideas and analysis of the need of Northstar Compass being published was most encouraging. Their words of praise and proposals were much appreciated by the assembled delegates.

Dr. Haresh Kirpalani further expounded on the theoretical subjects dealt with by Raphael. He dealt with the various forms of economic development and how this was dealt with in both the pre- and after-Stalin periods in the U.S.S.R. The speaker also reported on the conference held in Naples recently and attended by some 12 organizations to commemorate the death of Engels 100 years ago. He announced the formation of a new theoretical journal, "INTERNATIONAL STRUGGLE-MARXIST-LENINIST". A copy of the journal was available at the conference for those interested.

The conference discussed in some detail the reasons for the cancellation of the planned visit by a chosen delegation to Russia and the matter was referred to the incoming executive for further study and as alluded to earlier, it was the considered opinion of the conference that this would be possible this year. Mr. Lucas read greetings to the

conference from members who were unable to attend. These included people from around the globe too numerous to mention.

The financial report prepared by chartered accountant was presented to the conference by Helen Lucas and after detailed deliberation, accepted. Arising from the foregoing, a discussion about mailing procedures ensued and new procedures will be instituted on a trial basis.

A motion that members be asked for an annual donation of \$100 (Canadian) for which members would receive the journal publications and any books, etc., that Northstar Compass publishes and the balance of such donations would be applied to Dr. Thut's Sustaining Fund with the provision that those of our members on fixed incomes or otherwise financially challenged would continue with their regular subscription fees as in the past. This motion was accepted as read.

The conference also passed a resolution committing the organization to a goal of at least one hundred new subscribers during next year.

The conference further resolved that Northstar Compass will continue to publish books as deemed appropriate by the editorial board.

The conference resolved to elect

an Executive Committee of five members plus an Editorial Board. The ensuing elections determined as follows:

- Michael Lucas – Editor
- Michael Ukas – Associate Editor
- Helen Lucas – Financial Secretary
- George Hess – Sustaining Fund Director
- Steve Sajban – Circulation Director
- Haresh Kirpalani – Promotion Director
- Michael Popovich • Andy Durovecz • Len Waga • Ivan Petrik • Jesse Papapoulos • Lloyd Redstone • T.A.

The conference ended with a toast to the restoration of the Soviet Union and Socialism and was followed by a readers' banquet which included films and reports about the land of Lenin. □

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF DR. A.J. THUT'S SUSTAINING FUND WHO GAVE \$100 OR MORE!

Dr. Marilyn Rossner	Montreal
Len Waga	Toronto
Michael Ukas	Toronto
Michael Popovich	Toronto
Helen Long	Toronto
Andy Durovecz	Toronto
Ivan Petrik	Toronto
Bill Doaris	New York, USA
George Hess	Brantford
Ray Stevenson	Toronto

We urge all of our readers to take advantage of our Associate Membership offer! □

GREETINGS TO CONFERENCE

Wishing you success in your continuing endeavour.

– George Shenkar
Detroit, USA

Greetings to our Comrades, Friends and Supporters on this 4th Anniversary of our Internationalist Beacon of Marxist-Leninist Light, Northstar Compass:

On this momentous occasion when delegates from far and wide are assembling in Toronto, Canada to chart the course of Northstar Compass in its struggle to help unify the movement to restore the U.S.S.R., we of the U.S. Friends of Northstar Compass express our sincere regrets in not being able to join you in your deliberations at this 4th Anniversary Conference due to various personal family obligations at this time.

However, we are with you, dear comrades, "in spirit" as they say here in the States.

Our Executive Board has discussed also the current political situation in the former Soviet Union, the outcome of the so-called "free elections" recently held there (in Russia) and the future direction of both the anti-Yeltsin coalition within and outside Russia, the direction of the communist opposition and the direction of Northstar Compass and the International Friends of the Soviet People in this new period.

We arrived at the following decisions:

(1) That Northstar Compass and its parent organization, the International Friends of the Soviet People, CONTINUE ON ITS PRESENT PATH and serving as the "unifier" of the various world-wide support network to bring back the socialist U.S.S.R. AND as an

DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE 4TH ANNIVERSARY NORTHSTAR COMPASS CONFERENCE

• DR. A.J. THUT'S SUSTAINING FUND CAMPAIGN for \$24,000: 1996-1997.

• CAMPAIGN FOR 100 NEW SUBSCRIBERS FOR NORTHSTAR COMPASS.

• \$100 ASSOCIATE MEMBER CAMPAIGN.

With a donation of \$100 to NSC, the subscriber/member shall receive the following:

– Year Subscription to NSC	\$20.00
– Book "Secret Documents"	\$25.00
– Book "Next To Stalin"	\$12.00
– To Dr. A.J. Thut Sustaining Fund	\$43.00

Total \$100.00

With the \$100 donation, you will be an Associate Member and your name shall appear on the Honour Board at the Friendship House in Toronto.

* If you have already purchased the two books, you can receive these books which you can give as a gift to your friends.

education tool to tell the millions of supporters of the former U.S.S.R. what is really going on in the land of Lenin;

(2) That our magazine decidedly NOT fall into the sectarian trap of becoming the mouthpiece of still another small ineffectual so-called "new" super-left grouplet that would, in reality, destroy the unifying character of Northstar Compass, building a mass movement that encompasses all who want to bring back the socialist state in Russia and the surrounding republics into a unified Soviet Union again;

(3) That our journal, Northstar Compass, needs to have an Executive Committee that consists of the Editor and just a few members who can meet quickly on a weekly basis whenever international events relating to the former U.S.S.R. arise and act decisively, speaking for the journal. Thus, having a stream lined quick acting voice for our cause can

help activate a fight-back mentality for the communist forces on an international level. The journal also needs a larger Editorial Board which would be, in effect, an "Advisory Board" that could meet once a month and help to "steer" the journal in the correct direction. Also, if possible, the current and future members of the Executive Board who reside throughout the world should meet once a year to discuss the future direction of the journal;

(4) That the U.S. Friends of Northstar Compass be enlarged to include more subscribers from across the United States. Also, that more attention be paid to getting more youth to read our journal and become actively involved in helping to restore the U.S.S.R.;

(5) That a Northstar Compass Associates be set up whereby subscribers to the journal can get all the latest publications of Northstar Compass and the latest

faxed material from our comrades "over there" as well as a year's subscription to the journal, all for \$100.00 a year associate's fee;

(6) That we reprint more and more the various views of Russian communists which show clearly how anti-Stalinism was instrumental in bringing in "Trojan horse" style enemy ideology into the Marxist-Leninist movement for the past 40 or 50 years and how it eventually lead to the destruction of the socialist community of nations (especially Eastern Europe) and the destruction of the U.S.S.R. itself. The world "House of Socialism" that Comrade Stalin was instrumental in building was destroyed by termites masquerading as "reform-minded" communists and "socialists with a democratic face". They were able to do what U.S. imperialist intrigue and Hitler's war machine were not able to accomplish – the replacement of socialism with unbridled ruthless inhumane "dog-eat-dog" capitalism. Continuous attacks on Comrade Stalin and the Soviet Party leadership of the thirties and forties by so-called "90s communists" of today will continue to be what it historically has always been – a smokescreen for petty-bourgeois radicals who profess to believe in some sort of vague socialism but are too damned frightened to make that final break with their easy life-style of middle-class comforts and "do your own thing" philosophy. Soviet Socialism, as practiced by our Soviet comrades during the 20s, 30s, 40s and early 50s was – and will always be – real socialism: the socialism of Marx and Lenin.

In conclusion, dear delegates, the U.S. Friends of Northstar Compass see this 4th Anniversary get-together of our journal as a milestone event.

It is here at this conference that you, the readers, supporters and friends of the great Soviet people,

will have the responsibility to lay a strong foundation (based on the science and ideology of scientific socialism) for a world-wide movement of all who truly see the need to bring back the Socialist community of nations lead by a strengthened re-born Soviet Union and its vanguard Marxist-Leninist party of workers and farmers.

– Best of Luck,

U.S. Friends of Northstar Compass
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Chairperson, Staten Island
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Secretary: Lois Singer

Chairperson, Staten Island
Socialist Union

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President, Richmond County
American Veterans Association □

For a successful Conference on
21st and the Northstar Anniversary
Banquet on 22nd.

– Comradely,

Michael Skolski

Edmonton, Alberta □

Best wishes to all present on this
important Conference. I cannot be
there due to health reasons caused
by the real possibility of losing my
job at the Canadian Post Office due
to privatization.

– With Regards,

Vic Ratsma

Maritime Provinces

Provincial Director □

Greetings to the Editorial Board
of Northstar Compass, the Executive
of Canadian Friends of Soviet
People, and delegates and friends
attending the Conference and
Anniversary for Northstar Compass.

It is with regret that I am unable
to be with you to share in this
celebration; however, I am with you
in spirit. I also share in concern for our
friends and comrades in the former
Soviet Union. I share, too, in the
hope that once again, the will of

the people of our great northern
neighbour will prevail and they will
once again take pride in their country.

Please accept my best wishes
for a successful conference. Happy
Birthday, Northstar Compass. Keep
up the good work!

– Michelle Bentt

Edmonton, Alberta □

The best of success to your
4th Anniversary Conference on
behalf of –

– Greater Detroit Friendship Society
Detroit, USA □

Congratulations on your 4th
Anniversary. My very best wishes
that it will be successful, plus your
celebrating banquet.

– Sincerely,

Michael M. Verigin

Cowley, Alberta □

I wish that I would be able to
come to your Conference. Northstar
Compass is highly appreciated
and is leading the struggles.

– Yours truly,

Tom Hopkins, Retired Miner

Wales, Great Britain □

On behalf of the Buffalo
Friendship Society, we wish you
success. Northstar Compass is the
best – it is leading the struggle.

– John Touralchuk

Buffalo, USA □

CONDOLENCES
To the Family and Friends of
JUDY ROSEN
Tucson, Arizona, USA

She will be forever
remembered as a friend of
Soviet Union, World Socialism
and World Peace.

– U.S. Friends of

Northstar Compass □

Best wishes on the occasion of the 4th Anniversary of Northstar Compass and thank you for the very good work in uniting all the real fighters for socialism.

- Michel Mounayer
Editor

Communist Party of Syria □

Wishing your 4th Anniversary Conference well and very shortly, I will send an article to Northstar Compass, which is an invaluable publication which we utilize here in Brasil.

Once again, we are expressing our support to the excellent contribution you are giving to the cause of socialism in the world.

- Yours Sincerely,
Guaracy Gouvea
General Secretary
Cultural Union Brasil-USSR □

I would like to take this opportunity and send our greetings and deep appreciation for your invaluable job of helping in the work of the new upcoming journal "International Solidarity-Marxist-Leninist". Keep up the great work that Northstar Compass is so good in doing.

- Mario Jannuzzi
Editorial Board
International Struggle Journal
Italy □

I would like the 4th NSC Conference to discuss and pay more attention to the environmental question. My belief is that if Marx-Engels, Lenin were alive today, they would recognize this and be sounding the alarm.

The final confrontation with Big Capital and the Multinational Corporations is inevitable, but it might not manifest itself in quite the same way as originally thought by our Marxist stalwarts. We must close ranks with the Environmental

Movements, in order to fight capitalism and replace it with dynamic Socialism (minus the old mistakes) if humanity is to survive.

- Doug Townsend
Mud River - Indian Reserve in
Northern Ontario □

Dear Comrades:

Since I had this unfortunate stroke, at this time, I cannot come to meet all the leading revolutionary comrades. NSC is a must for all of us.

- Michael Logoyda
Matawan, N.J., USA □

Dear delegates gathered on the 4th Anniversary of Northstar Compass:

From the bottom of my heart, I greet all of you, delegates-readers and Editorial Board with this event of celebrating the 4th Anniversary. I wish you much success, health, in this struggle for the future of the working class.

Let the brightest glow even more brilliantly over the world, emanating from the Northstar Compass.

- Always Yours,
Professor Vladimir Herasymchuk
Lutsk, Ukraine □

Dear Delegates:

I'm not able to be present from Manitoba, but to compensate for this, I'm sending you \$300.00 to help with this important conference of

our NSC - our own gleam of light!

- Walter Tyshko
Manitoba Director □

I send regrets that I cannot be there to attend this interesting Conference. Best wishes and success and good results. Keep up the good work.

- Sincerely,
Ollie Hillman
Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada □

Congratulations on the 4th Anniversary of the publication of "Northstar Compass". What a positive contribution to the restoration of Socialism in the former Soviet Union and to Socialism in the world. Best of luck in your future endeavors.

Workers and oppressed peoples of the world, unite!

- Ray O. Light
Boston, USA □

Unfortunately, I cannot attend, but I hope that the 4th NSC Anniversary Conference will re-dedicate itself to the support of the struggle for the rebirth of a revolutionary socialist Soviet Union.

- George Gruenthal
New York, N.Y., USA □

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

LUCKY WINNERS OF RAFFLE

During the 4th Anniversary Conference of NSC, raffle ticket draw was held and the following readers were the lucky winners. Prizes were already sent to them.

Again, many thanks to the readers who sold hundreds of raffle tickets which will help to finance the publication of Northstar Compass.

- FIRST PRIZE: Carol R. Constant, Saint Paul, MN., USA
- SECOND PRIZE: E. Nicholls, Oshawa, Ont., Canada
- THIRD PRIZE: Doris Murphy, Bronx, N.Y., USA
- FOURTH PRIZE: Larry Williams, New York, N.Y., USA
- FIFTH PRIZE: Michelle Bentt, Edmonton, Alta, Canada □

POWER STRUGGLE HEATING UP EVEN BEFORE YELTSIN HAS AN OPERATION

As the saying goes, there is no honour among thieves, so this is the latest development of Yeltsin going to get a by-pass operation, mainly due to his long-time drinking bouts.

Yeltsin turned over his main powers to Prime Minister Chernomyrdin in his absence, but already General Lebed is aiming for the top post if and when Yeltsin will be incapacitated to rule. In the Russian press and in interviews to foreign media, Chernomyrdin and Lebed are exchanging barbs, innuendoes.

We feel that things will heat up even more as time goes, since these former "communists" are as power hungry as their boss Yeltsin – they want a larger slice of the pie, at the expense of suffering Soviet people.

Pointing in that direction, Lebed has already been invited by the West to speak on behalf of Russia at the Council of Europe.

Aman Tuleev, another former "communist" who still calls himself Communist, is now the new Minister for Cooperation with CIS States (Commonwealth of Independent States). He said that he agreed to accept the post offered by Yeltsin on September 9th and stated the following: "There is essential similarity between the attitudes of President Yeltsin and Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov on CIS integration."

Newspaper in Moscow, the mouthpiece of the new capitalist class "Commersant", noted that Tuleev (a communist?) and Sergei Blazev, Lebed's deputy, are forming an alliance and a Moscow power structure!

Also, General Lebed (Pinochet of Russia) is now being involved in settling the Black Sea Fleet squabbles with Ukraine.

Boris Yeltsin



OUR COMMENT:

As Northstar Compass stressed in our previous issues, General Lebed is aiming for the top post and in this climb to the top, he is being helped by Communist Party of Russian Federation! What collusion! What an affront to the glorious name of "Communist"!

Is this going to be the role of CPRF – a vehicle-support for Lebed and Yeltsin further sell-out?

Did the millions of voters who voted for CPRF-Zyuganov know that this "buddy-buddy love-in" is going to take place after they gave them the votes? We doubt it very much! The voters sincerely believed that they were voting for honest and dedicated Communists, for Socialism and the future resurrection of the Soviet Union!

NOW THAT THE CARDS ARE ON THE TABLE, WE HOPE THAT THE ANTI-YELTSIN-CHERNOMYRDIN-LEBED FORCES WILL JOIN TOGETHER INTO A MIGHTY AVALANCHE THAT WILL SWEEP THESE TRAITORS OFF THE FACE OF THE MAP!

THE SOONER THE BETTER! □

POWER STRUGGLE IN RUSSIA ...

It makes you wonder as to what is REALLY behind the event of Yeltsin and his forthcoming operation: bypass, liver, kidney, etc., etc. The cloak and dagger scenario is being played out behind the scenes script by powers that are absolutely not interested whether Yeltsin has or has not an operation, whether he stays in power or whether he does not.

Let's face the facts!

Western imperialism, transnational corporations and the International Monetary Fund are ready for any eventuality. Their "men" are in place ... the cue is being awaited as to who will come on centre stage as the lead while others will be there as part of the chorus!

Therefore, it is somewhat perplexing to read Gennady Zyuganov asking that an independent Doctors Committee state what the health of Yeltsin is and whether he is fit to govern!

YELTSIN WAS NEVER FIT TO GOVERN!

Instead of worrying about Yeltsin's health, the Communist Party of Russian Federation and its leader Gennady Zyuganov should be organizing the working class for an intensifying struggle to get the country back onto the rails of socialism and the resurrection of the Soviet Union ... instead of playing parliamentary games!

According to the latest information from Russia, letters, newspapers and news via OMRI Information News Digest – here is what the communist parties should be looking into and making plans to counteract the capitalist onslaught as shown by the facts listed below:

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ITEMS FROM ABROAD

ANALYSIS OF RUSSIAN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

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From the point of view of a Marxist, it is of crucial importance to excel in the understanding of the question of tactics with regard to the participation in bourgeois elections. In the light of the last State Duma and presidential elections, Russian communists have developed important discussions on whether the tactics of the participation in the elections corresponds to the needs of the present political situation. In particular, the question of the support to the united candidate of the left-patriotic forces and head of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation (CPRF), Gennady Zyuganov, has been largely discussed.

There has been a big deal of discussions among communists in Russia regarding the relevance for the present communist movement of the tactics of Bolsheviks in the beginning of the century. The problem in our opinion was handled correctly by the leadership of the Workers Russia (WR), led by Victor Anpilov, as a mass popular movement as it should be regarded. It should be noted that the Workers Russia shouldn't be considered a Marxist-Leninist party, but a broad anti-capitalist and anti-imperialist

movement, comprised mainly of working class with strong pro-Stalinist tendencies. Against other neo-Stalinists (see below), the Workers Russia displays a far more critical stand towards post-Stalinist revisionism in the Soviet Union, a fundamental basis for a positive ideological development of the Russian communist movement.

Well known is the stand of the Russian Communists in the times after the bloody October 1993 events in Moscow. It was decided to boycott the State Duma elections that took place in December 1993, right after the mass killing of patriots and the prosecution of most leaders of the opposition and the illegalization of the most militant anti-Yeltsin organizations. Together with the Duma elections, the referendum for the adoption of the new Constitution took place. This



Constitution embodies a centralized and dictatorial presidential power. Institutions like the supreme court, the state Duma shrink in helpless opposition to a president with

almost unlimited powers. The participation of the CPRF both legitimated the bloody assault on the Supreme Soviet and the subsequent mass killing of patriot activists. Together with this, the participation of the CPRF made possible to reach the needed 50% of the participation of voters that would enable it to adopt the fascist Yeltsinist Constitution. Up to this point, the CPRF ran the elections isolated from all parties of the opposition and of course, of the fighting communist movement. In these conditions, the boycott of the Duma elections and the Constitution referendum was largely correct. The boycott accomplished by all the communist organizations except for the CPRF, which exposed its leadership in the eyes of the rank-and-file membership far more radicalized than the former, specially in the regions due to the work within the working class movement jointly with Workers Russia.

After this exposure, Zyuganov's leadership has faced serious critiques from the side of the rank-and-file and a large number of intellectuals. Zyuganov has been able to stay in the leadership of the CPRF thanks to bureaucratic manoeuvres, as the CPRF is actually the heir of the revisionist CPSU in the present conditions of the pro-Western fascist dictatorship. However, these existing contradictions between the leadership and the rank-and-file prevented the CPRF to become the "replacement" of the anti-popular Yeltsinist regime. Western imperialists decided to grant support to Yeltsin's dictatorship and regarded the openly social-democratic, pro-capitalist programme of Zyuganov unsuitable for its interests. The main concern of Western ideologists was mainly the fact that Zyuganov was incapable of renaming its party

into a socialist one as happened in all countries of eastern Europe and most of the former Republics of the Soviet Union. Even now, after the "defeat" in the presidential elections, the leadership of the CPRF has denied their implication in plans for the renaming of the party into a socialist one. Further plans are still unclear and still haven't been made public (if such indeed exist). This is one of the features of the present Russian communist movement: the structural weakness of social-democracy.

On the other hand, Yeltsin warned Western imperialists that the coming to power of social-democracy would result in a bloody civil war. With this, Yeltsin made clear that he and his generals are not ready to leave power by peaceful means. Western imperialists are not interested in a war in such a vast country, where communist traditions are so strong and vivid among the working class. They are afraid of instability of any kind in these conditions.

Nevertheless, the political and economic situation in Russia has substantially changed after the bloody events of October 1993. In this light, the analysis of the correctness of the participation in the elections or its boycott, further, the support or not to the candidacy of Zyuganov by the communists, has to be accomplished.

WHO IS BEHIND THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN?

The economic conditions of the Russian proletariat and the toiling masses in general has dramatically dropped as a result of the deep economic crisis and the liquidation of the forces of production. The non-payment of wages has become generalized. Now, the Yeltsinist so-called plans for the stabilization of the economy restrains the

government from subsidizing the industrial and agricultural sectors where production has shrunk to unthinkable levels. The industrial output has fallen to almost 60% with respect to the level of 1991. Industry in large regions has collapsed. The Gaidar plans for the reduction of the forces of production have taken effect. The IMF and American imperialists dictated that the Russian industry output be cut to unprecedented levels. This is a direct result of the severe crisis that imperialism is undergoing. Imperialism now lives in a phase of super-production that doesn't allow the development of forces of production of a country under the political control of pro-Western government. American and German imperialists are not interested in the preservation of the economic power of the Soviet Union in the present conditions of Russia. Due to this drastic reduction of the industrial production (mainly heavy industry), the internal consumption of energy has therefore dropped. The coal extraction industry is on the verge of collapse. In mining regions, like Kuzbass mines, are no more profitable. Initially, plans for the gradual closing of mines were implemented by the government. These plans were meant to implement the closing down of mines at a relatively moderate speed. But due to the present economic conditions of dramatic reduction of forces of production, the coal extraction industry has become obsolete earlier than expected. A slower "re-conversion" of the coal industry would have eased the social impact on whole areas like the Kuzbass. Now the situation in the coal extraction resembles that of the rest of the Russian industry: miners receive no wages but at the same time, the mines are not closed and the working places are formally

preserved. Yeltsin's regime has been deprived of a relatively broad social basis, namely a large section of workers' aristocracy, created in the post-Stalinist period. Many workers believed in the illusion that the privatization of the factories with selling off part of the shares to the workers' collective would bring wealth to their households. This illusion of self-administration of workers that proves a tool of the bourgeoisie to plunder the working class has vanished into the air, now that workers have been obliged by the directors to sell their shares. In most of the privatized factories, workers' collective would bring between 5% and 10% of the shares.

WORKERS IN DIRE NEED

Workers are not paid at all or else, receive a ridiculous part of the salary and eventually, are offered by the factory administration, goods in place of payment in money, at prices 50%-100% higher than in the open market. Even though the average wage of a qualified worker in Russia hardly reaches US \$150, the prices of goods in the open market reach the order of magnitude that exists in the West. Many workers are obliged to accept this humiliating "payment" for their labor. Workers, due to the non-payment of the wages, are not in a position to face the most elementary expenses such as kindergartens, medicines, health care, apartment services (water, electricity, gas, etc.), public transport (workers are kicked out of the buses because they can't pay for the tickets). This situation is exacerbated in the regions and middle size towns. In these conditions, the objective basis for the passage of the economic strike into a political one are now largely given.

On top of this, the Western mass investment promised by Yeltsin's regime has been absent. Western

imperialists are not ready nor hadn't ever been willing to grant financial support to modernize and develop Russian economy. Conscious workers now understand how foolish it is to believe in a second Marshal Plan to help the deteriorated and technologically backward economy which would become a powerful tool for the exploitation of the peoples of other republics of the former Soviet Union. It is foolish to believe that the American and German bourgeoisie would help the Russian bourgeoisie to remain a superpower and plunder the nations of its area of influence. Russian imperialist tendencies have been restricted to concentrate on the re-selling of Western goods to other republics of the former Soviet Union, together with Russian oil and gas (see below). Moscow has become a centre of trade companies that import stocks of Western goods that are subsequently distributed to the regions of Russia and other republics of the former Soviet Union, specially its area of influence – Byelorussia and the Asian republics.

Russian light industry has also shrunk to unthinkable levels, together with the agricultural production. It is impressive to learn that Russian shops are filled with imported production due to the fact that Russian production is either absent or is more expensive than the Western, even though the labor force price is of a lower order of magnitude. It is not surprising that official figures released by the government of Moscow, led by Yuri Luzkov, admitted that 75% of the food and other consumer goods sold in Moscow are imported. Furthermore, there are plans to import grain from the US for this coming winter due to a disastrous crop this year. The Soviet Union did not resort to the import grain even in the times of the Great Patriotic

War, when Nazi Germany occupied vast territories of the European part.

There are mainly three sectors of the Russian economy that seem to be profitable even in the conditions of a deep crisis: namely, the arms industry, the oil industry and gas industry. Russian state arms monopolies are making good deals with countries like India and several states of the Arab world. This is actually one of the main concerns of Western imperialists. Yeltsin's administration has been accused of breaking international arms selling accords and therefore, of jeopardizing the supremacy of the US and German



Gennady Zyuganov

arms industry. There has been a good deal of criticism of the Clinton administration from the side of the conservatives based on this issue. As to the oil and gas extraction industries, Russian state monopolies refused to share their control of these sectors with Western companies. Here, we have Western companies making deals with Azerbaijan and use Turkey to build oil pipes that

would "circumvent" Russia. Russian gas and oil monopolies are basing their development on the old economic relations within the former Soviet Union between Russia and other Republics like Ukraine, Byelorussia, Baltic and Asian Republics with their energy dependence. It is said that the debts accumulated by other Republics have reached almost US \$10 billion. Nevertheless, this is of a lower order of magnitude than that reached by Russia to Western Banks.

On the other hand, it is interesting to study the official statistics of outflow of capital from Russia to Western countries, specially to the US and Germany. It is well known that the most modest estimations up to one US \$ billion is flowing out of the country monthly. This flow of money takes place in the conditions of the absence of investment in production whatsoever, of both foreign and domestic, and a huge state budget deficit. The outflow of capital is another typical feature of Russian economy pointing out its dependence on Western imperialist powers.

Russian economic relations with other Republics of the former Soviet Union are, as we see, basically based on the trade of Western goods and Russian oil and gas, and not on the sale of means of productions. In fact, Russian government had agreed long ago to implement the IMF requirements of liquidating the industry of machinery, high technology sectors. Russia is now incapable of developing its industry due to the fact that its technological complex has mostly collapsed.

This is testimony of the secondary character of the Russian imperialism, and that the latter plays an instrument by the American and German imperialists, although there are obvious signs of contradictions between the former

and the latter. A capitalist country cannot develop its own independent imperialist economy if its economic development is not based on the production of means of production and the development of its own high technology. And this is the case of Russian imperialism. In such conditions, it's very hard to believe that the Russian working class may benefit in an indirect way from the exploitation of other nations. The secondary character of Russian imperialism, with a wrecked economy based on buying and selling of foreign goods and eventually on the extracting of gas and oil, is not in a position to offer its working class certain benefits. On the contrary, Yeltsinist reforms are aimed at the destruction of industry, which has severely hit the working class, including the workers' aristocracy.

ZYUGANOV'S STAND

Zyuganov has adopted a chauvinistic stand on the war in Chechnia, having refused to declare both the imperialist character of the Russian army aggression and the right of self-determination of the Chechen people. To the surprise of many workers-communists, even some comrades that call themselves true Marxist-Leninists and Stalinists have adopted a pacifist stand, refusing at the end to proclaim the right of the Chechen people for self-determination, under the slogan "down with the provocateurs of the civil war" (this applies not only to Yeltsin regime, but to Dudaev). This undoubtedly is in essence an expression of an anti-Marxist, chauvinistic view according to which communists should struggle first of all for the preservation of the integrity of the Russian state. These "Marxists" forget that Russia is a capitalist and, although secondary, an imperialist state. They absolutize

the element of dependence of the Russian state on Western imperialist countries, ignoring all the imperialist character of Russian capitalism. With this, Zyuganov and the neo-Stalinists are repeating the same chauvinistic stand of the leadership of the old CPSU.

Russian working class has expressed its condemnation of the imperialist invasion of the Chechen Republic. The Russian monopolies and the Yeltsin administration have showed once again its fascist face by massacring tens of thousands of Chechen unarmed civilians, elderly, women and children. The Russian army giving witness of its structural incapability to face a few thousands, now even less, of bold and well organized fighters has resorted to the usage of weapons of mass destruction in order to avoid an impending military humiliation. The war in Chechnia has become largely unpopular among the Russian population and now Yeltsin has been obliged to pull off. It is without saying that nevertheless, Yeltsin hasn't stopped the military actions, both from air and land, as the latest news confirms.

Due to the present socio-economic conditions expressed above, the political activity of the masses, of the working class, has experienced a qualitative change. Yeltsin's regime has failed to accomplish a massive process of lumpenization of the working class. The fast reduction of the forces of production and the deep crisis of the imperialists hasn't enabled Yeltsin's

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regime to create, from the one side a broad middle class including a stable and well paid workers' aristocracy, and a huge mass of lumpen deprived of any kind of regular job; on the other, in other words, the social structure of a neo-colonial oppressed country. In a country with 70% of the population being working class (coming from the times of the Soviet Union), it was made impossible to reduce it to the levels required by the IMF. What we observe in Russian industry is not the massive shut down of factories as one could expect, taking account of the tremendous reduction of the forces of production that has been taken place in the past five years. Workers are not sacked from the factories. Yeltsinist regime is afraid of any kind of social unrest created by the massive shut down of factories. The working class is still concentrated. They are obliged to accept humiliating measures like work a couple of days a week, or work full time but without receiving wages. But the administration refuses to declare the enterprise bankrupt. The main feature here is the preservation of the concentration of the working class.

The non-payment of wages is wide-spread throughout Russia. Thousands of strikes took place in the past 1995 year, according to official statistics. With respect to the past two years, 1994 and 1995, this year has shown a substantial increase in both economic strikes and political strikes. The conditions for the passage from purely economic strike to a political one are given. Such is the development in the present Russian workers movement.

Then, a question arises: whether the participation in the past December State Duma elections was correct. The event of October 1993 events showed that although Yeltsin

wouldn't have resisted much longer his confrontation with the Supreme Soviet, Yeltsin managed to preserve social stability in the country and called for new parliamentary elections. Rutskoi and his group, despite the support of all the opposition parties, got isolated and disorganized the anti-Yeltsinist opposition, specially when he refused to implement armed actions and seize the Kremlin and other strategic points. Despite Yeltsin's loss of control of the capital on the 3rd, he managed to regain it the next morning with the use of elite forces. Yeltsin managed to preserve social stability. At that time, the strike movement still hadn't reached a mass character. Political strikes were almost absent. However, the situation changed rapidly and now, we see that Yeltsin administration is incapable of facing the non-payment of wages as he did in 1993. A political strike wave rises day by day.

WAS BOYCOTTING OF ELECTION IN 1993 CORRECT?

The tactics of boycotting the December 1993 Duma elections, as substantiated above, was correct. In the conditions of the absence of the most elementary political rights, and the repression of all parties of the opposition (except for the CPRF), as took place in the months following the October events, it was impossible to utilize parliamentary means for revolutionary purposes. But the political consciousness of the working class grows and grows. We know that Yeltsinist regime was obliged to release all leaders of the opposition. Communist organizations develop their activities in factories, especially in the regions. Workers Russia calls for the overthrowing of the Yeltsinist regime and the restoration of Socialism, under the banners of Lenin and Stalin. As the result of

the December 1995 Duma elections showed, according to the official results, more than 3,300,000 workers voted for Workers Russia, the participation in the elections proved a correct tactic. Despite the existence of a big revisionist party, the heir of the CPSU bearing the name of Communist, more than three million workers voted for a communist organization that runs under the banners of Lenin and Stalin, an organization that calls for the socialist revolution and openly fights the parliamentarist and the revisionist CPRF.

As Lenin asserts: "You must not sink to the level of the masses, to the level of the backward strata of the class. That is incontestable. You must tell them the bitter truth. You must call their bourgeois-democratic and parliamentary prejudices – prejudices. But at the same time, you must soberly follow the actual state of class consciousness and preparedness of the whole class (not only of the Communist vanguard), of all the toiling masses (not only of their advanced elements)." (Left-wing communism, an infantile disorder.) It is without doubt that parliamentarism has to be fought as a tendency in the working class. But to negate the participation on the elections in any conditions as a rule, regardless of the correlation of forces, is a mistake. The accumulation of contradictions in Russia has made possible that the communists make almost free agitation for the socialist revolution, under the banners of Lenin and Stalin. But when the class consciousness of the working class hasn't developed far enough to

organize for a general political strike and rise in the armed struggle against capitalism, Communists, Stalinists are obliged to resort to this kind of tactics as participation in reactionary parliaments. The daily work with the masses showed that communists have to take account the level of consciousness of the working class, that a boycott of the elections would prevent the communists to utilize the parliamentary elections in a revolutionary way, to prepare the masses for a revolutionary struggle. In conditions such as they are in Russia, where the parliamentary struggle fosters the growth and the revolutionary mood of the working class, the participation in the elections is right tactics. In countries where such conditions are not given, such tactics may lead to liquidationism. In such conditions, the participation in the elections may become a goal by itself and therefore, the revolutionary perspective that justifies these tactics becomes obsolete, and an empty phrase, if such do exist, of course. This corresponds to many countries of Western Europe and North America. Nevertheless, the refusal of the participation in the reactionary parliaments shouldn't be extrapolated to Russia, for obvious reasons.

On the one hand, the participation in the elections, as tactics of the Marxist-Leninists, is a manifestation of the temporary backwardness of large layers of the working class. On the other hand, the participation in the elections brings with itself the negation of the implementation of the parliamentary struggle, makes possible to expose the parliament as a tool of the bourgeoisie. When the conditions for the negation of parliamentarism by utilizing the same parliamentarism are given, then the tactics of the participation in the elections prove correct. In such conditions when the

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parliamentary struggle brings within itself its negation, then it becomes possible to overcome this backwardness in the working class. This justifies the implementation of parliamentary forms of struggle by the communist vanguard. The tactics of the participation in reactionary parliaments is right when, being an expression of the temporary backwardness of the working masses, assists the communist vanguard in raising the working class to a higher stage of consciousness, to the revolutionary struggle. In other words, it is possible to implement parliamentary tactics in such a way that parliamentarism itself gets exposed in the eyes of the working class and the communists may use these methods to accomplish higher tasks. This is expressed in the tactics of the Bolsheviks before and after the Great October Revolution with respect to the participation in the Duma elections.

We should note that the above mentioned shouldn't be understood mechanically, let's say, in such a way that parliamentarism is a stage through which communists should definitely go and pursue the socialist revolution. This is absolutely wrong. Parliamentarism is not a correct tactic any time the working class hasn't reached a desired level of consciousness and preparedness to accomplish the tasks of a Socialist revolution. Parliamentarism proves deadly wrong tactic when the masses are fighting, even though when this fight is not a fight for Socialism: "Russian experience has given us one successful and correct (1905) and one incorrect (1906) example of the application of the boycott by the Bolsheviks. Analyzing the first case, we see that we succeeded in preventing the convocation of a reactionary parliament by a reactionary

government in a situation in which extra-parliamentary, revolutionary mass action (strikes in particular) was mounting with exceptional rapidity, when not a single section of the proletariat and the peasantry could support the reactionary parliament in any way, when the revolutionary proletariat was acquiring influence over the broad, backward masses through the strike struggle and the agrarian movement." (ibid.) Here, we have as Lenin stresses two boycotts – one correct and another incorrect. This is a result of the analysis of the concrete political situation and the correlation of forces. As both Lenin and Stalin stressed, the participation in the reactionary parliament in 1905, in the conditions of a raising revolutionary movement, even though socialist tasks were not put forward yet, when the political activity of the masses was ahead of parliamentarism, when the strike struggle (political strike movement) was mounting high and the masses showed preparedness to overthrow the monarchy, would have been a fatal mistake, a betrayal of the revolution. Therefore, parliamentarism is not an unavoidable stage, through which the communist movement should go through. This is an opportunistic stand that leads to liquidationism and the betrayal of the revolutionary struggle. It is worth noting for Lenin's work "Left-wing ..." has been improperly used by opportunists to conceal the revisionism of the fundamental pillars of Marxism-Leninism.

MARXISTS SHOULD UNDERSTAND

In the light of the present discussion, Marxists should clearly

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understand what is the correct stand of a fighting trend towards the participation in a reactionary parliament. As discussed above, the economic and political conditions in Russia have substantially changed in the past two years. A wave of economic strikes struggle is arising throughout Russian territory. Along with economic requests, political struggles are beginning to appear on a mass scale. There are already whole factories that go on strike under red banners. Nevertheless, still, the workers movement is not under the leadership of a Marxist-Leninist organization. The tactics of Workers Russia as a broad workers movement proves correct in such conditions, when the masses are not prepared for revolutionary tasks, when the working class is not yet under the leadership of the communist movement.

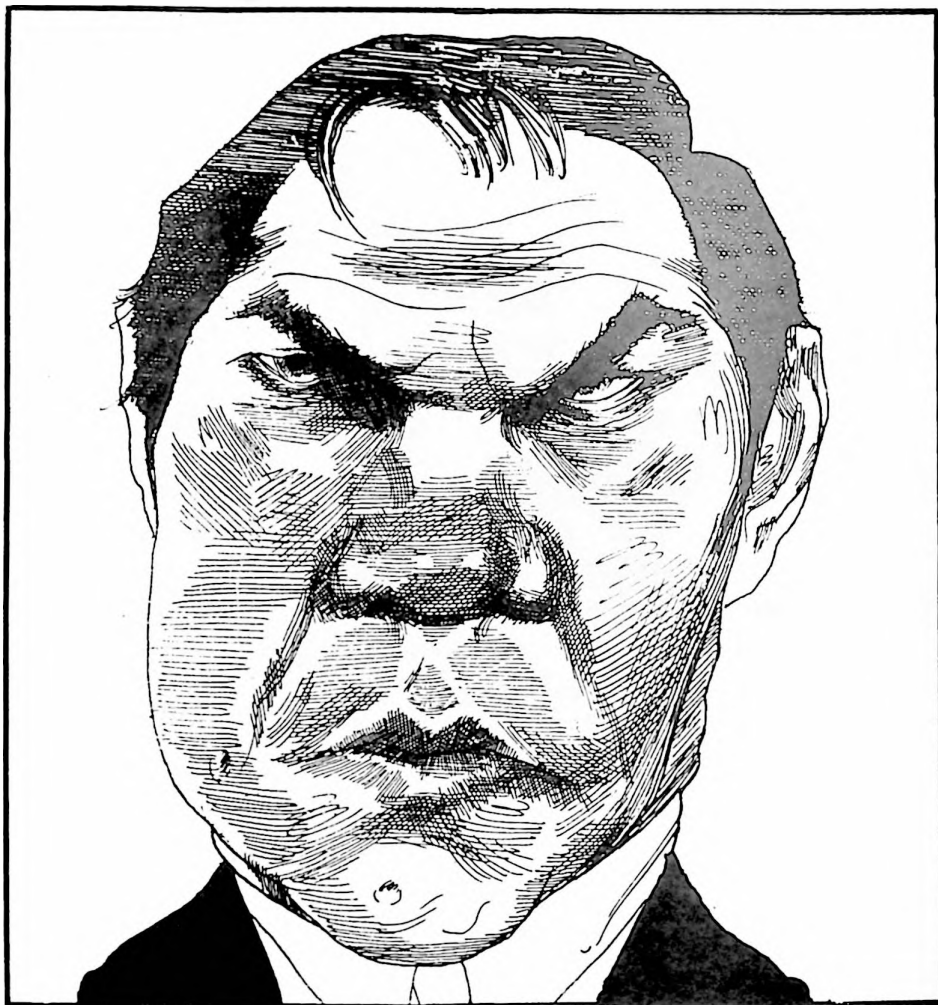
Some comrades that call themselves true Stalinists, in reality, display a backward understanding of Stalinism, of a Brezhnevite type, have call for the boycott of the parliamentary elections. They stress that Stalin (the same as Lenin, but for some reason, they prefer to quote Stalin) in the times of the 1905 Russian Revolution called the participation in the reactionary elections a betrayal of the revolutionary cause. Perfectly correct, since Stalin, the greatest Leninist after Lenin, adopts Lenin's stand. But as Lenin and Stalin would agree now, in Russia, the conditions of a popular uprising, a massive wave of political strikes, are not there. One shouldn't sink to the level of consciousness of the backward masses, but one should take account of its unreadiness to accomplish revolutionary tasks.

On the other hand, now in Russia, the conditions are given to expose parliamentarism, to show the

masses how useless are State Dumas and what is the way of fighting for the most elementary rights of the working class. Otherwise, it turns out that the communist movement refuses to work with the masses because they are "backward", because they do not understand the "historical perspective" and its role in history. This is actually a Trotskyite stand. In fact, the slogan for the boycott of the parliamentary elections in Russia come from those who assert that Russia cannot be considered a revolutionary center; that this center has moved far to the East – to Asia. These comrades praise "the great comrade Deng-Xiaoping" for building Socialist society (i.e., market Socialism) in China. This is not the stand of a true Marxist-Leninist, and Stalinist. One shouldn't be confused between a possible anti-imperialist front and a Marxist-Leninist movement and the struggle for Socialism. It turns out that the boycott in the elections is linked to the denial of Russia as a revolutionary center – leads to liquidationism. One may think that these neo-Stalinists stress that the political consciousness of the masses is so developed, and the political situation is such that the implementation of parliamentary struggle leads to the betrayal of the revolution. Therefore, they call for the boycott of the reactionary parliament. And this is not a discussion on whether this Duma is reactionary, which, for a Marxist-Leninist, is out of question. But on the other hand, this bunch of concealed Brezhnevites proclaims that the revolution has moved to Asia, denying this way he possibility of a revolution in Russia and the struggle for it by the communist movement. It is very easy to sound revolutionary by calling for the boycott of a reactionary parliament. It is much easier than working with

the masses, fight in practice, in the factories, in the streets, for the Socialist revolution. It is very easy to declare that the working class is not prepared for a socialist program, and at the same time, praise market socialism as the road of the revolution. It becomes clear that the boycott of the Duma elections sounds more like a liquidationist attempt to refuse to work with the masses, rather than a truly Marxist-

elections would bring to the working people what only a revolutionary struggle may give. It is incontestable that this reactionary parliament, diminished by a dictatorial presidential Constitution, is an attempt of give to the regime an air of democracy. Yeltsin has allowed the social-democracy not only to enter the parliament but form the largest Duma fraction. Yeltsinist regime offers very good material



General Lebed – his Hero is General Pinochet

Leninist stand. And if this is untrue, then why are these neo-Stalinists incapable of substantiating their call for the boycott with a concrete practice of the organization of the working class? This Brezhnevite type of neo-Stalinists are as far away from working class as their ideological progenitors used to be.

It is out of question that these

conditions to the "communist" deputies, so that they feel the same way as they used to feel in the ("good") old times.

Communist workers understand the social-democratic character of the CPRF, the anti-Marxist character of the leadership. This is a clear question even to many members of the CPRF, specially in the regions. A

State Duma cannot solve the tasks of a socialist program as the CPRF used to say till recently. It was just before the elections that Zyuganov spoke in "realistic" terms about the possibility of the implementation of Socialist measures. To be more explicit, when Zyuganov used to speak about Socialism, he meant first of all the state control of the main means of production, not giving mention to the class content of the state itself. But this is, of course, natural, knowing where he comes from. Communist workers know that the CPRF is composed mainly of former Soviet middle classes whose standard of living has dramatically shrunk, even lower in many cases than that of the working class, following the pro-Western Yeltsinist reforms. It is natural that the CPRF calls for a Brezhnevite type of program. Due to the restoration of the historical figure of Stalin in the Russian communist movement, when for praising Stalin one gains votes, the leadership of the CPRF displays moderate anti-Stalinism, and sometimes, is obliged in public to recognize the great historical role of Stalin. Among the rank-and-file of the CPRF, Stalin is even more popular, although in the main, the thesis of market Socialism is not rejected and a critique to Stalin for the forcible collectivization and the so-called mass repressions is still reminiscent.

ZYUGANOV'S LEADERSHIP QUESTIONED

In these conditions, Zyuganov's leadership was in real trouble to convince the last party congress celebrated in early 1995 to recognize the private property. At the end, he was obliged to back off due to the pressure of the rank-and-file. Nevertheless, Zyuganov published his own electoral programme where he removed anything that could

mention Socialism (i.e., in their understanding of Socialism). The main theses are the recognition of a "mixed" economy where all forms of property would be equal; the revolutionary passage to Socialism doesn't correspond any more to the new historical conditions created in the eve of the new century (Zyuganov claims that the revolutionary path has exhausted its historical significance. Zyuganov, Doctor of Philosophy, rejects the class analysis and stresses that the evolution of history is a result of the struggle between civilizations.)

The pro-Western line of the CPRF leadership comes out clearly. Zyuganov had been trying in the last months before the presidential elections to convince the Western world that his program is even more pro-Western than Yeltsin's. He doesn't oppose the enlargement of the NATO and promised to create a "better atmosphere" for foreign investment.

Therefore, there is no doubt that the CPRF is not by far a Communist party, but a revisionist one, which regards itself as being the heir of the revisionist CPSU. Its class content is also very clear to communist workers. As the leadership of the CPRF admit, the CPRF from its foundation tends to become a new party of intellectuals. The fact that the rank-and-file of the CPRF, especially in the regions display a more radical position in both practice and theory impels us to raise a logical question: Why, despite all the criticism made of Zyuganov from both the communist workers movement and the rank-and-file of the CPRF, that has exposed his flagrant anti-Marxist views and pro-capitalist, pro-Western stand,

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hasn't been removed from the leadership of the CPRF? Moreover – and which is harder to understand – why is Zyuganov still in the leadership of the CPRF after having accepted the results of the fraudulent elections? The rank-and-file membership of the CPRF knows pretty well how its leadership refused to release the results of the parallel counting accomplished by the CPRF in the first and second rounds of these part presidential elections. The results of the first and second rounds are contradictory (according to the official results, Zyuganov would have had less percentage of votes than Yeltsin in several regions where the latter won in the first round), making the issue of the cheating of the results even more obvious. Zyuganov ignored this obvious question, which, of course, has created large discontent. Nevertheless, there have been no attempts to call for an extraordinary congress to remove the leadership. There shouldn't be, therefore, many illusions about the more radical membership of the CPRF and the possibility of the radicalization of the social-democracy. On the contrary, this tendency has proved incapable of fighting the regime and is a faithful servant for Western imperialism by having accepted the results.

CPRF IS A SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY

These considerations must be clear to the workers movement. One should treat the CPRF as a social-democratic party and forget about the illusions that it will radicalize some day. The communist movement, having made the corresponding analysis of this issue, should then analyze the question of the support to the candidacy of Zyuganov. This was a point of controversy among the Russian communists.

The February congress of Workers Russia made clear what is the position of the many communist workers: "Zyuganov means the construction of capitalism under the red banner." This sentence summarizes the analysis expressed above. It is important to note in this connection that the last congress of Workers Russia was a splendid witness of the steady ideological development of the workers vanguard towards truly Marxist-Leninist positions. This is a result, from the one side of the objective conditions, and on the other, of the restoration of the historical figure of Stalin and the significance of his works, which has led to a radical critique of the post-Stalinist period among the workers.

From the communist movement perspective, the main question at stake in those elections was whether the social-democracy, embodied by the CPRF, would become a replacement to the Yeltsinist regime. Communists know that Western imperialism has supported the coming to power of the social-democracy in order to bring stability in Eastern Europe and the Baltic Republics. The Zyuganovites have been working hard to convince the Western world that they do not represent a danger to their interests, that the preservation of the name communist is just made for electoral purposes, but that this does not correspond to the content of the electoral program. This has been largely discussed in the Western media. The West has indeed studied the behavior and the political stand of the Zyuganovites. There was a time, after the December 1995 State Duma elections and February when Western imperialism, especially the Europeans, took seriously the possibility of finding a good replacement to the anti-popular regime. Imperialist TV and

newspapers bear witness to this. At that time, the official polls used to give to Yeltsin just 8% of the voters. This is a good expression that at that time, the replacement was seriously considered.

The peaceful coming to office of the social-democracy, would just serve the interests of Western imperialism, to perpetuate capitalist exploitation, to undermine the influence of the communist movement on the working class. This is the role played by social-democracy in Eastern Europe and the Baltic Republics. Therefore, at that time, Workers Russia took the stand of not supporting the candidacy of Zyuganov in favor of its own – that of Victor Anpilov.

However, Western imperialism had preferred to support open fascist regimes in those countries like the former Republics of Soviet Union (except for the Baltic Republics) and Albania. (In Albania, where the mere attempt for the organization of a communist party is subject, by constitution, to more than five years of imprisonment, the social-democracy has been almost deprived access to parliament in the last elections. Just recently, four were sent to court under the accusation of forming a communist organization, although, according to their statement, this would be a renovated one. It is well known that the communist party, the heir of the Labor Party of Albania, works in the extremely tough illegal conditions and ruthless prosecution.) In these countries, there exist objective conditions for the fast exposure of the social-democracy by the communist movement. In these countries, historically speaking,

social-democracy has been weak and incapable of preserving stability. In the case of the present Russian social-democracy, it is full of contradictions. This issue gave doubt to the West, specially the Americans in granting its final support to Zyuganov.

IMF GAVE 10.5 BILLION

Finally, and due to the pressure of the Clinton administration, the IMF confirmed the issue of the largest in its history loan of US \$ 10.5 billion to Yeltsin government, together with US \$.5 US billion in cash to face the expenses of the electoral campaign, which has been characterized by a scandalous monopoly on the TV, radio, and, with the exception of the organs of the CPRF and other smaller opposition publications and newspapers. It took quite a long time to make the decision. Clinton administration was specially interested in preserving Yeltsin in power. It is very well known that the Republicans would have blamed Clinton for having supported a "communist" government in Russia. This would have been very harmful for the Clinton Administration that now is facing a re-election campaign. In fact, one of the main complaints of the Americans was actually the preservation of the word "communist" in the CPRF. A question arose: namely, why is not Zyuganov in a position to rename the CPRF into a socialist party or something like that? This issue was largely discussed in the Western media.

Let's give notice to a relevant fact. One of the main concerns of the West about the situation in Russia is the power of the Russian state monopolies of oil, gas and the arms industry. As noted above, the contradictions between Western imperialism and Russian imperialism is based mainly on this issue. The

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IMF blamed Yeltsin Administration for not facing properly the payment of the huge external debt. In fact, the last IMF loan was conceded despite the pressure of top officials of the IMF. The complaint was based on the fact that Russian monopolies of gas, oil and arms industry are profitable. For instance, the gas state monopoly had a US \$ 4 billion profit over the past year of 1995. This is a respectable amount of money for a wrecked economy characterized by chronic state budget deficit and a generalized state of non-payment between enterprises. Nevertheless, the Russian government overlooks this but it must pay off the foreign debt. The war in Chechnia has been an important issue. The war in Chechnia, as discussed above, is an expression of the Russian imperialism – a grasp by the Russian military complex. It is natural that the American conservatives suddenly spoke up about human rights and the massacre of tens of thousands of civilians in Chechnia. One “strong” side of Zyuganov was namely the fact that he would constrain Russian monopolies development. In this connection, the program of the pro-Western economist Yablinsky and Zyuganov did not differ much. It is not a coincidence that Yablinsky has been accused by pro-Yeltsinist elements in the Duma of cooperating with the communists. Yablinsky and Zyuganov display very similar “liberal” economic programs which would remove the “constraint” put by the Chernomydrin (Russian Prime Minister) government to foreign investment. However, we communists shouldn't be naive and think that Yeltsin didn't have to pay a price for the support granted by Western imperialism. Here, we have the dismissal of the so-called by the Americans “hardliners”, like Pavel Grachov, the former Minister

of Defense, General Korzhakov, the former Chief of the Presidential Guard, and others. These figures represented the powerful military complex, and responsible for the Russian invasion of Chechnia. They were accused of conspiracy and then removed from their posts. A Marxist has to see something deeper in these facts (see “On the So-called Attempt of Military Coup;”, released by the ICRSU, June 22, 1996).

It became clear already in February that Imperialism had refused to grant support to a hypothetical Zyuganov's victory. At that time, Western media turned out to be much more critical of Zyuganov's promises. At the end, in the months that preceded the presidential elections, the accusations of “communist” to Zyuganov became more and more frequent. As we can easily understand, the position of Zyuganov had not changed in the period that followed the January-February. With this, imperialism reaffirms the policy of supporting fascist regimes rather than the social-democracy in countries like Russia, other former republics of the Soviet Union and Albania, where the objective conditions would make possible the exposure of the social-democracy.

WORKERS RUSSIA TACTICS CORRECT

In the light of this relevant developments, and having understood the impossibility of the coming to power of the social-democracy by peaceful means, the Workers Russia made the right choice to change its tactics with respect to its support of the unified opposition candidate, Gennady Zyuganov. This doesn't represent a change in the Workers Russia stand towards the struggle against capitalism. On the contrary, having seen that Imperialism is willing to

support Yeltsin's dictatorship, being ready to do whatever is in his hands to remain in power, the Workers Russia saw the possibility of exposing a weak social-democracy that has proved incapable of facing Imperialism and the fascist regime. Once more with the electoral defeat, social-democracy has shown how weak it is and how well it obeys imperialist orders.

Zyuganov's leadership has been exposed once again by accepting the fraudulent electoral results. He seems to be more concerned about the stability in Russia than Yeltsin. The Workers Russia, with its support to the candidacy of Zyuganov, takes the correct stand of using the contradictions of bourgeoisie parliamentarism. With this, Workers Russia has exposed once again the leadership of the Communist Party of Russian Federation, and has showed how weak social-democracy in Russia is, what pitiful role it is expected to play. The leadership of the CPRF has been obliged after the elections to prepare plans for the formation of a non-communist block, where nationalist tendencies would prevail. This block would be led by the former Soviet Prime Minister in the times of Gorbachev, Nikolay Ryzhkov. However, the leadership of the CPRF denied the rumors of the possible renaming of the CPRF into a socialist party. Any attempt of any kind would provoke a serious split in the CPRF, which would lead to the isolation of Zyuganov, and with this, his future seat in the Duma. Russia is a country that doesn't vote for the socialist, but for the communist parties. But on the other hand, Zyuganov is in a big contradiction since he has understood pretty well that Imperialism's support to him definitely goes through the renaming of the CPRF into a socialist party like in other

countries of Eastern Europe. It is very complicated to preserve the hammer and sickle and on the other hand, try to defend the interests of Western Imperialism.

The tactics of Workers Russia considered as a broad anti-capitalist and anti-imperialist movement, has helped to expose the nature of the CPRF, its pro-Western character, and the weakness of the social-

democracy have proved to be correct tactics. Now, we see how the working class has to resort to the strike movement to defend its most elementary interests. We have, for instance, the anti-government general strike of coal miners in the far east, where the standard of living has dropped so much that whole regions are physically starving. It becomes obvious to the

worker the cheating in the elections in a country that, apart from Moscow and Leningrad, simply hates Yeltsin. The social-democracy once again has proved incapable of fighting against the Yeltsinist regime, deceiving this way the working class. This will undoubtedly ease the development of the Communist movement in its struggle for socialism. □



YES, THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS WILL AGAIN ARISE!

SHOCKING FACTS IN MOSCOW

From: COVERT ACTION QUARTERLY

- There are over 200,000 homeless people in Moscow alone, and one overnight shelter that can accommodate only 24 people.
- Beggars line in the streets, subway entrances and underpasses day and night.
- The "New Russians" meanwhile snort cocaine, feast at

expensive restaurants, drive BMWs, and gobble up privatized apartments for pennies from the desperate people who must sell them to live.

- The industrial output of Russia now is even worse than it was in the USA during the depression years of 1930s.
- Russian products that do get manufactured are squeezed out of the world markets specifically by the West.
- Imports of goods to buy in Russia is now 39% of retail trade.

- Living standards drop every month for over 80% of the people.
- Yeltsin is selling off all non-renewable resources, primarily its oil, mineral riches to the West.
- Russia is now practically the world's largest debtor nation next to Brazil.
- Domestic ill-gotten capital is leaving the country in huge chunks – \$50 billion in 1994 alone – these are just estimates, the real outflow of capital is beyond imagination.
- Organized crime controls over

40% of the economy – 400 banks, 35,000 private businesses, 50 stock exchanges and 150 government owned enterprises.

- The mafia collects protection money from over 80% of all banks and private businesses. There are over 5,000 mafia groups in existence and employ over 3,000,000 people. In 1994 alone, gangland executions of 177 businessmen and 185 criminal bosses were executed in gangland style. There is a very thin line as to who is the mafia and who is the government.

- U.S. aid and IMF aid is often earmarked for Russian purchases of US goods, playing a variation on the old theme: What's good for General Motors is good for Russia.

- US strategy is to extract raw materials – oil, natural gas and gold. Washington is helping to milk Russia of its non-renewable resources and assets.

- Often, the investment of foreign aid, IMF and others use the strategy which requires their Russian partners to purchase ONLY US-made goods.

- As usual, the US government and the IMF is not dispensing its largesse for free. There are political kickbacks. Robert Strauss, US businessman that benefit from OPIC and Export-Import Bank, deposit their earnings into the Democratic Party coffers. Here is just one example: US, West received \$125 million in loan guarantees from OPIC to develop a wireless communications network in Russia. In the last two years, the company has given a \$147,667 thank you to the Democratic Party of President Bill Clinton!

DEAR READER:

What we have quoted directly from our sources is just the tip of an iceberg of what is actually going on, not only by USA corporations but all of the West monopolies who are raping the former

USSR.

We certainly hope that the Soviet anti-Yeltsin forces and their leaders know these facts as well as we do. If they don't, then there is room for suspicion as to who these "anti-Yeltsin forces" really are.

Time certainly has arrived now, after the temporary defeat in the last presidential elections to have ALL the anti-present regime parties to get together and form a UNITED movement that can plan and carry out their struggles.

What is preventing this from happening?

Of course, there are differences in policy, strategy, ideology and all different movements inside Marxism-Leninism that are there, promoted from inside and outside of former Soviet Union. There are, unfortunately, also personal conflicts and ambitions – "I want to be the leader" malady that permeates this struggle.

Somehow, this infighting, splits, counter-splits, new formations and other problems are not only breaking the struggles of the Soviet people, but they have an adverse effect on the world revolutionary movement.

Since Gorbachev's "perestroika" (more aptly called "destroyka") came on the scene, there were meetings, congresses and personal get-togethers of many Communist and Marxist parties all over the world – in Europe, in South America, in Italy, in India and other countries.

This is a good beginning! But there is just one problem to resolve which so far is practically not even beginning to be addressed. It is this:

WITH OVER 140 COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD HAVING COMMUNIST-MARXIST-LENINIST PARTIES IN EXISTENCE, NOT ONE MEETING OF ALL, OR OF A MAJORITY PARTIES, HAS EVER TAKEN PLACE SINCE 1980'S!

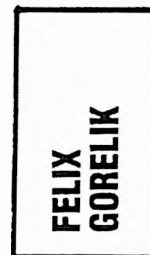
Obviously, there are serious problems to overcome, before such a

world meeting takes place. Some parties and movements might have to be exposed as frauds or supported by others than the people themselves.

We sincerely feel that a movement towards this end is being born. There is going to appear a Marxist-Leninist journal which will act as a catalyst for exchanges of opinions, dialogue and an organizer for unity. It's to be called "INTERNATIONAL STRUGGLE".

Let us always remember this cardinal truth:

CAPITALISTS KNOW HOW TO DIVIDE AND RULE! COMMUNISTS SHOULD KNOW HOW TO UNITE AND RULE! □



POLITICAL CHERNOBYL AND LESSONS OF HISTORY

KNIFE IN THE BACK

The death of USSR is a political, social and moral Chernobyl, aftermath of which will be even more terrible than the explosion which happened at Chernobyl Nuclear Station. Similar to – as the operators of this Nuclear Station trying out an experiment – shutting off the automatic system of defense, which caused the accident, Gorbachev systematically shut off one after another all of the safeguards in the system which was meant to save and defend our socialist society. "Glasnost", "democratization", "economic reforms" were started in order to undermine the moral, political and economic basis of the USSR and the anti-socialist forces, allowing atomic

demons to escape!

With the demise of USSR, our beliefs, "dogmas", were also shattered about "full and final victory of socialism", and "about the noble working class – the most advanced force in society". The attack was felt from the direction, from which no one expected: from inside and from the top – from the side of the top echelons of the party and the state, with the support of a large section of the intelligentsia and workers. Who would have ever thought that the party hierarchy, coming from the bosom of the people, receiving all schooling, supposedly dedicated to the Soviet state, will turn out to be the main grave digger of socialism! If part of the party hierarchy found themselves among the organizers in the bourgeois counter-revolution, the other part was looking at these deeds from the sidelines – only a small part remained loyal to the ideals and took part in the rebirth of the party – Communist Party. Why was this possible? Are there some laws which govern these events?

History knew many such incidents of defeat after a temporary victory. Around 1750 BC in ancient Egypt, the revolution was victorious – after that, there was the defeat of the slaves and poor people. The Christian Empire was defeated in China in IX century which was headed by Huan Chao. The Cossack leadership, born from the Cossacks after the liberation war under Bohdan Khmelnytsky remade itself into rulers and Barons. The state of heavenly bliss in China "Typing Tiango" formed by the revolt of Taipei people in China in 1850-1864. We were led to believe that neither peasants nor slaves were capable to form a society without exploitation of man by man.

But why did the proletarian revolution suffer a defeat in our

country? It is shown that people, coming from the working class, finding themselves at the head of state, are also capable to be reborn, as the former poor, slaves, peasants. Does this then mean that the division of society into the rich and the poor, exploitation of man by man – is the only "normal" society, while socialism is "utopia", as today the former communists who are now "democrats" state? Or, maybe the question in this situation is in the unknown, contradictory, character of the beginning of the first steps towards socialism at which stage we found ourselves? We must realize that capitalism was being formed over 500 years, before it became what it is today, while we, undeveloped socialism, did exist only for about 50 odd years in so-called peace, before we were able to blossom... when all of the potential resources and plans were not able to bear fruit yet.

We did not know that maybe the restoration of capitalism was preserved even after the victory of socialism and socialist relations. Lessons of this is seen in the preservation of the market, and even though there were regulations based on need, thus giving birth to the hidden economy, the remnants of material inequality, discrepancy between society and personal interests, the possibility of the rebirth from the party nomenclature, the break away of the communist party leadership from the masses.

We came from capitalism, taking away from the market such things, as means of production and the workers' exploitation. But the object of needs remained as goods, the first life's need to live better, to have goods of your own were the main

stimuli of work. The existence teaches us understanding. For the restoration of a bourgeoisie, individual needs remained in the realistic soil.

"SERVANTS OF THE PEOPLE" INTO "RULERS"

Why is it that the "party nomenclature" became the grave digger of socialism? In order to reply to this question, let us explain how there appeared the exploiting classes. All history of class society turns around the manufacturing and the division of material goods. With the appearance of a product, there took place the division into the physical and mental working of the product. People, busy with managing the production of goods, take advantage of their position in order to amass products and thus become the ruling class; while others become feudal serfs, feudal workers in bondage while others become capitalists. Today, the "democrats" in USSR were also the exploiting class, taking unto themselves the state property. Can we agree with this? "Nomenclature" was composed of party, state and agricultural leaders, finding themselves in the service of the working people. Ruling this society production of goods, it was impossible to exploit other's work. Work of the state leaders guaranteed our leap in the development of the economy, culture, victory in the Great Patriotic War, leap ahead into the Cosmos, the raising up of the living standards of the people. Together with these, we must admit that some of the rulers made themselves into a "class", forming objective opportunities for reforming themselves into the ruling class.

As V.I. Lenin stated, belonging to one or another class denotes where you will find yourself in the society's production process, role in

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the society's organization of work, the method and future of society's riches, and the attitude towards all means of production. The leaders, having the right to institute commands, deciding on the commands, giving honorariums, of course have control over his or her workers and those responsible to the top. And even he or she has dealings directly with the means of production, same as the ordinary worker; nevertheless, they were the decisive force in arranging and managing the manufacturing and distribution process. No wonder that in our time there were people saying about these rulers such as: "boss of the province, district, city, enterprise, state farm". Such a situation and unwritten title could be interpreted and sought after to really be an actual owner, so that he would not be afraid of higher authority, liberate himself from being controlled by higher party dedicated officials.

More responsibility, which the director had, was seen in the pay he received for his work. Stalin fought against this tendency of privileges to higher party and government posts. Could this phenomena which gained momentum after Stalin's death, could this be called "exploitation" of the people? These "privileges" were in themselves insignificant if you look on the overall national scale, and cannot, under any circumstances, be compared to the present day robbers of national wealth. But this was a beginning. Being in control of the state "cake-peroshki", being responsible for its division and not be able to get a bigger piece of the cake – could you hold yourself for a long time from biting more and more of the cake? In order to come to grips with this situation, you had to become the owner of the means of production, start a social counter-

revolution! The first step towards this goal was the spread of corruption (after Stalin's death – Editors) amongst the nomenclature apparatchiks. After this, the second step would follow soon enough.

Why was this counter-revolution able to be successful only at the end of 1980s and beginning of the 1990s?

During the years of underground, revolution, civil war, the first 5-year plans, Great Patriotic War, in the first place, the criteria of cadres was based on their

through many manipulations were able to replace dedicated and devoted Leninists. The liquidation of inner party democracy opened up the road to those who were building their careers by slavishly bowing to their superiors and fulfilling their every wish, be it correct or not. The rebirth of these elements took a sharp upward swing during the 1960-70s, when the war salvos were being forgotten, the Great Patriotic War memories and dedication were going into the background. A



Meeting in Krasnodar, families, youth, belonging to "Young Guards" – May Day.

knowledge, dedication to socialism. At that time, your party card demanded from you dedication, self sacrifice; the future "grave diggers" of socialism stood away from joining the communist party. Of course, even among the ranks of former revolutionaries, there were people of different psychological make-up. There were opportunists, altruistic, boot-lickers, and others to whom Tsar's Russia did not always give an opportunity for "growth". Stalin's "cleansing" as Lenin did and demanded, was the first step of a massive step against careerists, who, in thousands, joined the communist party after the civil war, finding their place in the party, and

systematic movement was started and promoted among members of the party of a "natural selection". The biggest source of these elements was the "nursery" of careerists from the Komsomol. Now, when you did not have to risk your own life, there stormed pushy youths into the party, pushing themselves up through the Komsomol as "volunteers". The policy of the Komsomol, although they did very positive things in the country, unfortunately, many were nothing more than careerists, opportunists who pushed their way to the top of the party by their slavish boot-licking and compliments to their superiors.

Party nomenclature in majority

of cases changed themselves into a separate cast of people, governed by strict discipline, depending on the whims and outlook of their superiors. This brought the situation to such a state that FROM POLITICAL FIGHTERS, PARTY NOMENCLATURE CHANGED THEMSELVES INTO PARTY FUNCTIONARIES - THE ULTIMATE BUREAUCRATS.

The party after Lenin and Stalin was being built like a pyramid - the top post was the General Secretary to whom were subordinated secretaries CC of the Republics, territorial districts, provincial districts, city districts. Every step on the ladder to the top had with it certain privileges. Criticism was allowed from top to bottom, not from bottom to top as Lenin and Stalin fought for. Swaggering, don't give a damn towards people, greediness of certain party functionaries became a massive character. By the actions of these so-called "party people-leaders", people judged the whole party as a whole! The departure of words from deeds made people not believe in socialist and communist ideology. All this made the remaking of the party, which had lost its revolutionary character as a leader and defender of the masses, and brought the crisis of separation of the party from the people.

Amongst the party elite, knowing the life in the West, but in actual fact, not knowing as to why and how the West lived by exploiting the rest of the world, there was coming to the fore the jealousy for a life comparable to the top echelons of the ruling class in the West. These elements felt themselves tied to the discipline and basic life's needs, afraid of being sentenced for corruption and unfulfilling their work. Why do you think that in their hearts there was

born a wish for "market economy", which would give these elements the opportunity to make state property their very own; but in order to fool the masses of people, they decided to call themselves "democrats", started to speak about the need to liquidate "totalitarianism", to go onto the road to "democracy", but in reality, it was to change socialism into capitalism! This was the path-policy of Gorbachev, Yakovlev, Yeltsin, Aliev, Shevernadze, Popov, Gaidar, Krawchuk and other newly-baked "democrats".

CONFLICT OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE OWNERSHIP

Let us go even deeper. Why was it that the interest of the party elite did not correspond to the interests of the public? Why was it that a large section of the intelligentsia and workers supported the counter-revolutionary elements? The answer to this question gives an analysis between the PERSONAL and STATE INTERESTS. As is known, the main contradiction between socialism and capitalism is the ownership of the means of production and the private ownership and production. We thought that the personal-private and state interests were combined and liquidated. I feel that this understanding was a mistake. The conflict of capitalism and their tactics changed at the first stage of socialism, in which we found ourselves. What is the essence of this conflict? To our way of thinking, the main conflict was between the PUBLIC CHARACTER OF MANUFACTURING and PUBLIC FORM OF OWNERSHIP - from one side, with PERSONAL, PRIVATE CHARACTER OF CONSUMPTION - from the other side. From here, then, developed the conflict between public and private interests, the quality of

manufacturing, consumption and its certification.

If we take away the manufactured good which go towards personal needs of people, it is characterized as personal, private in character. In order to live, a man must be guaranteed with all the necessary goods for life and cultural needs. The needs of man grows with time.

In what form do the personal interests evolve as a whole? This is the striving for satisfaction towards all-around needs of personal character; first of all, its material and cultural needs. Sometimes, personal interests do coincide with society's needs; as the needs depend on the development and successes of society as a whole, growth of society's manufacturing, socialist development of goods and services. In this regard, the personal and society needs become one and the same, helping each other. Thanks to society's needs and development, planned - socialist attitude - it was possible for the first time in history of mankind to liquidate unemployment, give every family the opportunity to receive - no matter what is the state of that family is - schooling, medical help, receive living quarters. In USSR, there was instituted the shortest working day anywhere in the world, paid holidays, the early retirement to go on pension. The good fortune of each family depended on the success of society's development, manufactured goods and industrialization. Soviet state was concerned about everyone - we never worried about tomorrow.

Then in what way was there conflict developed between society's and personal needs? The problem was this: that personal needs at that stage of development were not able to be satisfied to the fullest. The state had to divide the production and payment to the work force in

such a way that the balance would be achieved and there had to be certain restrictions. The priority had to be given to the interests of the state above that of personal gain. How can we explain this? First of all, it's the historical conditions in which USSR lived and had to exist. We had to start from a very low economic development of Russia. Secondly, socialism was being built in a very tense situation of two opposing classes and systems. We were threatened with wars, which did materialize – they forced us into the arms race. Under these conditions, it became necessary to rationalize our resources and profits, so that a large proportion of the profits derived from our country was garnered for the defense industry, to heavy industry in order to supply the armaments, in rationalizing resources which could have been utilized for manufacturing all the needed consumer goods for the population, for collective and state farms, and for the workers for their personal use. Under these conditions, the National Gross Product was curtailed somewhat. This deficit, unpopular situation – all this brought about dissatisfaction among certain section of the people: "I want to eat good! I want to have better living quarters, furniture! I want to have better clothes! I want to have a car, summer home – vacation in all of the better sanatoriums and tourist facilities!" These demands could not be all fulfilled right away.

Added to this was the fact that the production had to be raised, quotas had to be constantly raised in order that the costs and labour would have been able to cover each other. The leaders then (after 1953) sometimes made decisions that a low labour qualified worker received higher pay than an engineer

– that produced dissatisfaction. There took place the movement to get "left payment" which was ill-gotten gains. The working class was disturbed by the growth of bureaucracy, the state leaders put up many unnecessary barricades against further development of initiatives, stimulation for innovations – all this started the conflict between personal and society's needs. Therefore, these elements started to curtail the state's interests which served everyone, gave preference to private needs – that meant to curtail and sabotage the needs of society as a whole.

These elements did all in their power to derail the state's interests and hold back this sector of development. Thus, in the womb of Soviet society, an atomic charge was accumulated, which brought on the catastrophe.

In much the same problem, the counter-revolution was the result of (after Stalin's death) the lack of forthright schooling of cadres in Marxism-Leninism. From schools and political institutions, the ideas of collectivism, the understanding of the ideas of political development and party, socialist ideals – all of these were systematically taken off the agenda. That is why, under the slogan of "glasnost", Gorbachev and his entourage gave a terrible blow to ideology of socialism, the moral fibre of Soviet society, blackened the October Revolution – all of the Soviet period practically – the party, presenting a varnished picture of Western "market society".

BIOLOGICAL AND SOCIAL From Animal-to-Man, From Man-to-Animal!

The deepest source of rebirth of nomenclature was when they counter-opposed private interests with society's interests as a biosocial meaning of men. A man is not a

clean sheet of paper all white, on which you can write anything you want to, as Mao Tsetung stated. You cannot just present him as one-sided as a product of society with a clear class understanding, as we thought would be possible. A person is a biosocial entity. He is a living being; he has many instincts, which govern his actions and thoughts, even under some different conditions and aspects. This is an instinct of self preservation, with food, meat and aggressiveness. Take a look at a small born baby: One of the first words he or she utters is, "Mine"!; and one of the first reflexes is to grab; in society, the understanding of a person, his brains, feelings, morals, conscience and will. The stages of people in this are different from each other, does not matter from which class he or she comes from. All the feelings comprise a human being. The present "democrats" had all of these basic instincts in them and from a psychological point of view, these reborn leaders were in most cases, egoistic; greediness, self-love made from them, the elements that trampled our Motherland in order that they become the new class. They are willing to go over the dead bodies in order to get their riches.

Nevertheless, the individualistic and private greed understanding has also encompassed some of the working class. Even during the beginning of Soviet Power, V.I. Lenin saw in these small petty bourgeois psychology great danger – he showed the necessity to gain victory over the "spontaneous petty-bourgeois anarchy – this base from which there could come again the Kerensky or Kornilov". He pointed to the act of the idea to "grab", "steal" and underlined this that "there still remains this petty-bourgeois outlook: "I should get more, and over there, grass should not grow."

On these personal feelings the present day "rulers-democrats", spread among the people the idea of private ownership instincts with rosy-coloured pictures of Western "heaven". How many times did we hear the following?: "To me, it's all the same how you call this – capitalism, socialism – just as long as I get paid well!" Today's situation showed that the statement that the working class is leading the road ahead during the 1980-90s in USSR was nothing but a mirage. During Soviet times, there took place the "de-classification" of the working class. The question is this: that the understanding of the working class can only be understood if it struggles against a class enemy.

Therefore, the workers were under protection of the state, party, and trade unions. Gradually, believing in the ideals, class consciousness were overcoming the psychological remnants of capitalism – life was becoming better with every year and products were becoming cheaper every time.

The defeat of Khrushchev's myth of a rapid transition to communism brought upon the Motherland a great blow against these ideals. These qualitative aspects which brought the working class to victory: collectivization, idealism, bravery, steadfastness were trampled under foot. And then, taking advantage of the break between the party and the people, economic problems, they called the slogan of "reforms" of Gorbachev, "democrats" with anti-communist propaganda were able to manipulate a large section of the working class against the party, for "reforms". Therefore, today, losing all rights, the working class found itself not capable to defend these gains.

"Democrats" were able to take away our youth also. With the

specific plan of foisting Western "pop culture", "sexual revolution", the blackening of our history, the young were coming under the influence of bourgeois ideology. The growth of capitalist elements, thanks to the underground economy, was responsible for amassing ill-gotten profits. Personal interests took over from society interests above all.

LESSONS OF HISTORY

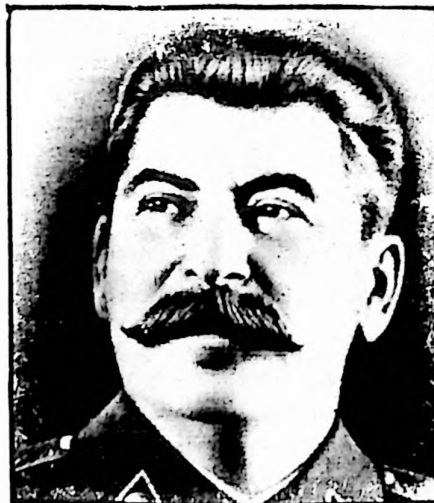
But, this upheaval was able to be averted!

The defeat that overtook us was because we did not know, from where the blow will come from; we could not comprehend the rebirth of the party to be the enemy of the State; we did not have a mechanism which would have predicted such a catastrophe.



V.I. Lenin

J.V. Stalin



Although in their time, V.I. Lenin and J.V. Stalin warned us about these possibilities, the building of socialism in USSR was the first – we were the first explorers in this building, living as we were in a situation, which now has become clear; in much the same way as groping for answers.

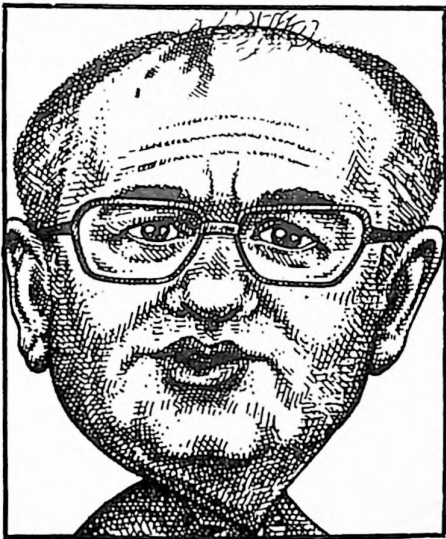
The laws of socialist development that were already tested by actual facts were thrown overboard in building socialism. V.I. Lenin warned us about bureaucracy and the possibility of change in the Soviet system if a stop is not instituted against this cancer. He insisted that there must be hard forms and methods of control from the bottom up, in order to paralyze any such tendency which is hell bent to destroy socialism and Soviet Union. This cancer must be torn out, so that never again such malady would occur. We must always fight against bureaucratism. This should have been a lesson to all of us to fight against bureaucracy inside the party. Lenin also stated that: "the party must be always cleansed from these mazurks, from bureaucrats, unhealthy and dirty communists." He also demanded inner party democracy, the cementing of contacts between the party and the masses, gaining the trust of the working class. All this unfortunately was forgotten after 1953, the party slid down from a fighting-leading entity into a party of civil servants, separated from the masses of people.

The elimination and demand of responsibility by the party, according to me, was a theoretical mistake. When did the socialist revolution finish? Social revolution – and political revolution is only a part of one – takes years, during which time, there takes place a transition from one form to another. We rested a bit too early on our laurels. The epoch of socialist

revolution is not finished yet!

Lessons about "complete and everlasting victory of socialism", or "we have built a developed socialism" was shown to be too premature. As we see, there remained the possibility of a rebirth of capitalism, coming from petty-bourgeois mentality and psychology, which was still in the minds of a large section of people, confusion about personal and society's needs and possibilities in certain stages of the development of society. We never even thought about the possibility of the leadership of the party - converting themselves into a counter-revolutionary element, which is a unified form capitulated to world Imperialism.

But, with the possibility of a counter-revolution in our society, there was also the possibility of the victory of socialist forces. Among the workers, inside the party, inside even of party-nomenclature, even people who are muddled and swaying between this or that movement, there are people who are dedicated to socialism and the Motherland, dedicated collective



Gorbachev - author of "Destroika"

workers and patriots. These people were disoriented by double faced Gorbachev and his clique, masking their counter-revolutionary activity

with phrases such as: "dedication to socialist choice, communist perspective", these honest people could not make themselves believe that the party will be sold from within. When the betrayal took place and became known and into the open, the counter-revolution was already able to take over the government and the State and defend itself.

But, nevertheless, the losses, the heroic builders of socialism and millions of devoted Soviets, did not work for nothing in building socialism. The memory of great achievements, heroic uprisings and struggles will live forever.

The temporary defeat of socialism and USSR and other Socialist European countries again reminds us that history goes forward in a zig-zag fashion: after rushing forward, then a temporary set back backwards. That is the way it was with the English bourgeois revolution of 18th century in England with the restoration of Stuart monarchy; that is the way it was with the revolution of 18th century in France with the restoration of the Bourbons. The victory of the counter-revolution in USSR is a temporary zig-zag of history. Why? Because the bourgeois was able to come to power on lies and deceit of the people. The myth of "freedom", "democracy", "market economy", "the priority of laws of individualism over state laws" - all these myths crashed down as foam. Freedom of individualism showed itself to be freedom for crooks, who got the opportunity to rob the people's property. For the workers, this "freedom" gave them unemployment, hardships, liquidation of all the social gains they had - life according to law of the jungle, massive genocide. Inside of a few years, the parasitic mafiosi class of compradator bourgeois have robbed

more than 80% of the people. Those among the workers who from the start believed in the mirage of "democratic" propaganda very quickly learned the bitter truth on their own skins ... not only losing their work, but also, they are forced to work like slaves without pay. There took place a sobering up after "democratic drunkenness". These same coal miners who voted for Yeltsin in Russia or supported "democrats" in the Donbass region, today, in their great majority, now vote for the communists. The bitter lesson, learned as a result of the dismemberment of USSR and the "market reforms", reminded the working class what socialism gave to them before. People more and more often state: "We lived already under communism, but we did not realize it!" To this manner of thinking, following the older generation are coming our young generation, which is now without an opportunity to get free schooling, guaranteed jobs after finishing school.

This is why the Communist parties are arising like a Phoenix from the ashes and for the future of socialism! □

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ERRATUM

In Northstar Compass August/September issue "OPEN FORUM" Chechnia, by Milenko Popovich, where we said "Yeltsin who managed ... etc." should have read: "The West Imperialism who managed to colonize the great Russian Slavic people ...". □

NEWS DIGEST COMMENT

WHO IS THREATENING THE WORLD?

Now that the Soviet Union is temporarily dismembered as are other former socialist countries of Europe, it is sometimes necessary to jolt our minds and senses as to what U.S. Imperialism has done since the end of World War II.

Capitalist press will not publish these facts in the main media, since it graphically is devastating even by the graphic presentation, not to mention the costs in hundreds of thousands of lives of people.

For all those that pay lip service to "socialism" – but in actual fact, do not

want to look facts in the eye, but try to find 'explanations', 'reasons', 'national security', etc., etc. – let them look at this graphic map.

Unfortunately, this map does NOT show the world-wide American bases, rockets storage facilities, advisors of US Army, airfields, navy installations, radio transmitters, aerial survey, strategic planes that are in the air 24 hours a day, or the numerous spies, provocateurs that USA and NATO has in all countries alike – be it friend or foe.

- The black lines with the numbers point to the places where large scale American army was involved in action after the Second World War, or gave support to other Imperialist powers.

- The black dots denote the US war basis on territories of other countries.

- On the west coast of USA, the 3rd Navy Fleet is stationed.

- On the east coast of USA and roaming the whole Atlantic is the large 2nd Navy Fleet.

- On the east coast of Africa

and the Indian Ocean is stationed the large 7th US Navy Fleet.

- On the coast of China and Russia, there is stationed the 7th Navy Fleet.

LET US ALSO REMEMBER THAT USA ORGANIZED THE FOLLOWING MILITARY BLOCKS AROUND THE WORLD – AIMED AT THE FORMER USSR.

- NATO
- ANSIUS
- PATO
- RIO PACT
- SENTO
- ANSIUK
- SEATO

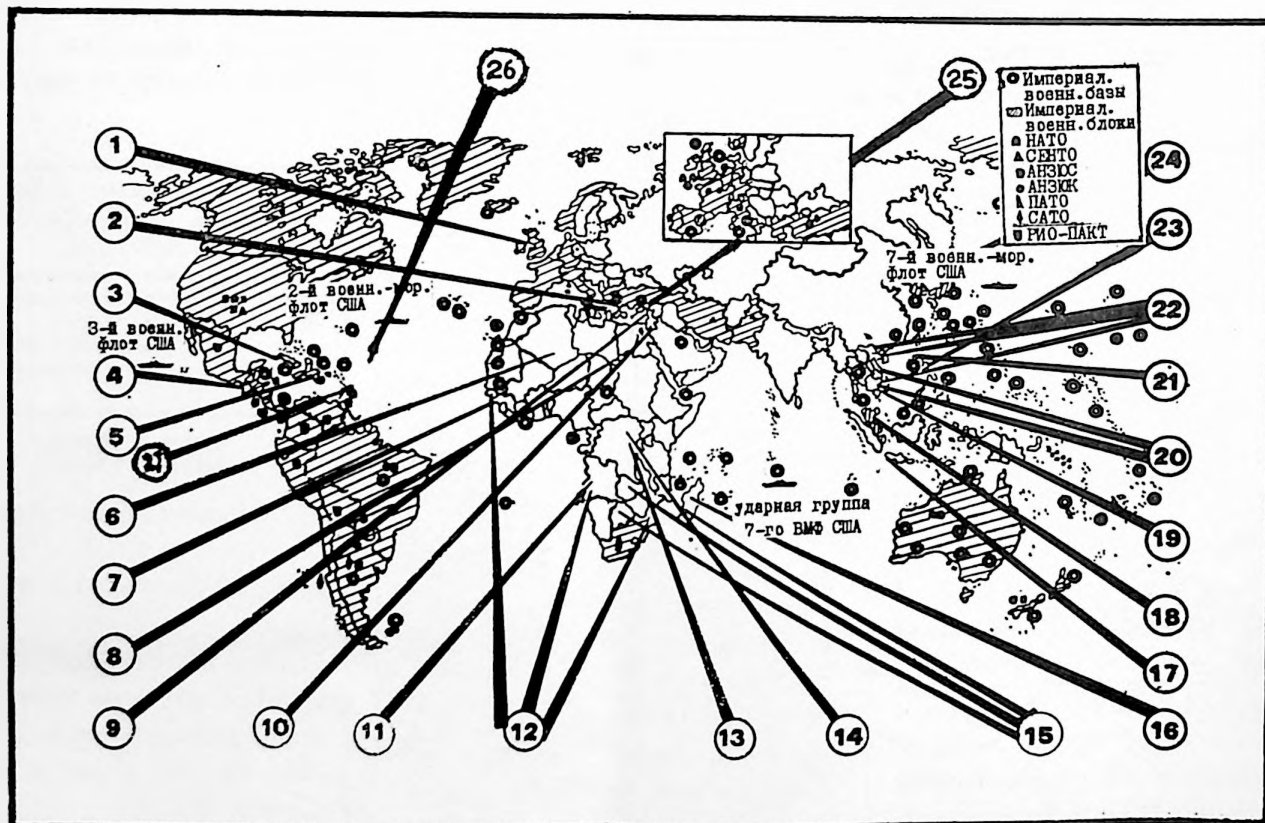
USA WAS INVOLVED IN FOLLOWING WARS THAT THEY STARTED OR INSTIGATED SINCE END OF SECOND WORLD WAR.

1. 1969-1980, Northern Ireland conflict: USA helped British colonialist against the Irish people.

2. 1955-1959, Cyprus: British colonial war with the help of USA.

3. 1961, Cuba: Cuban counter-revolutionary forces, based in USA and trained there, attacked CUBA with USA navy cover, at Bay of Pigs.

4. 1954, Guatemala: Military



intervention of USA to oust the legally elected government of Guatemala.

5. 1965, Dominican Republic: Intervention by USA armed forces.

6. 1954-1962, Algeria: Colonial war waged by France with USA support.

7. 1970, Uganda: Portugal's army with the support of USA, Union of South Africa, started a civil war.

8. 1956, Egypt: The aggression of England, Israel and France, supported by USA in the Suez Canal crisis.

9. 1958, Jordan, Lebanon: Intervention of USA and Great Britain in these two countries.

10. 1967, Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon: Aggression of Israel, support by NATO and USA.

11. 1975-1976, Angola: The intervention of South Africa armed forces with the support of USA and NATO.

12. 1961-1974, Angola, Mozambique, Guina-Bassu: War of Portugal colonialists with direct support of USA.

13. 1960-1962-1964, Zaire, Congo-Kinshasa: Intervention by Belgium, USA and other countries of NATO.

14. 1978, Zaire: French and Belgian intervention in the province of Shaba, direct concurrence of USA and NATO.

15. 1975-1979, Mozambique, Zambia, Botswana: Military provocations with the direct support of NATO-USA.

16. 1974, Madagar: French colonial war with USA approval and support.

17. 1945-1949, Indonesia: War by Dutch colonizers with USA help to drown this peoples' revolution in blood.

18. 1948-1954, Malaysia: Intervention of Great Britain with support by NATO-USA.

19. 1955-1975, South Vietnam: US invasion and support of the reactionary regime and the long drawn-out genocide practiced by USA.

20. 1969-1975, Cambodia, Laos: Aggression of American imperialism in this area of Asia.

21. 1964-1975, Democratic Republic of Vietnam: Attacked and complete genocide practiced against these people.

22. 1945-1951, Indo China: French colonialists with the support of USA tried to butcher the uprising of freedom-loving people fighting for independence. USA was supplying arms and advisors.

23. 1948-1951, Philippines: USA involvement in liquidating the Indonesian peoples' rebellion for freedom.

24. 1950-1953, Korean Peoples Democratic Republic: Was invaded by USA and its allies plus the South Korean marionettes.

25. 1991, Persian Gulf War: US Imperialism practiced scorched earth policy against Iraq.

26. 1996, Iraq: US bombards with missiles.

27. 1983, Grenada: US invades and conquers the Island.

NOW ... COUNT ALL THE WARS THAT US IMPERIALISM WAS INVOLVED WITH TROOPS AND OTHER ARMED SERVICES! NOW, ADDED TO THEIR "VICTORY" IS THE TEMPORARY DEFEAT OF SOVIET UNION.

WHO WAS THE AGGRESSOR? WHO TRAMPLED PEOPLES' WILL INTO DUST?

WHO SUPPORTED, SUPPLIED WEAPONS TO THE AFGHANISTAN REBELS AGAINST THE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN, WHICH ASKED USSR TO HELP ACCORDING TO THEIR TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP?

The old saying that "If you live by the sword, you shall die by the sword" is very apropos. U.S. imperialism is going to meet its death sooner than later.

Thanks to K. Kolontsev from Sevastopol. Map from "Problems of Peace and Socialism" □

CROOKED OLYMPICS HELD IN ATLANTA

We are excerpting from a very well documented book by Andrew Jennings, called "The New Lords of the Ring" and published by Simon & Schuster, UK, 1996.



The Olympics (100th Centennial) that just recently ended in Atlanta, Georgia, was by all accounts a fiasco as far as the venue and organizational skills of the USA is concerned.

It was nothing more and nothing less than a capitalist venue of making money and controlled absolutely by transnational corporations ... these corporations ruled the roost in Atlanta.

Houses in Atlanta during the Olympics were being rented out at \$10,000 per week! This is real "Olympic spirit" shown by USA private entrepreneurs!

The crooked events of the International Olympic Committee you will read below, but - it is very unfortunate that these games did not have the large, well organized and well handled sportsmen from former USSR and other socialist countries, which would have acted as a counter-balance

to the shenanigans and the razzmatazz that was the Atlanta Olympics.

Somehow the whole idea of sportsmanship is lost in the quagmire of crookedness, doping, sponsorship, deals being made and above all honesty for sports as it should be, as was started out to be 100 years ago in Athens, Greece.

— With thanks also to NOW newspaper! □

LET'S GO BACK TO 1984!

New Times, a Soviet journal #17, April 1984, wrote this article which exposes a little known fact about Israel and Israel's former Prime Minister, Yitzak Shamir.

No comment is necessary!

We would like to thank Tom Hopkins, our reader in Wales, G.B. for this gem!

SHAMIR AND THE THIRD REICH

The Israeli leaders have always declared fascism their bitterest enemy. Nevertheless, it has come to light that Israel's present Prime Minister, Yitzak Shamir, sought contact with the Nazis during World War II. He planned to get the Hitlerites to help him capture Palestine for the Zionists after the expulsion of the British from that area. The Israeli newspaper Zo Haderekh quotes some passages from a letter written by Shamir to the Nazi ambassador in Turkey. Shamir wrote:

"In reality, in our view we are like you ... There is no difference whatsoever ... Therefore, the question arises whether we should not work together."

As the fascists were liquidating Jews in their concentration camps, Shamir and his henchmen were proving "an identity of interests between the New European Order

as seen by the Germans, and the national aspirations of the Jewish people in Eretz-Israel [Great Israel]." This group, according to the former leader of the ultra-Right Zionist organization Lehi, Israel Eldad, wanted "to establish a totalitarian Jewish rule in Eretz-Israel."

Now, in the midst of another government crisis, Yitzak Shamir is again hoping to occupy the chair of Prime Minister. But how can a person who once extended his hand to the Nazis be the leader of Israel! But then, why not! The policies of the Zionist leadership in Tel Aviv are quite in keeping with Premier Shamir's old dream of a Great Israel, while Israeli aggression in Lebanon is reminiscent of the Third Reich with its treachery and cruelty.

— D. Zgersky □

MAY 17TH: 16 YEARS OF PEOPLE'S WAR IN PERU!

DEAR READER:

In order to give you more coverage of the struggles in many countries where NSC is read, we reprint a very interesting article by Clara Lewis in the Working People's News from USA. Clara Lewis was a delegate at the 4th Anniversary of NSC last month.

Below, we reprint the message from a leaflet issued by the Peru People's Movement which is very inspiring and shows the militancy of the Peruvian people. We wish them victory. Also, with this leaflet, we received their excellent magazine in English called, "The New Flag".

"... One does not play at insurrection, one does not play at revolution. But when one raises the banner of insurrection, when one takes

up arms, there's no taking down the banner, it must be held high and never lowered until victory ... no matter how much it costs us!" — President Gonzalo

The working class and the Peruvian people led by the Communist Party of Peru (PCP), celebrate the Anniversary of the launching of the revolution, with political and military actions country-wide. Under the leadership of the Central Committee, following the strategic plans designed by President Gonzalo, the PCP is developing the conditions for the strategic offensive through the formation of the New Power which is evidenced by the existence of thousands of People's Committees and Support Bases.

The Party, the People's Army and the Front have demonstrated to be organizations superior to those of the reactionary regime and will be capable of successfully launching the insurrections in the cities towards the Conquest of Power.

What is happening in Peru? Peru lives a revolutionary situation in development on the path to a "revolutionary crisis", in Lenin's words. The People's War is developing the three conditions necessary for the final victory:

- 1) Reaction is incapable of governing the country;
- 2) Revisionism and opportunism lose influence among the masses;
- 3) The masses follow the Party.

The actions of the PCP are dismantling the old State. The working class has staged combative celebrations during International Worker's Day and is celebrating through actions the anniversary of the invincible People's War.

The PCP, guided by its ideology Marxism-Leninism-Maoism, Gonzalo Thought, is applying the IV Military plan of Strategic Development of the People's War and the VI Military Plan to Conquer

Power Country-wide. The Party is an undefeated war machine that inevitably will conquer power for the class and the people. Today, thousands of red flags wave in the open People's Committees, the bastions of the People's Republic of Peru. The People's War has contained and defeated the military encirclements of the enemy, including the counter-revolutionary hoax of "peace talks" purging the handful of traitors within its ranks. Now, the same reactionaries recognize that the Party is solidly united. Today, the military actions of the revolutionaries are more developed than before and with the participation of large contingents, battalions and regiments armed with modern weapons and with different specializations within the People's Army of Liberation.

Confronted by the unstoppable People's War, U.S. imperialism has sent thousands of troops to its military base of Santa Lucia in the Huallaga valley under the disguise of "war on drugs". However, its real war is to confront the armed struggle of the Peruvian people led by the PCP. Victory belongs to the people and defeat to the puppet regime of Fujimori and his master U.S. imperialism.

Long Live the 16th Anniversary of the People's War!

Long Live the Communist Party of Peru!

Long Live Proletarian Internationalism!

Peru People's Movement
(MPP) □

NATO ON THE MARCH

More than 1,000 troops each from 22 countries – most of which belonged to Socialist camp – held a

week-long military exercise in the USA.

Participating countries include: Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Bulgaria, Albania, Georgia, Kirghizia, Uzbekistan, Czech Republic and Azerbaijan. The code name for these military manoeuvres is "Cooperative Osprey 96" and is the largest exercise that NATO ever held in the USA and is designed to integrate regular NATO forces with the Eastern Forces combined peace-keeping on land and sea.

Russia said that it could not participate due to "lack of funds."

Was this not the plan in the first place? Dismember the Socialist countries, subvert them from inside with help from outside, then slowly integrate them into NATO and force the assimilation of these countries to "democratically" be swallowed up by USA Imperialism?

Who are these manoeuvres-exercises of NATO aimed at? There is no danger from Soviet Union, since it no longer exists! There is no danger from Warsaw Pact countries since there is no longer Warsaw Pact in existence!

THEN WHO IS THIS AIMED AT?

Let not the workers in the USA or other NATO countries be under any illusion that these NATO forces will not be used against them if they would start any demonstrations for better living conditions or other chronic ailments of capitalism that affect the working class.

Let other countries that still are considered or still are "socialist in character" and who, because of economic dilemma, are playing "footsies" with NATO and USA Imperialism, let them not sleep too soundly – let them be aware, that NATO world policeman is watching, waiting for any weakness or traitors inside these countries. □

BEHIND THE SCENES

DEAR READER:

We're re-writing an excellent article from the newsletter "The Voice of People Awakening" from India which we feel will be of interest to our readers. At the same time, we thank the "Awakening" for the very topical and in-depth articles that they publish.

THE G-7 HAS A REMEDY!

The debt crisis has grown so big that today, even its parents have been forced to acknowledge its existence. The G-7 countries had a meet recently at Lyons, France, where they actually spent some of the time discussing how to provide debt relief to the worst affected countries.

This was the result of pressure from African governments and NGOs. For television viewers, Africa has become synonymous with images of children with bloated tummies and match stick limbs, of weeping mothers, of crowds surging around food handouts. What they don't see is one of the primary causes for these 'human tragedies' – the tremendous outflow of the continent's rich resources into the coffers of the Western banks, all in the name of debt servicing. Uganda, for example, pays 120% of its annual export earnings on this servicing, i.e., it needs more foreign loans to get the forex to service its existing debt. Its expenditure on this servicing is five times that on health PLUS education. Zaire, Zambia and other African countries are in a similar state.

So now that the G-7 have finally opened their eyes to the issue, what solution did they propose? One proposal, that the IMF sell some

of its gold reserves to finance debt relief, was immediately shot down. This was obviously too market-unfriendly. One possibility not discussed at all, was that some loan money be recovered from the largest debtor in the world, one of their own members, the US. No. Instead, the G-7 came up with a brilliant 'two-pronged strategy' – MORE IMF loans to the already indebted countries, and globalization.

Let us see the benefits of these remedies to a country which has had a heavy dose of both for the past 6 years. India's debt-servicing rose from \$7.42 billion in 1989-90 to \$10.94 billion in 1994-95. This year, it is expected to increase to over \$14 billion. Despite this massive haemorrhage, which worked out last year to about Rs 60 lakh per MINUTE, the country's external debt grew from \$75.86 billion in 1990 to \$99.04 billion (about Rs 3.5 lakh crore) in 1995 – a rise of more than \$23 billion in 5 years!

All we can say is – with solutions like these, who needs problems? □

WILL THE SOVIET UNION BE REBORN IN 2005?

Northstar Compass reader, Lee Gloster from USA, sent us very interesting materials that we quote excerpts from here. We just wish we had enough pages to reprint the whole gamut of facts and figures which show (from a capitalist point of view) what NSC has been saying all along.

The source of this condensed article is: Harpers Magazine, July 1996; and April issue also, plus Covert Action Quarterly of Spring 1996.

We thank our reader for the articles plus a donation.

We quote here from a "Policy Paper" prepared in winter of 1995-96

for Yeltsin by foreign advisors. They gave factors working against the rebirth of Soviet such as:

- Measures that saw former Republics admitted immediately into the UN.

- West policy is against rebirth of USSR. It has its roots in anti-Russianism. As a rule, the West does not want a powerful neighbor, even if that neighbor is not hostile.

- In the near future, Russia's political, economic and military sources will be limited and to restore the Union would be costly.

- The leadership of "new states" in former USSR will struggle with foreign support to remain apart.

Factors working for the rebirth of the Soviet Union:

- The act that dissolved the USSR in 1991 is of dubious legal validity because it was prepared secretly, kept both from the parliaments of the Soviet Republics and from the population.

- The present stability of Western states which were involved in the dissolution of USSR is not necessarily permanent. It is surely possible that the political stability of the West is in question and Western style of democracy is about to exhaust its historical potential. There are signs that the United States is weakening under the burden of its role as the only remaining superpower.

- The Slavic or historical unity of Russia, Byelorussia and Ukraine is a strong unifying force. As NATO gets closer through Poland, the three Slavic countries will surely unite.

DEAR READER: When Northstar Compass criticizes leadership of certain countries, this does not mean that we criticize the people of that country!
– Editorial Board.

- New military conflicts in parts of former USSR will eventually make these countries ask for unity with Russia.

- One can outline a very realistic scenario of the restoration of the Soviet Union with the following members:

- Russia, Byelorussia, Kazakhstan, Armenia – very likely.

- Ukraine (fully or in part), Georgia, Kirghizia – quite likely.

- Uzbekistan, Tadjikistan, Turkmenistan – likely.

- Azerbaijan, Moldavia – to be determined.

- Latvia – unlikely.

- Estonia, Lithuania – virtually impossible.

Hence, the conclusion: it is essential to chart and implement a long-term policy that does not rule out any scenario.

OUR COMMENT:

This "policy paper" presented to Yeltsin by his Foreign and Defense Policy Council should open up many eyes of people that still somehow think that this counter-revolution is an internal movement, having nothing to do with Western agencies who worked to implement the policy of the break-up of Soviet Union.

We are printing these excerpts so that our Soviet readers also be aware of these facts, since unfortunately, a large section of them really do not realize and are completely under the sway of Western propaganda.

How much more can be done to point out these facts of complete foreign involvement in the temporary demise of the USSR? These Western agencies, their mass media themselves gloat and admit what they have been doing and are doing in order to undermine the Soviet people!

It is a real irony and shame that some of the so-called "communist parties and movements" that are existing in the former Soviet Union, wnc know these

facts of Western involvement, are even now trying to downplay them or even worse, try to hide these facts completely from their membership, while these foreign agencies brag and strut their "accomplishments" openly for everyone to see and understand.

Again, a question must be asked: "WOULD THE REAL, DEDICATED COMMUNISTS, PLEASE STAND UP AND BE COUNTED!"

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POWER STRUGGLE –

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• General Lebed (Pinochet) is meeting and discussing with NATO bigwigs, while at the same time, denying that he is doing so.

• There is a possibility of armed mutiny due to widespread wage arrears in the military. Even Lebed was forced to admit this. This is a situation that the communists, including the "communists" in the CPRF, should be looking into and making the proper conclusions.

Public opinion polls taken by Gallop Poll (September) all of a sudden make the news available that General Lebed is trusted most by the Russian people, giving him 34%, while Zyuganov got 15% and tipsy Yeltsin received 12%, according to "Moskovskii Komsomolets", a newspaper that is viciously anti-communist and anti-Soviet.

There is a warning here for the Communist movement, that they should pay heed to. This is what should worry Zyuganov, not the health or so-called health of Yeltsin.

• Prisoners of war in the Chechnia struggle hits a snag, while Council of Europe is meeting Chechen separatists.

• Russian Foreign Minister Primakov, made the following statement to NATO: – Of course, NATO shall play a major role in guaranteeing European and world

security and that NATO should be the peacekeeping force in Yugoslavia ... or wherever necessary.

• The Head of DUMA's (Russian Federal Parliament) Committee of Privatization and Property, suggested that Russia should sell-off its gold reserve in order to pay up the back wages owed. This was the suggestion on a very high level from the International Monetary Fund.

• Baltic states (Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania) prime ministers are beating a path to Washington, consulting on tight relations and discussing their demands for territorial concessions from Russia. USA looks very favourably at their requests.

YES ... there is plenty to take up the mind of Gennady Zyuganov, to worry about and try and organize the Soviet people in order to resolve these pressing problems and dangers.

Yeltsin's health is the least to worry about!

□

**PROFESSOR
VLADIMIR
HERASYMCHUK**



JUBILEE OF CHAOS AND SADNESS, BETRAYAL AND MISERY

Stormy, in atmosphere of nationalistic euphoria, they celebrated the 5th Anniversary of the top echelon of "Independent Ukraine". They even held a parade. The regime is celebrating. Yes, between the president who upholds and promotes capitalism and Chairman of Ukrainian Supreme Soviet, promoting himself as "left",

there are sometimes arguments. But in majority of these cases, they are a tactical manouever only. In this regard, the photograph on page 36 is very symbolic, taken by Sergei Bukovsky from the Kiev newspaper "Mirror On Sunday". Moroz, the Chairman of Parliamentary deputies, is shown putting his "left foot" forward, while president Kuchma – leading with his right foot. But they're on the road to capitalism, market economy, private enterprise, regime of criminal bourgeoisie, poverty and hardships for the working people. Therefore, the right politicians and "left" have united, and on June 28th, have adopted a new constitution, by utilizing trickery and forceful demands and threats on the part of president Kuchma, as was stated by Moroz (a Socialist) that "we have adopted a real democratic document" – the new Ukrainian Constitution. This brings legality to making Ukraine a capitalist country. The process of adoption of this "constitution" was according to the scenario promoted by Kuchma. The deputies were not allowed to leave the Parliament all night – they were forced to adopt this constitution. The voting was not undertaken until 9:20 a.m. the following day. This new constitution was not discussed by the citizens of Ukraine; this new "constitution" was not seen by Ukrainian citizens at all. This is then "real democracy" Ukrainian variety!

But the fact is that this deed was accomplished. The constitution was adopted. The "5 year capitalist road to democracy" was travelled. Jubilee took place. Lots of noise and fireworks. In what atmosphere did the deputies discuss and adopt this new "constitution"? In what triumphant successes was this adoption taking place? There were no successes. The country is in ruins.

Let the "legal" power step with the left foot - while the executive branch goes with right foot. Main thing, that both are going forward to Nationalism and Capitalism!

We gathered the following information from other sources, such as the "Mirror On Sunday", which, by the way, is published under the direction of a New York based newspaper "New Russian Word".

WHAT KIND OF POSITION DID UKRAINE HAVE AT THE MOMENT WHEN THE "DEMOCRATS" CAME TO POWER?

This, without any doubt, was a very highly developed industrial-agricultural state. Ukraine manufactured some of the best airplanes in the world, cosmonautics was highly developed. We had the mightiest energy complex, machine building, chemical industry, agricultural industry and other state complexes. We invented, produced the mightiest turbo-generator that is still not surpassed. This is the only one of a kind in the world, manufactured at the enterprise "Turbotiazhmash" placed in the Burshtynsky GRES. Ukraine was world renowned in mathematical research, theoretical physics, astronomy, physics of lower temperatures, electro-welding, monocrystals and others. Ukraine was one of the top producers of agricultural products. About this aspect, we already have written in NSC before.

WHAT CHANGES TOOK PLACE DURING THE TIME OF THE PRESENT UKRAINIAN "LEADERS"?

The Gross National Product in 1995 was 40% as compared to 1989. The production of tractors in these 5 years was 11 times lower than previously, metal-cutting machines



As a result of this, the death rate is soaring while the birth rate is extremely very low. In 1990, this figure was 12.1 per 1,000 people; in 1992 - 13.4 per 1,000; in 1994 - 14.5 per 1,000. During 1995, the deaths over births in the Ukraine reached 274,000 more deaths than births! This is an unbelievable tragedy because this is a slow death of Ukrainian nation. Men have a lower life expectancy by 10-11 years, while women, by 3-4 years. Why is it that Kuchma did not speak about this during this celebration of a new "constitution"?

IN WHAT OTHER COUNTRY DO THE PEOPLE SUFFER SO?

Even though perseverance has its limits, the authority of the present regime is falling. According to Gallup Poll conducted at the beginning of 1996, more than 35% of people do not believe in president Kuchma. Fully supporting him were only 20%. (A. Razumov, "Mirror On Sunday", April 13, 1996.) The 5th Anniversary Jubilee of Ukraine (jubilee of the leaders is more correct) was celebrated by the mafia directed industry. In the analytical report of the Ukrainian Centre for Political and Economic Research and the Centre for "Social Monitoring", the

question touched upon was the existing "underground economy" of Ukraine which has reached more than 60% of the Gross National Product. "This means a progressive transformation of Ukraine into a criminal state ... this is under the direction of a 'hidden state apparatus' of which we can only guess as to its extent and influence." (A. Gurevich, "Mirror On Sunday", July 13, 1996).

While this is going on, president Kuchma and company were inspecting a military parade! Mafia is ruling the country. These forces have temporarily destroyed a mighty socialist state. The parade in honour of chaos and sadness ... betrayal and misery. □

**From:
Kiev, Ukraine**

LONG LIVE FIDEL CASTRO!

To: Great Leader of Cuban People
FIDEL CASTRO RUS

Dear Comrade Fidel Castro:

On the initiative of Kiev Committees of the All Union Communist Party (Bolsheviks) and movement "For USSR", to the Embassy of Cuba in Kiev in Kiev on August 13th, 1996, there came representatives of Communist Party of Ukraine, Society Soviet Patriots, Union of Women-Workers "For Future of Children of Ukraine", All Union Young Guard of Bolsheviks, Veterans organizations ... comrades came also from the cities of Zaporozhe and Dnepropetrovsk, in order to greet you on this your 70th Birthday.

Your anniversary, outstanding fighter against neo-colonialism, most of the world is celebrating your birthday. With your dedicated struggle against imperialism on the Latin American Continent is tied the whole struggle. The legendary victory under your command in

January of 1959 awakened all Latin American countries against USA monopolists. It is no wonder that since that time, all U.S. presidents have been waging an economic blockade against Cuba, starting and instigating all sorts of provocations against Cuba.

One of the historical merits of yours is that the people of Cuba are united around the Government, fulfilling all the necessary tasks assigned to it, guarding the social gains that were fought for and even under such tough situations as now exist, you are giving help to Ukraine in caring and nurturing our children from the Chernobyl disaster.

Our Motherland is torn to pieces. In many former Republics of Soviet Union, coming to rule are NEW BATISTAS, which are serving the Yankees. They have turned our country into a mass unemployment. The system of robbery in Russia and Ukraine has brought us to such a situation that many months of back pay owing the workers are being turned into criminal businesses.

The "victory" of Yeltsin at the elections in Russia has guaranteed the mafia and their American dollars, while in Ukraine, the anti-peoples Constitution was forced through illegally, away from the eyes of the people, at night ...

In five years of counter-revolution, they could not solve one problem that is plaguing our society. Economic chaos brought the country to the so-called reforms in the post-perestroika period which has brought the country more devastation than the fascist war. Working class of Ukraine will not accept capitalism. In this regard, the example of Cuba serves as our beacon, shining ever brightly ... living under defacto "occupation".

The conquistador regime is organizing a genocide of our people, keeps on ruling by robbery.

But they are being warned in life by events, where the working class is coming out of the social demands, party affiliations, and now are organizing on new integration principles of a united front and unified actions. There is no alternative to Socialism. The coming into force of power by the workers and the renewed Soviet Union is only through a new Socialist Revolution - this is the only road.

Dear Comrade Fidel Castro, on the day of your 70th Birthday, on behalf of my comrades and myself, I wish you and your Cuban people health, future successes in your heroic defense of Socialism.



Member of CC ACP[B]
Chairperson,
"Movement For USSR" □

CLASS STRUGGLE IN USSR IN 1970-1980 AND RESTORATION OF CAPITALISM

By: A.N. Dolenko

This very important publication by A.N. Dolenko was published in Moscow in 1996, well written, well documented and well researched, going into minute details that so far have not been publicly known or let alone, be published.

Galina Savchenko of Kiev has sent us a copy of this book and we will just quote a very small part of its contents, since we hope to publish more in the future.

On page 234 of this 266-page book, comrade Dolenko writes:

"Politics of American financial oligarchy is doing all it can in its



policies for the former Soviet Union, to make of the country a neo-colonial appendage of Western monopolists and the policies it now perpetuates against the present Soviet people is neo-fascism!

This policy is also being practiced by the 'new leaders' that are now in power in former USSR, under the aegis of US presidents ... that is to slowly have the population of former USSR die to smaller numbers that USA would like to see.

American oligarchy, through their economic manipulations, has a plan which would like to see already in 2003 to have Ukraine population dwindle from the present to only 25,000,000 people. While in the middle of 21st century, the population of Ukraine would only be 10,000,000 people; population of Russia to 50 million people; and Byelorussia, to 3 million people. This is outlined in detail in the book by Medouz 'FOUR LIMITS' (Rome, 1993).

At the same time, under directives of IMF and NATO, the present leaders of former Soviet Republics are dismantling from mass destruction."

The author goes on to state what, in his mind, should be done in order to get the former Soviet Union onto the socialist path and a resurrected USSR.

We just hope that Northstar Compass would have enough finances to be able to translate and publish this very important book. □

BOOK REVIEWS

ON ACTIVE SERVICE FOR PEACE

By: Andy Durovecz

Written by a group of British ex-servicemen. Published by Ex-Services Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament 1995.

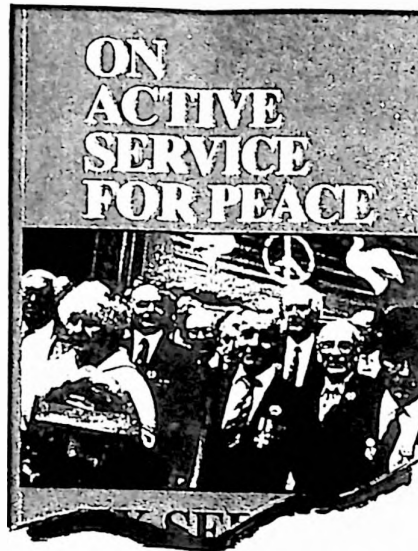
This little book (75-pages) written by a collective of British war veterans like any worthwhile historical events is a logical follow-up of such previous historical events.

This century, undoubtedly, has produced the most world-shaking events in human history. The First World War came about as a result of social, economic – class contradictory – upheavals, and in its wake, it was followed by the Great Russian Socialist Revolution, which had changed the course of history.

Followed by a short recovery and then came the great world economic crisis, which ruled with all its miseries for ten years. And all these resulted in a new ideological-social-political phenomenon: National Socialism – Nazi Fascism – came into power in Germany under Hitler, which set out as its goal a “New World Order” to be achieved by conquest, subordinating the world population under its rule for a thousand years.

To achieve this goal, a new and the greatest of all wars ever in human history was triggered by Nazi Germany and her axis partners which soon engulfed the whole world.

An entirely new feature of World War Two occurred by the demonic and absolutely unjustified atomic bomb attacks on Japan by the U.S.A.,



and with its horrifying effect, Hiroshima ushered in a new era concerning the agonizing problem of war and peace. This technological atomic menace was aggravated further by the busting-up of the Great Anti-fascist Alliance by the USA-led formation of NATO as an aggressive force in 1948, against the Socialist states which ushered in the “Cold War” against the former Ally. (It is timely to remember that the “Warsaw Pact”, military alliance of the Socialist block, came about five years later only after the end of US dirty war against North Korea, in late 1953, which put on the agenda the deadly menace the nuclear arms confrontation.) This fact of the A-Bomb then prompted immediately a new sense of vigilance an urge to stand on guard against the repetition of using of atomic arms ever again.

Parallel with the formation of NATO – a now new World Power – the World Peace Movement was born which, right at the beginning, had on its agenda a great world-wide force struggle for “BAN the Bomb!”.

Of course, the world remembers the bulwark of this great humane, sacrificial movement, was headed – at the time – by one of the only two great powers: the Soviet Union, for which that country deserves the gratefulness from the world.

It is regrettable that this great human endeavour as one of the characteristic events of the century has not yet produced a universally embracing literary history of the movement.

This little book therefore is almost a trace-blazer though the “On Active Service For Peace” is only a documentation of the British Ex-Services Campaign For Nuclear Disarmament. The book was published in 1995 in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the end of World War Two.

The book is not a single writer’s story about the British peace movement; rather, a collection of 21 British veterans of all branches of the armed forces and with high ranks in their service.

Each of them tells on 2-3 pages in the form of essay or report a brief story of the many sided diverse activities of the Ex-Services Campaign For Nuclear Disarmament.

Among their many peace, and anti-nuclear activities, perhaps the most prominent, and hard-fought battle, was waged against the American nuclear weapons bases on British soil. They reveal scores of accidents that occurred on British and American nuclear bases. We loudly warned the people of the danger of heavy contamination by uranium poison. They fought the high authorities who were lying, denying, and covered-up the worst and most horrific nuclear incidents that occurred on US bases.

These short but penetrating reports are a must reading for all decent persons with humanity in them. The nuclear danger is still with us – the fight against it is the fight for the human race. Join with these British Partisans for PEACE.

In the book’s closing remarks, they state:

“We see our membership fulfilling an obligation placed upon

us by the sacrifice of all who have lost their lives in recent conflicts. It is a kind of spiritual contract, tangibly symbolised by the Cenotaph, marking not a triumph but a human tragedy which must never be repeated."

You can order this book from:

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FEATURE ANALYSIS

REQUIEM FOR IRAQ

By: Timothy

The day after the latest U.S. cruise-missile strike against Iraq, Canada's self-proclaimed national newspaper indulged in a little illiterate cheerleading for the star-spangled "braggart".

I won't bore you with the details but the gist of the unsigned editorial (a particularly annoying feature of the western press) was "thank God the United States is willing to take on the role of world policeman".

The author of this piece seemed to think it necessary to thank the United States for using military force against a small power in pursuit of the mighty empire's very selfish geo-political strategy, not to mention President Bill Clinton's personal political agenda.

Let's look at the second imperative first, as I am sure was the case in the mind of the Leader of the Free World.

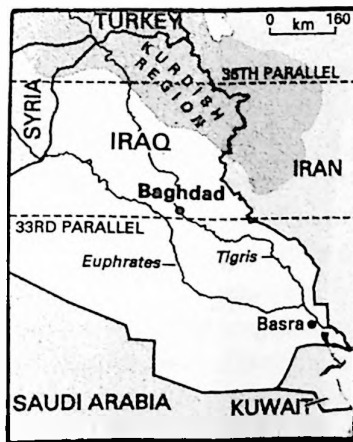
Unlike the shamelessly censored and distorted coverage of the 1990-91 Persian Gulf War, this minor demonstration of imperial power at the expense of the widows and orphans of Mesopotamia elicited

some rapid candour in the popular media concerning the timing, motives and efficacy of the operation.

Although there were some rather unconvincing early disavowals by the tame talking heads of the TV world, subsequent newspaper reports indicated Clinton knew Iraq was moving in force against Iranian-backed Kurds two weeks before he "loosened the fearful lightning of his terrible swift sword" in the form of about 50 cruise missiles.

This should come as no surprise, if one thinks about the situation.

Since the end of the Gulf War, the United States and its "coalition partners" have surrounded Iraq with military forces on the ground, in the air and at sea. Under the terms imposed on Iraq following its defeat in the war, it is denied use of much of its airspace and that airspace is regularly patrolled by enemy aircraft. Add to this, constant surveillance by the vaunted U.S. spy satellites and constant infestations of Iraqi territory by UN weapons-inspection teams and it is readily obvious how hard it would be to hide the movement of 30,000-40,000



troops, tanks and support vehicles of three armored divisions and the logistical support for such a mass of humanity.

Now, why would the United States not utter a sound about such movements until shooting had

broken out and the Iraqi troops had captured their objective?

Certainly, the United States had not suddenly decided Iraq has a right to intervene militarily within its own borders to crush a separatist group supported by the Iranians.

If such thinking prevailed in Washington, Bosnia would still be part of Yugoslavia.

It seems Clinton did not want to move on the situation because it was unfolding at the same time as the Democratic National Convention - his anointing as the unchallenged leader of the U.S. party of power. Complicating the presidential love-in with a troublesome foreign policy problem might have diminished Bubba's anticipated "bounce" in the post-convention public-opinion polls.

Significantly, when Clinton did take action, both he and Republican challenger Bob Dole (who has made much of his wartime service and Clinton's wartime shirking) were wooing the super-patriot veterans' lobbies.

This made it very hard for the Republican to question Clinton's martial spirit when the commander-in-chief was ordering his troops - or at least, their computerized weapons - into battle.

So, this then is Pax Americana - little colonial wars as election gimmicks.

There was very little outcry of protest because anybody with any brains knew what was going on. However, there was a notable lack of enthusiasm among U.S. "allies" for the action.

Canada and Britain were among the few exceptions, wholeheartedly embracing the attack with a rapidity that would have made that old champion of the transatlantic unity of the Anglo-Saxons, Winston Churchill, beam with pride.

The rest of the world, no doubt

stung by recent attempts by Washington to dictate global economic policy by imposing sanctions on those who dare trade with U.S. enemies, refused to jump on the Clinton re-election bandwagon.

Perhaps there was some tiny spark of solidarity with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein among the bribed "leadership" of the barbarians on the fringes of the new Rome.

For his part, perhaps Saddam again misread the signs in going ahead with this latest venture. Remember the reports at the time of the Gulf War about the U.S. ambassador's non-committal response to Saddam's intentions concerning Kuwait?

Perhaps when the massive deployment of his forces elicited no response in those first two weeks, he took it to mean the United States was not overly concerned with an Iraqi move on its own territory against Iranian-backed forces. Certainly, Washington was well-pleased the last time he took on the Iranians, in the suicidal Iran-Iraq war of the 1980s.

Then there was the U.S. blessing for the oil-for-food deal to lessen the deadly impact of UN sanctions on the Iraqi populace. That deal and its subsequent withdrawal by Washington following the missile-strikes was a major reason for Turkish reluctance to back Clinton. Turkey had stood to profit mightily from transporting the Iraqi crude. There was also a side benefit in Saddam's military action from the Turks' point of view. Any disruption in Kurdish lands could only benefit the Turks in their war against their own Kurds.

U.S.-Iranian friction has been on the rise lately, as well. Iran and Libya were targeted in the second U.S. attempt at asserting legal control over foreign enterprises that flout

Washington's will by conducting business with its enemies.

Although less punitive than an earlier bill directed against those who dare to do business with Cuba, the anti-Iranian trade legislation may have led Iraq to believe Washington would be more tolerant of action against Baghdad's old foe.

Certainly the law provoked the ire of China, who denounced it as a violation of sovereignty. The United States has made much of China's alleged military trade with Iran, particularly its supposed sale of missiles to Teheran. China has denied the allegations but argues the champions of "free trade" and the "global economy" who also happened to be the world's biggest arms dealers, are being hypocrites when they seek to deny other countries the right to engage in the same kind of commerce they themselves have practised (remember Ollie North, the cake and the bible).

China, although stopping short of concrete action at the United Nations, was prompt and loud in its denunciation of the U.S. attack on Iraq.

Perhaps, despite its courting of western capital, Beijing sees some parallel between Saddam's concerns with sovereignty and territorial integrity and its own. Remember this summer's stand-off over Taiwan and the deployment of U.S. naval forces to the region?

China is also suffering unremitting U.S. assaults on its trade policies - withholding of Washington's approval for most favored nation status and membership in the World Trade Organization because of its allegedly unfair treatment of American business.

The Chinese have largely shrugged off the U.S. threats. The United States already has reaped big profits from Chinese workers'

cheap labor and a flood of inexpensive Chinese-made goods has dulled the impact of recession and declining real wealth among cash-strapped U.S. consumers.

Indeed, for all its noise about being unfairly treated by its trading partners, the United States has done remarkably well at the rest of the world's expense over the last decade.

A recent study by the U.S. government showed unemployment rates over that period have declined steadily in the United States, while rising steeply in all of its major trading partners.

That is despite consistently high U.S. balance-of-trade deficits.

But it doesn't matter what country's name is stamped on the goods that arrive at the customs terminals of New York or San Francisco: it is the electronic transfers of capital that pass through the computer terminals in the New York financial towers - travelling at the speed of light to and from the sweatshops of Asia, Latin America and now Eastern Europe - that show who holds the real balance of power.

It is the age of push-button imperialism, with no room for the archaic notions of national self-determination or sovereignty. Push a button, send capital. Push a button, disinvest from a country whose leaders are acting independently. Push a button, destroy a country whose people won't listen to "reason".

Canadians and Mexicans are reasonable people. They have a free-trade deal with Washington. Canada has twice the unemployment rate of its big brother and Mexico's economy has completely collapsed.

This is what we have for which to thank God? Then thank God I'm an atheist. □

LETTERS FROM ABROAD

**From:
Lvov, Ukraine**

Dear Comrades:

We thank you for publishing our letter to your Northstar Compass, although in a condensed version, the message was there. Your articles and statements are worrying our capitalists-collaborationists and opportunists of all shades (not only here, but all over the Soviet Union).

The publication of our statement and other materials shows us your PROLETARIAN SOLIDARITY and an example to revolutionaries on all continents.

ROT FRONT! VICTORY WILL BE OURS!

– S.P. Belyh
Member
Bolshevik Platform of Ukraine

Below, we publish their statement as to the change in name.

STATEMENT

Whereas the Ukrainian Supreme Soviet has adopted a new bourgeois constitution (with the help of the leadership of the Socialist Party of Ukraine) –

Whereas tied into this is the question of participation by the Socialist Party of Ukraine in this reactionary government (as well as the Communist Party of Ukraine) and are now part of the Parliament of Europe – having received leading positions in this organization, thus they actually are sanctioning, legitimizing and inspiring these forces to different forms of intervention against Soviet people –

Therefore, the Bolshevik Platform inside the Socialist Party of Ukraine is stating the following:

1. Bolshevik Platform inside the Socialist Party of Ukraine considers it now impossible to remain inside the Socialist Party of Ukraine any longer.

2. Bolshevik Platform inside the SPU from September 1, 1996, is changing its name to: BOLSHEVIK PLATFORM OF UKRAINE.

3. Bolshevik Platform of Ukraine feels that Interventionism is a political danger and criminal. □

**From:
Kiev, Ukraine**

Dear Editorial Staff of
Northstar Compass:

We are sending you materials that now in Ukraine, there was established a new "Progressive Socialist Party of Ukraine". The three newspapers that we're sending you will give you an overall information as to our position.

We condemn and criticize the adoption of the present Constitution, the course of market reforms being instituted on the orders of the International Monetary Fund which is making Ukraine sink lower and lower into chaos, liquidation of peoples army and other ills.

We would be happy if your readers would understand our position.

– With Regards,
Natalie Vitrenko
Chairperson

We thank you for your information, as a Deputy to Ukrainian Parliament. We certainly will publish from time to time items from your publications.

As in other former Soviet Republics, there are many communist and socialist parties in existence, all trying in their way to bring better conditions for the Ukrainian people. We just fervently hope that in the near future, a UNITY of action will come about, thus presenting a common front against the present capitalist-capitulators and their helpers,

who, under "socialist-communist labels", directly are helping the present Kuchma regime.

We're optimistic that future will be on the side of the Soviet people. □

**From:
Italy**

Dear Michael Lucas:

These are just a few lines on the Italian political situation. As NSC (vol. 4, #11, June 1996) has published a letter from Italy by Aldo Righi (AR), I want to add something for the readers of NSC.

AR says he is happy because after 50 years, the ex-communists are finally in the government, and hopes they will be able to govern for the next five years in order to resolve the problems of 20 years of fascism and 50 years of bad government (mafia, unemployment, corruption, etc.)

AR is very optimistic and somewhat naive if he thinks that what he says in his letter is true. Unfortunately, it isn't. In Italy, the left is not in power and the right has not been rejected. Only a well balanced electoral agreement has allowed the Olive tree coalition to gain a slight majority of seats, but please note: NOT OF VOTES. The total number of votes of the right is more than that of the centre left.

As to what the "left" consists of, well, to call the PDS (Partito Democratico della Sinistra) a left party is pure shame. As we all know, in order to judge the consistency of a party, we must examine its theory and practice. The theory of PDS is pure liberalism, and so on. Its practice is pure opportunism, which, by the way, comes from far away, and transformism. Just in these days, the PDS is the only Italian party approving unconditionally the American aggression against Iraq.

As to the Refoundation Party, it can be rightly defined as a right social-democratic party, but the

quantity of opportunism and parliamentarism is over-abundant among its members. Anyway, both the PDS and the RCP have the support by large strata of working class. And this is very dramatic in the absence of a genuine communist party. The problem here in Italy as elsewhere is the immediate necessity to reconstruct this party.

I think that in a very short time, AR will be disillusioned by the theory and practice of PDS and RCP when he sees that the new government is not different from all the ones of the last 50 years.

Of course, this matter should be treated in a more analytic and deep way, but this is a very short letter and I think I can't abuse NSC hospitality.

Maybe in the near future, there will be the necessity to write again on this topic.

I take the opportunity to send NSC my best greetings for the next Conference, hoping for an advancement and strengthening of its presence among the world working movement.

- Fraternally,
Mario Jannuzzi

We thank you for informing us in detail about the situation in Italy. Maybe in future, you can bring us up to date. □

NEWS FROM U.S. FRIENDS OF NORTHSTAR COMPASS

**From:
Queens, N.Y., USA**

Dear Comrade Lucas:

We shall send a delegation to your 4th Anniversary of Northstar Compass.

We read with interest your magazine and support your struggle in these difficult times of counter-

revolutionary offensive; your solidarity work with the Soviet people, to those who raise the red flag of the international proletariat is admirable. We must learn from our errors, make self-criticism and constantly reform ourselves to be more effective in contributing to the workers revolution.

- Luis Quispe
Editor, "The New Flag"
Organ Internationally of
Peru People's Movement

Your contribution at the 4th Anniversary Conference was much appreciated, was of great value and helped us more to unite our forces against creeping fascism. □

**From:
Burbank, CA., USA**

I found out about your journal when I attended a progressive gathering. I am very favourably impressed by the direction in which Northstar Compass is pointing.

Here's a year's sub and I would like to order the book "Secret Documents", plus send me the history of your organization and any other publications you may have.

- Greg McClure

Welcome aboard, Greg! Information and NSC was sent to you. We hope that you will promote NSC in Burbank so that other people will be as impressed as you were! □

**From:
Elizabeth City, N.C., USA**

All the folks at Northstar Compass:

If you visit North Carolina for a brief period, you would not find it to be much different than any place else, people-wise. But if you should find yourself here for an extended period, it would not be long before you realize that you had landed in the Land of Spooky-Boo. Religion has these people squared-away body

and soul. Jesus Christ is the only one who could hope to sell raffle tickets for Friends of the Soviet People in North Carolina. And for that, you will have to wait for the Second Coming. In which case, if he did try to sell your tickets, they would undoubtedly nail him right back onto the cross ...

Now, if you think the foregoing might be somewhat unjust, perish the thought! What I am stating here is unfortunately the most certain of facts. I find the people here strangely obsessed and oblivious to the realities of life. Some person who at first may seem pleasant and rational will develop that typical giddy religious smile and turn into a complete zombie with very little inducement. Just touch on any subject that is covered by their dogmas and they are on their way to the Land of Spooky-Boo ...

So - I have bought your raffle tickets (even though there is something offensive about raffles) and if I win anything ... just put it back into the kitty.

- Best Regards To All,
Bill Grigg

*Dear Bill: We just could only say,
AMEN!* □

LETTERS

**From:
Innisfree, Alberta**

Dear Friends:

We are sending you again a donation of \$150.00 for the great work that Northstar Compass is doing. Keep up the good work.

- Peter Skolski
George Sydora
Alex Skolski

Your generosity many, many times shows the readers in 38 countries as to your dedication to the truth and

devotion to the resurrected Soviet Union and socialism. May your efforts be followed by many other of our readers! □

From:
Edmonton, Alberta

Dear Michael:

Enclosed is a cheque for tickets, "Secret Documents" book, plus an audio tape. We wish you and the Conference best wishes.

– Eve Doskoch

We thank you and we hope that sooner than later, Edmonton will again be the leading light in the work of friendship with Soviet people. □

From:
Quill Lake, Sask.

Enclosed is money for sub renewal, book, "Secret Documents" and raffle tickets money. Please correct the mistake – send 2 copies of NSC always.

Although the election was a disappointment, future promises success. Soviet people need another Stalin to break the capitalist Western bankers' backs.

– Peter P. Morozoff

We did correct the unfortunate mistake, Peter. Your remark about Stalin is certainly correct. "Secret Documents" book is on its way to you, confirming what you have written. □

QUOTES

WHO SAID THIS?

"To speak out against an unjust war was treasonous (Vietnam – Editors); to speak out against the treatment of blacks in the USA made you a Communist. But if you feel in your heart that you have a responsibility to advance justice and human rights, then do it."

– Harry Belafonte

Singer, 1985 □

NEXT TO STALIN

NOTES OF A BODYGUARD

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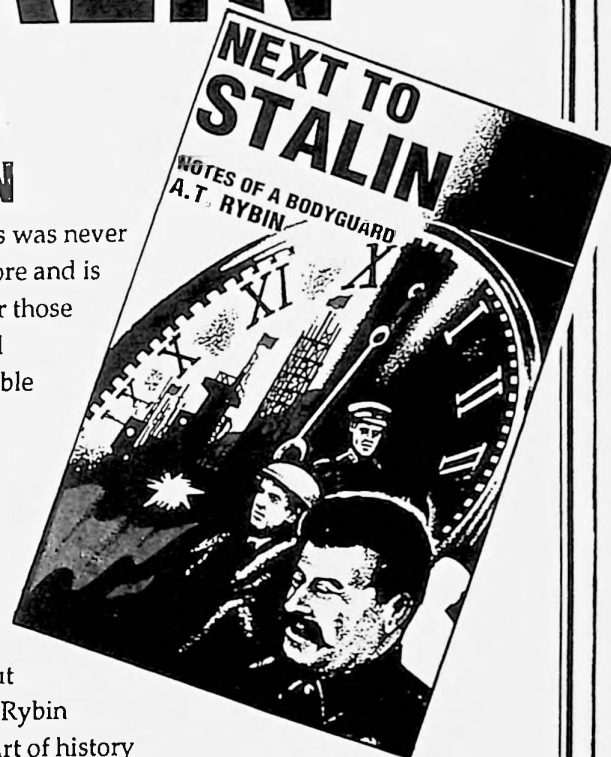
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