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Credo of US Friends of the Soviet People

U.S. Friends of the Soviet People is dedicated to supporting the struggles to restore socialism in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

We carry on the tradition of the "Hands off Russia" Committees that were established internationally in 1918 to help protect the young Soviet Republic from foreign intervention.

The aim of all Friends of the Soviet People is international cooperation in building socialism and solidarity with the anti-imperialist forces of the world who are struggling against US Imperialism - the main enemy of humanity.

USFSP acts as a unifying force to help consolidate and coordinate the anti-imperialist forces of the world with the ongoing movement to restore the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe as socialist states.

We act as a unifying front but are not a forum for ideological debates. The people of the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe will choose their own paths towards socialism.



Lenin addressing the Soviets

The 60th Anniversary: Heroic Struggles, Great Gains

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"Comrades, the workers' and peasants' revolution, about the necessity of which the Bolsheviks have always spoken, has been accomplished."

When Lenin spoke these words sixty years ago, only the most farsighted and optimistic could have looked forward sixty years to guess at the achievements of the developed socialist society which is the Soviet Union today.

The odds against the new state's survival were enormous. At the time of the revolution, Russia's economy was ravaged by the First World War. The forces of armed intervention and counterrevolution came perilously close to overturning the new social system, and even after these were beaten back,



Heroic Struggles, Great Gains

the internal and external enemies of the Soviet state kept up a constant rear-guard action which slowed recovery and made starting the socialist re-organization of the economy vastly more difficult.

The Soviet Union came close to destruction a second time, just twenty-four years after its birth, when the lightning horror of the Nazi invasion swept through half a million square miles of Soviet land. The people of the occupied zones were subject to murder, torture, pillage and scorched-earth destruction, but they never stopped resisting. The Red Army and the people not only halted the invaders at the gates of Leningrad and maintained the city's freedom through 900 days of siege and months of dreadful starvation, not only fought the fascists back at Stalingrad brick by bloody brick, but in so doing, turned the tide of the war against Hitler nearly single-handed, and as part of the Grand Alliance US-Britain-USSR, played the biggest role by far in his defeat.

In both these times of great trial the Soviet people displayed an unprecedented heroism, persistence, fortitude, and creativity through the gravest trials and dangers. Why? Because they were fighting for a land which was, in every sense, theirs—where the fruit of their sweat and toil went to benefit the working people. A land where they and their children were guaranteed the best in education, health, housing, cultural participation, and recreation that their society could provide. A land where they made the decisions on which their future depended. A land where the future could not help but be steadily brighter than the present—if *only there were no more wars.*

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Soviet Women - Full and Equal Citizens of their Country

It is a well-known fact that the Soviet Union has achieved exceptional successes in drawing women into the active construction of the state. This generally accepted truth is not disputed even by our enemies. The Soviet woman is a full and equal citizen of her country.

The women of the Soviet Union do not have to demand from their government the right to work, the right to education, the right to the protection of motherhood. The state itself, the government itself, draws women into work, giving them wide access to every sphere of social life, assisting and rewarding mothers. Women receive allowances and paid leave before and after the birth of the child and their post is kept open for them until they return from leave.

The women of the Soviet Union work on an equal footing with men to advance science, culture and the arts; they occupy an outstanding place in the national education and health services.

In a country where, 30 years ago, out of 2,300 thousand working women 1,300 thousand worked as servants in the towns and 750 thousand as farm labourers in the countryside, in a country where there were almost no women engineers, almost no scientists, and appointment to a teaching post was accompanied by conditions insulting to female dignity, in that country there are now 750 thousand women teachers, 100 thousand women doctors, and 250 thousand women engineers. Women make up one half of the student body in institutions of higher education.

Over 33 thousand women are working in laboratories and in research institutes, 25 thousand women have academic



*Soviet Ambassador Alexandra Kollontai,
Order of Lenin Recipient for work among women*

titles and degrees, and 166 women have been awarded the State Prize for their achievements in science and work.

The struggle for democracy and lasting peace, the struggle against reaction and fascism, is the main task we face today. To cut women off from this basic and important task, to attempt to confine them within 'purely female', feminist organisations, can only weaken the women's democratic movement. Only the victory of democracy can ensure women equality.

At the same time we must be on the alert for intrigues by the reactionaries and expose their plans and intentions, their attempts to divide the ranks of democracy.

The unity of all the forces of democracy is our most reliable weapon in the struggle against reaction, in the struggle for freedom and peace throughout the world.

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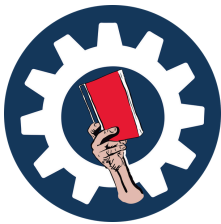
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