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MOVIE SHOWING:

"I Was 19" GDR anti-fascist classic

(refreshments)

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NORTH CAROLINA BRANCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sunday, September 23rd

2 - 4 pm

South Regional Library

(Right Meeting Room)

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Durham, North Carolina 27713

(near intersection of hwy. 54)

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DISCUSSION OF THE

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GREATER NY BRANCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sunday, November 11th

2 - 4 pm

Celebration of the 95th anniversary of the Bolshevik revolution in Russia

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Room 310

LGBT Community Center

208 W. 13th Street

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Credo of the U.S. Friends of the Soviet People

U.S. Friends of the Soviet People is dedicated to supporting struggles to restore socialism in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. USFSP is the U.S. Affiliate of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with the Soviet People. The International Council carries on the traditions 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 U.S. 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 united front, but are not a forum for ideological debates. The peoples of the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe themselves will choose their paths toward socialism.

REPORT FROM TWIN CITIES BRANCH OF USFSP

By Dean Gunderson

On Thursday, July 19th the Twin Cities Branch hosted an Open Book Discussion on "Reinventing Collapse: The Soviet Example and American Prospects" by Dmitry Orlov.

While some would question from the title why this book would be a subject of interest to the USFSP, by the end of the discussion it was clear that the author presented the Soviet Union's demise in an entirely different light than what is portrayed by Western Media.

The fall of the Soviet Union, the most advanced progressive society the world has ever known was not caused by a failed system but by external factors such as an arms race that was forced upon them by the USA, crushing debt caused by its support of other countries, and the collapse of the world price of oil in the late eighties.

The Soviet Union was never an empire in any sense of the word and unlike the imperial powers, its trade with Eastern Europe, Cuba and African countries was always done at a disadvantage to the Soviet Economy in order to improve the lives of millions around the world.

Wednesday, September 12, 2012: Remembering Stalingrad

by Mark Perryman



Thursday – the Nazi assault on Stalingrad began with a vengeance.

The sky turned brown from the dust of fragmented buildings. The ground vibrated with the power of the explosions. The German army advanced but faced the most ferocious resistance imaginable. The horror of fighting Soviet troops on their home turf with the Russian winter approaching fast became a reality for

At 6.45am on September 13, 1942 – 70 years ago on

Hitler's generals.

As German tanks entered the outskirts of the city the Soviets dug in, preparing to fight for every district, every street, every house.

Almost six months later – by February 1943 – the defeat of the nazi forces which had sought to encircle and destroy Stalingrad was complete.

Of each Red Army division sent to defend the city no more than a few hundred soldiers survived. The Soviets had suffered 1.1 million casualties, including 485,751 deaths.

For Hitler, defeat at Stalingrad was the beginning of the end. The Red Army's terrible sacrifice had a powerful effect around the world, especially on resistance movements in occupied Europe.

The Russians who had borne the brunt of the German onslaught were now turning the tide. A year later they would be joined by the western allies, who opened a second front with the D-Day landings in Normandy.

Despite the rampant anti-communism that dominated the media during the cold war the legacy of Stalingrad was never entirely extinguished from history.

The battle was the focus of military historian Anthony Beevor's 1998 tome of the same name.

More recently a BBC documentary fronted by father-and-son team Peter and Dan Snow investigated what Stalingrad represented.

From 1941 the Communist Party of Great Britain had been at the forefront of campaigns for the allies to launch an assault on nazi-occupied

western Europe to relieve the inhuman pressure on the Soviet Union. It was without doubt the most popular of all the popular fronts the party ever participated in.

But even the most dedicated communist could barely have imagined the breadth of celebration when victory at Stalingrad was secured. It extended even to King George VI, who commissioned the Sword of Stalingrad – engraved with the words: "To the steel-hearted citizens of Stalingrad, a gift as a token of the homage of the British people." The sword was presented personally to Stalin by Churchill.

Much of World War II anniversary-marking divorces the history of the period from its politics.

It's important for us to contest that, rooting the anniversary in anti-fascism, then and now.

Slogans such as "Nobody is forgotten. Nothing is forgotten" are taken from Russian poet Olga Bergholz, whose radio broadcasts throughout the siege of Leningrad came to represent the voice of Russia's resistance to the Nazis.

Throughout Russia and ex-Soviet states such as Ukraine, Belarus and Kazakhstan the monuments to the sacrifices of 1941-5 remain.

The Museum of the Great Patriotic War in Kiev proved one of the most popular attractions on the Euro 2012 tourist trail for visiting football fans this summer.

The generation that was awarded the Order of the Great Patriotic War is passing away. Yet the number of Soviet citizens who qualified for that medal – over 11 million – gives an idea of the scale of the battles fought – and won – for our liberty today.

PHOTOS OF TWIN CITIES MEMBERSHIP MEETING



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