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THE TRUTH ABOUT THAT WAR

Dear Readers:

We are on the eve of the 50TH ANNIVERSARY of Allied Victory over Hitler Fascism! Those who witnessed this inhumanity or those that took part in this war of unequalled mass destruction and obliteration, are slowly passing away and it is imperative that those that are still living should tell the younger generation what REALLY happened before and during World War II.

As we mentioned before on the pages of Northstar Compass, the role that the Soviet Union and its Red Army played in the Great Patriotic War will be shoved into the background and be placed as if the West has won the war alone. This negating of history on the 50th Anniversary of this struggle, we cannot allow to happen without giving a rebuff to the lies, slander and hidden intrigues that transpired long before the outbreak of the war, and the skulduggery that transpired during this death

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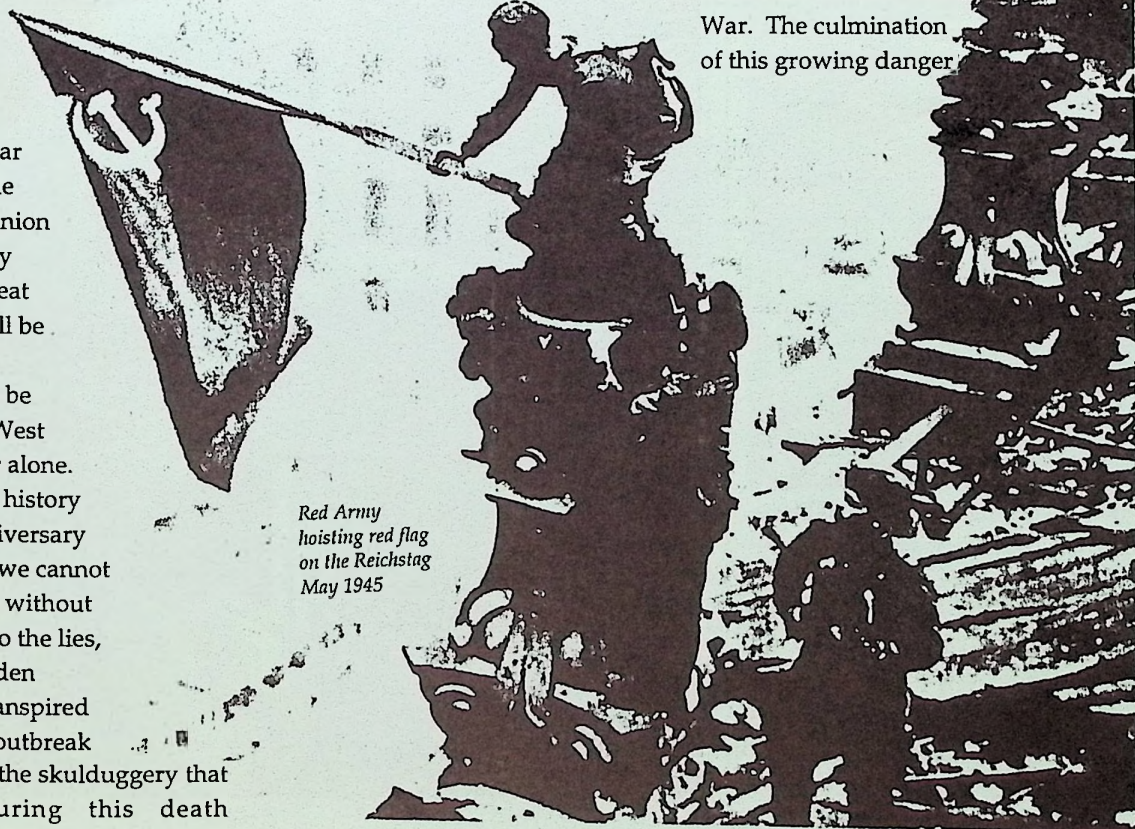
ANNIVERSARY OF ALLIED VICTORY

OVER HITLER FASCISM!

struggle!

Since Northstar Compass is not the venue for the complete history of the above mentioned events, may we suggest that those who want to know the complete details of the pre-war dealings between the West and Fascist Germany, get the book called "Trading With The Enemy" - an expose of the Nazi-American-British-French Money Plot from 1933-1949. Written and researched by Charles Hogham, a former New York Times writer.

Fascism started way before the Second World War. The culmination of this growing danger



Red Army hoisting red flag on the Reichstag May 1945

started in Spain, when Fascist Franco, with the help of the Western powers, defeated the Loyalists-Republicans 1936-1938. Many of our members were volunteers in the Mackenzie-Papaneau Battalion from Canada, who fought courageously against this danger, before the outbreak of the World War II. Unfortunately, there's not too many of these heroes left alive in Canada to tell their story. But books have been written about their exploits. Libraries have them.

In this issue, we give a summarized version of the book by Georgi Zhukov, Marshal of the Soviet Union, from his book "Reminiscences and Reflections". What better way to get this truth, than by a Marshal that led the Red Army into victory and to raise the Red Flag over the German Reichstag in Berlin, May 1945.

In this 50th Anniversary issue, you will read an article by a Canadian War Veteran who slugged it out all through the war, plus an article by a member who was part of Canadian Secret Agents who were dropped behind enemy lines, suffering torture and concentration camps. *His article will be in May issue.*

- The Editors

ON JUNE 24, 1945, FOUR YEARS AFTER NAZI GERMANY'S ATTACK ON THE SOVIET UNION, THE BANNERS OF THE DEFEATED NAZI ARMY WERE



A characteristic feature of the works by some Western historians about the Second World War is that they tend to distort the actual role of the Soviet Union and its decisive contribution to the victory of the anti-Hitler coalition over Nazi Germany and her satellites. This is done in various ways, direct or indirect, one of the most popular being silence. It is rather hard to deny openly that the Soviet Union was the main force that crushed fascism, or that the Soviet Army rendered invaluable help to the peoples of the occupied countries

CAST DOWN BY THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE VICTORY PARADE ON RED SQUARE IN MOSCOW.



of Europe. But if one says as little as possible about the Soviet contribution and does all one can to exaggerate the significance of American and British military operations, the purpose of falsification is achieved and the young generation of today will be unable to distinguish between truth and falsehood.

The anniversary of the Anglo-American landing in Normandy and the opening of the second front against Nazi Germany (Operation Overlord) was a case in point. It was marked by celebrations in the United States, Britain and, of course, in the countries of Western Europe for which June 6, 1944 heralded direct liberation from four years of Nazi occupation. The anniversary was widely covered by press, radio and television, which boosted the achievement of the Allied forces and described the crossing of the English Channel as the turning point in the war and the key factor in the defeat of Nazi Germany.



Marshal Georgi Zhukov

The Normandy landing and the subsequent offensive operations by British and American forces in France and Belgium were indeed an operation of great strategic and political importance. The peoples of all countries that had joined the

anti-Hitler coalition enthusiastically welcomed the success of the Allies. The news of the opening of the long-awaited second front was also hailed joyfully by the Soviet people, who had for three years borne the incredible burden of single combat with Nazi Germany and her satellites. I recall my own reaction to the news of the landing and the feeling of satisfaction which it aroused among members of the Soviet Supreme Command.

But while acknowledging the positive significance of Operation Overlord and giving due credit to the heroism of the British and American troops, one cannot accept the overstatements about the role of this operation and its influence on the further course and outcome of the war.

The question of a second front became one of the central problems of the joint strategy of the Allies as soon as Nazi Germany attacked the USSR and the anti-Hitler coalition headed by the Soviet Union, Great Britain and the United States was formed.

The line the ruling circles of the Western powers took on this issue reflected their desire to shift the main burden of struggle on the Soviet Union and at the same time prevent the Red Army from liberating the peoples of Europe.

The Normandy landing was carried out eleven months before the end of a six-year war, at a moment when its outcome had been finally decided by the victories of the Soviet Armed Forces. Operation Overlord was launched under conditions that were exceptionally favourable to the Western Allies. They had an overwhelming numerical and material superiority over the enemy. The bulk of the population of the occupied West European countries, where a massive resistance

movement had developed, was impatiently awaiting liberation from the Nazi yoke. In France, the Resistance movement, led by the Communist Party, which was preparing the people for a nationwide uprising, was on a particularly wide scale.

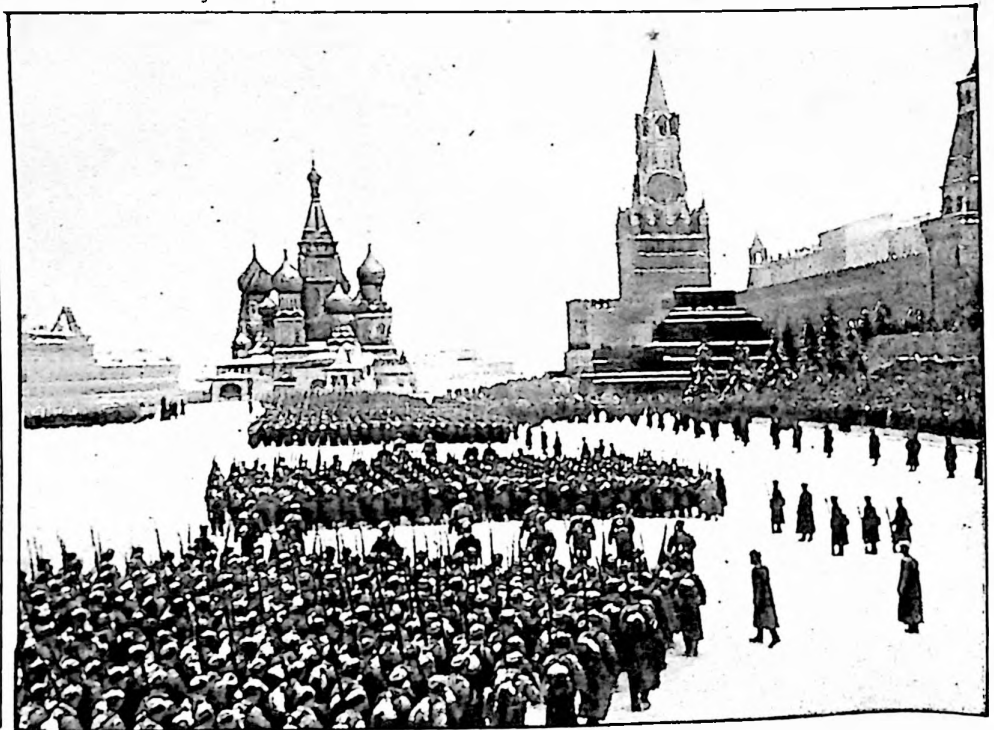
All this made Operation Overlord much easier to carry out. But the main factor contributing to the success of this operation was the fact that the Nazi command was unable to reinforce its armies in Western Europe. Germany had been weakened by the huge losses incurred on the Soviet front. During the summer and autumn of 1944, the whole enormous Soviet-German front was in motion. The enemy suffered one defeat after another and was unable to withdraw a single division, while the Allies, having accumulated considerable forces on the Normandy beach-head, went over to the offensive at the end of July and reached Paris with ease at the end of August. Even Winston Churchill, that rabid hater of the

Soviet Union, was obliged to admit in the House of Commons on September 28, 1944, that "it is the Russian Army that tore the guts out of the German military machine and is at the present moment holding by far the larger portion of the enemy on its front."

While in no way seeking to detract from the significance of Overlord and the further operations of the Allied Forces in France, Belgium and Holland, it cannot be denied that the second front in Western Europe was opened with a delay of at least two years, by which time Nazi Germany had been not only weakened but actually brought to the brink of collapse by the heroic actions of the Soviet Army and the efforts of the whole Soviet people.

Now, of course, there are far more facts available for investigation of the various battles, and Western historians have much more information to go on and are able to draw on new documents and so on. But their method of analysis is still the same.

Red Army marching on Red Square, November 7, 1941 on their way to the front to meet the German fascists.



Let us take, for example, the initial stage of the war on the Soviet-German front.

Most Western historians describe the events of 1941 as a triumphal march by the Wehrmacht, while the operations of Soviet troops are depicted as a long series of defeats and the Soviet command as confused and weak. What is ignored is that in the first weeks and months, the Soviet Army, besides suffering failures, also laid the foundations of future victory, that Soviet soldiers literally from the very first hours offered the Wehrmacht a resistance the like of which it had never encountered before, a resistance that soon played havoc with its plans.

There is no need for the people of my generation, or for history, to varnish or gloss over the difficulties that fell to the lot of our people between 1941 and 1942. But these blows, which no other country could have endured, were withstood by the Red Army, and later, when our country had mobilized its material resources and manpower, the enemy began to suffer one defeat after another. If the one-sided pictures that our ideological opponents paint so zealously today were true, why, one may ask, did Halder, Chief of the General Staff of the German Land Forces, write in his diary in the first weeks of the war that the Russians "fight to the last man", "perish in pillboxes but refuse to surrender", and so on? Why, on July 20, was Halder already worried about the exhaustion of the German troops who were "constantly engaged in bloody battles", and about the "drop in morale at high levels of command"? Why at the end of July did he admit a "critical deterioration of the situation on certain sectors"? And why at the beginning of

SOVIET STATE AND MILITARY LEADERS – MEMBERS OF GENERAL STAFF DURING THE GREAT PATRIOTIC WAR



J.V. Stalin

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N.A. Bulganin

A.M. Vasilevskiy

K.E. Voroshilov

G.K. Zhukov



H.G. Kuznetsov

V.M. Molotov

S.K. Timoshenko B.M. Shaposhnikov

August 1941 did the command of the enemy's land forces reach the conclusion that the initial plan of war against the USSR had failed in general?

The truth is that Soviet fighting men did not spare their lives and

valiantly defended every inch of their native soil. Already in 1941, Hitler's hordes suffered a heavy defeat at Smolensk and on the Kiev sector, and in December 1941, the enemy was routed at Moscow, as a result of which Hitler's plan of war

against the USSR failed. As regards the Soviet Supreme Command, it was never in a state of confusion and firmly guided the Soviet people's struggle.

If the legend about the Soviet Command being in a state of "confusion" were true, one is entitled to ask who organized and directed in the first weeks of the war the unprecedented mobilization, dispatch to the front and deployment of the large reserves that became the decisive factor in the successful struggle and thwarting of the Barbarossa Plan by the winter of 1941? When planning war against the USSR, the German General Staff believed that the Soviet Command would be able to deploy in six months a maximum of 59 additional divisions. In the event, during six weeks of the summer of 1941 alone the Soviet GHQ sent to the front more than 324 divisions, including 74 divisions to the Western sector. Who was it that organized the unprecedented evacuation to the east of more than 1,500 industrial enterprises?

It is quite clear that all this was, and could only have been, the result of the enormous and purposeful organizational work of the State Defence Committee, the Supreme Command GHQ and Soviet government bodies. This organizational work rested on massive patriotism, on the people's unselfish devotion to their country and the ideas of the Party. Without this basic and vital factor resistance to the Nazi invasion, let alone victory, would have been impossible.

The Soviet people's heroism, steadfastness and enthusiasm and the great skill of their Armed Forces are so obvious that even the fiercest opponent of socialism would be unlikely to contest them. But

while admitting that this struggle was heroic, the falsifiers of history describe it in such a way as to sow doubts in the reader's mind about the sources of the Soviet people's strength and courage, in the ideals for which they fought.

There is a wide gulf between Soviet and bourgeois histories of the Great Patriotic War of the Soviet Union. This is expressed not only in the interpretation of the general aspects of the war – its causes, character and pattern of development – but also in the description of various operations. I should like to illustrate this with the example of the Battle of Moscow in 1941-1942.

Western students of the Second World War invariably discuss the Battle of Moscow. After all, the Red Army's victory at the walls of the Soviet capital was a most important turning point in military developments in favour of the USSR and exerted a paramount influence on the course of the world war as a whole.

These facts are generally well known and require no special proof. The great number of documents and reminiscences by those who fought at Moscow, coupled with objective scientific research, now make it possible for the world public to obtain a full and final view of the outstanding role of the Battle of Moscow in the defeat of Nazism.

But just because everything appears to be so clear, I, as one of those who took part in the epic of Moscow, have a feeling of resentment over the gross falsification of its key aspects in which our ideological opponents continue to engage regardless of the facts. They do all they can to attribute the failure of Hitler's plan for taking Moscow to the bad weather, impassable roads and the

cold, instead of to the heroic stand made by the Soviet Army and the skill and courage of its commanders.

Where does this "theory" have its roots? It turns out that its origins go back – to Hitler and Goebbels.

Soon after the start of the Soviet Army's counter-offensive near Moscow, Hitler, addressing the Reichstag on December 11, 1941, said: "Marching across the boundless expanses, making their way in the heat, tormented by thirst, frequently driven to despair by the hold-ups on roads made impassable by the mud, halted from the White to Black Sea by the bad weather and the terrible climate, in the heat of July and August, in the snowstorms of November and December, suffering from the mud, freezing in the snow and the ice, they fought on ... the soldiers of the Eastern Front."

It would, of course, be ridiculous to expect anything like an objective assessment from Hitler. Finding himself in a tight spot, the head of the Nazi Party had to clear himself in some way and so he blamed everything on the climate and the weather. Nor is it surprising that Goebbels' propaganda machine instantly caught up this explanation and turned it into the official Nazi version of the causes for the Wehrmacht's defeat near Moscow.

Soon after the war, the Nazi generals made a special effort to spread the myth of "General Frost" and "General Mud". Thus, in the mid-1950s, former Nazi General Blumentritt wrote about the "period of mud" and "the impassable roads" which "plagued us". In the 1960s, this version spread to the whole, or almost the

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whole, of bourgeois historical literature. Many illustrated publications carried pictures of the "impassable roads" near Moscow.

And so it goes on, literally to this very day. One of the latest accounts of the Second World War, published in Britain under the editorship of the noted military historian Liddel Hart, contains a chapter on the Battle of Moscow, whose central section is entitled "We Were Halted by the Weather, Not by the Russians". This idea is elaborated on by other writers, and backed up by quotations from reminiscences by German generals and, of course, carefully selected and striking photographs.

It looks as though present-day bourgeois historians obtain the material for their concepts of the Battle of Moscow from Nazi propaganda, and have no intention of shaking off the dead weight of Nazi lies.

I have little desire to argue with these gentlemen who falsify aspects of the Battle of Moscow that are patently clear already. However, the stubbornness with which the Western press keeps repeating these platitudes forces me, who commanded the Western Front in the Battle of Moscow, to give them a few reminders of the events of that period.

It was not the mud or the frost that stopped the Nazi troops after they broke through to Vyazma and reached the approaches to the capital. It was not the weather, but human beings, the Soviet people, who did it. Those were unusual and unforgettable days, when the whole Soviet people were united by determination to defend their country, and men were moved to great exploits by a sense of profound patriotism. Everyone felt that on him depended the country's future, the further course of the war and

of history, and he was prepared to give his life to uphold the ideals which inspired our people, and to destroy those who tried to trample them. We, to whom the Party had entrusted the command of the troops defending Moscow, knew that the Soviet people would not surrender their capital and that the defeat of the enemy would start at its walls. That is why, at the very height of the defensive battle, I could assure Stalin, when he asked me about the fate of the capital, that we would not surrender Moscow.

The Soviet forces' exceptionally tough and courageous resistance stopped the Nazi armies all along the line in the first few days of December, while the troops of the Western, Kalinin and South-Western fronts went over to the counter-offensive, which led to a heavy defeat of the Army Group Centre.

I must also say something about the view now taken in the West of some aspects of another major event of the war – the Battle of Stalingrad. Everyone knows that it marked a most important stage in turning the course of the Second World War in favour of the Soviet Union and the other countries of the anti-Hitler coalition. Stalingrad commands such wide admiration that hardly any ideological ill-wisher now dares to try – to say

nothing of being able – to minimize the significance of the historic victory on the Volga. Everyone now admits the importance of the Battle of Stalingrad.

But our adversaries would not be what they are if they did not try to distort the role of the Soviet people and their army in the achievement of this great victory.

Today's falsifiers of the history of the Battle of Stalingrad ascribe the rout of the Nazi troops to Hitler's blunders, and not to the skill and valour of the Red Army.

The falsifiers also try to play down the general political and military importance of the battle. They do this in two ways. First, by a stubborn attempt to rank Stalingrad with other battles then being fought on other world war fronts. This tendency is most pronounced among the historians and writers of memoirs in the United States and Britain, whose works make hardly any distinction between the Stalingrad epic and the fighting in the Pacific, North Africa or the Mediterranean. The battles of El Alamein and Midway, the fighting in Sicily and Italy are equated with the Soviet Army's victory on the Volga.

Another approach is to reduce the consequences of this greatest military and political debacle of

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German fascists
treated Soviet
people who
dared to defend
their homes!
Slavs were considered
dirt by these
butchers!*



Nazism to the level of an abstract "psychological turning point". This is done, in particular, by the West German historian W. Görnitz, who says that the results of Stalingrad boiled down to "a crisis of confidence" within the Wehrmacht as regards the Nazi military leadership.

Still other ways are employed to falsify history. The blame for the defeat of von Paulus' army, for instance, is thrown on Hitler's allies; some writers complain of the bad weather, as if it had no effect on Soviet operations. Finally, one group of Western historians comes up with the view that the Nazi debacle on the Volga was a matter of pure chance.

There is no need to prove how far from the truth all these "concepts" and "theoretic" are. In scale and military-political consequences, the Soviet defeat of the powerful Nazi grouping on the Volga holds a place apart in the history of the Second World War. The Red Army's victory at Stalingrad, as Soviet and progressive historians abroad have long since shown, was the key event of the war, fundamentally transforming the international situation and making the defeat of Nazi Germany inevitable. At the same time, the Battle of Stalingrad greatly enhanced the Soviet Union's prestige as the decisive force capable of saving mankind from the threat of Nazi enslavement, demonstrating to the whole world the viability of the socialist system, the valour and unequalled heroism of the Soviet people at the front and in the rear. It was a triumph of the Soviet art of war.

These incontrovertible truths of history give the lie to all the artificial constructions of the falsifiers and destroy all their inventions.

Another decisive event in the

last war was the battle fought in the area of Kursk. In this battle, the Soviet troops smashed 30 enemy divisions, including 7 tank divisions. Having suffered a crushing defeat, the Nazis were forced to go over to the defensive along the entire Soviet-German front. After Kursk, the Wehrmacht never again managed to mount a major offensive against the Soviet Army. Nazi Germany was confronted with inevitable disaster. This makes it clear why the Battle of Kursk holds such an outstanding place in the Second World War.

It is all the more surprising, therefore, that until very recent years, bourgeois historians ignored this event. Some of them pretended that the Battle of Kursk had not been fought at all. Others mentioned it in passing, while putting the accent on the Allied landing in Sicily as the crucial event of 1943.

I must also say that some of the works dealing with the events at Kursk, as with the Battle of Stalingrad, insist that Hitler's military incompetence was the main reason for the disastrous failure of Nazi Germany's plans. The victories of the Soviet Armed Forces are made contingent on the landing of the US forces in Sicily.

This is indeed amazing constancy! All the failures of the German army are given the same vulgar and naive explanation which today will not convince even the most uninformed. Hitler is blamed for everything. However, it is now well known in every detail that it was not so much Hitler as the whole of Nazi Germany's senior military apparatus that produced the plans for the summer campaign in 1943. Ultimately, it was the whole top brass of the Third Reich, including such of its "pillars", as Field Marshals Keitel, Jodl, Klüger,

Manstein and others, who produced the plans for Operation Citadel. To blame everything on Hitler, merely to try to prove the traditional faultless military skill of the generals is to contradict the facts of history and the truth.

The same applies to the assertion that the Soviet Union's military success in the summer of 1943 depended on Allied operations. Without in any way under-rating the importance of their landing in Sicily, it is only fair to say that in practice, it was of little help.

Bourgeois historians have been unable to ignore such an important event of the war in Europe as the Berlin operation in 1945, which was an aggregation of titanic efforts by the Soviet Armed Forces in the concluding stage of the war. The final defeat of the enemy, who even in April 1945 was still quite strong and capable of putting up stiff and prolonged resistance, demanded the setting in motion of large formations of Soviet troops - three fronts - and also high military skill by the Soviet Command as well as exceptional heroism and selflessness on the part of our soldiers, officers and generals.

Evidence of the stubbornness of the fighting for Berlin is the fact that in the 23 days from April 16 to May 8, the troops of the First and the Second Byelorussian and the First Ukrainian fronts lost 304,887 men killed, wounded and missing, whereas in the whole of 1945 American and British losses on the Western Front came to 260,000. The attacking Soviet troops had to fight fiercely to overcome the system of powerful fortifications distributed in depth and the

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fanatical resistance put up by German troops that had been concentrated in the Nazi capital from every sector.

The capture of Berlin was one of the most important aims of the last stage of the war in Europe. On the outcome of the Berlin operation depended the solution of major military-political issues, including the problem of the post-war arrangement in Germany, and her place in Europe's political life. That is why, in planning the concluding offensive campaign, the Supreme Command, even before the end of 1944, set the Soviet Army the task of taking Berlin as soon as possible. The disposition of the forces on our fronts, the direction of their main blows in the offensive from the Vistula to the Oder, and the strength and speed of our offensive, all corresponded to this task.

Both the enemy, who was preparing for a stubborn defence of the capital of the Third Reich, and the American-British Command, were fully aware of the importance of Berlin. Let me recall Churchill's insistent demands for an offensive on Berlin so as to capture it before the Russians got there, and the recognition of the importance of this task by General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Forces.

However, when at the end of February 1945 the troops of the First Byelorussian Front reached the Oder and captured bridgeheads on its left bank, the situation ruled out any possibility of an immediate continuation of our offensive. The main obstacles were, on the one hand, a considerable lagging of our logistics units and the resultant serious shortages and difficulties in supplying the troops, and on the other hand, the threat of a counter-offensive by the Nazi Army Group

Vistula, which was concentrated in Eastern Pomerania and hung over the extended and exposed right flank of the First Byelorussian Front. All this led the Supreme Command to abandon the idea of an immediate offensive on Berlin and decide on a temporary switch of the main effort to the north to rout the enemy's group in Eastern Pomerania, while steadily preparing for the Berlin operation. Let us recall that the subsequent course of events proved this decision to be correct and fully justified.

Why then have the falsifiers of history brought up the long-refuted idea that Berlin could have been taken (and consequently the war ended) in February 1945? Why is it necessary to hint, as Salisbury does in his commentary, at some special considerations of the Soviet Supreme Command which led to changes among the front commanders in November 1944, to talk about alleged differences and rivalries between them, and to cast doubt on the cruel inevitability of the losses suffered by the Red Army in the last battle of the great war?

The malicious anti-Soviet essence of all these arguments is so obvious that it needs not proof.

In this connection, we must reply to the authors of some of

German prisoners of war marched through the streets of Soviet cities while Soviet citizens cursed these fascists!



the myths spread by bourgeois historians about Soviet military skill.

MYTH ONE

Today, one comes across ever more frequent attempts to personify Soviet military skill. Harrison Salisbury, for instance, writes about the "Zhukov pattern", a special "Zhukov's style" of operations, and so on.

What can one say about this?

Before the war, we already had a coherent theory of strategy and tactics. In wartime (1941-1945), the Supreme Command, the General Staff, the commanders and the staffs of Red Army formations applied in practice the propositions and principles of Soviet military science, simultaneously improving them in accordance with the course of the armed struggle. The main factors that have determined the development of Soviet art of warfare are the progressive nature of our socialist system, the Party's guidance, and the creative energy of the bulk of our military cadres.

In these conditions, to tie up Soviet military strategy with the name of any one man, to speak of a "Zhukov" or anyone else's strategy, is to adopt a false attitude and display ignorance and misunderstanding of the very essence of our military

art and of the methods used by the Soviet Command in controlling operations and the war; it is to fall into extreme subjectivism.

The Red Army's strategy was controlled by the GHQ of the Supreme Command, whose decisions were as a rule the product of collective effort. Apart from GHQ members, large groups of high-ranking specialists of the General Staff and the Military Councils of the Fronts took part in working out these decisions. Naturally, in this or that operation, individual members of the Supreme Command and the General Staff had a different – lesser or greater – part to play in working out these decisions and in implementing them.

Of course, every member of the GHQ and every front commander had his own individual qualities as a leader, his own style in preparing and implementing the operations. That is a truth that no one will deny. But this did not in any way run counter to the principle of collective creative activity in the higher command of the Armed Forces, the practice the Soviet military leadership adopted during the war. The work of the members of the GHQ and high-ranking members of the General Staff was always under the control of the State Defence Committee and the Supreme Commander.

MYTH TWO

Some bourgeois writers keep suggesting that the Soviet Army fought mainly with its numbers and not skill. Harrison Salisbury stresses that in all the major battles, beginning with the Battle of Moscow, "enormous masses of troops – as many as twenty armies or more", were thrown in. Some Nazi generals imagine our army had a "20-fold numerical superiority" in the Battle of Moscow.

Of course, it is not hard today to engage in paper calculations of the balance of strength, to hold forth sententiously on the number of divisions which should have been used to win this or that battle 50 years ago, and to discuss instances when more or less troops were used than some historian finds expedient today. It was all so much harder in the field of battle.

We see no reason to respect the much too glib and less than competent journalists who think that the truth is easily replaced by cheap sensations and that a superficial knowledge of the facts entitles them to generalize and pontificate. But what is there to talk about? It seems that in the last war, Mr. Salisbury should have been placed in command and he would have shown everyone how to defeat Hitler's armies with

small forces and subtle tactics.

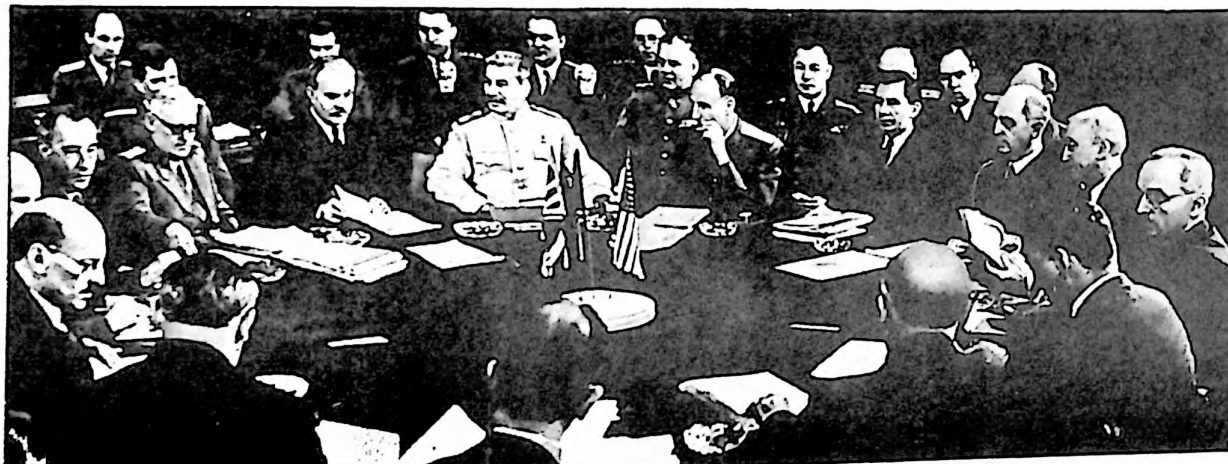
In all the great battles of the last war, the Soviet Supreme Command sent in as many troops as were required by the circumstances. It did not expend more forces than were required by the conditions of a given operation. When the GHQ and the Western Front command were preparing the counter-offensives at Moscow and Stalingrad, the GHQ made a point of scrupulously husbanding our strength in defensive battles, taking account of every regiment, every artillery and tank battalion.

It was not with numbers but with skill that the Soviet Army fought and won. Here's only one example to show how "objective" bourgeois historians are.

In the Battle of Moscow, by the time our counter-offensive began, the enemy had 801,000 officers and men, 14,000 guns and mortars, and 1,000 tanks, as compared with our 718,800 men, 7,985 guns and mortars, and 720 tanks.

There are any number of such examples. Where then is the "20-fold superiority"? Where are the "20 armies and more"?

Attempts may be made to distort history. But it cannot be rewritten or its results struck out. The truth will triumph in the end. □



Meeting of the 4 Powers in Berlin after the hostilities ended in 1945.

EDITORIAL

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– Yours truly,
Editorial Committee

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Canadian Friends of Soviet People and Northstar Compass publish the letter of resignation by Ray Stevenson from the Editorship of Northstar Compass due to ill health. This letter was read at the 8th Conference and accepted with regret.

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We wish Ray health and a speedy recovery. The CFSP and NSC have decided to give Ray a lifetime subscription to Northstar Compass in appreciation of his devotion. At the 8th Conference he was presented with a Plaque stating "In recognition of his dedicated work on behalf of Northstar Compass".

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Dear Friends:

I extend my heartiest greetings and best wishes to the assembled delegates and for the greatest possible success of the Conference. In particular, I greet all delegates from outside Canada who have come to strengthen our mutual activities for international friendship, solidarity and peace.

As a long time friend and associate of the Soviet people, I extend my best wishes that soon you will return to a democratic and socialist state of being that has been destroyed by the activities of the internal enemies of socialism in conjunction with the enemies of the Imperialist camp from abroad. The growth of corruption and opportunism is most glaringly highlighted by the actions of the current Governments and their supporters in the Republics of the former Soviet Union.

May I express my deep disappointment at being unable to be with you all in this conference that takes place within the time of growing resistance and immense struggles of the people against the ruinous and deadly policies and programs of the Transnational

Corporations, particularly in the areas of international finance, oil and communications. The globalization so often spoken about is only a camouflage and smoke-screen to hide ever intensifying attacks on the lives of people everywhere. Nowhere is this more glaringly apparent than in the former Soviet Union. It is these circumstances that make the conference of great importance and the programs and policies developed will be of great significance.

It is with deep regret that I am at this time compelled to withdraw from activity as editor of Northstar Compass. I am confronted with developing health problems that will require both great care and attention over what may be a lengthy period. Under the circumstances I cannot properly project with confidence the energy, discipline and attention required to continue in my editorial capacity. I do so with great regret. May I give voice to my feelings of pride and humility that I have been able to lend some assistance and to have made a modest contribution to Northstar Compass.

May I pay tribute to my associates and Comrades of the Editorial Board over the past almost three years for their diligence and assistance in being able to produce our "little ray of light". In particular, I wish to express my great admiration and respect to the many Soviet correspondents and people who have so consistently assisted in the endeavor up to this time. We have succeeded beyond our wildest expectations because of the combination of these forces and people. I thank them all from the bottom of my heart.

I am sure in days to come, the magazine and the Canadian Friends of the Soviet People will register great new achievements, based on

the old and timeless foundation of the original mandate we hold for international Friendship, Solidarity and Peace in the struggle for new untrammelled and free development for our Soviet friends, who gave so much to the world, and to all people everywhere.

Finally, I express my deepest appreciation to the untiring work of the President and fellow editor, Michael Lucas, and to Helen Lucas. Without either of them, there would not have been a Northstar Compass for the past almost three years.

– Sincerely and comradely,
Ray Stevenson □

WILL THIS "PINOCHET" ALLOW HONEST ELECTIONS IN RUSSIA?

Not Very Likely!

Elections for the President should take place in 1996 and even now Boris "Pinochet" Yeltsin is trying



by all sorts of means to postpone, or if that will not be impossible, to rig the results of the elections!

There is talk of "electronic elections" which opens up a Pandora's box of interference, manipulation an open falsification.

If elections were held openly now, Yeltsin would certainly lose to the alliance of Communists and their allies.

That is why the control of the elections must be taken out of the hands of Yeltsin and company.

The hour has arrived and it is TIME for all the opposition forces to unite in order to defeat Yeltsin in this upcoming mock elections. Better still, the people should take power into their own hands, because even if Yeltsin and his clique lose the elections, there is no guarantee that socialism will come back.

Powers behind the scene are ready to sacrifice Boris if they see a loss in sight and they have their hand-picked candidate ready and waiting in the wings!

– The Editors

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

DEAR READERS: OUR LETTERS TO THE EDITORS WAS CURTAILED DUE TO THIS SPECIAL ISSUE. MAY NSC WILL START PUBLISHING LETTERS AGAIN.

WE NEED BACK COPIES

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF V.I. LENIN

April 22, 1870 – 1995

The name of Lenin is dear to millions of people all over the world. Lenin's whole life, his intellect, knowledge and inexhaustible energy were dedicated to a noble cause – the struggle to liberate the working people from social and national oppression and create a bright future for all mankind.

On the basis of his study of Marxism and a creative analysis of Russian and world revolutionary practice, Lenin concluded that the working class could not achieve its aims without its own, independent political organization, and he concentrated all his attention and energy in creating such an organization in Russia.

Lenin always combined practical activity with considerable theoretical work. Lenin has forever entered history as the guiding spirit behind the Great October Revolution, which marked a turning point in the development of human civilization.

All those who are fighting oppression and exploitation in support of peace and social progress can find in Leninism the answers to the questions raised by social development. This is why Lenin lives on among us and remains our wise teacher and contemporary!

Although the temporary defeat of the ideals of Lenin are a reality, this does not preclude that this state of affairs will continue much longer. You cannot bury ideals, especially those that are based on scientific socialism and are the answer to peoples' needs and aspirations.

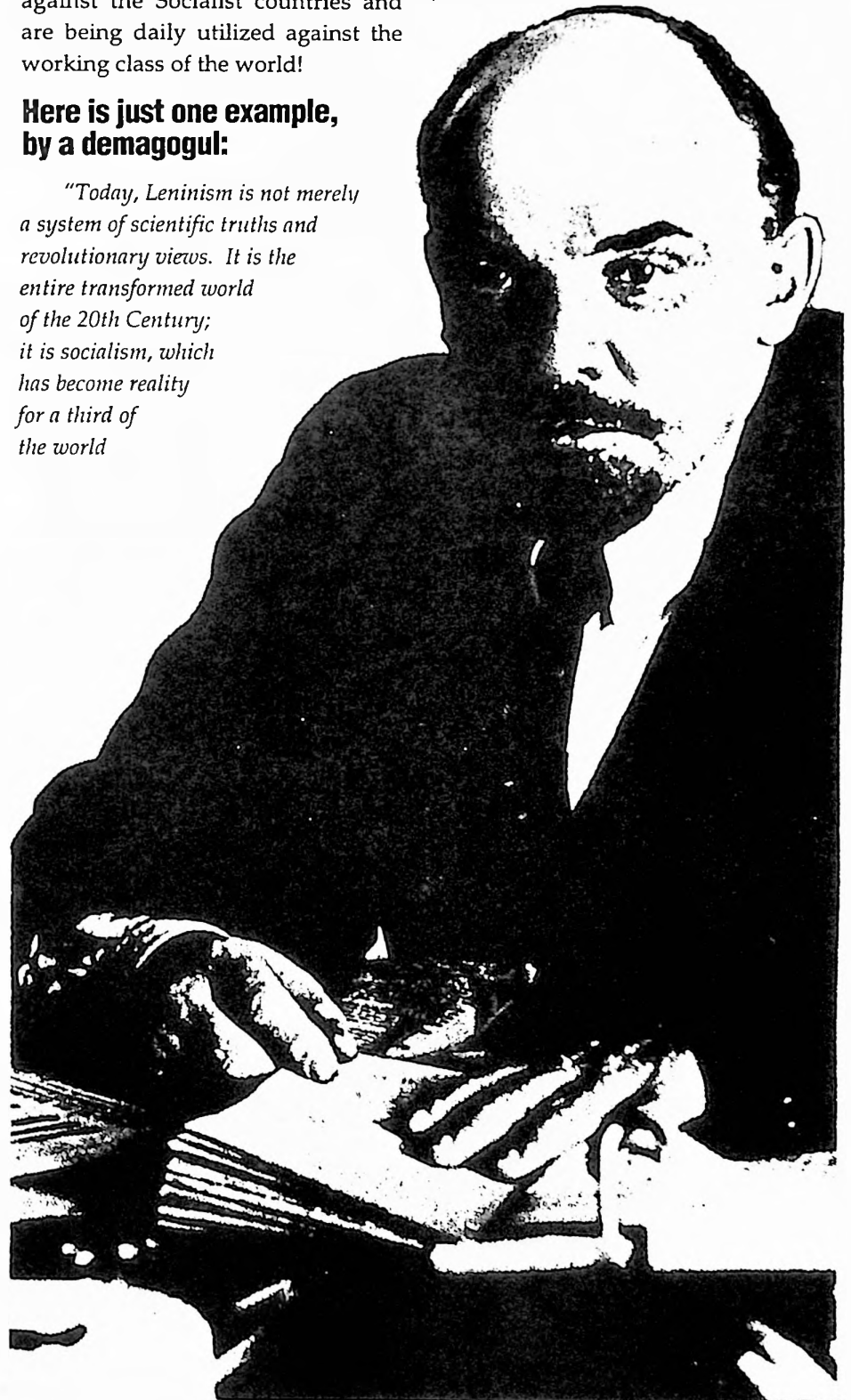
The temporary demise of the Soviet Union was caused both by internal and external enemies of Socialism. Facts are hard to deny! Facts keep cropping up all over the world which show the covert and overt actions that were perpetrated against the Socialist countries and are being daily utilized against the working class of the world!

Here is just one example, by a demagogul:

"Today, Leninism is not merely a system of scientific truths and revolutionary views. It is the entire transformed world of the 20th Century; it is socialism, which has become reality for a third of the world

population; it is humanity's advance to social and national liberation. Social progress cannot be stopped and it follows the laws discovered by Marxism-Leninism."

– Mikhail Gorbachev
1985



NEWS DIGEST COMMENT

YELTSIN TO SKIP MOSCOW'S V-E PARADE

This was the heading in a small article in the Globe and Mail, April 3, 1995. This article went on to say that: "Russian President Boris Yeltsin has decided to skip Moscow's military parade on V-E Day, thus making it possible for German Chancellor Helmut Kohl to attend without embarrassment. Yeltsin informed Kohl that the military parade on May 9th will not be held on Red Square but somewhere else in Moscow away from the official ceremony." - Reuters

OUR COMMENT: *Is this hard to believe? Is this what more than 20,000,000 Soviets died for fighting Nazi Germany? Is this what close to 50,000,000 people who perished during the Second World War died for?*

Only outright fascists or apologists for fascism-nazism could support this decision!

Where is the outcry from Soviet veterans? Where is the outcry from ALL veterans who fought to get rid of fascism? How could Soviet veterans who liberated mankind from bondage agree to this? How could they let themselves be so degraded by this apologist for reaction?

Sometimes, it is very hard for us, friends of Soviet people, to comprehend as to how could it be possible, with the growing struggle against the present regime by anti-Yeltsin forces (according to the press we read from there) that immediate UNITY is not taking place!

Again, we repeat - ARISE YOU MIGHTY LAND! □

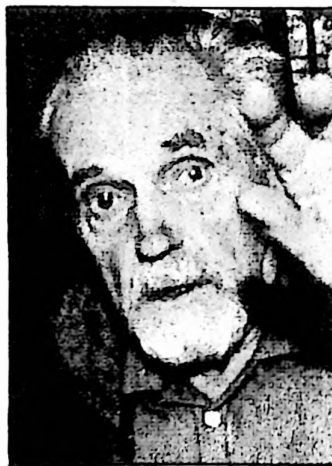
WHY HAS CANADA HIDDEN WAR CRIMINALS FOR OVER 40 YEARS?

Much has been written, many demands made to the Canadian government and to the United Nations regarding harboring of war criminals by Canadian authorities.

After the Second World War, these criminals, fascists, butchers and psychopaths spread across the world with the help of secret services of USA, England, France, Canada and ended up in safe havens on the American continent as a bastion of "democracy"!

Although protests and demands were made by the Soviet Union and other former socialist countries for extradition, it seems that our "democracy" seemed to lend a deaf ear to all of these demands. WHY?

After all, we already were in the Cold War period, the "communists" were our enemies and our enemies were now our "friends". Our governments promoted the "forgive and forget", "no, we have no war criminals in our country", "these demands are just communist



ERICHS TOBIASS: Took active role in executions, documents claim.

propaganda", "no, these were patriots, fighting communism", etc., etc.! Does this sound familiar?



JACOB LUITJENS: Former Canadian has been freed from Dutch prison.

As a token to appease the relatives of millions of people that were butchered with the help of these traitors-fascists, on this, the 50th Anniversary of World War II, the Canadian government reluctantly has rounded up just TWO war criminals!

As the Toronto Star said on April 1, "the war criminal Erichs Tobiass admitted his guilt and another war criminal Jacob Luitjens who was freed by the Dutch after serving 28 months of a life prison term again requested to be let into Canada."

Immigration Minister Sergio Marchi of Canada seems to think that this "bravery on his part" will satisfy Canadians or other countries who suffered from these butchers!

The Toronto Star also wrote the following:

"There is a lot to answer for in Latvia for the murder of thousands of people, since it was done, not by the Nazis, but mostly by local authorities."

"It was also revealed that Canada was notified over 30 years ago that Tobiass was living in Ontario."

There are lists available of all proven war criminals sent by countries who were under the terror

regime of fascism during World War II. United Nations Organizations has this list. Question needs answers as to why and who does not want these war criminals brought to justice?

The post-war generation is not aware of the facts that along with the Jews that were murdered and gassed in the ovens of Nazi butchers, there were other nationalities as well. Over 20,000,000 Soviet citizens perished. Does anyone speak about them?

When will the full horror story be told? When will our future generations know the truth of who was behind the build-up of fascism and who was it that saved most of these war criminals for their covert deeds since 1945?

IF WE DON'T LEARN FROM HISTORY, HISTORY WILL REPEAT ITSELF! □

MONUMENTS TO LENIN

In a very long article in the newspaper Globe and Mail of April 1, 1995, Geoffrey York, Moscow Bureau of G & M writes about the sculptor Lev Kerbel and his many sculptures of Lenin that stand all over the former Soviet Union and other former Socialist countries.

Anti-Sovietism and anti-communism permeates his article unfortunately, but, nevertheless, he writes and quotes from an interview of this well known Soviet sculptor. We quote from this interview in part.

"The massive monuments to Lenin somehow survived the death of his revolution."

"Lev Kerbel, the last of Russia's great socialist-realist sculptors, was the chief architect of this urban landscape. The streets of Moscow and many other cities are littered with his heroic monuments to Lenin, Marx and the industrial workers

and collective farm girls who symbolized the Soviet mythology."



"Still working tirelessly at the age 77, he spends his declining years among the flotsam and jetsam of the Communist revolution."

"His famous sculpture of Marx in front of the Bolshoi Theatre was vandalized with splashes of paint."

Kerbel said: "thank God they haven't touched this monument to Lenin. The present rulers decided to leave it for history. Lenin was a genius. If I knew someone like him today, I'd vote for him immediately."



"Many of his latest commissions are for the graves of Russian celebrities – 'I do a lot of rubbish now', he says."

"The West makes our artists rotten," he says. "They force them to do abstract art, because they pay them well. Realism is not fashionable at the moment, but realism is the foundation of art ... A monument of a person is a model, an example how to live. Even a bad person can learn something good from a realistic monument."

"Since the Great Patriotic War, he has produced 65 massive monuments, along with thousands of lesser monuments."

"This was before perestroika. It was a time when we believed very deeply in what we had and what we were striving for. And I still believe that what we had was many times better than what we have now."

"Today, people are just trying to survive. In our time, we had it harder, but we built and appreciated monuments and we created. Now, nobody sees anything. They just see where to make money."

OUR COMMENT: Spoken as a true artist, a patriot who sees through the eyes of an artist the decay that the present rulers promote in order to destroy socialist values and copy the Western image of what life should be.

Geoffrey York, with all due respect, somehow does not understand this. How could he? He works for a newspaper that has a policy of discrediting everything that is socialist, communist and above all, gleefully is happy at the temporary demise of the Soviet Union.

The Editors of the Globe and Mail should remember this ... "He who laughs last, laughs the best." □

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YELTSIN-MAFIA-ZHULIKS- MARKET ECONOMY- ROBBERS-CROOKS – IS THERE A DIFFERENCE?

Below, we publish excerpts from different newspapers – Globe and Mail, Toronto Star, New York Times – regarding the terrible tragedy that transpired in Japan when a certain Cult utilized Nerve-Gas to kill people and injuring hundreds.

Did it come as a surprise to you that Russia's government personnel was involved in this? It did not surprise us at all! Everything is possible in a country where you cannot tell the difference between the MOB or the GOVERNMENT! Their interwoven collusion, covert or overt – whatever – this produces the events that shocked the world.

Japanese police going into building compound to investigate this religious cult with connections to Yeltsin's Mafia.



AND YET, WE THE CITIZENS OF CANADA, THROUGH OUR TAXES, BUT WITH NO SAY, SUPPORT YELTSIN AND A GOVERNMENT THAT IS OUT OF CONTROL!

Can anyone of our readers explain how it is possible to let the following transpire in Japan and in Russia?:

- How could this cult Aum Shinri Kyo in Japan own huge factories, huge manufacturing equipment, helicopters, jets, property, huge bank accounts, without the Japanese authorities knowing about them?

How can this cult and their leaders travel and meet other STATE dignitaries without the Japanese government knowing about the travel and their connections?

- Reuters reported from Tokyo that the secretive sect that launched the nerve-gas attack on Tokyo's subway, may also have been trying to develop germ and nuclear weapons.

NOW ... to manufacture nerve-gas, germ warfare potential, this cannot be done at home with your ready-to-assemble chemistry kit! This takes plans, materials, facilities, knowledge, industrial potential and CONTACTS with chemical industries that are known to the authorities. Police seized plans which are highly specialized, using lasers and top technology which could be used to enrich uranium. This sect had different departments, and the plans were in the hands of the sect's Science and Technology Agency.

- Ask yourself this question: "How come that the media now has dropped this story as a hot potato? Who put the squeeze on the media? Why?"

- How can we explain that this Sect had huge property holdings in Russia – a daily Radio Program, several communes and frequent educational seminars that were held in their huge cultural building in Moscow, plus holding mass rallies in Russia. Did Yeltsin's authorities not know anything about it? This cult had its own private TV channel broadcasting daily to Russians.

Boris Yeltsin gave an audience to the cult leader Mr. Asahara in Japan, and how was it that Mr. Ruskoi, former Vice President, had met with the cult leader in 1992, at Yeltsin's behest!

- How can the present Russian government explain the finding of the latest Russian military helicopter and a nerve gas detector on the premises of the cult's property in Japan?

- What's behind the charge by Vitali Savinsky, member of Yeltsin's Duma who listed former Cabinet members and government official who are even now members of this cult?

- Why only now, just because of the uproar of Soviet people, that Yeltsin instructed Judge of Supreme Court of Russia, Irina Vorobyova, to seize the more than seven properties this sect, "Supreme Truth", had for years in Russia?

- Who supplied the \$800,000 a year for daily radio broadcasts on Russia's Mayak Radio? Since opening their offices in Russia in 1992 (Yeltsin's start as a dictator – Editors) this sect managed to sign up over 30,000 adherents.

- Can anyone explain why Oleg Lobov, President Yeltsin's close ally and the link between the government and the sect ... why has he so far not been charged?

FINAL QUESTIONS: Why are our tax dollars going to this government who is tied in to the most vile sect that we know? Why isn't this question being raised in the United Nations Organization? Who is it that is preventing a full exposure and accountability of people that are involved?

PEOPLE, BE VIGILANT! □

From **TORONTO STAR**, March 28

U.S. PLANS PRICE CUT ON EXPORT OF WEAPONS

"The United States government, hungry for exports, is planning a price break to buyers of American weapons.

Such a move runs directly counter to the idea of disarmament that is the professed 'policy of the USA' and its dominated United Nations Organization. President

Clinton believes that it will make more jobs for the arms industry and that it will spur foreign weapons sales, if the tax is dropped on the manufacturers of weapons.

The U.S. now supplies over 70% of the world's weapons, according to the Centre for Strategic Studies, the major defense think-tank in Washington.

USA's share of the world market has doubled since the collapse of the Soviet Union."

OUR COMMENT: For those sceptics who somehow still are under an illusion that the collapse (temporarily) of the USSR was all an internal problem, that the Western transnational corporations had nothing to do with it, and that the disarmament of the defense potentialities of the former Soviet Union is in the interests of "humanity", should realize now what USA had planned all along!

Disarm the Soviet Union, place into positions traitors like Yeltsin and not to forget Gorbachev and you have the scenario of USA dominating the world not only economically, politically, but also militarily!

USA is arming the world! For what reason? For peace? For security? For good neighbourliness? For Christian belief – that every man is a brother?

WHAT ACTUALLY IS THE REASON?

Very simply put ... it is to dominate the world, its resources, its potential markets for the transnational corporate power and profits. Imperialism must always seek new markets, must always promote wars, conflicts, setting one nation against another! This means profits, this means control!

It is to their everlasting shame that some progressive movements here and in the former Soviet Union do not see this, or if they see it, they're too busy squabbling with each other, while the "world policeman" rules and proceeds to dominate.

Where is the peace movement or other movements that forever tell us that they're for peace, understanding and disarmament? Now is the time to raise the cry all over the world to stop this "world policeman" from plunging this world of ours into another catastrophe from which mankind might not come out!

LET US ACT BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE! □

IN CANADA'S "FISH WAR" — NATIONALISM VERSUS REALITY!

Everyone knows that many countries fish the waters off the banks of Canada and that fish stocks are declining worldwide, which in itself should bring countries to their senses.

BUT ... the whole theatrical production as was put on by the Canadian Government has many people baffled and dismayed.

Our Canadian fisherman fishing off the banks of Newfoundland were stopped by the Canadian government from fishing since the stocks were being depleted. We Canadians overfished ourselves! No one can deny this. The UNO has agreed to the 200 mile offshore limits in fishing.

The answer to this question concerns the whole world, because fish is the mainstay diet of many peoples and cultures. The United Nations should set new standards, new zones, new regulations and new policies which put feeding the hungry of the world above profits for private companies!

United Nations Agency warned the fishing nations that "too many boats chase limited stocks, waste too much of the catch"!

By flag waving and gun toting, the Canadian authorities are not going to solve this problem.

The never-satisfied profits (not by local fisherman eking out a living), by large fishing monopolies who do not give a damn about world's hungry people, they only look at the bottom line — profit! They should be curtailed or stopped! □

ITEMS FROM ABROAD

A NEWSPAPER IS BORN "SOVIET UNION" VOICE OF CITIZENS OF USSR

This newspaper appeared on our desk, thanks to Galina Savchenko from Kiev who sent it to us. We are publishing an article which spells out the policy of this newspaper. In future issues of NSC, we shall publish other interesting articles about this newspaper, the movement for rebuilding the Soviet Union. — Editors

WE ARE RAISING THE BANNER OF THE SOVIET UNION



We are raising today — with this first number of the newspaper "Soviet Union" — the banner which was torn off every height by our enemies — capitalists, bourgeois nationalists and pseudo-democrats. We are raising this banner of the Soviet Union, methodically, ideologically and organizationally — this symbol which was thrown into the dirt from our Kremlin by the

traitorous clique, the present day "Vlasovci" (former members of Vlasov's Army which fought together with Germans against the Soviet people — Editors), we will struggle against members of former CPSU "General Secretaries", Chairmen of Soviets and other bodies, Ministers and other traitors who are presently in the government.

This red banner we shall again raise above our heads and above the Soviet land, as was done by the sailors of the Black Sea Fleet, who refused to take down from the flagpoles of their ships the banner of the Soviet Union ... because they made a vow and taken an oath to defend, honour and protect the land of the Soviets.

We are going to fulfill our pledge, together with all other movements, parties, newspapers who are struggling to get rid of the present regime. We state that the USSR, Soviet Union, will live ... we give our oath and our energies to this noble aim!

**Presidents will be blown away
by the wind
As a result of our actions, —
Even though it is hard to exist,
But the USSR lives, will always
live!** □

From Moscow

WE NEED TO PROTEST

Without any discussion about this project, because the authorities feel that the public of Moscow would be up in arms against this proposed project, Mayor Luzhkov of Moscow gave the signal to start digging on the Manezhni Square and build a massive, multi-storied parking garage right under the walks of the Kremlin and the walls that surround this historic place. This project, if allowed to be built, will forever ruin the historical

buildings, the whole complex of the Kremlin which is the historical legacy of Russian architecture.

Under pressure and urging of foreign interests, Mayor Luzhkov, publicly says that they are going to rebuild the Church of Christ the Saviour on this spot, but in reality, they are determined to take away the meaning of the Kremlin in the hearts of Russians and in the history of the Great October Revolution and the revolution that took place in Moscow when Soviet power was instituted!

Even the Tatar-Mongol hordes would have been proud to see the desecration and the ruin of the Kremlin Wall. There is the danger that the old Kremlin Walls will certainly collapse.

At the same time while this is being done, and knowing that Moscow was not built in the centre of the City to sustain the growth of traffic, Luzhkov, with foreign capital under his wings and foreign advisors, is going ahead with this multi-storied monstrosity for the foreign businessmen and their Mercedes, Rolce Royces. There is a danger of gas line explosions, according to engineers and architects. No other world government or city government would allow such a travesty to take place. In Rome, Paris, Venice, London, the building of multi-storied garages are allowed only on the outskirts of the city – getting into the centre of a historical city, with narrow streets, is only through public transport.

Why are we quiet and allowing this ruin of our national and historical treasure? I recommend that a living fence of people, arm in arm, should surround this gaping hole under the Kremlin Wall and on the Manezh Square to demand stoppage of this foreign inspired idea. We must demand stoppage

of any multi-storied garages in the centre of Moscow, if we really want to save the historic Kremlin for our grandchildren!

– V. Emelianova
Lawyer

Canadian Council of Canadian Friends of Soviet People and Editorial Board of Northstar Compass has sent a letter of protest to Mayor Luzhkov of Moscow. Historical monuments in every country should be preserved for future generations. □

From POSTMARK PRAHA **CZECHS TO KICK OUT INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNIONS**

The Czech government's current anti-communist campaign took a new turn last week with the interior ministry's announcement that the Prague-based World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU), International Organization of Journalists (IOJ) and International Union of Students (IUS) are all to be expelled from the Czech Republic.

This confirms a decision taken in 1992 but not acted upon in the meantime.

An interior ministry official said that the three organizations had been allowed to set up their head offices in Prague in the 1950s because of "a party political decision by the former totalitarian regime".

With the demise of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, she argued, there was no longer a valid reason for the organizations to stay. And she charged them with having furthered the ideological and political aims of the Soviet bloc.

The IOJ's Czech affiliate, the Association of Czech Journalists, condemned the ministry's move as "ideological" and based on the principle of collective guilt.

It could only damage the Czech Republic's international credibility as a democratic state, the union warned.

The IOJ has 500,000 members in dozens of countries. And it has defended the rights of journalists of all political and religious persuasions.

Meanwhile, a rally by the Czech Communist Party (KSCM) was recently halted by municipal officials in the south Moravian city of Brno after a small group of anti-communists shouted down party president Miroslav Grebenicek.

The rally, called to mark the 56th anniversary of the Nazi invasion of Czechoslovakia, was called off after just 12 minutes when the local town clerk appeared with a piece of paper signed by the mayor – saying that the demonstration constituted "a threat to public order".

Brno communists have laid charges against the disrupters, led by local anti-communist extremist Jan Honer.

And KSCM vice-president Zdenek Klanica has told journalists this will be the last time the party will be forced out of a public square. □

From Newspapers "MOLNIYA" Moscow

"NEW RUSSIANS" IN FRENCH RIVIERA!

According to confidential reports received by this newspaper, French Internal Security force has under its surveillance over 283 Russian citizens who have lately bought in Cannes, Niece and on the hills overlooking Mediterranean Sea, villas which cost from \$600,000.00 to \$9,000,000.00 US!

To control the thousands of "new Russians" (Mafiosi) and the investments pouring into French Riviera by these "new Russians" is beyond the possibilities of French

Internal security forces. (Or is it done with the connivance of French authorities? – Editors)

GORBY ON ELECTION TRAIL!

According to information that has leaked out from Italy, Mikhail Gorbachev while travelling in Italy under the security of Gorby's entourage of bodyguards and supervised by V. Zagladin, Gorbachev secretly met in Milan with top Bankers. There were 20 top Bank executives at this meeting. Zagladin characterized the present situation in Russia, as the beginning of an election campaign and Gorbachev considers himself as the top candidate for the post of President in 1996. That is why he is appealing to top Italian bankers-businessmen to help finance his election campaign.

ISRAEL INVOLVED IN MOLDOVA (MOLDAVIA)!

Information received and confirmed that in Moldova (former Moldavia) there is a tremendous increase in the activities of religious and "citizens" organizations from Israel. Most of these organizations are being utilized by Israel's MOSSAD to spread hate and outright extremism against Russia and Russian citizens still living in Moldova.

FORESTS FOR SALE

In the near future, there will take place an International Conference, first of its kind, to discuss "paper" and the forests of Russia. In this Conference, foreign firms that are already cutting away Russian forests will be taking an active part.

Confidential reports received show that foreign paper manufacturers are in desperate need of new raw resources and

Russia is the biggest prime target in the world. This is made easier since there are no international treaties signed to conserve or regulate cutting of forests, especially between Russia and the West. So ... easy road to grab the wealth of Soviet forests for huge profits for the Western Transnational Corporations!

TRUTH SOMETIMES WILL COME OUT!

There is much discussion and behind the scenes manoeuvring to get Russia into the "European Union". This of course would mean easy grabbing of Russia's resources by Western Banks. This campaign more or less is welcomed either enthusiastically or hidden manoeuvres by such leaders as S. Kovalev, S. Filatov, A. Chubaijs, V. Chernomydrin, Boris Yeltsin. (all former members of CC CPSU – Editors).

But what did G.A. Zyuganov of the Communist Party of Russian Federation have to say about this on January 8th of this year?: "And why should not Russia be admitted into the European Union? By joining, this would allow the Europeans to come up with a learned, civilized solution to the conflict in Chechniya!"

We must admit that the anti-communist renegade Kovalev was more to telling the truth than Zyuganov. He stated that: "he would bring NATO forces and settle the Chechen question in a 'civilized' way"! □

PEOPLE CANNOT FORGET AND SHALL NEVER FORGIVE!

(TBILISI) – Georgian admirers of Josef Stalin unveiled the cornerstone of a new monument

commemorating those who died when Soviet troops fired on a rally in 1956.

On March 9, 1956, shortly after Nikita Khrushchev denounced Stalin's "personality cult" at a Communist Party Congress, some 10,000 Georgians took to the streets of Tbilisi to protest this smear campaign.

Records say 27 people were killed when troops opened fire on the rally, but unofficial reports say as many as 150 people died.

"The River Kura (in central Tbilisi) turned red with blood as they threw those killed in the water", said Grigol Oniani, leader of Georgia's Josef Stalin Society.

Some 150 society members attended a memorial ceremony as the cornerstone of a future riverbank monument was unveiled. They pledged to restore a statue of Stalin in Tbilisi, which was removed after Khrushchev's denunciation of the leader who died in 1953. □

From THE NEW WORKER, England

A very excellent article by Chas Fraser of the New Worker about the Copenhagen Summit held by the United Nations Social Development Conference to eradicate world poverty and social injustice, from which we quote excerpts – Editors.

"The summit's final declaration and its 'programme for action', could not hide the bitter disagreements between rich and poor countries.

The policies of the industrialized capitalist states have created a yawning gulf between the summit's aims and stark reality. The imperialist powers rejected Third World demands for cancellation of Third World debt.

Fidel Castro stated: "In a world where the rich get richer and the poor get poorer ... there can be no

social development ... where there is no human feelings there can be no human rights."

The hypocrisy of the USA and Britain in making demands about human rights and freedom for trade unions, was glaringly obvious.

- A clock ran through the conference week, counting off the 7 children who die every minute from poverty. It stopped at over half a million.

- The total debt of developing countries has more than doubled in the last 10 years to £1.3 trillion – £1.3 million million.

- Total sales of the world's four biggest companies, General Motors, Ford, Exxon and Shell (£280 billion) in 1991 exceeded the gross domestic product of all of Africa (£238 billion).

- In 1993, for every £1 given in aid, rich countries took back £3 in debt repayments.

- Britain's 10 richest people have as much wealth as 23 poor countries – with a total of over 174 million people.

- A billion people, one fifth of the world's population, live in absolute poverty.

- A billion people have no access to fresh water. 1.7 billion have no access to sanitation, and two billion, no electricity.

- 1.3 billion people in urban areas suffer from respiratory disorders.

- 120 million – well over a third of the global workforce – are unemployed or under-employed.

OUR COMMENT: *The terrible travesty of this world-wide conference, was the fact that the representatives of Russia did not raise one concrete positive resolution or condemned the imperialist countries!*

As the saying goes: "Birds of a feather flock together"! Not much difference between the present sell-out

traitors in Russia and the transnational corporate powers that they represent.

Time is surely coming, as day follows night – these traitors will pay the supreme penalty for their actions. □

**NEW YOUTH NEWSPAPERS
PUBLISHED IN MOSCOW
AND KIEV – SOVIET YOUTH
IS FIGHTING BACK!**

- "LENINSKA MOLOD"
- "VERNOST"



From Newspaper: "VERNOST" Moscow

Dear Michael Lucas:

I was very pleasantly surprised by your letter to us regarding our newspaper "Vernost". I'm sending you back copies of the newspaper by mail.

I'm also very happy to become a member of your Canadian Friends of Soviet People. I am in the middle of preparing articles for the newspaper on the 125th Anniversary of the birth of V.I. Lenin. How are you going to celebrate this great date?

With sincere thanks, I grasp your hand.

– Natalia Morozova

Thank you for your kind letter and we certainly will be celebrating the date of Lenin's birth, with meetings, film showings and discussion of the work of this great genius that the Russian people have produced.

As an "Honorary Member" of our organization, we would ask you to write some articles for our publication as to the reasons for the delay of the ALL IMPORTANT QUESTION OF UNITY that seems to be eluding all the anti-Yeltsin forces now!

We certainly hope to hear from you soon! □

Letter From Mineralnye Vody: "BOLSHEVIK STAVROPOLYA"

Comrade Lucas!

I would like to reprint from your journal, Northstar Compass, the life of Canada and USA – the daily struggles that are taking place. We know that you are publishing materials from our country. What is happening in our country, we know! But what is happening in Canada and USA in workers' struggles, we do not know. You are a capitalist country and I want to know from people who are living there, as eyewitnesses, which means that we want to gather this information from your NSC.

Let's face it – imperialism is a decaying capitalism. Is this not so?

I would like to suggest that in your journal, you devote one or two pages to materials about your "capitalist heaven"!

– With Bolshevik greetings,
V. Shkarupa
Editor

The Editorial Board of NSC has agreed with this proposal and will start this column in this April issue. □

**DID YOU DONATE TO
SUSTAINING FUND?**

**From Newspaper:
"LENINISKA MOLOD"**

Lvov

SOCIALISM – YES!

We reprint this news item in order to show our readers that Soviet youth is defending the ideals of socialism and of the resurrection of the USSR!

"A man in his middle 40's with a new jacket – Italian import – shoes shining, showing that he is not a 'worker' but in 'business of shady deals', was looking at the wall where there was pasted a leaflet stating 'Socialism – yes!'.

'What communists here again!', he sneered through his teeth as he ripped the leaflet off the wall.

The leaflet still did not reach the ground under the feet of the anti-communist fighter, when from behind his back appeared 3 well built youths, with blue berets on their heads. They turned this leaflet demolisher around, grabbed him tightly, gave him another Communist leaflet and a brush with paste and told him 'Paste it up where it was before'!

'I will never do this, you communo-fascists', he yelled.

He got such a jolt that inside of a couple minutes, the leaflet was pasted nicely on the wall where it was before.

These young people are members of the 'Workers Red League', organized in November of 1994 and now existing in the main cities of Ukraine. These WRL members defend socialism, Lenin, Stalin, Marxism and are ready to defend the ideal of a resurrection of the Soviet Union.

They co-operate with all other youth organizations, all communist parties and movements from attacks from nationalist and fascist forces. As one of the leaders stated: 'We are on this earth seriously and



for long – if need be, we shall fight to the last to defend the Soviet Union.'

Their membership is tightly controlled and not everyone is allowed into their ranks – they are militant, patriotic – devoted to socialism and communism. They will co-operate with all those forces that want to rebuild the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics." □

**From Newspaper: "FOR USSR"
Kiev**

These horrors – I saw with my own eyes. ... The criminal activity of the doctors ... they were ordering into the ovens people who would not be expected to be used for work. They personally were putting to death the prisoners by sprinkling them with poison. They also originated experimentations, utterly inhuman, cruel. Observing the death of millions of men, women and children in the gassing buildings; were present at executions and at various horrible bodily punishings. Professor doctor Karl Klayberg conducted inhuman experiments on women with the aim of developing a rapid way of biologically exterminating the Slav people. The prisoners were subjected to utterly inhuman tortures: their nails were torn out, needles were pushed into

the most sensitive parts of their bodies (especially women), through a special funnel they were forcing into the mouths huge quantities of water – (asphyxia). Millions of children – Jewish, Slav, others – were murdered. They were placed against a rod 1.2m high from the floor and all children who would not exceed that height would be murdered – sent to the ovens. Small children, knowing that, would stretch their heads as much as possible higher than this dreadful rod, desperately trying to remain alive.

(How horrible it is now to be reading this! Having all these, still slimy with the blood of our children, putrid in their Neo-Nazis brazenness, not as yet justly punished? As a lesson to still-crawling would-be murderers? It is needed to suppress their bloody-burping filthy cravings of more murders.)

– Galina Savchenko
Kiev □

**QUESTIONS WITHOUT
ANSWERS**

Many questions crop up among us veterans of the Great Patriotic War, now that the 50th Anniversary

is here. We would like to ask the Supreme Soviet of Ukraine or the President. But it seems impossible to get their attention. Maybe your paper can at least publish this letter on behalf of the 250 veterans who live in our village of Rovno.

We were happy to go and vote for President Kuchma, believing in his promises. We thought that the borders that were erected between our peoples would permit our children and grandchildren to visit us and us to visit them, since they are in every part of the former USSR. We believed in other promises made also. But what did we get? Terrible conditions, capitalism and daily hardships.

I would like to ask – What did we vote for and why did we vote? To be slaves of the new gentry, businessmen, speculators, racketeers? Such were the conditions under former President Krawchuk also! No, this is not what the people believed would happen after we cast votes for Kuchma! We believed in Kuchma, to our regret.

These are the questions that are tearing our hearts apart. Who will answer these questions?

– G. Kulik
Rovno
Kirovgrad District

**From Newspaper: "MOLNIYA"
Moscow**

**ON THIS 50TH ANNIVERSARY
OF V-E DAY, IT'S GOOD TO
RECALL THE FOLLOWING:**

In a very well documented article in the newspaper "Molniya", the authors review policy, methods and behaviour of leaders of the Russian Orthodox Church. We're just quoting the last paragraph, which touches on the contemporary Church dealings during the Second World War – Editors.

"Of course, the Church should never mix into politics, if we look at the scriptures. But ... the Church always believed in 'Riches and Politics' – throughout the centuries.



– S. Arjutunov, History
Teacher
I. Pemzov, Artist
V. Perederin, Doctor

*Kiev 1942
Metropolit of Kiev
welcomes the
occupational forces.*

It's not their role nowadays to mix into politics, but they powder their faces in front of TV cameras and utilizing the mass media to achieve their ends. In the name of God, priest Gapon arranged a bloody Sunday, in the name of God, Archbishop Tikhon in 1917 on Red Square, blessed with holy water the women's battalion of death that went to fight the workers, in the defense of the Tsar. With the support of the Catholic Church, Hitler came to power and on his banners were written and blessed the words, 'god is with us', while they murdered millions of people, on behalf of God in 1941, Metropolitan of Kiev went to meet the fascists boot-licker Antonesku in Kiev. In the name of God, church dignitaries A. Kiselev and Melnikov raised their Icons in front of the traitor

General Vlasov on November 18, 1944 in Berlin. In the name of God, ungodly things happened and are happening."

**From Newspaper:
"DEMOCRATIC UKRAINE"**

This newspaper is NOT socialist or communist in its outlook, it basically supports the present Kuchma Regime of Ukraine, but from time to time, articles appear that tell the truth. As the saying goes, "from the horses' mouth".

Here is an example! Front page headlines state: "HE WHO WORKS DOES NOT ALWAYS EAT"; "PRESS – IS IT THE FOURTH DEPARTMENT? OR SECOND OLDEST PROFESSION? IT DEPENDS ON THE STATE"!

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SPECIAL

FOR OUR SOVIET READERS!

HOW CAPITALIST FREEDOM WORKS

By: Michael Lucas

We publish these pages on "capitalist freedom" in order to fulfill many requests of our Soviet readers and others who are not informed on some aspects of our system, how it works, what it produces and what it causes to the lives of the people since their mass media is controlled by Yeltsin's forces, showing only the glitter of capitalism, but omitting the reality.

This is not meant to take away from the hard earned gains that the working class was able to achieve through struggle. BUT ... there seems to be a misconception on the part of people who lived in the former Socialist states, who are "mesmerized" by the "agents of influence" as to the "perfect society" that capitalism is presented to be.

We are just quoting facts, showing materials that the capitalist press itself prints, or is forced to print, since some of these terrible conditions cannot be hidden from the public.

The young generations that are being brought up in the former Socialist countries should look at these facts and make the proper conclusions. They should not look at capitalism and its higher stage Imperialism through rose-coloured glasses. Facts just cannot be denied! Truth always comes to the surface!

From **NEW YORK TIMES**,
March 22, 1995



BEHIND BUILDING COLLAPSE, CRUMBLING FINANCES

In a very long article by Matthew Purdy and Shawn G. Kennedy, it describes the terrible tragedy of a collapsed building in Harlem, N.Y. which killed 3 people and injured scores of others.

It seems that under the "laws of capitalism", anyone who has the finances, connections or illicit finances can buy up buildings in an old part of the city - the slums - and not bother to fix up the premises to

safety regulations. Payoff city officials, inspectors, shady political pay-offs is the order of the day.

The investors, the owners of many, many discrepit buildings that the City of N.Y. or the owners did not want to fix up for the poor people who had to live there, opened up the door for unscrupulous investors like Marcus I. Lehmann and Morris Wolfson to buy up these buildings cheap, don't fix them up, wait for the real estate market to go higher and then sell them to bigger developers who will

build more expensive housing, get more profits and to hell with the poor tenants who lived there.

These two "businessmen" set up phony companies, phony investment firms and other schemes that netted them millions of dollars.

But with expensive lawyers, with connections to politicians and with their fathers in big business – you can guess what happened!

But what about the 3 deaths and hundreds of homeless people?

Why ask ... after all, this is capitalism, land of opportunity, land of freedom. After all, the myth is prevalent that "Yes, Johnny, you too can become the President of United States"!

If you have about \$30 – \$40,000,000 to spend, then you might stand a chance. But not if your are Black, Hispanic, or Progressive by conviction! □

"DEMOCRACY" AT WORK!

From Newspapers **NOW, NEW YORK TIMES** and other US and Canadian Publications

BIBLES, BALLOTS AND BULLETS

Guatemala in South America, as in other countries that are under the domination of US Imperialism, are experiencing another more deadly crusade than previous military interventions, assassinations, kidnappings and economic domination.

At the instigation, collusion and blessings of the USA and its CIA, the export of Evangelical Conversion into the Latin American countries is such that these "messengers of God" are unto their arm pits in the morass of lies, deceit and outright robbery of the people.

Jimmy Swaggart, the Evangelist who was disgraced but went

underground, is the main promoter, together with the CIA in supporting Latin American dictators through the cult-churches, who are hand-in-glove with dictators such as was Rios Montt under whose direction thousands of poor people were murdered. These evangelical leaders looked the other way when the specially set up Death Squads operated in assassinating people and any opposition voices that might raise their heads.

Membership in the Gospel Outreach were culled from the counter-culture of the era, the Gospel Outreach members are discouraged from having a direct and personal relationship bond with god. Instead, they are expected to have a covenant relationship which bonds the members to a group and makes the group the source of identity under control of the preacher.



Of all the gringo evangelists that invaded Latin America, the best known is Swaggart. Swaggart embraced the former fascist dictator of Chile, general Pinochet, telling him that "I congratulate you for having expelled the devil in the 1973 coup".

Guatemalan Army is a hot bed of CIA agents who train, agitate and carry out repressions against their own people.

Right, are noted facts about Guatemala, which can act as a barometer for nearly all of the Latin American countries where American Imperialism holds court.

This, we predict, is what is waiting for the former Soviet Union and other former Socialist countries unless the people rise up and throw out the present traitors. □

GUATEMALA FACTS

Population of Guatemala: **9.4 million**

Annual per capita income in 1985: **\$1,000 (U.S.)**

Infant mortality per 1,000 births: **66**

Infant mortality per 1,000 births in Canada: **8**

Percentage of Guatemalan adults who can read: **48**

Number of children who lost at least one parent to political violence between 1980 and 1984: **100,000 to 200,000**

Percentage of Guatemala's population estimated to watch Jimmy Swaggart's weekly TV program: **50**

Estimated annual world contributions to Jimmy Swaggart ministries: **more than \$100 million (U.S.)**

Jimmy Swaggart ministries' foreign missions budget in 1986: **\$80 million**

Number of Gospel Outreach/El Verbo ministries congregations in Guatemala in 1986: **250**

Sources: Amnesty International, Canadian World Almanac, GroupWatch, Guatemalan Human Rights Ombudsman, Washington Office on Latin America — Compiled by **TIM TINER**

TORONTO STAR, March 25, 1995

NEW YORK STUDENTS' PROTESTS HARKEN BACK TO 1960'S

In an article that describes the

ferment and unrest plus student revolts taking place all across the USA, Stephen Handelman, Foreign Affairs writer for the Toronto Star, lists some of the incidents and the brutal reaction of Clinton's

administration against the students. Students are rebelling against country's new conservation "revolution".

In New York, over 8,000 students demonstrated against the



Phalanx of police shove student demonstrators in New York protesting against tuition hikes and 25% cut in government education spending.

25% cut in government spending on higher education. Now, any high school student has to pay at least \$1,000.00 per year.

Scores of students were felled by tear gas thrown by the police, using batons, tear gas, vicious dogs to quell the demonstration. Most people think that this is just the beginning of a political consciousness among the students.

Just in the past six months, there were:

- New Jersey Rutgers demonstrations took place demanding the resignation of the University president over racial slurs.

- Minneapolis saw student demonstrations.

- Thousands of students from across USA descended on Washington Capital to protest cutbacks in education.

- The present Republican government is going to chop about \$20 billion from educational subsidies. At the moment, the students demand economic reforms and eliminating the cutbacks. The next step is to combine the economic with political reforms. □

**From GLOBE & MAIL,
March 25, 1995**

FASCISM ON THE RISE! WHY?

In an article by Rudy Platiel in which he explains the connections, growth, influence and inter-connections between Canadian government's policies, as well as that of Germany, USA, Britain, Holland, Denmark and France ... one thread runs through all of this!

Case in point is Canada, where Ottawa waited 29 years to act on war-crimes suspects. Allegations running back to 1966 were submitted to the Canadian authorities about a list of war criminals that found their way into Canada under false pretences ... or

were "allowed" here under "political considerations".

These war criminals were NEVER tried after the Second World War, they are in many countries of the world ... well hidden, well set up in businesses and well protected by certain "patrons".

Is it any wonder that Nazism, Fascism is growing right in the middle of these countries, while their representatives spout off about "democracy, freedom, human rights in other countries, to whom they sell war armaments all over the world in the name of "freedom and democracy"!

Another disturbing aspect. The struggle against the growth of fascism is made to look as if the ONLY people that are CONCERNED about this danger is the International Woesenthal Centre! They're doing excellent work to be sure, but the growth of fascism should be the concern of all humanity!

It is obvious that there was pressure put on the Canadian government! By whom? The Globe and Mail put it correctly when it stated that: "There is a strong objection from many Eastern European groups in Canada." Yes, a well-heeled Lobby sometimes does wonders!

Again, we ask: Where's the protests from the Canadian Legion which represents Canadian War Veterans who fought and died for Canada, fighting fascism?

On this, the 50th Anniversary of Allied Victory over fascism, where is the voice of the Church denominations, Human Rights activists, who so wholeheartedly protest against former Socialist countries? □

**HAVE YOU RENEWED
YOUR SUB?**

BOOK REVIEWS

HOW DID IT HAPPEN?

BY: MICHAEL LUCAS

Our friend, subscriber and correspondent, author, leading fighter for socialism, Ernie Trory has sent us the first copy of his 84-page book, which we are extremely glad to review. Not only are we reviewing the book (which is a must-reading for everyone who believes in Socialism) but we are going to stock the book in quantity and ask our readers/members to order this very valuable informative book from our office.

Our Northstar Compass has since its inception tried to portray events in the former Soviet Union as they really are, utilizing the informational materials that we receive from there, which are leading the struggle against the restoration of capitalism and the fulfilling by Yeltsin the plans of transnational corporations - his masters!

It's a must-reading for anyone seriously interested in deeper study of the tragedy that has transpired in the USSR and the former Socialist countries.

If there is one aspect that I might not fully agree with, it's his treatment of the role of Krushchev - I would have used stronger language to describe this villain whom I feel was the mover of the eventual fall of the Soviet Union. But - you, the reader, must judge this for yourself.

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FEATURE ANALYSIS

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF V-E DAY

By: Michael Ukas



As people in Europe and North America, and in other parts of the world prepare to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of V-E Day, it is useful to recall and evaluate some of the more notable events that led up to this historic date of Victory in Europe, and also to take note of the developments that have taken place during the following fifty years. Many changes have taken place in rapid succession all over the world, some of them giving cause for rejoicing while others, unfortunately in too many instances, are of cataclysmic proportions, giving rise to grave concern on the part of people of good will everywhere. V-E Day represents the day when

decency, when justice, when that which is best in humanity triumphed over the perverse forces of evil.

While it is self-evident that history doesn't repeat itself in every detail, there is no denying that there are quite often some disconcerting similarities between what was taking place during the several decades that preceded Victory in Europe and the events that are unfolding at a bewildering pace today. A brief overview of recent history shows that capitalism, the highest form of which is imperialism, is more determined than ever to maintain and increase its domination and to suppress any and every attempt on the part of the subjugated to free themselves. This was true in the past and it is true today. Fascism and Nazism are the most violent manifestations of capitalism-imperialism.

Benito Mussolini's Fascists seized and consolidated their power in Italy in the 1920s, and Adolph Hitler's Nazis took control of Germany in the 1930s. The most basic human rights were abrogated, trade unions were suppressed, genocidal racism, that most barbaric of inhuman practices, was officially sanctioned by the state. The conquest and exploitation of colonies became the order of the day.

Such were the actions of the all-out Fascist governments, but what were the so-called capitalist democracies, Britain and France, doing? They obligingly looked the other way when Mussolini launched his war of conquest against Ethiopia. They did not protest, or just barely protested, when the Italian military employed mustard gas against Ethiopian soldiers and bare-footed civilians, in direct violation of the Geneva Convention which forbade the use of poison gas in warfare. They weren't too concerned about the

Ethiopians whom they regarded as "inferior savages". It was argued that Fascist Italy was supposed to be bringing "civilization" and "culture" to these "backward" people. In Berlin, Hitler was putting into practice his own murderous theories regarding the "superiority" and "inferiority" of races, as he busied himself setting up concentration camps and constructing gas chambers and crematoria which ultimately claimed millions of victims.

While there was some indignation expressed when Mussolini committed the rape of Ethiopia, it was the developments in Spain that aroused mankind to full awareness of the menace of Fascism. There was no room for illusions or rationalization any more. Democratically minded people everywhere knew it, and the Fascists knew it. But the Fascists also knew that the capitalist "democracies" were going to let them carry on with their aggression.

The people of France and Spain answered the challenge by electing Popular Front governments. However, it was the Popular Front government in Spain, which came to power on February 16, 1936, that imperialism feared the most. The Spanish coalition government was truly representative of the people and had been elected by a large majority of the voters. Besides, it included a strong Communist representation.

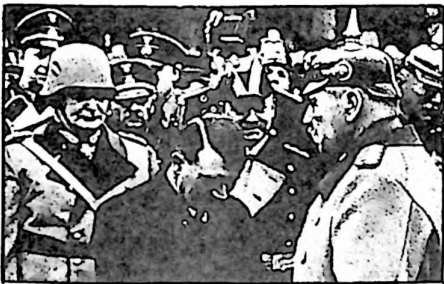
The imperialists began to plot immediately: the Popular Front government in Spain had to be destroyed at once regardless of what it might cost in life and property. Francisco Franco, with the overt support of Hitler and Mussolini, and the covert support of Britain and France, was just the person for the task. He was a military man,

he was ruthless, and he held the people in utter contempt. His was the classical colonial mentality. The insurrection against the lawfully elected government of Spain was launched from Spanish Morocco on July 18, 1936.

Franco had expected an easy victory over practically unarmed civilians, but they quickly rallied because they were defending their democracy against Fascism. It took his professional army, aided by 50,000 well-trained German airforce and tank personnel, and more than 150,000 professional soldiers, over three years to crush the Spanish people.

Once again, the question has to be asked: What did Britain, France and the United States of America, these nominal democracies, do in this international crisis? The answer is straightforward and unequivocal: they hypocritically mouthed democratic phrases while helping

Union between militarism and fascism. President P. Hinderberg and Hitler, Goering 1933.



Fascist Italy and Nazi Germany strangle the Spanish nation and its government.

Under the auspices of London and Paris, twenty-seven countries of Europe, including Britain, France, Germany, Italy and the Soviet Union, signed a pact agreeing not to intervene in the Spanish conflict. However, it soon became apparent that while Britain, France and the Soviet Union were carrying out their assignment as had been agreed upon, Italy and Germany were

supplying Franco with huge quantities of military supplies through the ports that they were pretending to blockade and which were already controlled by Franco. The non-intervention pact was dead. Having been suggested by Britain and France in the first place, it could never have been anything other than a criminal farce being perpetrated against Spain.

Clearly, there was no possibility of a compromise. Hitler and Mussolini were waging all-out war against Loyalist Spain, and Britain and France were quite openly looking forward to Franco's victory. Only the Soviet Union remained loyal to the Spanish people and their democratically elected government. This involved sacrifices for the Soviet Union. Unidentified submarines, Italian in fact, attacked and sank Soviet merchant ships with impunity. The Mediterranean had become Fascist Italy's own lake. Mussolini referred to it boastfully, and called it *mare nostrum* - our sea.

The Spanish Republic was doomed. Britain and France recognized Franco's Fascist government on February 27, 1939, and then broke off diplomatic relations with Loyalist Spain. Hitler and Mussolini had scored again with the tacit approval of Britain and France. Franco, another Fascist dictator, had won with the help of the two capitalist democracies which feared and hated any left manifestation, preferring Fascist racist dictators.

The stage was now set for the betrayal of Czechoslovakia and the *de facto* beginning of the Second World War. In reality, the war between capitalism and socialism had been going on for many years, ever since 1917 when Russia and some adjoining countries had cast off the imperialist yoke that had

been oppressing them for many generations.

The treacherous deal that was being plotted by Britain, France, Germany and Italy on September 29-30 in Munich, was one more step, taken just as cynically and hypocritically as the previous ones had been taken, in the unholy crusade against socialism. Czechoslovakia was not a socialist country, but it stood in the way of Hitler's march to the East. Both Chamberlain of Britain and Daladier of France were aware of the fact that the combined forces of England and France exceeded by far those of Germany, and that Hitler could not win even if he had dared to risk going to war at that time. The Soviet Union was prepared to honour its commitment to come to the assistance of Czechoslovakia. Britain and France also knew that Germany was re-arming at a frantic pace and was growing stronger with each passing day. The time for Britain and France to take a firm stand was now, but what they desired above all was to appease Nazi Germany in the West, while at the same time encouraging it to look to the East, in the end, to attack and destroy the Soviet Union.

The existence of a socialist state, embracing one sixth of the land surface of the globe, was intolerable to capitalism generally, and to the Fascist countries in particular. They were motivated by both hatred and fear, and were determined to destroy the Soviet Union, no matter what the cost, the same way that they were in the process of destroying popular democratic Spain. Hitler, along with his sycophant, Mussolini, and the arch-betrayers of the people, Neville Chamberlain and Edouard Daladier, were the means to this end. Certainly, the most despicable role in this tragic drama was played by Chamberlain, but

Daladier, the premier of France, wasn't far behind. For example, he outlawed the Communist Party of France on September 26, two days before the conference in Munich was to be held. He felt that he had to silence the voice of the French people. Like Chamberlain, he wanted to placate Hitler and betray his own people. And it must be remembered that Daladier was the leader of the Radical Socialist Party!

Thus, appeasement became the rallying cry of the day. Chamberlain used every propaganda means at his disposal to sell to the public the thesis that the only way that war in Europe could be avoided was to let Hitler have everything that he asked for. Historians may well quibble about Chamberlain's motives, about their merits and demerits, but none except for a few extreme conservatives have presumed to defend them. Chamberlain spoke of "peace in our time" when he returned from the criminal conference in Munich and advocated "peace at any price". As subsequent developments were to demonstrate, the price proved to be very high indeed: over fifty million lives, civilian and military, and untold destruction of property.

By the middle of 1941, Germany had at its disposal the economic, and in some cases, the military,

resources of most of Western Europe. It controlled, directly or indirectly, Czechoslovakia, France, Poland, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Norway, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Rumania, Greece, Finland. The neutrality of Switzerland and Sweden favoured Germany. These two countries served as a back door for supplying Germany with essential war materials by some capitalist countries that were not at war. In Spain, Franco was too busy keeping down and executing his own people to be of much use to Hitler. Not only did Germany have at its disposal most of the resources of Western Europe, but it also had a superbly armed and trained army. This powerful war machine was expressly geared to attack the Soviet Union.

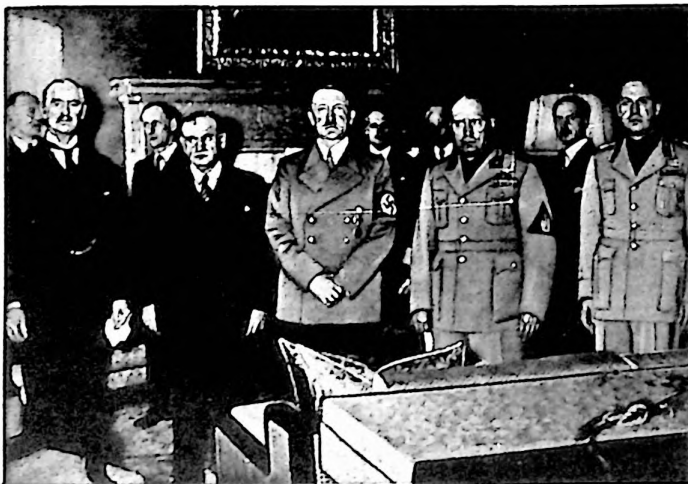
The invasion of the Soviet Union, code named "Barbarossa", was launched at 3:30 a.m., on June 22, 1941. This was a combined attack onland, in the air and on the seas, and involved 190 divisions, over 4,000 tanks, 5,000 fighter and bomber aircraft, and more than 200 warships. There was no declaration of war, so that the attack came as a complete surprise. All that day, and in the days that followed, Berlin radio broadcast frequent bulletins announcing huge successes. The bulletins were preceded and

followed by martial music. Hitler Germany was at the height of its glory and seemed invincible. It had already been marching for several years in Western Europe, practically unopposed. This was intended to be its greatest victory.

Later that same day, Germany's Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced that the Soviet Union had been invaded "in order to save world civilization from the mortal danger of Bolshevism". These were the darkest days for humanity. It was feared that capitalism's dream of destroying the very heart of socialism and then of enslaving the whole world might become a reality. Hitler and his fellow "supermen" were convinced of this. Just a month after the invasion, on July 22, the Fuehrer boasted that the Soviet Union was already as good as defeated. Then, three months later, addressing the German nation on October 3, he stated categorically: "I declare today, and I declare it without any reservation, that the enemy in the East has been struck down and will never rise again."

But the Soviet people, in spite of serious initial losses at the front, bravely continued to resist, much to the dismay and humiliation of Hitler, his generals and sympathisers abroad. Soviet people united behind their government and their leader, Stalin. The German hordes were unable to capture Leningrad, nor were they able to take Moscow which was militarily and psychologically of prime importance to them. In fact, they were about to meet their first defeat.

They were to face more defeats during the course of the four-year war, the best remembered in the annals of history being the defence of Moscow, the battle of Stalingrad, the battle of Kursk, and the final one, the battle for Berlin. These



After the signing ceremony of Munich which open the door to war, September 1938.

great battles were the highlights of the war, but it should be remembered that the Red Army fought for every inch of the precious soil it defended, first when it was compelled to withdraw, and then when it went on the offensive, finally capturing Berlin itself. The partisans fought behind the German lines. The whole Soviet population resisted heroically. The tide was being turned against the onslaught of the Nazis. The resistance movements in the countries occupied by the Germans took heart and made their contribution to the defeat of Fascism.

The civilian and military casualties suffered by the Soviet Union were enormous, amounting to more than 20,000,000. Germany was waging a war of total extermination, as it was revealed at the Nuremberg trials after the war. When the German soldiers crossed the frontier of the Soviet Union on June 22, they were instructed in leaflets issued to them: "Kill every Russian, every Soviet male or female you see. Don't stop just because it is an old man or woman, a girl or a boy. Kill! By doing so, you will survive, ensure yourself a secure future and make yourself famous in ages to come." Such was the enemy that the Soviet Union defeated in its epic struggle for the freedom of its own people, the

people of occupied Europe and the people of Germany itself.

In the battle at the approaches to Moscow, the Nazis soon found out that the capture of the city and the destruction of the Soviet Union which was to follow, all in 8 to 10 weeks, was not going to take place, then or ever. The blitzkrieg was beginning to falter and limp, its rate of advance was reduced to a small fraction of its original. At the same time, their casualties were increasing alarmingly. The elite Nazi troops were being severely mauled. This had already been seen in the battle at Smolensk. The Germans had captured the city, but it was a Pyrrhic victory. Then, on December 5, 1941, Soviet forces launched a major counter-offensive from Moscow which continued into April of the next year.

The Soviet counter-attack made a tremendous impact on the Soviet people and their friends, and also on Nazi Germany and its allies, and on the so-called neutral countries. The Nazi juggernaut that had rolled over France and other countries in the West had been stopped and hurled back. Everyone expected that many more great battles would follow, and that there could be some reverses, but people began to hope and to believe that, thanks to the Soviet Union, the war against Germany would eventually

be won. The defeat before Moscow showed the world that Hitler was not invincible. His troops had been pushed back up to 150 miles in some sectors of the front. In the ten months extending from the invasion of the Soviet Union on June 22, 1941, up to the end of April 1942, German casualties exceeded 1,500,000 in killed, taken prisoner and wounded. Germany had lost some 4,000 tanks and self-propelled 88-millimetre guns, and more than 7,000 aircraft.

The time had come for Britain and the United States to take an active part in the military operations against the Nazis by creating a Second Front in occupied France. The British and American people were demanding it, but their governments were stalling, using various pretexts. Churchill went back on his promise to the Soviet Union to open the Second Front. In the meantime, the Germans were massing for the offensive to capture Stalingrad. They were able to transfer 35 divisions from the French coast to re-enforce the front in the East because they knew that there was no danger of a Second Front in the near future, or even that year.

In lieu of crossing the English Channel and opening a Second Front, there was the ill-fated raid on Dieppe by Canadian and a few English troops on August 19, 1942. Over 6,000 men took part in this disastrous venture, not receiving adequate air cover or naval support. Not a single German strongpoint was captured and the casualties were enormous. It was total defeat for the British and complete victory for the Germans, both militarily and from the point of view of propaganda. Historians still discuss the pros and cons of the Dieppe raid. The apologists for the raid claim that some valuable lessons had been

Landing of Allied forces at Sicily in 1943.



learned, but their arguments do not stand up to scrutiny. The fact remains that the Dieppe raid was useless, and that the Second Front wasn't going to take place for another year and a half, and that the Soviet Union stood alone in the fight for humanity against Nazi Germany and its allies. Britain and the United States were looking on. There was the lend-lease programme, to be sure, which contributed to the final victory, but it was only a small fraction of the total war effort against the Nazis.

The defeat of the Germans at the gates of Moscow gave the allies reason to believe in the possibility of victory, whereas until then, general gloom had prevailed. The Battle of Stalingrad did much more than raise hopes, it was seen as the turning point in the Second World War and had huge military significance. In the battles that raged between November 1942 and March 1943, enemy casualties came to 1,700,000 officers and other ranks in killed, wounded and taken prisoner. Put out of action were some 24,000 artillery pieces, more than 3,500 tanks and 4,300 aircraft. The German commander-in-chief, Field Marshal Friedrich Von Paulus, was taken prisoner with 24 generals under his command.

The Battle of Stalingrad was the greatest defeat that the German army had ever suffered. Hitler

Germany was plunged into official mourning for four days. The theatres, cinemas and other places of entertainment were closed. Field Marshal Von Paulus joined the National Free Germany Committee and urged the people of Germany to rid themselves of Hitler and the Nazis. After the war, he publicly opposed the rearmament of Germany which Britain and France were promoting.

Five months after the rout of the German forces at Stalingrad, Hitler launched "Operation Citadel", the intention of which was to encircle and destroy the Soviet troops in what was known as the Kursk salient, regain the strategic initiative lost at Stalingrad and break through to the Volga, and then to swing north to capture Moscow. This operation, launched on July 5, 1943, resulted in a crushing defeat for the Nazis. They were never to go on the offensive again and would be driven all the way back to Berlin.

Stalingrad was the turning point in the war and the Battle of Kursk was its confirmation. It was at Kursk that the greatest tank battle in the history of warfare was fought. Four million troops on both sides were involved, along with 69,000 artillery pieces, 13,000 tanks and self-propelled field guns, and more than 11,000 aircraft.

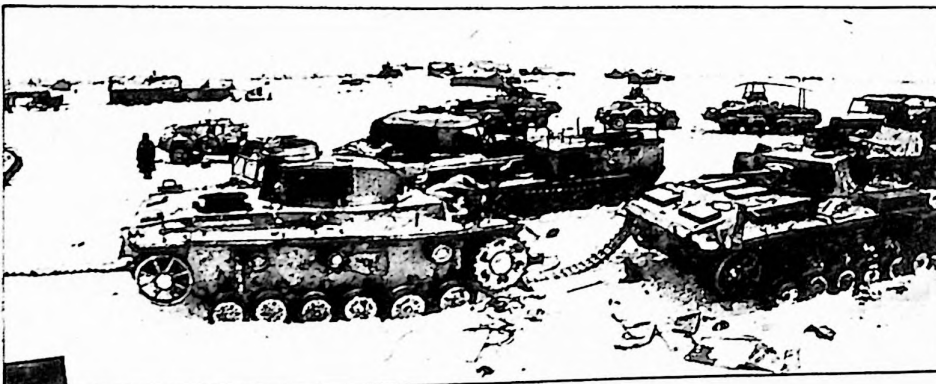
Much fighting was still to come, but the initiative remained

with the Soviet forces to the end. Why didn't Britain and the United States open the Second Front as Churchill had promised Stalin in 1942? A year earlier, in the dark days of 1941, they were waiting to see how many weeks it would take Hitler to crush the Soviet Union. In 1942 and 1943, they waited to see what the outcome of the gigantic battles taking place at Stalingrad and Kursk, and elsewhere on the two thousand mile front would be. Then in the last half of 1943 and the first part of 1944, were they waiting for Germany and the Soviet Union to fight to a stalemate, for both nations to exhaust themselves and cease being military powers of any consequence?

The answers to these questions are not difficult to find. Neither Churchill nor the United States, nor their capitalist cronies wanted the Soviet Union to survive. Capitalism had been waging war against socialism, in one form or another, ever since 1917 when the workers and peasants of Russia overthrew their own and foreign capitalist oppressors. The newly-formed socialist state had to be destroyed regardless of what it might cost in human lives. Privilege and profit are far more important to the capitalist class than human beings whose labour is the source of these profits. Let us not forget what the Fascists did to the people of Spain, and how Britain and France found ways to collaborate with Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy to subjugate the Spanish Republic. And let us remember the more than 50,000,000 dead who were sacrificed during the Second World War on the altar of insatiable capitalist greed who must have their megaprofits.

By early summer of 1944, the Red Army had drive the Germans from most of the territory they had occupied in the Soviet Union and it

Defeat of the German fascist army at Stalingrad 1943.



was certain that it was only a matter of time before it would take Berlin and go beyond Germany's borders to liberate countries that had been overrun by the Nazis. Britain and the United States could no longer put off opening a Second Front in France. They had been mere onlookers for three years, always finding excuses and going back on promises, while the Red Army and the Soviet people were giving their life blood in the life and death struggle for humanity.

The time for "D" Day had arrived. It was going to speed up the liberation of Europe and the final defeat of the enemy, it is true, but as subsequent developments were to show, the main purpose of Churchill was to prevent the Red Army from liberating the whole of Germany. It was not until after the war that it became known that Churchill had ordered Field Marshal Montgomery to be prepared to use captured German weapons and troops to fight jointly against the Soviet Union. If the landing in France had taken place two years earlier, the war could have been won much sooner and hundreds of thousands of lives would have been saved. However, Britain's and America's main object had been right along to at least weaken the Soviet Union or, better still, to liquidate it altogether. There had never been any room in their scheme of things for the continued existence of a socialist state.

The combined British, American and Canadian forces faced less than one-fifth of the troops that the Soviet Union was annihilating farther East. Moreover, the German divisions in Normandy were of inferior fighting quality, the best divisions having been dispatched to the Eastern Front. The Berlin operation began on April 16, in 1945, and ended on May 1 when Soviet

soldiers raised the victory flag above the Reichstag. Germany surrendered unconditionally at 2:41 a.m., on May 7, 1945, in Reims, France. The war in Europe was over. This was Victory in Europe Day or, as it is called, V-E Day.

Fascism, the most repressive form of capitalism, had been defeated. Are there adequate words to describe how people felt on this memorable day? The first reaction was a feeling of profound relief. There was jubilation, but this was tempered by an awareness of the millions of victims that had perished and of how close humanity had been to catastrophe. Many people, not all, knew that it was the capitalist class that had so mercilessly enslaved the people of Spain, that had brought about the enslavement of the continent of Europe and would have been enslaved the whole world if it hadn't been for socialist Soviet Union. Thus, along with rejoicing on V-E Day, there was also sadness and mourning for the millions that had died, victims of the persecution by the Spanish

Falangists, the Italian Fascists, and the German Nazis and their stooge collaborators in the occupied countries. Millions of people had given their lives in the battles against these inhuman monsters who had adopted the insignia of the fascists and the swastika as the symbols of their depravity. But, first of all, those who were celebrating V-E Day were giving thanks to the Soviet people.

It was on March 5, 1946, only ten months after V-E Day, that Winston Churchill delivered his bombastic address in Fulton, Missouri, in which he told the United States to "dreadnought" and to proceed with preparations for war against the Soviet Union. This was the official beginning of the Cold War.

For Churchill, this was the ideal time. The Americans had the atomic bomb which could assure victory in war and also be an effective means of blackmail. On August 5, 1945, they had dropped an atom bomb on Hiroshima, killing tens of thousands of people, and a

Meeting between Americans and Soviets at Torgean, Germany in April 1945.



second atom bomb on Nagasaki three days later, with similar homicidal results. Realizing what the consequences of an atomic war would be, the Soviet Union proposed that the atom bomb be banned, but the United States refused to even consider such a proposal, as one might have expected, and proceeded to the development of the more destructive hydrogen bomb.

It is important to note here that it was the United States that produced the first atom bomb, and that the Soviet Union urged that this weapon be banned. Britain and America talked instead of rolling back the Russians from Europe and in the Far East. The Soviet Union went on to develop its own atom bomb because it was forced to do so for its own protection. The same held true of the hydrogen bomb which was first produced by the Americans, and only after that by the Soviet Union.

The height of man-hating cannibalistic logic was reached when the United States considered manufacturing a neutron bomb. According to American military logic and the reasoning of big business, this was considered to be the perfect bomb because its rays would kill all living things while leaving buildings and other structures intact. Just as important, the bombed city would not stay contaminated by deadly radiation for long. The neutron bomb could therefore be very profitable to the attacker. Was all this mere speculation, just idle talk by irresponsible people, or was it ever considered seriously? In any case, no such bomb was developed, perhaps because it wasn't possible to make one. But it did have some propaganda value.

The Cold War, which began with Churchill's speech in Fulton, Missouri, and is being waged with

a vengeance to this day, is something of a misnomer because millions of people have been killed since 1946 in wars declared and undeclared. The bloody battles instigated by the imperialists, headed by the United States, have been unremitting. There was the war in Korea and the even more brutal war in Vietnam. There are wars going on today where nations are being torn apart, as is the case in former Yugoslavia. Nationalism, fostered by imperialism, is a destructive force.



A prime example of capitalist psychological aggression against any progressive manifestation is the former Soviet Union which is being dismembered, with each part becoming something less than a Third World country. What Hitler couldn't do with his hundreds of divisions and the blitzkrieg, external propaganda and betrayal from within have succeeded in doing. The former Soviet Union is being plundered of its natural resources, and its wealth, earned with hard labour, is being given away to foreign robbers by domestic gangsters, one of whom is Boris Yeltsin.

The 50th Anniversary of V-E Day is being observed in some form by very many people today, including those who would much rather forget it. An example of the latter and his fellow-conservatives are Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany and his parliamentarians who are terribly concerned about the fact that Nazi Germany lost the war, and that some Germans were expelled after the war from the border territories in which they had settled illegally. In a joint statement, they are quoted as saying:

"There is a danger that people will forget that this day was not only the end of the Nazi reign of terror, but also the beginning of expulsions by terror, oppression in the East and partition of our country.

"A view of history that ignores or represses this reality, or that compares it to other realities, cannot be a basis on which a self-confident nation comes to grips with itself." (See "The Globe and Mail", April 3, 1995).

According to reports from Bonn, a manifestation is going to take place in Moscow on V-E Day, but it will not include a military parade on Red Square because this would embarrass Helmut Kohl who expects to be present. The parade will be held in some back streets of Moscow instead. It should be noted that it is Kohl who seems to be telling Yeltsin how and where the parade should take place. Not that this would worry Yeltsin in the least as he is only too eager to please his masters.

A question still remains. How will Kohl be welcomed at the airport and then on the Red Square when he arrives in Moscow? Will it be to the martial strains of brass bands playing the Horst Wessel Lied? It would seem appropriate in view of the occasion. It will be

remembered that Horst Wessel, the son of a protestant clergyman and an ardent Nazi was, among other things, a pimp who lived off the avails of prostitution. He was also something of a composer and it was his song, named the Horst Wessel Lied in his honour, that was adopted by the Nazis as a second National Anthem, on par with Deutschland ueber Alles. Horst Wessel was killed in a street riot in Berlin, in February, 1930, and became a hero-martyr of Nazidom.

It is essential that the events leading up to V-E Day, and the events that have taken place since then, be called to mind on this 50th Anniversary. There are many lessons to be learned, one very important one being that we must ever be vigilant. Today, the Fascist-Imperialists constitute as great a danger as ever. The Soviet Union which did so much to save humanity from Fascism, has itself been betrayed by so-called democrats and ruined by the Fascists.

These are only temporary developments but very dangerous ones nevertheless. In the midst of all the present gloom, there is good reason to hope, so let us celebrate the 50th Anniversary of V-E Day with confidence. There have been great struggles in the past and there will be more struggles in the future, but better times do lie ahead!

Michael Ukas,
Regimental Number H35828
Third Field Regiment
Royal Canadian Artillery
First Canadian Division
Eight British Army

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Searching for loved ones at Kerch, during the Great Patriotic War.



NEWS FROM U.S. FRIENDS OF NORTHSTAR COMPASS

From: Staten Island, N.Y., USA

Dear friends and comrades,
Helen and Michael:

Enclosed please find \$50.00 to cover the costs of 2 subscriptions to our "Marxist-Leninist" guiding light, Northstar Compass. Both of the new subscribers are active in the labour and peace movements in New York City.

I want to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for the hard work that was put into making the 8th Conference a real inspiring and successful event.

I know that I can speak for all of the American delegation when I say that the warmth and comradely spirit shown to us by all the Canadian delegates was most appreciated, especially the friendliness of our host and hostess.

Northstar Compass, under such dedicated leadership, will continue to serve as an ideological communist beacon to all Marxist-Leninist from every corner of the globe in our most noble cause - the re-establishment

of the USSR and the world socialist commonwealth of nations.

- Comradely,
Angelo D'Angelo
Member of the Editorial Board

We thank you for your warm and sincere words. On our part, we know that you, as the "Stakhanovite Extraordinary", have done more than anyone in the USA to promote Northstar Compass and to get new subscribers. We're sure that with people like you and others, we shall reach our quota of 200 new readers by August of this year - our 3rd Anniversary! □

From: Staten Island, N.Y., USA

Dear friends:

It was so good visiting Toronto and meeting all of you. Your gracious hospitality and generosity was most appreciated and all the effort you put into making the Conference so good for all of us was unbelievable. As a result, after visiting with you for only three days, I nevertheless feel as though I have known all of you all of my life. I can go on and on about how comfortable you made us feel. Also, I have always considered myself to be an internationalist, yet this was my first experience of travelling to another country in the spirit of international friendship and it turned out to be a very memorable occasion for me - one that I will never forget.

The Conference itself was a new experience for me and I am very grateful to all of you for affording me the opportunity to attend such an important and extraordinary event. It was a very important learning experience for me as well. Hopefully, at the time of the next Conference, I will be a well informed participant.

I don't know if Angelo told you that we nearly missed the plane

going back. You can imagine the sight we made - getting on the plane 10 minutes late, all out of breath, carrying all that luggage and then discovering after we sat down that we were still wearing our pins.

It makes me very sad to know that you cannot visit us where we live. It is very hard for me to comprehend that. In the meantime, in addition to helping you every way we can with the Northstar Compass, please never hesitate to call us about anything else we may be able to help you with.

Thank you very very much for making our stay in Toronto the wonderful one that it was. Take care. I miss you.

- Love,
Lois Singer

Your kind letter is appreciated and we're certain that the future cooperation will bring good results for both sides. It is people like you that help the friendship work grow. Again, many thanks for your sincerity. □

From: New Orleans, USA

Dear Friends:

Before we left, we stated that our organization would study the specific plans and materials of the CFSP and get back to you with our thinking on the possibility of becoming a member of a US organizing committee. In addition, we have received three letters of communications from you since the gathering, which we have studied.

Before we get into our response, we would like to thank Comrade Lucas and the other members of the CFSP for their warm and gracious hospitality, for their well organized and disciplined proceedings and the good preparations for the meeting (printed resolutions, etc.). Even though we did not participate in the debate and were not able to stay as long as we wished, we,

nonetheless, got a lot out of the discussions.

Our organization desires to support the efforts of the people of the former USSR, communists and progressives, who are fighting to restore genuine socialism.

As an auxiliary, friendship groups (like yours) are playing an important role in gathering these better elements. Again, we would like to thank your organization for obtaining and circulating information on the political and social developments in the former USSR. We are especially grateful for your organization's publication of information on the proletarian revolutionary trend and your efforts to keep the genuine Marxists around the world informed.

Now, on the question of the expediency of a friendship organizing committee in the USA, we take the following position: At this time, we are in favor of pulling together such an organizing committee provided it does not divert efforts to forge ahead in building a genuine Marxist-Leninist party. And we are for it, provided that its line is in harmony with Resolution #6 adopted at the recent CFSP Conference, on the historical role of Stalin. Friendship must be broad and encompass all those who sincerely wish to help the people of the former USSR to restore socialism. Ever since we began our work, over two decades ago, we have never made a secret of our struggle against Trotskyism (and all forms of revisionism) as a necessary condition to organize the masses for revolution and to build a genuine Marxist-Leninist party. As Marxists, we know that in order to defend socialism in the former USSR, it is impossible to prevail without attacking Trotskyism. Trotskyism was (and is) the main current used by the capitalist exploiters to decry

and slander socialism under Stalin and to preach the impossibility of socialism in any country. That being the case, we will support a friendship committee in the USA so long as it excludes Trotskyites. We believe that to allow the Trotskyites, it will surely doom the project to defeat before it even starts. We are sorry if our frankness may appear to be harsh to those sincere people who may think otherwise, but we do not want to confuse anyone as to where we stand and why we take this line.

We wish to remain in contact with your organization and continue to exchange information.

– Sincerely Yours,
Al Thrasher

We thank you Al and your friends for the work that you're doing and for your stated position which we appreciate. There is no problem in cooperation and our ideals are the same as you stated. Our aim is to try together with other friends to resurrect the Soviet Union and Socialism. □

ON THE EVE OF 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HOW DETERMINATION PRODUCED RESULTS!

By: Michael Lucas

One of our American members/readers, Leroy Wolins from Pullman, Michigan, is a person that has to be seen and you have to know him to realize the dedication, stamina, perseverance and friendship for the Soviet people that flows in his veins.

He tried to be at the 8th Conference of our organization, but due to family problems he could not make it. Instead, he has sent to us much background materials, clippings, photographs regarding a

feat that was put into life against all odds of the American governmental agencies.

Leroy is a veteran of the Korean War, and is now Vice Commander of American Veterans For Peace.

Leroy Wolins was instrumental to fulfill a wish of G.I. Joe Polowsky, who was one of the American G.I's who met the Soviet Army at the Elbe River in Germany, to be buried in the German Democratic Republic.

Wolins met Polowsky in 1949 and a true friendship was struck up by these two men who were devoted to the defeat of Fascism.

Moved by the experience on the Elbe, Polowsky, whose family came from the Soviet Union, took an "oath of the Elbe", pledging to keep the co-operative spirit of the time alive.

Over the next 30 years, Polowsky, aided by Wolins and others arranged several reunions of American and Soviet soldiers who had joined at the Elbe. Often, they had to borrow money to keep this spirit alive.

When Polowsky died of cancer on October 17, 1983, he specified before he died, that he wanted to be buried on the Elbe, where he met the first Soviet Red Army scouts.

Wolins worked hard to get financial help, to involve people, organizations, governmental agencies and the Governments of GDR and the USSR.

Wolins and other dignitaries, including a retired Soviet General signed a joint statement calling for peace and improved Soviet-American relations.

"He (Polowsky) and his dream will shine as a beacon from Torgau (the place where the two sides met – Editors) inspiring new generations to work for peace and understanding among nations.

We common people won't let Joe fade from the memory of humankind." – Leroy Wolins

Leroy Wolins now, on this the 50th Anniversary of the ending of World War II is planning a delegation of war veterans to meet Soviet war veterans on River Elbe, Torgau, Germany to commemorate and pledge themselves to the memory of Joe Polowsky and his dream.

The photographs that we publish here to illustrate this story, show more than words can ever say of the dedication of people like Joe Polowsky and his friend, Leroy Wolins.

Joe Powsky – left as guest of honor at the dedication of monument commemorating meeting of U.S.–Soviet armies on Elbe, April 25, 1945.



It is just too devastating to contemplate that the work that was done by these two Americans and other veterans for peace, and the dedication of the Soviet war veterans who were also involved – that all this has disappeared in the present situation, where the covert and overt enemies of peace, understanding and socialism have managed temporarily to disrupt this process which the people of the Soviet Union and USA want – peace, understanding and the spirit that was established that glorious day of April 25 in 1945 on the Elbe River at Torgau.



We would like to say thanks to Leroy Wolins for his dedication, his membership and readership of Northstar Compass, plus the many suggestions that Leroy makes for the benefit of our Northstar Compass.

We hope that we shall see him on May 7th at the 50th Anniversary of the Great Patriotic War that we're going to celebrate in Toronto.

Leroy will, I'm sure, bring with him his extensive Soviet memorabilia that he has collected and distributes all over the USA – everything from posters, pins, records, books, sweatshirts – all dedicated to the Soviet Union as it was. □

LETTERS FROM ABROAD

From: Kiev, Ukraine

Greetings, our dear comrade Michael Lucas!

We thank you enormously for your systematic sending us your journal Northstar Compass, which we very carefully read.

Although the internal and external enemy utilizes all forms of lies, propaganda and other covert and overt means at its disposal, we are always dedicated to the ideals of the Great October Revolution. It is the truth nevertheless, thanks to the traitorous acts of the former and present leadership of the CPSU under attacks from world imperialism, the people have suffered a temporary defeat.

But progress cannot be halted! Our enemies are trying to turn back the clock of history, but we are struggling and fighting with this attempt. For this, we are preparing people and other reserves for the final battle. One of the most important movements in the struggle for socialism and progress is the international women's movement, which the present bourgeois wants to take control of, which is to split the international solidarity movement along national and nationalistic lines.

1995 UNESCO has decreed as the International Year of Women and the Congress of International Women's Movements, under the auspices of UNESCO will take place in Peking, China. This Women's Forum will be held in the month of September. The right nationalistic groupings in the Ukraine are

secretly planning to send their representatives in order to try and manipulate, disrupt, misrepresent and start a division in this very important Forum in Peking. They are the spearhead of reactionary movement, utilizing Goebbels arsenal of tricks and manipulations, in order to blacken and spread lies about "freedoms" in China and try to do all in their power to discredit China as state desperately trying to go along the road to Socialism under the most trying of conditions.

These representatives of the Ukrainian nationalists have no problem in getting finances for their delegations and are guaranteed a place on the Peace Train from Helsinki to Peking. The train starts from Odessa to Helsinki to Peking. It is in this important port of Odessa that the Canadian Ukrainian nationalists are planning to stack the Ukrainian delegation composed of provocateurs, agents. They have already filled their forms, given money, made contacts through their agents in UNO in New York, while others like us have not even the opportunity to receive all the necessary documentations for registration, visa and other important but necessary information and tasks.

We, on our part, are only now trying to fight through the red tape and this is why we're asking you comrades to help us in this our hour of need. Time is crucial. By mid-March, we should register and by April 1st, we must send to New York \$50.00 registration fee US currency. These elements of the present Ukraine government of Kuchma is not allowing full information to reach other groups, like the paid in advance \$2,000 per each delegate to travel plus 5 days in Peking hotel, meals, etc.

Can you comrades help us?

Our local party organization and our newspaper the "Young Guard"

have agreed to send two accredited delegates to this Women's Forum in Peking in September, two dedicated fighters-Komsomols, E. Mazur, born in 1960, Engineer and Economist, member of Union of Journalists of Ukraine; Y. Osadchuya – a poetess who is famous all over the country, born in 1978, student of Grade 10 high school, who is capable even in her young years to compose poetry that is revolutionary and full of optimism for socialism and communism.

If you could also, if you so wish, give us accreditation as official journalists for Northstar Compass, we thus would have the power, the authority to be part of the press, thus sending you faxes, press releases and our observation for publishing. We are also thinking of getting this material together and to publish a booklet on this very important Forum. Northstar Compass would



I. Osadchuya
E. Mazur



be the official vehicle through which this could be accomplished.

We shall await your decision about the possibility of you helping us.

We ask your forgiveness for troubling you. We clasp your hands and with sincere feelings, we await your reply.

– I. Ishenko
E. Mazur

AN APPEAL TO OUR READERS!

We urge our readers to help these two patriots to get to Peking to the International Women's Forum in September.

Send your donations to Northstar Compass and we shall forward the monies collected to these young women! – Editors □

BELATED GREETINGS TO THE 8TH CONFERENCE

These two greetings were held up somehow by the post office over in the Ukraine, arriving 3 weeks after the Conference was held – Editors.

Dear participants of the Conference!

In spite of the great distance that separate us, we members of the All Union of Communist Party of Bolsheviks in Kiev, members of the movement "For USSR", are with you in our thoughts and deeds.

Our present rulers have instituted a culture of the "American Dollar", hardships, genocide of the Slavic peoples. Just in the Ukraine alone, the death rate was higher by over 400,000 than the birth rate!

In this tragic time for our country, we feel your support through your Canadian Friends of Soviet People and the publication

Northstar Compass.

Dear comrades! We appreciate your gigantic work under the most trying of conditions. You are not only sincere friends of the Soviet people, but REAL Communists and devoted internationalists. Let our planet give birth to more patriots as you are.

We greet your participants with the forthcoming 50th Anniversary of the Great Patriotic War and the defeat of fascism.

Our future generations will always be victorious! We saved civilization from barbarism!

Long live the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics!

– Secretary of Kiev Committee
AUCPB
Galina Savchenko □

Dear participants!

We greet you with revolutionary fervour, all those who stand shoulder to shoulder with fighters against the present day bourgeois.

At the present, in our country, our revolutionary movement is rising from the ashes, feeling the rottenness of revisionism, when again, class struggles are growing, we feel that the world's progressive forces are rising in the common struggle.

A friend is recognized when you are in trouble, and we are in the midst of a counter-revolution that is exploiting the working class. We also see in you our fateful friends, friends of the Soviet people and of the Soviet Union. Your internationalism is a symbol and a road ahead for solidarity and we shall try to emulate your dedication.

Unfortunately, we are not able to personally thank you delegates, to grasp your hands in friendship.

Tremendous thanks, our dear comrades!

In the name of all of the

revolutionary Soviet Youth of Ukraine, we send you our best wishes for success.

**FOR PEACE, FOR
ETERNAL FRIENDSHIP
BETWEEN ALL PEOPLES OF
THE WORLD!**

**LONG LIVE THE
REVOLUTION!**

- Secretary, Revolutionary
Communist Youth of Ukraine
Yurij Dokukin □

**OPEN
FORUM**

SLAVIC COMMITTEE

By: Milenko Popovich

As a long time active member of Canadian Friends of Soviet People and temporary Chairman of the newly established Slavic Committee, I'm writing this article not only for our readers of Northstar Compass, but for their friends as information.

The Slavic Committee is set up on my initiative. Why? It is in the hope that this Slavic Committee will get support. I'm trying to be as short as possible, trying to explain in simple terms how I look and think about this vital problem and about the tragedy that befell our Slavic people, after the demise of the Soviet Union - but not only the Soviet Union, the tragedy encompassed all of the Slavic countries, including Yugoslavia.

No nation can claim during their history that they do not have guilt which transpired in their past. Slavic tribes from time immemorial were peaceful working people, tied to their land ... being victims countless of times of invasions and bondage.

Mongolian attacks on our Slavic people were aimed in dividing and

ruling us. The Ottoman Empire ruled all Slavic people into slavery for hundreds of years. South Slavs were victims of other tribes who forced them to migrate south to the Balkans. Napoleon marched eastward, again spreading death and carnage among the peoples. This was followed by Austro-Hungarian Empire which dominated the Slavic people for hundreds of years in poverty and slavery. This was followed by attacks of the military armies of Western Europe against Russia. Japanese Imperialism also attacked and conquered territories of Slavic peoples. German fascist armies of Hitler overran, butchered and dominated all of the Slavic nations.

Today, our Slavic peoples find themselves under the domination both economically and militarily by Western Imperialism, including military attack by NATO forces.

Russia, under the Tsar, was an Imperialist country for a short time, but this was not the classical expansionist imperialism. The Russian influence was only on the lands where the Slavs lived. Under the guidance of V.I. Lenin, Russian people threw the yoke of darkness from themselves and established socialism, which formed the unity among all the people, over 150 nationalities that we knew as the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

The whole world is divided into different cultures, but Western ideologues claim that Western culture is superior to any other culture of the people living on this planet of ours.



According to Pat McKennan, who is a candidate for the forthcoming Presidency of USA, openly on national TV said that "Christian culture is superior than any other culture"! Permit me to contradict Mr. McKennan, Slavic communists-atheists were the first in the world who created a society of men where there was no exploitation of man by man or nation by nation. Our Slavic people recognized everyone under the Socialist system. We shared everything with other nationalities living in peace and harmony inside our borders. We helped the whole world in their struggle to throw off the chains of colonialism. We did not do these in order to gain returns in profits. We did not invest in other countries.

After the Second World War, the Slavic countries forgave any reparations and any compensation of the countries that were allies of Germany and had troops invading the countries together with Hitler's armies.

The Socialist leaders of the newly liberated countries forgave and rehabilitated those peoples whose armies fought against the Allies, such as Hungary, Croatia, etc. The Slavic peoples were the first to send a man into space. Gagarin's name will live on forever.

Even though after the Second World War, our Slavic countries had to begin the immense task of rebuilding the devastation left by the war, even though the Cold War came along, economic blockades, the arms race forced upon the Slavic nations, the Governments in the Socialist countries managed to give people jobs, security and the necessities of life ... free medicare, education, for everyone. Maybe the Slavic governments supplied the best conditions for the young people in sports, as many Olympics

and sports meets showed.

During the Second World War, Slavic peoples lost over 30,000,000 people, as opposed the total of all Western countries' 355,000 losses on all fronts. This does not take into account the material devastation, the loss of productive young people. In Yugoslavia, there was more damaged towns by German bombs than was destroyed by V2 bombs in London, England.

The West became rich because of the Second World War, and after the cessation of hostilities, they immediately started the Cold War and to pour in billions of dollars in order to build up the regimes of Germany and Japan. Meanwhile, the Slavic peoples sacrificed their social existence in order to guarantee peace, while the West was again arming the former enemies.

We did not use atomic bombs to guarantee our survival.

My question is this: Would the "Capitalist Christian Civilized West" use atomic weapons if their national interests were at stake? The Slavic national interests were at stake, and yet, they did not use any weapons of mass destruction in order to gain victory for their socialist system!

Let me end this article by again asking and replying to the question as to why was the Slavic Committee organized, the decision of the 8th Conference of the Canadian Friends of Soviet People, our organization, since its inception in 1918, was set up between Canada and the USSR. Canada is a multicultural state, but temporarily the USSR does not exist any more which was also a multicultural state.

Canada has a very large population of Slavs, mostly those that came after the Second World War. These new immigrants were mostly anti-Socialist and many of

them supported fascism or fascist regime back home during the war. The older generation of Slavs are slowly passing away, their children and grandchildren are being assimilated into the fabric of Canada.

Those new immigrants are being supported by the right wing in Canada, by organizations that have as their aims to again sow mistrust, animosity among the Slavs. These people, in actual fact, are enemies of their own people, because they are helping foreign powers to dominate, split and use the Slavic peoples against themselves – the aim is to divide and rule.

I believe that the only unifying force that can unite our Slavic peoples is Socialism, based on Marxism-Leninism! This Socialism is also the only way to unite all peoples of the world. Although I am critical of past Socialism which allowed the Slavs to be separated into different countries, I feel that Socialism now is the only way that our people will again unite and prosper.

The temporary defeat of Socialism in USSR, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia, is the threat which Imperialism thinks will forever disunite the historical longing of all the Slavs to live together as brothers and sisters.

Our Slavic Committee has a duty, under the Canadian laws, to invite individuals into the organization in order to help in the struggle to restore the Soviet Union and to promote the unity of all Slavs in the struggle for Socialism, peace and prosperity.

We ask you to give your opinions and also invite those Canadians of Slavic descent to join the Slavic Committee to help promote the restoration of the Soviet Union and the brotherhood of Slavs for peace and Socialism! □

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BEFORE I DIE

By: Victor Paroudon

It would be wonderful, very wonderful
to see once again girls and boys of
Komsomol
marching in the Red Square,
Smiling, saluting the Communist
leaders ...

Tears are coming to your eyes,
years of happiness when you think
of them!

It would be wonderful to go Artek
again,
The camp in the Crimea, where
from all over the world
the young flowers of Communism
were spending
their summer and winter vacations ...

It would be. Young heroes of labour
of studying and of guerrilla wars ...

Red Square is very quiet now.
the traitor
is thinking of destroying the
Lenin Mausoleum!

The girls and boys, chirping away
like young birds,
Always loved their Lenin, their teacher,
their beloved leader. And now ...
You have to fight, youth!
You have to have the right again to
march on May Days
and on November 7th each year!
You have the right to eat enough!
You have the right to be happy! □

LETTERS

From: Burlington, Ontario

Dear friends:

Enclosed please find \$50.00. I
heard that the 8th Conference was

a resounding success. I was looking
forward to be there as a delegate,
but problems arose that made it
impossible. Continued success in
your great work.

– Yours Sincerely,
Bob McNicol

*We understand that sometimes, plans do
not come to reality. We just hope that
you shall make every effort, as a veteran,
to be at 50th Anniversary celebrations
of the Allied Victory over Fascism that
we're going to hold on Sunday,
May 7th.* □

From: Mud River, N.W. Ontario

*Unfortunately, this letter and
suggestions did not arrive in time for
the 8th Conference to be discussed. We
therefore publish it now for our readers
– Editors.*

Development of Socialism (Socialist
Democracy): Have come to believe
that we must take into consideration
THE CONSTANTLY INCREASING
“RATE OF CHANGE” THAT IS
OCCURRING ALL OVER THE
WORLD! (As predicted in Alvin
Toffler's book, “Future Shock”). We
are rapidly entering an era where
mankind's ability to adapt to change
will be pushed to its outer limits.

One of these, perhaps the
greatest, will be the crucial need for
mankind (all political & economic
systems) **IS TO PUT AN END TO THE
SOCIAL & ENVIRONMENTALLY
IRRESPONSIBLE (AND
UNSUSTAINABLE) SO CALLED
“ECONOMIC” DEVELOPMENT
AND RESOURCE EXTRACTION.**
That is neither “economic” nor
“sustainable” because it is degrading
our precious environment upon
which mankind depends for

survival. Failure to do so will put
an end not only to all political and
economic systems, but to mankind.

We must somehow get the idea
across that there is a limit to the
degradation and demands that can
be placed on the environment. There
are “signs” emerging everywhere
that we are already approaching this
critical situation. Epidemiological
geographic studies show that a
number of serious degenerative
diseases occur in higher rates per
capita in the larger high density
industrial centres. In addition, it
has been found that these high
population density areas are
breeding and launching grounds
for Flu and other world-wide
pandemics (Hong Kong Flu, etc.).
These pandemics have now become
“suspects” as “triggers” in the complex
equation for “some” degenerative
diseases.

In addition, it is becoming
evident that as you approach the
centres of many of these high
population density industrial areas,
the rates of violent crime and
mindless vandalism are highest.

We put this question to all the
good members: Could it be that
we are unwittingly, (sometimes
mindlessly) building a “critical mass”
in many of our large industrial
centres, due to a complex interaction
of all the various kinds of pollution
and high population density,
combined with other factors such
as the increasing use of chemicals
and drugs and processing in our
food, plus unemployment, racism
and miscellaneous social injustice,
then add possible synergistic
(multiplier) effects due to the
interaction of all this???

Regarding Large Bureaucracies:

It is becoming clear that the
larger they become and the longer
they are in existence, there is a
strong tendency for them to

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YOUR SUB?**

gradually develop their own agenda and become self serving. The tendency for long term bureaucrats to believe "that the ordinary citizen is almost always wrong," and that they know best what is good or best for the citizens, even when they are located thousands of miles distant from the bureaucracy!

Could it be that we are unwittingly creating a "Frankenstein" or a "malignant cancerous growth" in the development of large bureaucracies??? Anyone who tries to change things within the bureaucracy often finds "that it is too big for them" and eventually, resigns themselves to "not rocking the boat", if they don't want to incur the displeasure of their superiors!

Question:

Would it not make more sense to begin experimenting with the shifting of some of this power to local regional "round tables" of

citizen volunteers and reduce the number of "expensive Members Of Parliament" who are often subservient to the large corporations and special interests who give them large financial contributions? Shift the power to Round Tables of Citizens who would have to constantly face the local citizens in public meetings.

Should we begin to look at THE BUILDING OF TRULY DEMOCRATIC GREEN SOCIALISM in order to come to grips with the realities of the 21st century. Would very much appreciate reading comments on these topics in the Northstar Compass. Perhaps some might see serious flaws and want to make "suggestions" or "shoot them down in flames". This is the way forward for the building of Truly Democratic Green Socialism!!!

We thank you for your time and attention, and our best wishes for success.

- Regards,
Doug Townsend

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