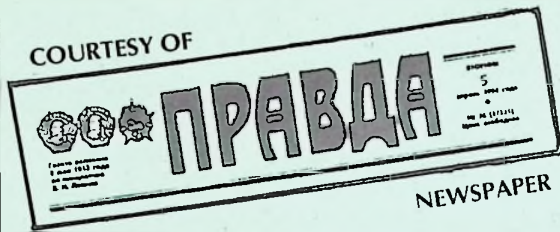




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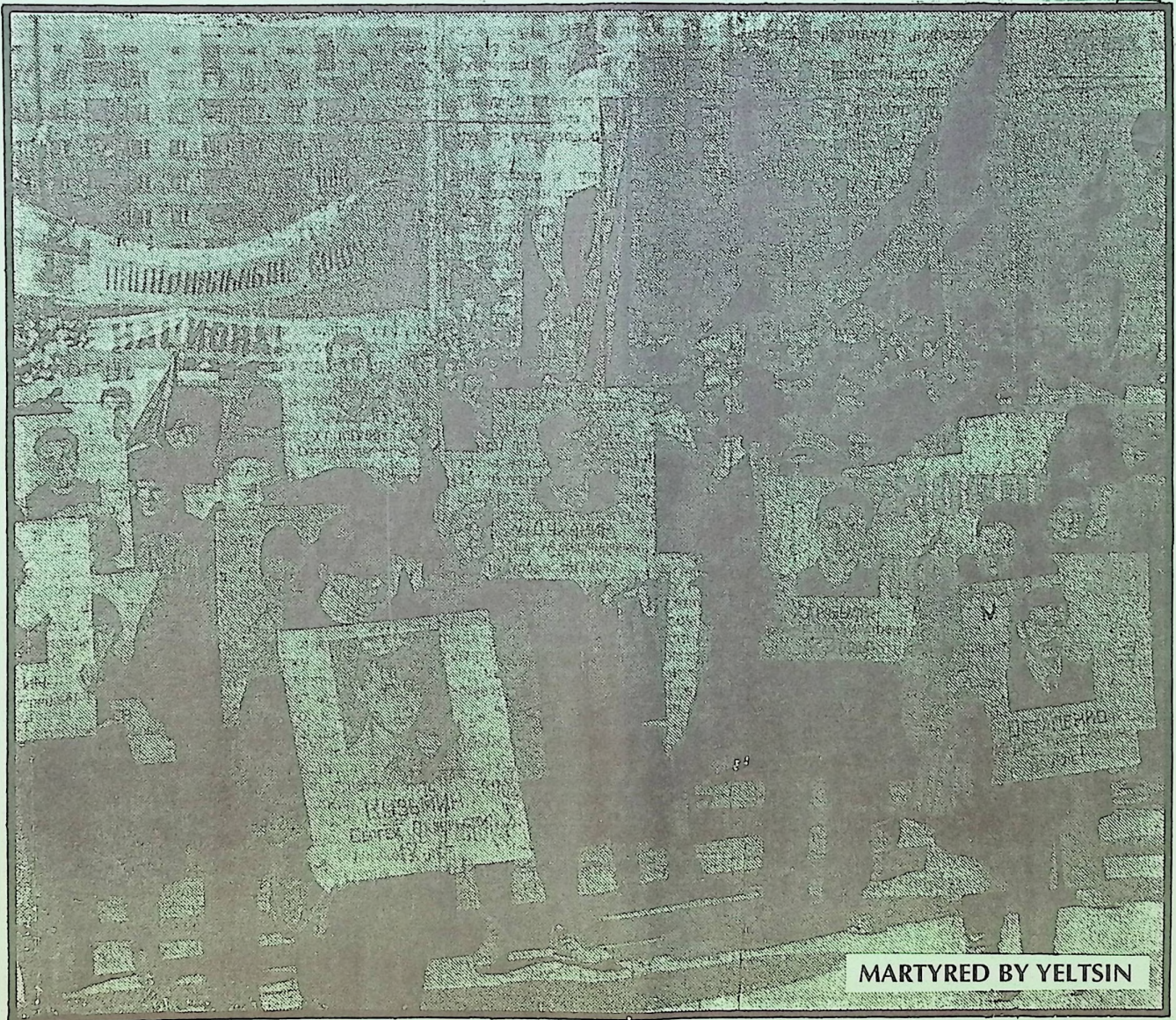
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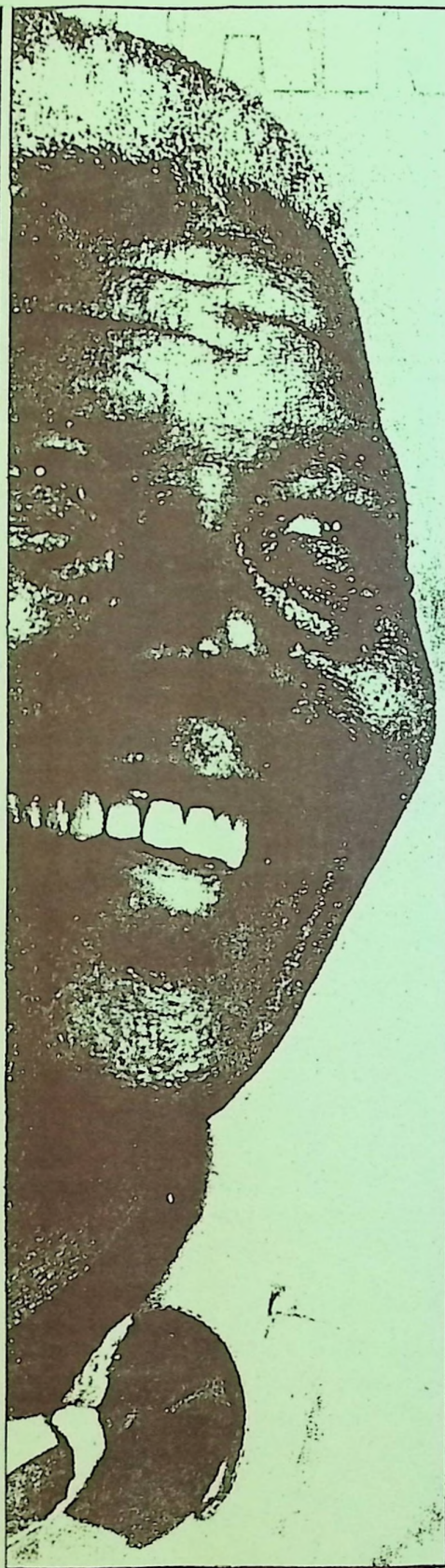
EDITORIAL

MAY DAY – 1994

“A JOYOUS DAY FOR THE HUMAN SPIRIT”: NELSON MANDELA ...

The dawning of May Day, 1994 was acclaimed by Nelson Mandela as a “joyous day for the human spirit”. He spoke well and truly. Not only was it the anniversary of the internationally acclaimed day of demonstrations and international solidarity to advance the rights of working people, Mandela was acclaiming the immense victory of the peoples of Africa over three hundred years of imperialist oppression and terror. The inhuman obscenity of “apartheid” ended in South Africa with almost two-thirds of the people voting for the eighty-two year old African National Congress. Truly, it was a day for international joy and uplift of the “human spirit”.

Not to be forgotten, in the euphoria, tears and smiles of joy, are the tens, hundreds of thousands, the millions who groaned, died, were martyred in the bloody hells of international corporate bloodletting and bondage under Apartheid and exploitation. Mandela himself, with 27 of his 75 years, shattered and entombed on the dreaded “end-of-the-world” Robbens Island prison, is a symbol of dauntless courage in the bankers’ and industrialists’ horror story of colonialism, wage slavery and apartheid. So, too, is the murdered Chris Hani, and Steve Biko, along with countless



others. It is no wonder that in the very bones and being of the South African people, there burns an unquenchable fire for human dignity, for freedom, for an end to monstrous crimes committed against

them and their forebears. It burns as well, so that the children of the apartheid snakepit should have education and literacy, medical care, housing, stability, freedom from “pass laws”, crime and the soul-searing indignity of second class citizenship or of being citizens without any rights. The working people everywhere on the century-old celebration of May Day, in struggles against capitalist and monopoly imposed war, unemployment, poverty, disease, illiteracy and in an endless quest for “joyous” days in which to live our lives, must now greet this May Day 1994 in a triumphant spirit.

That May Day was itself born in the crucibles of struggle by workers to gain the right to limit the sale of their ability to work to eight hours a day, on the North American continent, more than a hundred years ago, in fact underlines the never-ending “oneness” of workers of all countries when seen in conjunction with the triumph of South Africa’s working people, and the struggles everywhere of working people.

And it must be recalled that another event, even more world-shaking in its scope and impact, was the victory of the Russian working class in 1917 when they set out to build a new society – Socialism. They cleansed their house of foreign exploiters and curbed and removed the influence of their own capitalists. They built their country – the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. They defended it with their blood and their lives, and sent the first human orbiting in space. They became in fact, the world’s leading power in area after area of human endeavour. That they have failed temporarily, and today, confront yet another form of Imperialist assault, engineered from the outside and effected by internal

pro-monopoly capitalist hyenas and jackals of the Yeltsin stripe, is not the result of the failure of Socialism, but of the abject failure and hideous betrayal of the real development of the science of the working class, Marxist-Leninist socialism. And while that is a matter, for the most part, for the peoples of the former Soviets to sort out and correct, people everywhere must also address and take up that task.

It should be emphasized here that while the immense obstacles confronting the peoples of South Africa are in their very nature similar to those confronted seventy years ago by the proletarian (workers-led) revolution of the U.S.S.R. and its people, the very nature of the triumph of the peoples in South Africa is historically different in its class, political, and social aims and immediate results, and differs from the proletarian revolution of Russia and the 1917-1922 revolts and struggles.

Whether or not there may ensue further internal upheavals in South Africa, or movement in the direction of Socialist development in the direction of Socialist development, possible internal strife and even war, are not yet decided questions. But the class struggle may well sharpen as the people and Mandela impose democratic reform. That the external forces of transnational corporate power, coupled with the South African internal corporate powers will seek new forms to continue their domination and exploitation in one or another form, hardly needs to be said.

Already, scant hours and days after the electoral victory of the people, the A.N.C, Mandela, (and it must be added, the international working class) there has come a growing journalistic and political fire mainly centred on Mandela.

The Toronto Globe & Mail (soon to have a new publisher from the U.S. transnational crowd) in a Saturday, May 7th, feature says "The problem isn't simply cronyism, rule bending and poor judgement. The new leader (Mandela) wields little effective control over his followers" and goes on to decry his (Mandela's) attitude toward the former apartheid leader and President, de Klerk, who, forced by necessity, led the White Supremacists out of the failures of their self-made "apartheid", systemic crisis and impasse.

A book review (page 94) in the April edition of the "prestigious" magazine, "Canadian Business" says Stefan Kemfer's, The Last Empire: De Beers, Diamonds and the World – "provides ... a valuable background guide for those who wish to follow ... news that will emerge from South Africa in the months and YEARS ahead. (our emphasis – Ed.) Although the Oppenheims have been employers of Black labour in huge numbers ... they have always been in the vanguard of improved working conditions – albeit out of enlightened self-interest – although traditionally, not in favour of 'one man, one vote'." The book goes on to say that these same Oppenheims are a family "whose style speaks of grander times ... when Imperialism was a profession and not a curse ... the times ... of Cecil Rhodes, the politician-plutocrat and founder of De Beers ... who presented his Queen (Victoria of England) with diamonds. Ernest Oppenheimer was a worthy successor to Rhodes (and) built monopoly Anglo-American Co. with the help of I.P. Morgan of the U.S.A. ... In the 1920's, (Oppenheimer) took over the Rhodes Company, De Beers. Relationships between Blacks and ... Anglo Whites ... developed in a peculiar way ... this led to the compound system of

walled work camps (and) such practices as purging the workers to make sure they hadn't swallowed any precious stones ..."

That such an "inspired book" should appear on the eve of the "one-vote-one-person" elections can hardly be accidental, and should be seen in terms of an ongoing transnational and domestic corporate drive to obstruct and defeat the magnificent and dearly won victory by South Africans over the forces who, in the first place, imposed apartheid on the majority population with guns, corruption, jails, bloodthirsty and implacable ferocity, and the "purging" of the working class!

But for May Day, 1994, we hail from the housetops the victory of the people of South Africa. It has opened wider the door to historic world-wide defeats of transnational corporate power – Imperialism! Other peoples of the oppressed and exploited world will see in this great new beginning, lessons that can be applied and effected in situation after situation, whether in Cape Town, Durban, Moscow, Kiev, Toronto, Sept. Isles, Sudbury, Panama City or wherever the TNC boot rests heavily on the peoples' necks. The victory over Apartheid is a forebearer of unity in the world-wide anti-Imperialist, anti-TNC, anti-fascist struggles. Above all, these are lessons of tenacity, courage and unity, in the face of seemingly insuperable odds.

We hail the burning intensity of the "freedom-beacon" of light in South Africa that has driven "apartheid" from their land. Together with all working and progressive people, we reach out our hands in international friendship and solidarity so their victory will be strengthened and consolidated. United, the people will win. □

FEATURE ANALYSIS

THE BLIND ALLEY OF COUNTER- REVOLUTION

By Nina A. Andreeva

(Excerpts from a lecture given at the Russian-American Institute of Social and Political Knowledge) – March 17, 1994

The ideologues of anti-communism never get tired in trying to convince people of the futility and irrationality of the socialist revolution, all the blame they try to put on the people that were victorious in October Revolution of 1917.

But, starting in 1985, in the Soviet Union, "perestroika" events showed us something very different. Sure, the October Revolution, and moreover, the Civil War started by the remnants of capitalist class and Kulaks with foreign intervention, devastated our country, its industry and agriculture. With our country starting on the road building socialism, there took place a slowing down of production until such time that we were able to get on our feet, rebuild what was already built at the time, and take steps to give our economy an upsurge.

Looking at the present bourgeois counter-revolution, we find something radically different. The dislocation, the absolute chaos in production, planning and

consumer goods is in such a state that it makes the hardships of 1920's seem easy compared to this complete anarchy, robbery and sell-out of the gains of Soviet people.

Socialist revolution, in spite of its momentary problems, is a system that quickens the social progress of people, by healing the wounds of previous conflicts, disruption and devastation. Socialism resolves conflicts and makes it a crime for any inter-ethnic strife, by eliminating the causes of nationalism and racism, that permeated people for centuries.

In 1993, due to the policies of the present regime, more than 150 thousand people died in ethnic conflicts, which is ten times more than the Soviet losses in Afghanistan. Experts predict that in the immediate future (unless there is a drastic change) there will be over 12 ethnic conflicts and the country might be turned into a zone of "ethnic banditry"! It is predicted that more than 500,000 people will lose their lives and more than 20 million Russians will have to flee as refugees.



Nina Andreeva

In 1994, the Russian people and all other former peoples of the USSR are undergoing total crisis by the restoration of capitalism. This crisis is not only affecting Soviet people, but it is a crisis for the whole of the human race. The International Monetary Fund, the "shock therapy" inflicted on our Motherland

by the West is not producing the desired results for the "investors and backers" as they themselves had surmised.

It was popular for people to discuss during the Great Patriotic War, as to what kind of sentence will be imposed on Hitler. Now, you can hear the same discussions by people on public transport as to what kind of sentence will be metted out to Yeltsin after he's defeated! Of course, the lackeys and lawyers for Yeltsin do not hear these sayings of the people, since they do not stand in lines for food, or do not use public transport – instead, they ride around in Mercedes-Benzes.

Does Yeltsin ever listen to the people? No, he keeps on preparing his memorandums on "peace and understanding" between the robbers and the robbed. In this regard, he gets help from Rutskoi, Khasbulatov, the new Duma, Rybkin and Shumejko, Zyuganov and Shenin and from other former bureaucrats of the CPSU. They are all who are demanding that we forget about the "class struggle" and in a civilized manner, try to save the crisis-ridden restoration of capitalism. As we all know, in a class oriented society, there is a class struggle, and it does not depend upon the wishes or plans of "internal or foreign interests" or for that matter, on the "elected parliamentarians" who do not represent the majority of the people.

At the beginning of this century, the scholars knew this, basing themselves on the lessons of the French Revolution. Unfortunately, today, the professors and graduates of the Higher Party Schools and universities of the CPSU forgot it completely.

PLANNING FUTURE STORM TROOPERS

Appeals to the workers to

abandon the classic struggles by the "pseudo-democrats" who "do" not "hide" the fact that the new forthcoming "manifests" and "memorandums" being prepared by Yeltsin and his clique ... that any opposition to these laws will be considered as "civil disobedience to be put down by force". Yeltsin's appeals for peace and understanding is a mask under which there is a rapid drive towards reaction and plans for a civil war with the participation of foreign troops. Just last week, the Government and their lackeys in Leningrad appealed over the radio for young men to join the "people detachments" under the Ministry of Internal Affairs. This Ministry of Internal Affairs is headed by the butcher Yerin, who was made a hero by Yeltsin after the White House carnage. Up to this moment, there are already in Leningrad 16,000 such volunteers. They are not "patriotic" at all, they are being well paid by the authorities and the Astrobank, one of the biggest private banks in Russia. Are not these "druzeniki" being modelled on Hitler's "Storm Troopers" of Germany in the 1930's?

The adventurist policies of Yeltsin's "memorandum" was helped by the decision to give "amnesty" to the defenders of the "White House", to the ones that were killed (over 1,500 - Editors) and at the same time, the perpetrators and the butchers who killed these innocent people got amnesty and medals. What kind of amnesty is this? To give amnesty to elected representatives that were defending the Constitution and defending the elected Parliament! This is demagogic. This amnesty says that these people were guilty, but because of the good graces of Yeltsin, they were given "amnesty"! Besides all this, the jails were cleared in order for "new tenants"

in future struggles will find themselves there.

The present rulers utilize the inner feelings of Soviet people that "let there be no more wars or tragedies". This was the rallying cry in the Second World War, because people rose in the mighty struggle under the leadership of the Government, to once for all, finish with wars and conflicts. This is imbedded into our minds through our Mother's milk. People decided that it was better to die standing up than to live on bended knees. More and more of our people are realizing this cardinal truth and are fighting to reverse the death throes of our country. This awakening is being helped by the counter-revolution, since it has come into a blind alley itself.

The blind alley of the counter-revolution was foreseen, there was no other way. The policy of deindustrialization has stopped more than 50% of the industry. The inflation has made the ruble practically worthless. The "hidden" unemployment cannot be hidden, since there is more than 50% unemployment in Russia alone. The agricultural policy of Yeltsin's clique has had catastrophic results on the agriculture. Ten percent of sown land produces only less than 1% of products. More than 3/4 of areable lands cannot produce now their full potential because there is no fertilizer to put into the land.

NOTICE!

In the next month's issue, you will read an analysis of the results in Italy's elections and the turn towards fascism. This is an article by our correspondent Aldo Righi in San Marino Republic. Watch for it! □

All buying of grain now is in the hands of private entrepreneurs who gouge the people and thus, the prices of items such as bread is unbelievable.

There is starvation in our country. Workers are not getting paid, there is no money for pensions or stipends for students. In the Krasnoyarsk region of Russia, women working as geologists did not receive pay for over 6 months, thus forcing them to feed their children combined mixture of seed that is used to feed animals, so that the children would not die from starvation. These women declared a hunger strike.

In the Nizhegorodskoj Territory, Siberia, there were many deaths due to starvation and freezing to death, since it takes two cords of wood to heat a home and the cost is 300,000 rubles per cord for wood. The pensions of the average collective farmer is only 15,000-25,000 rubles per month. Tragedies of these kinds were never heard of in Russia ever. The land is all covered with forests, but now, it is all in private hands, foreign and internal capitalists. It's a definite policy of the Yeltsin's regime to get rid of older people, thus making the country be peopled by a younger generation, and in this way, making them more mobile. The death rate is overtaking the birth rate dramatically, thus putting at risk the future of our people.

CHANGING TACTICS

1993 saw the forced movement of the counter-revolution to throw away the "barbaric capitalism" and put on the clean, more "civilized cloak". The growth of corporations as opposed to private entrepreneurship, the growth of syndicates and monopoly, has taken on a rapid mobilization of aspects of multinational corporations

having full control of the new Russian capitalists corporations. Thus, the head of a corporation "Galant" Mr. Zavidia, appearing on TV during the former elections to the Duma, gave all his financial support to Zhirinovskiy. This Mr. Zavidia controls more than 50,000 businesses in Russia and also owns some of the biggest banks in Russia. Even the presidents of Western transnational corporations are very jealous of his success. These giant monopolists did not just happen out of thin air ... nowhere is there such outright robbery of the people's wealth as is now practiced in Russia and other former Soviet Republics! Some of these robbers have control of over 40% of the former peoples' industry which was allowed and promoted by Yeltsin and company. But, we must remember that the cornerstone to this robbery was laid by Gorbachev and his mentor, Alexander Yakovlev!

The rapid growth of state-monopoly capital must be seen as the direct results of the sell-out of the former "communists" who were able to get the finances of former CPSU and now, these former "party leaders" are on the boards of directors of the monopolies, and together with transnational corporations, are cementing the take-over of the former socialist industry. These developments as they proceeded under Gorbachev, were not fully realized or understood by the leadership in the CPSU, since they were well hidden.

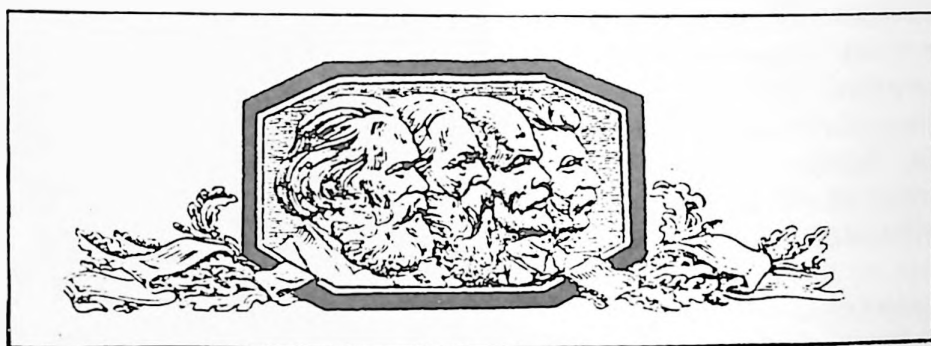
The rapid rate of monopoly capital, tied in with the transnational corporation, did not give rise to the middle class. Thus, the neo-bourgeoisie are not happy and the people are beginning to see the whole truth of what has transpired under the guise of "perestroika and glasnost"!

The elections "in blood" for the Duma and the referendum on the Constitution did not solve the problem but made the step quicker for the state-monopoly capitalists to tie themselves even closer with the transnational monopolists. Through trickery and manipulations, the election results gave Yeltsin a "semblance" of victory. This was only accomplished by the leader of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation, G. Zyuganov, who, by breaking the unity of the Communist movement, gave Yeltsin 13% of voters. Voting for the Constitution by only 1/5 of the electors coming to vote, gave Yeltsin the votes cast for Zhirinovskiy, who now brags about his personal friendship for Yeltsin.

game, because the future of Zhirinovskiy is not to be taken for granted, his utterances and the daily publicity is not done by the West because they admire his clownish behaviour. This is a dangerous situation that could prove disastrous for everyone.

"NATIONALISM" A CLOAK

In order to mask the ambitions, the present regime had to cloak their ambitions on the bourgeois-patriotic feelings. This is prevalent in all the former Soviet Republics. Nationalism is now the key word, married together with "patriotism". Anti-communism is now losing its affectiveness, no longer does it get the results that the perpetrators would want; therefore, a change in



The ambition of the present regime should be seen in reality, even though the present economic and political chaos prevents them from inspiring at this time, to "regain all former Russian imperial lands". You can see the policy of "spheres of influence" and the 28 Russian war bases all over the former USSR. This has to be seen under the masquerading of "independence" of the former Soviet Republics. Global ambitions are there to be seen by the policies that Yeltsin is pursuing in Yugoslavia. There is no need to believe that Yeltsin's policies is for Russian-Serbian brotherhood. The game of playing this charade is a must now for Yeltsin, since he depends on the West. But this is just a waiting

tactics - nationalism and patriotism.

The Gorbachev "think-tank" advocates try desperately to marry the planned economy with the private economy, but are having a terrible time, since these two ideologies do not mix well and cannot produce the desired offspring of "peace, harmony".

This policy is the central plank in the policies of Zyuganov, who came up with the "national-state ideology" in his words that it "should be good for the masses and the businessmen", which he feels should replace the old decrepit, "Marxism-Leninism"!

This observation by Zyuganov, leader of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation, so impressed and fascinated the ex-president

Nixon of USA who visited Russia early this year, that he immediately went to see Zyuganov and they became friends in thought and deed, because Zyuganov said to Richard Nixon that "we do not want to change the present situation in Russia with force". Zyuganov, feeling very smug and proud, said in Krasnoyarsk that, "with the help of Americans, his party (CPRF) will come into power and will establish people's government".

Why not? Why should not America help the present regime, and why not help this neo-Gorbachev, as Zyuganov helped Gorbachev before, and now he helps Yeltsin. Money is available in the safes of the USA, as our "democrats" say, chickens do not crow!

More and more, the present deputies and the government debate the question of national capitalism versus monopoly capitalism and the agreement is now propagated over the controlled mass media that there must be established an authoritarian regime to deal with the crisis. The President, (now as he likes to call himself, "leader of the nation"), pretends to be above all conflicts, but in actual fact, there are moves afoot to stop all "pluralism" in thought and action.

ARE WE FACED WITH FASCISM?

The road is being prepared for fascism. This is done because the Yeltsin's gang cannot see any other way out of this blind alley. You can already see some sort of "successes". In Turkmenia, the former first secretary of the CPSU has declared himself the "father of the nation". Niyazov has become the "Sacred Khan" which he promotes as the disciple of Allah on earth. (And this is the faithful servant of Gorbachev-Yeltsin-former Communist - Editors)

Or take Shevernadze in Georgia, the right hand man of Gorbachev and Yeltsin, now a bloody tyrant with thousands of people's blood on his hands. In the Ukraine, the self-styled "father of the nation" Krawchuk is following the same path, while his right-hand man, fascist Chernovil does his bidding. In Russia, the aspirants to dictatorship is Yeltsin, and awaiting his cue is Zhirinovskiy.

The future of our country is in grave danger. There are too many hotspots, too many problems that are burning the minds of the people. This is the "cause" of the former leaders of the CPSU, who brought its demise especially so that the USSR would be immobilized and thus, served up on a platter to the Western interests.

These are the same traitors who now want to "unite" all communist and socialist parties again into the CPSU based on "membership". This same CPSU which, for the last 8 years, has split and liquidated the CPSU and its dedicated membership. The unity of the Communist Parties should proceed from the bottom up, and not from the top down. Unity should be judged on the work and program of daily struggles of the communists. Daily struggles will show the membership which communists are truly dedicated Marxists-Leninists and once this is done, the unity of ideals and practice will cement the communists into one mighty force which will make a strong Communist Party. To do it the other way around, to unite the now existing Communist parties who have different positions, platforms and interpretations of Marxism-

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Leninism, would mean putting the plough before the horse, which, in the end, would compromise the policies and effectiveness of the new Communist Party.

If this is not done, it could lead again towards the success of counter-revolutionary forces as was accomplished by Yeltsin in August of 1991.

The All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks is forever and always trying to unite all communists and all patriotic people on a platform of struggle against reaction and fascism, in order to save the country from a catastrophe. If the reactionary regime will be replaced by a social-democratic stage, of bourgeois reformism, we are going to do everything possible to change it into the vehicle to liquidate the counter-revolution, and the building of socialism in our country. On this, the All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks stood, stands, and will stand in the future! □

CANADA'S ELECTION ACT AMENDMENT RESTRICTS VOTE

By Alex McLennan

In 1939, Stanley B., Ryerson, in his work, "1837, The Birth of Canadian Democracy," observes that: "Democracy today, here as in the rest of the world, is beset with danger. Faced with an awakening consciousness on the part of the masses of the people, the entrenched powers or organized greed, are doing all in their power to curtail or crush the democratic rights of freedom of speech, organization and assembly."

In 1837, a heroic period in Canada's history, the peoples of English and French Canada, led by William Lyon McKenzie in

Upper Canada (Ontario), and Louis Joseph Papineau in Lower Canada (Quebec), routed the Family Compact, the aristocratic rulers of the two Canada's of that time and laid the basis of democracy in our country.

Since that time, the Canadian people, both French and English, have been engaged in a struggle to maintain and extend democracy.

The principal examples of reaction's efforts to destroy democratic rights in Canada are seen as the use of the War Measures Act, passed during World War I, later used to crush the alleged insurrection of the FLQ (Front de Liberation du Quebec), in October, 1970. Section 98 of the Criminal Code was introduced as a weapon to crush the Winnipeg General Strike in 1919, and to outlaw the Communist Party of Canada in 1931. In the same period, the infamous Padlock Law was passed in Quebec to curtail the use of halls and theatres by the Quebec people, during a period of mass unemployed and trade union struggles. During the 1930's, Sections 41 and 42 of the Immigration Act were used to deport British and European unemployed workers who struggled against poverty and hunger during the capitalist crisis of 1930-1939.

The most recent attack on democracy in Canada is more subtle. In fact, the majority of Canadians are not aware that it is happening. This recent effort to subvert democracy takes the form of an amendment to the Canada Election Act. This amendment, Section 31 of the act, provides that a political party running in a federal election must receive 15% of the vote cast, or lose its status as a registered political party. The act as amended, provides further that such a party or parties must

not only cease to function as a political party in elections, but must surrender its assets, including all money, property, even including its office equipment, to the custody of Elections Canada. This measure, passed by the Mulroney Conservative Government and quietly incorporated into law on June 27, 1993, continues on the statute books of Canada, under the present Liberal Government of Jean Chretien.

It is a law, calculated to deprive the working people of Canada of all participation in political affairs, to remove all small parties from the political scene, to concentrate all power in the hands of the parties of big business, and create a two-party political system as in the United States, in accordance with the wishes of the transnational corporations. This is the political concept of the level playing field, in which the lowering of the living standards of Canadians is the game being played.

It is to be noted that this vicious anti-democratic legislation was passed with the full support of all political parties in parliament at the time.

It is with extreme regret that we must point out that even the New Democratic Party caucus voted for this anti-Canadian, anti-democratic legislation.

It has been said that the best way to perpetuate injustice is to stand by and allow it to happen.

One is reminded of the lament of the German submarine commander - Protestant churchman,

Martin Niemoeller, who found himself in a Nazi prison in 1938 Germany. He said of his Nazi captors: "First, they came for the Communists, but I was not a Communist, so I did nothing. Then they came for the social democrats, but I was not a social democrat, so I did nothing. Then they came for the trade unionists, but I was not a trade unionist, so I did nothing. Then they came for the Catholics and the Jews, but I was neither a Catholic nor a Jew, and so I did nothing. THEN THEY CAME FOR ME. But by that time, there was nobody left to do anything.

Fascism is no respecter of persons, and this measure of the Canadian Government in restricting Canadians' voting rights could affect all Canadians. The passing of Section 31 is a step on the road to fascism. Fascism does not come to a country overnight. It is a process which develops while some people stand and allow it to happen, while 'others' who profess a belief in democracy, such as the NDP, vote for it.

The great lesson of history is that just as the people of Canada, through their unity and organized struggle in the past, forced the repeal of the War Measures Act, Section 98, the Padlock Law and anti-democratic sections of the Immigration Act, so Canada and its people must now act to safeguard Canadian freedom, by bringing an end to this latest assault on Canadian democracy. □



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SPECIAL

OPEN LETTER TO ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI

**By Tamara Yakubovska
Donetsk, Ukraine**

Dear friends:

Please print this letter in your "Northstar Compass". I hope that some newspaper or magazine in the USA will reprint it.

Mr. Brzezinski, I am writing to you in this open letter, in the hope that I will receive a letter from you that will be published either in the American or Soviet press.

We are with you, people of one planet and of the same generation.

The only difference is that I was born in the Soviet Union, was brought up on communist ideals, to which I remain dedicated and devoted to this day, not looking at the victory, that you and your kind have accomplished during and after the Cold War against my country, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

You were born in a capitalist country, you were brought up in an atmosphere of hate towards everything that was Soviet. This hate and hatred you have chosen to be your profession, and you achieved great success in your career. And now – the long awaited victory of the Cold War, like a garland is hanging around your neck as recognition for your dedication.

So, you are a winner. I am the loser. Let us then publicly get to

know each other, in order that you would get to know me more closely. Let your cohorts and people of this planet realize the actual worth of your victory.

I was born as a citizen of the USSR. In 1942, mobilization took place in my country for all able bodied men in order to defend the Motherland against the fascist hordes. I was accompanying my father to the recruiting station in the womb of my mother. I was born as a second child in our family. As soon as the Soviet Army liberated the Donbass Region, mother and we two children were sent, together with thousands of others, for safety to the Far East, to the city of Stalino – to our family.

Our family was lucky. My father returned alive from the war.

To live in the ruined city was extremely hard. There were not enough living quarters for everyone. Young people from all over the Soviet Union came to build up the ruined Donbass region. My parents decided to go to Kalma near Magandansk Region. Four of us went together. There, I went to school, my brother was born there – now we were 5 in the family. We had to move from this region, since the climate did not agree with my mother and brother ... they were always sick.

This time, we decided to settle in the region of Rostov-on-the-Don, where my parents bought a small house. There, I spent my childhood. As with most young people, these years were the happiest and most memorable of my life. We were not crowded in our Motherland. On our earnings, we were able to live in peace, to have things that were necessary for life, and with our savings, were able to travel all over the USSR, to vacations, to family visits and to sanatoriums. And we proudly sang:

"Wide is my my land so dear.
Many forests, fields and rivers abound,
I do not know of any other country,
Where with such freedom breaths
man."

And I really breathed and felt free!

In the Moscow Institute of Culture, I studied and received high qualification as a Worker of Culture. There were students from all nationalities, all religions and from many foreign countries. There, we were equal, we were friends, we fell in love, we married. We were destined to teach and to bring out the talents of the people, their creativity, their love of the arts.

All the visits to museums, clubs, sports facilities, lectures, all this was free to the Soviet people. We did not have "public houses" (bordelos) and I was not afraid to walk the streets at night. I did not have to be afraid, because this was our country, not like some other "civilized" countries where it isn't safe to walk the streets.

We lived behind our "iron curtain" with our own problems and successes. We were building, we sowed, we reaped, we grew and we grew in industry, culture and love of our Motherland. We did not have greedy eyes towards other territories or resources, we did not attack other countries or dropped Atomic bombs on civilian population. We did not napalm people, as some other "civilized countries" did!

With my savings, I was able to buy a cooperative apartment. When I got settled and felt content, I went to an Orphan Children's Home and adopted a son, seven years old. I took the most sickly lad and, in the years that followed, I brought him up, looked after him, saw many Doctors and arranged for many operations in order to make my son healthy. All this was free to our people. Finally, we were able to

celebrate the day when my son became completely healthy. He was going to school and became a technical specialist after finishing University.

I spent much energy and health in order to make sure that my adopted son was healthy. I thought that in his teenage years, we shall be friends and enjoy life in the days ahead. I believed that I will help him to bring up his children in the spirit of socialism.

I did not know at that time that in the USA, there is living Mr. Brezhinski, whose life ambition was to destroy the Soviet Union. This was in keeping with the plan of "realization of American Defence Policy towards the USSR", which was the brainchild of A. Dulles and his transnational corporation bosses even as early as 1945. The CIA's main task and aim was – and still is – to destabilize and destroy the Soviet Union and to psychologically influence the Soviet people.

I was not able to understand, why the child and now, a young man living with me, seeing my sincere help to him and seeing my help for my aging parents – now more and more seemed egotistic, showing influences alien to us and our society and speaking of the across-the-ocean "freedom" and becoming a stranger in his own home, while at the same time, together with some of his friends, listening to Voice of America, Radio Free Europe and somehow receiving dollars, clothes that were advertised over TV and all other symptoms of "mind manipulation"!

This tragedy is not only with my adopted son! With the help of psychological diversions, you were able to poison the minds of the unwary and impressionable young people. This influence was well thought-out, since teenagers are the most susceptible strata to influence.

I now have learned about mind manipulation and together with my neighbours, are fighting this menace. The CIA and other foreign agencies have infiltrated our country, thanks to our own traitors, but we are beginning to know and point out "your people" that are among us.

I have decided that I would rather lose my work that I love and lose my adopted son, than give up the IDEALS OF SOCIAL EQUALITY OF PEOPLE AND OF WORKERS' RIGHTS – this means that I will never leave my ideal of a Communist Society.

You, Mr. Brzezinski, even today, are proceeding with your diversion and destruction against me, against my people, against my Motherland! You have become the "Godfather" of the recently-established "American-Ukrainian Committee", which was set up especially to undermine, sabotage and to work covertly and overtly against the Ukrainian people. With this diversion, each of the American Consulates, Embassy, political scientists and religious leaders are financed with American dollars (taxpayers' dollars – Editors). Your future plans are that with your investment now, you will be able to buy up our lands and will be able to recoup many times over your expenditures.

Let it be, that today, you are a victor and I am not. But let me remind you, that in this victory of yours, there is planted a seed of your own destruction. No, you will not suffer the defeat from me, of course not, but you will be defeated by those that you corrupted yourself with dollars and values that are not Christian or humane. You promised these people (like my adopted son) heaven on earth as soon as you establish capitalism here. This policy of dog-eat-dog mentality is paralyzing even our own people, Mr. Brezhinski! It is an epidemic in your part of the world.

I will not curse you. That curse will be taken up by your own American people. But I only wish that this curse will be fulfilled when you are still alive.

Here is my address:

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Ukraine
Donbass
Stalino-Donetsk
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YAKUBOVSKOY TAMARE
VLADIMIROVNE

HOW UKRAINIAN NATIONALIST "DEMOCRATS" TEACH CHILDREN HISTORY TODAY!



NEWS DIGEST COMMENT

**From: Financial Times
(of London), May 6, 1994
Headline –**

**“MASSIVE ELECTORAL
FRAUD ALLEGED IN
RUSSIA ...”**

By John Lloyd in Moscow

“The December 12th election referendum which approved the Russian Constitution was invalid because the required 50% of voters did not take part, according to a team of experts working for the Presidential administration. The report, whose main author yesterday insisted on accuracy, alleges massive corruption at every level of vote counting ... The main author, Mr. Alexander Sobyenin, claims that only 49 million voters out of 106.2 million eligible took part in the referendum on the constitution – a percentage of 46.1, well short of the 54.8% claimed by the Central Election Commission very soon after voting ended. (The report) alleged that Zhirinovskiy’s ultra nationalist group ... received 6 million unwarranted votes with the Communist Party of the Russian Federation gaining 1.8 million, the pro-Communist – 1 million more. Main loser was (Gaidar’s pro-Yeltsin) Choice of Russia which suffered a shortfall of 2 million votes ... However, present signs are that the report will not be allowed to receive much attention ...”

**From: Toronto Star of May 8th,
headlining the same story,**

**“VOTE RESULTS RIGGED
YELTSIN TEAM SAYS/”** and his group have worked with Yeltsin’s administration since 1991 presidential elections, routinely investigating the results of polls. **THEY WERE FIRED AFTER THEIR REPORT WAS PUBLISHED LAST WEEK ...”** (Emphasis added – Ed.)

OUR COMMENT: We have been waiting patiently for a ringing endorsement of the Western bankers’ version of “real democracy” in Russia by President Clinton of the United States. But we are neither holding our breath nor is it “bated”. Such criminal hoaxery hardly merits that. It is clear from this that the position of boycott called for by the All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks has been vindicated, and the people would have chosen a different course had the boycott been adhered to by others. □

RULE BY TERRORISTS – RUSSIA –

**From: Toronto Star,
April 28, 1994
Headline –**

**“YELTSIN’S PEACE
IN DANGER AS RUSSIAN
MP MURDERED”**

By Olivia Ward

(Moscow) “The gangland-style slaying of a member of Parliament touched off an explosive reaction in the State Duma, threatening a peace deal President Yeltsin is making with his opponents ... ‘This attack could be the beginning of political terrorism’, warned Shakrai, leader of the Centrist Party of Russian Unity and Accord. A low profile conservative politician, Andrei Ayzderdis, blasted from an ambush at short range, was better known as the former head of a private bank and publisher of a

newspaper. He is one of 29,000 people killed in Russia each year. The main targets, bankers and business people, complain that the politicians pay scant heed to the danger ...” □

**From: Feature articles –
Newsweek Magazine
December 1993**

Headlines –

**“DEATH ON THE SPOT –
THE END OF A DRUG
KING”** (Pablo Escobar – Ed.)
and **“GLOBAL MAFIA”**

Sub-Headline:

**“This Year Russian Customs
Agents Seized More Than a
Ton of Columbian Cocaine ...”**

“... The new crime lords ... are more sophisticated, more international and just plain more dangerous than either the Sicilian (who car-bombed Giovanni Falcone to death during his Sicilian and Italian Mafia investigations – Ed.) and the Medellin Cartel ...” International organized crime is frightening some sensible policy makers, witless ... Sen. John Kerry (U.S.A.) says “organized crime is the new Communism, the new monolithic threat” ... Of the new trends forming a new space for organized crime activity, the first is the development of computer and communications technology. Electronic fund transfer systems can whiz billions around the globe within seconds ... Second (trend) is Communism’s collapse. In the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, the rebirth of the profit motive has combined with weak governments to form a devastating mixture ... The third trend – itself the function of the first two – is the declining significance of national borders ... These three trends have brought a period of unparalleled prosperity ... but combined with the enormous profits to be made from crime, they have created an unprecedented opportunity for

evil ... A senior Interpol officer says, 'The chief hitch in transnational empire building is the issue of trust ... everybody is armed and expecting to get cheated or killed ...' Still in its infancy, international criminal cooperation is growing. East European and Russian gangs sell arms to the Sicilian Mafia ... Struggles are bound to intensify because of a final trend: the rich world's appetite for narcotics (which) generates enormous sums of money that slosh around and corrupt the world's financial system ... OECD in Paris estimates that \$85 billions in drug profits is laundered each year through the financial markets ... In Soviet times, "laws" were backed by a state that was willing to use terror to enforce them. Now that the Communist state is collapsed, laws have lost the power that once made them binding ... "Every business in Russia has to deal with the Mafia", says a Western banker. "I can tell them to stop doing it" says Sergei Komarov, deputy Chief of the anti-corruption division of the St. Petersburg police. "But all I can do is wag my finger ..."

OUR COMMENT: From the first edition of NSC, we have repeatedly sought to expose the links between crime and criminal syndicates of the Mafia and Russian Mafiosi, high finance and drug dealing together with very possible links to the highest governmental circles. What our digest here does not do is present irrefutable proof of these connections that would stand up in a legal jurisdiction of truth and procedural excellence. What it does do, is while Newsweek trailed us in many respects, they have now confirmed and buttressed our deepest suspicions. Remember George Ball, Chairman of Lehman Brothers and formerly Undersecretary of State for the U.S. Government? We quoted him: "Working through great corporations that straddle the earth men are able for

the first time to utilize world resources with an efficiency dictated by the objective logic of profit". Remember Jacques Maisonrouge, formerly president of the IBM World Trade Corporation? We also quoted him: "... the boundaries that separate nations are no more real than the equator ..." We don't suggest that IBM hauls cocaine around the world. Certainly not. It is merely their system of exploitation that encourages trans-border shipments of the money-making dope for hidden masters. Obviously, "trans-border (our word) is what the hidden masters mean by, "transnational" shipment, or "whizzing billions around the globe in seconds".

And what about our very own mysterious Iakabowski of the \$5 million

dollar mansion in North-end Toronto, pictured with Mulrone and Campbell, and an activist of mysterious activities in the Yeltsin entourage? Gone from mortal sight it seems, but we are sure his place, if necessary, has been filled by Czar Boris with equally "worthy" and outstanding gun or co-men. Finally, is it any real wonder that poor Andrei Ayzderdis found himself on the wrong end of a finely tuned shotgun blast, given all the circumstances? We do not agree with the general and inherent conclusions of the Newsweek "special" which could have everybody peeking under their beds before retiring, making sure the fridge door isn't specially wired, or hiring advance wine tasters to ensure against the Lucretia Borgia method. We suggest it is time



to bloody well demand, by whatever means necessary, that Governmental representatives be representative on behalf of their people. Eventually, it will come to that, Mafiosi, Mafia, G-men or not. Take heart, good citizens, and hold your courage high. R.L.S. □

**From Toronto Star, May 10, 1994
Headline:
"RUSSIA HAILS DAY
NAZIS CRUSHED"**

**By Olivia Ward,
Moscow Bureau:**

"Hundreds of thousands of Russians turned out to join President Boris Yeltsin in celebrating the 49th Anniversary of the Allied victory over Nazi Germany ... The day of music and sightseeing was in dramatic contrast to the Soviet Union's decades of grim and officially orchestrated state ceremonies ... Parents ... were as dazzled as their children by the unprecedented sight of shiny modern weaponry laid out on the grass for public inspection ... the crowds gave Yeltsin visible evidence that accord in Russia was more than political hot air ... "Are you a real Aryan?" demanded a stocky man with discolored teeth, peddling an anti-Semitic tract. "I can't sell you this magazine unless you're racially pure ..."

OUR COMMENT: It is difficult to understand the mentality of a Bureau chief journalist that put out such garbage as this. Not only is the solemn day of remembrance now transformed by her words into a show to "dazzle" parents equally with children, added is a "stocky man with discolored teeth" attending a peoples demonstration with Rutskoi at the head. The "discolored teeth" man is, of course, not attending with the Olivia Ward purified and squeaky clean Yeltsin on whose orders an unknown number of Soviet citizens were gunned down, and their bodies

defiled in the October 1993 bloodletting. Pro-Nazi and fascist anti-Semitic "color" is added to the story. There is something obscene in the very notion of this puffed up puppet of the Western bankers even heading up the commemoration of the 49th Anniversary of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics' victory over Nazi Germany. He, more than any other Russian, committed more crimes to destroy the Soviet Union that was almost totally responsible for the smashing of the Nazi war machine. Now, he "leads" the Victory Day celebrations?

That a so-called "journalist" can spew out ill-concealed laudatory support for this new-born Czar and sycophant of the Western bankers is unspeakable, not to mention her's and The Star's totally ignoring the historical facts of the commemorative day of a people who lost more than 25 millions of their sons and daughters in the conflict. Such "journalism" can be described only as revolting and a breach of public trust, dyed in the deepest yellow. It really is time for The Star to re-consider its journalistic mandate as something other than making money and the Hitlerite bilge of "anti-Communism", wrapped up in a cocoon of irrelevancy. Please spare us, M'seurs of The Star. □

**From Toronto Star, April 27, 1994
Headline:
"FUND CHIEF EYES
CREDIT FOR RUSSIA ..."**

(Washington) If Russia lives up to its recent pledges for economic reforms, it could qualify for an additional \$4 billions (U.S.) in stand-by credit, says Michel Camdessus, managing director of the I.M.F. ... Aid for Russia comes at a time when that country's political and economic troubles have plunged it into near economic collapse ... output has declined by more than one-third since 1990 and the fund projects a fall of almost 10% this year. The result

has been rampant unemployment, extreme social hardship and rising crime. Inflation ran at 1,353% in 1992, falling to 896% last year ... Camdessus said that Poland and Albania showed that short-term pain is worth long-term gain.

WE COMMENT: So, the bankers laughed all the way to the seaside, secure that the absolute destruction of political and economic standards in Russia and the other Soviet Republics is proceeding to something like total anarchy and chaos. That such people can seriously believe such unmitigated booshwa is in itself incredible. That the Russian people have not already carried through another revolution to kick these insufferable claptraps out of their land can only be the bitter fruit of division, demoralization and a working class that has temporarily absconded from their historic role and mission in their own country. We know this hiatus of genuine political life will not endure for long, and we look forward to the day it is forever gone and forgotten. Meanwhile, the I.M.F.—Camdessus bankers throttlehold on the former Soviet people is screwed ever more tightly by the bankers and bond-holders, as it is on Cuba, Vietnam, North Korea, Canada — in fact — everywhere on earth. □

**From: Toronto Star,
May 15, 1994 – 2 items ...
Headlines:
"RUSSIA'S
PARLIAMENTARY
SHUFFLE", &
"U.S. SPY DATA HELPED
YELTSIN BECOME HERO,
WRITER SAYS ..."**

**Sub-headings:
"Yeltsin Scrubs Away Traces
and Faces of October Uprising",
& "Information Supplied
During Coup Attempt
Against Yeltsin"**

(Moscow) – "... Since it was blasted and blackened by tanks last October, the former parliament

building was restored to a gleaming finish by a rapid \$75 million (U.S.) renovation. The White House's inner, as well as outer, darkness has been scrubbed away by decree of President Boris Yeltsin ..."

(2nd item) ... "During the August 1991 attempted coup against ... Gorbachev, the United States gave intelligence support to Boris Yeltsin that helped him become a hero, according to an article in Atlantic Monthly ... that Soviet military units were not responding to calls by ... Defence Minister Dimitri Yazov and KGB Chairman, Vladimir Kryuchkov, according to Seymour Hersh ..."

OUR COMMENT: *When Yeltsin staggered (literally) across the United States in the days preceding the so-called "coup" (now recognized as having been engineered with "Gorbachev and Bush pitching, Yeltsin catching ...", (to use a baseball term) who were Yeltsin's hosts??? Possibly the C.I.A., maybe the State Department, more likely some branch of the banking and bondholders fraternity ... we simply cannot be sure. Or perhaps, given his perennial state of semi- (or blotto) line creation, Boris was simply on a tour trying out new watering holes. It will be recalled that was the "trip" on which he reversed himself from "Communism" to (a dream' ... he said) - to "capitalism" so quickly he resembled a tattered old sock, slightly bloated, being turned inside out so fast the colors got blurred and lost. As for repainting the Parliament Buildings, he burned out and shot up, to become "restored" with nice green U.S. S's, we can only assume that President Bill Clinton exercised a bit of his own version of "cleansing", (not of the ethnic variety) but just as*

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murderously for Muscovites when "what went before", on the telephone between him and Boris is recalled, as of last early October. So, a tidy sum of U.S. taxpayers' dollars have "helped" Yeltsin "scrub away traces". History will record that paint does not remove blood stains even if it might hide them for a time. □

SPECIAL FEATURETTE

VERIFICATION AND AN APOLOGY ...

R.L.S.

We are pleased to tell you that the Special Supplement, "Broad-siding the Toronto Star and Fellow Travellers" mailed last month, has received some favourable comments. Thank those of you who have seen fit to pass them on either verbally or in writing.

That we were on the right track is confirmed by Don Sellar, "The Star's Ombudsman", who, on Saturday, April 30th edition, devoted his entire column to this question. His headline: "Ukrainian ad section confusing".

We agree with that, and suggest it was something more than that despite Mr. Sellar's words. He writes: "Naturally, because the paper bears responsibility for what rolls off its presses ... the usual requirements of libel law, community tastes and advertising standards apply ... The section (on Ukraine in a sixteen-page 'advertorial', whatever that may be - Editor) had unbylined articles with no labels making clear they were paid advertorial content, as opposed to news. The group responsible for the upbeat section was identified as "the Children of

Chernobyl Canadian Fund and Star Project Committee". Still, many readers were confused, understandably so." Sellar writes. "The blurring of lines between editorial and advertising ... was evident in complaints. Some callers believed, wrongly, that the newsroom was responsible for various errors of fact or interpretation in the advertorial ... Asked about the confusion, Publisher David Jolley said The Star is pleased to let organizations get their messages out "in their own words and their own style, not necessarily those of the newspaper." "In this case", Jolley said, "we may have been a little negligent ..."

Alexander M. Belonogov, Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Canada, also took considerable umbrage at the Focus Section on Ukraine, falling just short of suggesting that the entire business was a calculated political action aimed at worsening relations between his country and Ukraine. We make no comment on that.

We DO raise this question: What are the broader responsibilities of a publisher to bring unbiased enlightenment and information to the public? Where does the line come down between responsible dissemination of news and information (even in paid advertising) and misleading or disinforming the public, and does the mere paying of advertising costs remove responsibility from the publisher to disseminate unbiased and correct news materials, etc.? We have noted that copy inserted in commercial advertisements is either correct in detail, or if not, correctable by the publisher.

Conversely, we clearly can follow the wide latitude given to unbylined writers in reporting news events. Where is that elusive line drawn at The Star ... or is it? Would it be pure conjecture to ask what influence advertisers

paying for 16-pages might have on editorial judgement and integrity?

Finally, in this item, we apologize to our readers for the rotten little gremlin, clad in purple who, in our Broadside, fouled up the columns 2 & 3 on page 2, and column 1 on page 3. This is how it should have read: (Beginning last 3 lines - col. 2, page 2-)

"Even the anonymous Star writer, under headline, 'New Leaders Who Have Been Chosen, (to col. 1, page 3) Face Challenge' notes that Christina Maciw, Legal Counsel to the 'Council of Advisors to the Parliament of (to 1st line - col. 3, page 2) Ukraine', says the results of the recent elections 'have shown that the Communists, Socialists and Agrarians won more seats than everybody else put together, including RUKH, the right Nationalists, the Centrists ...' (read then from the last line of col. 3, page 2) "under good ole ..." to the 4th line, col. 1, page 3 - "privatized gouging and exploitation ... etc." (sorry about all that, but we killed that gremlin by overfeeding it with fat salty pork rinds and ice cream. It died peacefully, in its sleep - Editors). □

SPECIAL

CUBAN-CANADIAN WORKER SOLIDARITY DEVELOPING ...

A delegation of Canadian trade unionists was in Cuba to join with workers and officials of the Central of Cuban Workers (C.T.C.) and a wide ranging number of U.S., Latin and South American trade unionists for May Day celebrations and discussions. George Steiger, a prominent member of the Concerned Friends of the Soviet

People, who made the trip, reported to the editors of Northstar Compass and President Michael Lucas on his return from the events.

All delegations were quests of the Central De Trabajadores De Cuba while on the island and were organized from Canada by the Worker-to-Workers Canada-Cuba Labour Solidarity Committee under the direction and leadership of Sarah Shartal. High among the priorities of this Toronto based organization is activity to help extend closer and official ties between the CTC and official bodies of the trade union movement of Canada. Governmental relations between Canada and Cuba have never been severed and have existed officially since the 1959 uprising led by Castro since that date. Official student exchanges, agricultural assistance, tourism, trade and transport have been all of great benefit to both countries. Despite this amicable governmental relationship, there has never been an official relationship between the trade union centres of the two countries.

Work is proceeding apace to organize a second conference called the Second International Solidarity Trade Union Conference in Solidarity With Cuba, and is being organized in Detroit for the 23rd of September this year, Steiger reported. In addition, a special course in collective bargaining is in the making.

We will keep you posted on these developments since NSC views the activity for solidarity with Cuba as a top priority. □

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NATIONALISM!?

Canada-USSR Association was formed, so that people of two different political systems would travel the road of friendship and understanding. Unfortunately, the growth of nationalism is opposed to this ideal.

Nationalism is a two-edged sword.

When people were subjugated, nationalism was used in order to break the chains that bound the people and was used to gain the road to freedom - as was the case of the liberation of Slovaks and Czechs from the Austro-Hungarian Empire after the First World War.

Unfortunately, nationalism today is used in order to divide, not unite, utilizing the often used adage: divide and rule. This is the road towards fascism.

Example: German fascism utilized nationalism to destroy Czechoslovakia at the beginning of World War II, when Hitler occupied the Sudetan lands of Czechoslovakia, on the pretext of "liberating" Germans from Czechoslovakia, while in the south, Hungary occupied the south of Slovakia, Poland and also, not to be outdone, took part in the northern part of Czechoslovakia.

To the unfortunate tragedy of Slovakia when Hitler occupied the Czech part, in Slovakia, there appeared the clerico-fascist government which declared "Slovakia" independent, but in actual fact, it was a Protectorate of Germany. They installed as

President-Priest Joseph Tiso who took an active part in liquidating the Slovak National Uprising. This was the scenario for the whole of Europe until fascism was defeated.

Thanks to the Soviet Red Army and the partisan movement in the occupied countries of Europe, the countries were liberated.

Now, we can see that under the guise of nationalism and with the connivance and active support with billions of dollars, internal enemies, the West was able to temporarily dismember the Soviet Union. We can see how the ethnic strife has grown into bloody conflicts, one nation against another. In this way, the road to fascism is being opened wide.

To most anti-fascist fighters, the words of Julius Fuchik is imprinted on their minds – PEOPLE, I LOVED YOU, BE VIGILANT!

P.S. The name of Joseph Tiso during January of 1994 (in memorium) was rehabilitated by the present Slovak regime. Isn't this ironic?

"Johnny from the meadow". □

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ITEMS from ABROAD

From newspaper
"PRAVDA"

RUSSIA, WILL YOU LISTEN TO US!

Somehow, Russia and Ukraine passed the date of one of the most important events in the life of Russian and Ukrainian people – the 340 Anniversary of the Pereslavskaya Rada in 1654 – where the Ukrainian people joined Russian people in an alliance "that we should be together for ever and ever".

Every Russian and every Ukrainian knows about this "Rada" but somehow, we seem to forget that in 1653, the "Zemskij Sobor" gave its unequivocal decision to have Ukraine join Russia in eternal friendship. It was with the Russian people that the Ukrainian people found their place and were saved and for their cultural blossoming away from attacks from the Turko-Tatar and Polish-Lithuanian conquerors.

And now, after 350 years of brotherhood, the enemies are trying to break this historical bond of friendship and sow discord between two Slavic brothers.

Today, these dates are purposely not mentioned or celebrated or even taken notice of by the traitorous leadership of Ukraine and Russia. But, this is our history!

Russians, please listen to us

Ukrainians! We are common people, we're turning to you over the heads of our leaders with a request – bring this question of "Sobor" up in Moscow and Pereslavskaya Rada and guarantee the request of all the Soviet people to live together in peace and harmony ... as one family.

Let this be a Union of Independent States, but it should be a Union, not only on paper. Let Russians talk in Russian, let Ukrainians talk in Ukrainian. Let the Ukrainians eat Varenniki while Russians eat Pelmeni, let the Ukrainians dance Hopak while the Russians dance Matano!

WE MUST BE TOGETHER!

We are your blood brothers, we understand each other without interpreters. The mixture of Russians and Ukrainians are such that it's impossible to divide us. For example, in our family, our son lives in Leningrad, his wife is Russian. Our daughter lives in Moscow, her husband is Russian. They both have children. How can we divide our family?

We are positive that Russia and Ukraine will again join each other. Maybe my wife and I will not be around. We have little time to live as pensioners in the hard conditions that exist now. We have to think about our children and grandchildren.

We are brothers!

Anna Berezovskaya
Vladimir Bubirec
Kherson, Ukraine □

KILLED FOR A PIECE OF BREAD From ITAR-TASS

In the city of Perm, a private baker killed a 13 year old youth because he tried to take a piece of bread to satisfy his hunger.

During the night when freshly

baked bread with its aroma was loaded unto a truck at the private bakery, "Rost", the child ran up to the truck and asked for a piece of bread. Being refused, he tried to get a piece – then the owner pulled out a gun and shot him right in the head, then went on loading the truck with bread.

The killed youth lay there overnight until a morning passerby saw him and called the police.

DEAR READERS: We do not publish the above in order to be sensational, but in order that our readers will see how the present situation brought about by traitors Gorbachev-Yeltsin, has deteriorated to such an extent that it cannot be called anything else but FASCISM!

Ask yourself this question: "Why doesn't our 'free democratic press' report these murderous acts?" They surely know about them, since Russia is filled with correspondents, cameramen, writers and other "democratic apologists" for Yeltsin!

Would we not see this report in our media if it happened in Canada, USA or Israel?

Where are statements, demonstrations and cries of the "Humanitarian organizations?" Why are the Churches and Synagogues silent? Is a Russian young person not worth a news item?

A question to ask of our progressive political publications is "Why are you friends silent?"

By being silent, you inadvertently condone such acts of barbarism! □

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

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LETTER AND SPECIAL ARTICLE TO NORTHSTAR COMPASS FROM MOSCOW

Dear Michael!

Respected comrades! Friends!

We send you our warmest greetings from Moscow!

Having received your letter, we thank you for your warm wishes. We are informing you that we regularly receive your publication "Northstar Compass" and other informational materials. We carefully read them and utilize the materials in our publications and in our agitational work. Now that newspapers from Ukraine are not available in Russia, or publications from other former Soviet Republics (since they have their own non-convertible currency), we are able to get information and read about our friends in these former Republics, only through the publication of Northstar Compass (isn't this a paradox?). We sincerely thank you for supplying us with this much needed information!

Our newspaper "Bumabarash" does not publish regularly, because of the lack of finances. We arranged with the newspaper "Sovietskaya Rossiya", that in their newspaper, there will appear a section devoted to youth, which we are going to write. Even "Sovietskaya Rossiya" is finding it very tough to exist, and might not come out at all during the month of April.

We are going to be sending you this Youth insert and our newspaper. We shall also send you regularly our written materials, documents and articles. Enclosed, please find a special article written for the Northstar Compass about the youth movement in our country.

On behalf of the comrades,
Oleg Vorobiov

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YOUTH MOVEMENT IN USSR: IN THE NINETIES By Oleg Vorobiov

FOR A RESURRECTED KOMSOMOL AND SOCIALISM

Sources of the contemporary youth movement in our country must be looked for in the USSR during the late 1980's. This was a desperate move to get out of the hole, into which Komsomol was led by the upper echelon of degrading Komsomol leadership. More than 30 years KOMSOMOL lived without any of its own programme, all was dntrodden in an atmosphere of hypocrisy, double facedness, lack of ideals and principles. And the time had come for hope: youth believed the promises and appeals of Gorbachev, and the process of undermining the independent thinking of the masses was started.

In a rousing spirit and enthusiasm, there took place the XX Congress of the Komsomol organization in 1987. Many good resolutions and speeches were adopted on behalf of rank and file Komsomols – but all went into the waste basket. Heading the appeals of Gorbachev (in which the upper crust of Komsomol officers were involved – well prepared to demoralize and made ineffective the enthusiasm of youth – Editors) to start "perestroika", "faster reform", "renewal" – the youth, who believed in Gorbachev, received instead, a slap across the ears. The initiative groups that stormed across the country with the new program and Constitution of rejuvenating the Komsomol organization received

instead, persecution across the USSR, and Moscow in particular.

The XXI Congress of Komsomol did not do much better – everything was in a cloud. The dissatisfaction down below in the ranks of the Komsomol was boiling and the problems grew by leaps and bounds, as also the appetite for commercial benefits by the “upper crust of Komsomol”. (as was meant to be by perestroika – Editors)

Foreseeing the death of Gorbachev’s “new perestroika” course in 1989, a group of Komsomols organized the Union of Young Communists (SMK), worked together with elder comrades from the United Front of Workers, Society “Unity – for Leninism and communist ideals” (All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks), Initiative Movement of Communists (later, this movement became the Russian Communist Workers Party).

In 1990, the Union of Young Communists was enlarged and became the Youth of “Communist Initiative”, Moscow organization which was headed by a young Muscovite, communist, economist, Igor Maliarov.

Tragic and disgraceful days were lived by the Komsomol organization in September of 1991, after the victory of the “democratic revolution” of Yeltsin. The scared (turncoats – Editors) leaders-businessmen of the Komsomol organization announced at the XXII Congress that they are liquidating the Komsomol organization!

Sharp denunciation of the traitors and their revisionist positions at this congress was voiced by Igor Maliarov. Together with a group of delegates to this Komsomol Congress, he organized an Organization Committee, “For the resurrection of the Komsomol”. Top speed work of the young communists brought fruit and the

Moscow organization of the Komsomol was born. In April-May of 1992 convened the XXIII Congress of resurrecting the Komsomol organization. This congress took place in spite of a ban on the organization and obstacles put in its path by the authorities. At the congress, there were delegates from Moscow, Leningrad, Rostov-on-Don, Novosibirsk, delegates from Ukraine, Byelorussia, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, Adagia and Ossetia and many other cities and districts of USSR.

Soviet youth again vowed and adopted the ideals of socialism, ready to struggle for social justice, for unity of the communist movement and for the unity of the USSR. Elected as the first secretary of the Komsomol was the former secretary of the Zelenogradsk District Committee of Moscow, Andrei Yezersky, and the secretary for Ideology became Igor Maliarov.

There was much to be done: organize sections all over the country, in the heartland of Russia, establish contacts with the former Soviet Republics, rebuild international contacts. Even with all of these necessary problems to solve, the leadership of the Komsomol became more and more bureaucratic in their style of work, organizing only newspaper interviews and sending out resolutions upon resolutions and instructions all over the country, without thinking what these would accomplish. This method of work made the growth of careerists easy, revisionism took hold plus the growth of Trotskyites elements. The group around Yezersky, tried with force to liquidate the dissatisfaction from beneath or any initiative to establish the Russian section of the Komsomol – a Republican organization in Russia, an integral part of the USSR Komsomol.

January 23, 1993 in Leningrad, there took place an Extraordinary Congress of the Russian Komsomol and it condemned the adventurist leadership in the CC of the Komsomol organization, and then proceeded to elect as its First Secretary a recognized leader of the young communists of Russia, Igor Maliarov.

The Komsomol organization became resurrected, it defeated the policies of Yezerski (tool of Gorbachev-Yeltsin – Editors) and began the cleansing of its ranks at the XXIV Congress that took place in April of 1993 in Minsk, Byelorussia. Delegates from Russia, Byelorussia, Ukraine and delegates from other organizations came out with a program of work and strategy during this period of the restoration of capitalism, the reactivation of reactionary forces was discussed, and they elected their Central Executive Committee. The president of this CC became a 20 year old student of law institute from Moscow, Nikolai Dronov.

The organizational format was to have been finalized in September of 1993 by a Congress. It was to take place in Moscow during the tragic events of the counter-revolutionary take-over by Yeltsin’s reactionary forces. It was decided to cancel this Congress and to take part in the defence of the Constitution and of Soviet elected power.

The October events brought the Komsomol unbelievable losses. By a special DECREE, the existence and workings of the Komsomol was banned, the organization lost its finances and building. Igor Maliarov and others were forced to flee

ERATUM:

On the last issue, we had marked on front page #8, it should have been Vol. 2 #9.

From newspaper, DUBINUSHKA

For those who find it hard to believe that the anti-Yeltsin press is growing in numbers and influence, please read the following list below of the publications struggling to return back to Socialism and to the rebirth of the USSR. The problem remaining appears to be finding the road to become a united force – Editors.

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| 1. "ANDROPOVSKAYA PRAVDA", Murmansk | 20. "DNIAPROVEC", Riechica | 39. "THOUGHT", Moscow | 58. "SOVIET RUSSIA", Moscow |
| 2. "BOLSHEVIK", Moscow | 21. "DUBINUSHKA", Gorky | 40. "NABAT", Pskov | 59. "INFORMING IRA", Magnitogorsk |
| 3. "BOLSHEVIK", Murmansk | 22. "UNITY", Vladikavkaz | 41. "PEOPLES TRUTH", Cherkasy | 60. "TRIBUNA", Novgorod |
| 4. "BOLSHEVIK", Mordovskaya SSR | 23. "UNITY", Orel | 42. "NARODNAYA PRAVDA", Leningrad | 61. "WORKERS TYRASPOL", Tyraspol |
| 5. "BOLSHEVIK KAVKHAZA", Krasnodar | 24. "ZABASTOVKA-STRIKE", Samara | 43. "OUR RUSSIA", Moscow | 62. "WORKERS TYUMEN", Tyumen |
| 6. "BORBA", Moscow | 25. "FOR WORKERS RIGHTS", Leningrad | 44. "OUR CHOICE", Nyznij Novgorod | 63. "WORKERS VORONEZH", Voronezh |
| 7. "BUREVESTNIK", Rostov-on-Don | 26. "FOR MOTHERLAND – FOR STALIN", Machachkala | 45. "OUR COMPASS", Minsk | 64. "WHAT TO DO", Moscow |
| 8. "BUMBARASH", Moscow | 27. "STAR OF PREDNESTROVYA", Dubossary | 46. "OUR WORLD", Kirov | 65. "CITIZENS", Oktyaberskyj |
| 9. "VESTI S DONA", Rostov-on-Don | 28. "FOR SOCIAL TRUTHFULNESS", Chernigov | 47. "POSITION", Kaliningrad | 66. "YEDINOMYSHLENIK", Petropavlovsk |
| 10. "VOLYA", Moscow | 29. "ISKRA", Ryazan | 48. "POSITION, POLITICS-PROGNOS", Minsk | 67. "IZM", Moscow |
| 11. "EVENING LENINGRAD", Leningrad | 30. "COMMENTATOR", Leningrad | 49. "PRAVDA", Moscow | 68. "KALININGRAD BOLSHEVIK", Kaliningrad |
| 12. "VYBOR", Lugansk | 31. "COMMUNIST OF LENINGRAD", Leningrad | 50. "PRIMORSKIE NOVOSTI", Leningrad | 69. "LENIN'S PATH", Usole-Sibirskoe |
| 13. "GLASNOST", Moscow | 32. "ARGUMENTS & FACTS", Novgorod | 51. "RABOCHIJ-WORKER", Moscow | 70. "YOUTH NEWSPAPER OF KARELIA", Petrozavodsk |
| 14. "GOVORIT NAROD", Vladivostok | 33. "LEFT NEWSPAPER", Moscow | 52. "RUSSIAN PRAVDA", Moscow | 71. "NAIVNAYA GAZETA", Moscow |
| 15. "GOLOS KOMMUNISTA", Moscow | 34. "MAMA", Moscow | 53. "SVETECH", Moscow | 72. "OUR NEWSPAPER", Safonovo |
| 16. "GOLOS NARODA", North Ossetia | 35. "MOLNIYA", Moscow | 54. "WORD AND DEED", Moscow | 73. "OPPONENT", Riga |
| 17. "GOLOS STALINGRADA", Volgograd | 36. "YOUNG GUARD", Lugansk | 55. "WORD OF A COMMUNIST", Tatarstan Republic | 74. "WORKERS PRAVDA", Snezhnoye |
| 18. "DELO", Moscow | 37. "MOMENT OF TRUTH", Moscow | 56. "WORD OF A COMMUNIST", Odessa | 75. "TOVARISH", Solikamsk |
| 19. "DIALECTICS OF WORKING LIFE", Moscow | 38. "WE AND TIME", Minsk | 57. "CONSCIENCE", Leningrad | |

Russia for their lives. In many instances, we had to start from the beginning.

A plenum of the CC of Komsomol of Russia took place in Minsk, Byelorussia which decided that the urgent problem now is to strengthen the existing local organizations and to organize more and more sections of the Komsomol.

Now that the opposition is licking its wounds and strengthening

its ranks, the Komsomol looks at the immediate necessity of uniting the work of the youth organizations in cooperation with the elder comrades from the left and communist parties and patriotic organizations.

At the present moment, aside from the Komsomol organization, in our country, there are scores of other young movements and associations.

Having the "official recognition" and financial help from the "democratic" organizations, although their membership is small, they have tremendous material help, but they defend the interests of the businessmen, effectually have no authority among the broad section of the young generation.

The Trotskyite youth movement is very weak without any influence, whose main aim is to

break up other functioning youth organizations by blackening the names of their leaders. The leader of the Trotskyite youth managed to get some working and student youth to be with them.

In our country in the last while, there grew many anarchist youth groups and movements plus the "greens" movement. They do not agree with the present policies of the regime, and on some questions, they cooperate with the Komsomol organization.

A new youth organization is being organized by Russian Party of Communists, dedicated to look after the interests of children.

It seems that the Communist Party of Russian Federation, not lacking in funds, is on an organizational drive to get youth into its ranks.

March saw the activity of the Crimean Komsomol.

Becoming active are Punks. Extravagant in their dress and manners, they are known by their hate of the present Yeltsin regime. Many of them took part in the defence of the House of Soviets (White House) in October 1993.

An important event for our country took place when the Organizational Conference of the Union of Patriotic Youth "Fatherland" took place. The leaders of the organization, Alexei Lamsi and Ivan Voronin, look at this organization as a movement fighting the devastating results of the "political reform", for moral and cultural resurrection of Russia, resurrection of historical traditions, unifying of the USSR. There is also a section devoted to saving, restoring and building of monuments of history and architecture. To this end, this patriotic organization was able to get into its ranks many left and patriotic youth.

The growth of the youth

movement in our Motherland is growing. The activity is noticed very much in the former Soviet Republics. Under the conditions of illegality, the Komsomol organization is growing in the Baltic Republics. The flowering and blooming of the youth movements is predicted in the very near future. This is tied to the fact that according to the new Constitution (Yeltsin's - Editors) the government will not guarantee youth free education, and the high school education now is not mandatory as it was before. Not too long ago, the government announced that starting with the new school year, all textbooks will have to be bought, which, of course, most average families cannot afford to buy. The students now are facing a real crisis: the scholarships or bursaries are not enough even to buy a copy of Agatha Christy's book! In this situation, the youth will be forced to unite for their rights.

Gone are the days when youth organizations and the Komsomol were led and directed by 40-50 year old apparatchiks in tailored-made suits. Young people have taken to the streets to demand and fight for their rights. They will come up with leaders from their ranks, the average age which is 26 years of age.

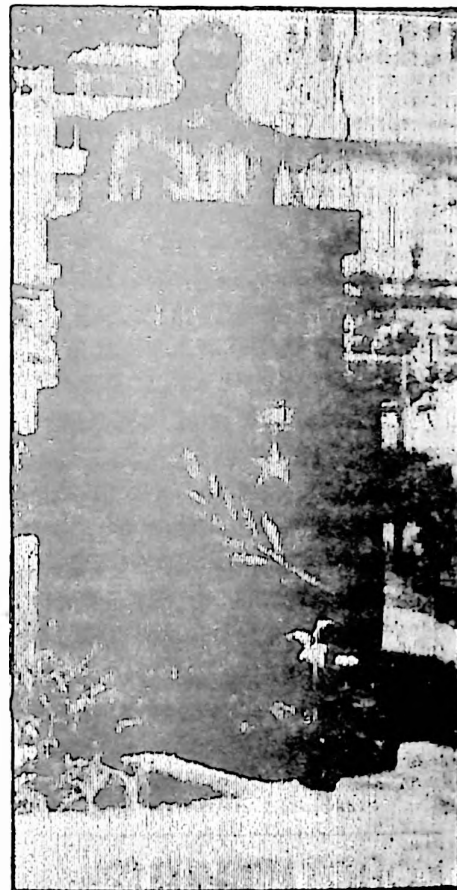
Remember these names: Nikolai Dronov, leader of Komsomol, Sergei Vozniak, Komsomol of Byelorussia, Dmitry Churakov, youth group from the Communist Party of Russian Federation and many, many others. They will yet make their contribution in the resurrection of Russian and of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. □

**HAVE YOU RENEWED
YOUR SUB?**

From newspaper
"BOLSHEVIK"

NOT ONLY DO THEY DEMOLISH BUT THEY ALSO ERECT

On May 9, 1993 in city of Derbent, another monument to Stalin beautified the city square.



This was the work of the Bolsheviks-Leninists on Tashev Street. Every day, you can see fresh flowers at the base of the monument to Stalin. Belief and respect to the great leader is not dying out, but on the contrary, it's growing all over the Motherland - even among those that were jailed for their anti-state activities.

A. Agamirzoev
Derbent □

WE NEED BACK COPIES

**From newspaper
"LITERATURNAYA
ROSSIJA"
April 15, 1994**

This newspaper does not represent the communist movement, and is the newspaper of the Union of Russian Writers, which is anti-Yeltsin and the present government. They publish each week photographs of people that were murdered by Yeltsin's goon squads when they stormed the House of Soviets in Moscow last year.

Here, we reprint faces of these heroes who died defending the Constitution and the Supreme Soviet. Only now are the names known and families gather photographs to be published for posterity.

Here is what "Literaturnaya Rossiya" writes by the photographs of the heroes. On April 3, 1994, there was a huge demonstration of fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, wives and relatives, all carrying photographs of their loved ones that were murdered by Yeltsin's squads. (see photo on front cover of issue - Editors.)

"Again and again, we look into the beautiful eyes and your truthful faces. Maybe, it was one of you, before you were killed at the 'White House' who wrote these words ... which every Russian and Soviet person should know and remember. 'We loved Russia. We wanted, that on this land of ours, there would at least come peace and order'. In some of your written lines, there was such sorrow and tragedy such as these words convey - 'We were just little players in someone's well planned scenario. But our hearts and dedication are not broken'."

You were rightfully scared that there will be people after who will laugh and sneer at you and write that your dedication was nothing but wild instincts. Even now, they refer to you that you were nothing but "criminal elements".



ЗЫКОВ
Владимир Иванович,
53 года



ШАЛИМОВ
Юрий Викторович,
30 лет



ПУДИН
Игорь Вячеславович,
37 лет



ЛЕМБИН
Юрий Викторович,
48 лет



СЛИМОВ
Владимир Петрович,
42 года



БРИТОВ
Владимир Петрович,
52 года



МИХАЙЛОВ
Юрий Егорович,
38 лет



УЛОПОНИН
Сергей Владимирович,
33 года



ЗОТОВ
Сергей Яковлевич,
41 год



НИКИТИН
Евгений Юрьевич,
23 года



ЧИЖИКОВ
Константин Дмитриевич,
75 лет



БОЯРСКИЙ
Сергей Станиславович,
56 лет



ГОГОЛЕВ
Виктор Валентинович,
26 лет



КАТКОВ
Виктор Иванович,
35 лет



АДАМЛЮК
Олег Юсефович,
20 лет



ПАНТЕЛЕЕВ
Игорь Владимирович,
20 лет.



СИДЕЛЬНИКОВ
Александр Васильевич,
38 лет



ОСТАЛЕНКО
Игорь Викторович,
27 лет



КУЗЬМИН
Сергей Валерьевич,
17 лет



**CONFIRMATION OF
HIDEOUS TREACHERY!
UNCOVERING
YELTSIN'S, GRACHEV'S
BLOODLETING .
WILL THE TRUTH COME
FORTH AND STAND UP!**

But your eyes are shining truth, your faces are honest, dedicated, all show that these elements are nothing but liars. Maybe we should also put side by side with your faces, the faces of the criminals who killed you? – But we know that this would be against your wishes, because you said, "We forgive even those that killed us, because they were not the guilty ones. But we will never forgive the upper Russian 'shaika' echelons who ordered this mass murder!"

We look into your eyes and can hear your last words, before the bullets mowed you down: "Do not let them trample underneath our Mother Russia and our Orthodox fate. Our hearts are with you. Russia will never be conquered!" □

From newspaper
"BOLSHEVIK"
Saransk, Mordovskaya SSR
By A. Michajlova

OCTOBER 1993

We have written much about the tragic events in Moscow, on October 3-4th, 1993. We have also published many photos of the tragedy and will do so again and again, because the world must know of the butchery there. Now more facts are emerging, "thickening the plot". Below, more fragments from journalist Michajlova. When ALL the facts have become completely revealed, we shall publish them as well. Michajlova's facts presented here are based on documentary sources in Moscow – Editors.

• The USSR was not dismembered by the "dissidents" inside the country as proclaimed to the high heavens in the West, or by the crocodile tears shed by Western secret services and journalists on their behalf.

Before Yuri Andropov died, he had discussions with Y. Vlasov in

1974 (Vlasov was a trusted correspondent for Governmental newspapers, such as Izvestia and also internal newspaper for official use only). Andropov hinted that the KGB was impregnated with agents from CIA and said, "I must start a cleansing process internally!"

Even in 1974, the process of "burrowing from within" was in progress!

• The events of 1993 during the May Day Celebrations showed the hand of Yeltsin even then, while the Western correspondents were already saying that they did not "see anything out of the ordinary" during the bloodletting by the OMON good squads!

• On August 12, 1993, Yeltsin already, at that time, said in an internal memorandum that he will "finish with these elements by October 4th".

• In August, when the Director of CIA came to Moscow, he brought with him heads of different CIA departments – "street battles", "sniper positional tactics", and "crowd control specialists". Already all these specialists, together with their Russian counterparts, formed the command centre under the command of Lieutenant General Barsukov, while a CIA counterpart was his second-in-command.

In order to help these groups, representatives of the 6th US brigade came to Moscow in secrecy. They were stationed at NATO headquarters, under the command of John Cauty. At the disposal of Yeltsin, two top advisors of the CIA were given him as coordinators of the planned attack against the Parliament defenders.

Some Russian members of the Ministry of Defense said that they will not work under the command of the CIA. Most of them were dismissed from their posts and rank.

• Snipers of the 6th NATO brigade were told to take their spots on top roof positions, in all strategic spots, thus encircling the "White House". Western correspondents on October 3-4th already gave their dispatches, saying that some "GI's" were wounded.

• At this time, there took place a coordinated effort to bring to Moscow underground formations of youth of the Zionist organization, "BEYTAR" from districts of Russia and from abroad. They were instructed under the guidance of Israeli "commandos" representatives who came to Russia in secret.

• There were also snipers recruited from the Baltics, who were fighting in Moldavia against the Predniester Republic movement.

• TV cameras and photo-journalists from CNN, a week before that bloodshed, were already in positions on top of buildings and in all strategic positions, while the Russian crews were not given the opportunity to cover these events from any vantage point.

• It was found out only now that in the summer of 1993, American troops, together with Yeltsin's trusted divisions, held manoeuvres on the territory of middle Volga River. This is in the centre of Russia! What were they doing there? Were they training how to be soldiers?

The above facts are colossal! How much more are the Soviet people going to have to wait before all the truth comes out? We are going to get this material together and we shall publish it in the near future – Editors. □

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

ON THE ROAD TO CALVARY

STORY ABOUT ALEXANDER VASIELEVICH GITALOV

(Instead of Obituary)

By Vladimir Herasymchuk,
Lutsk, Ukraine



Millennium upon millennium and eternity, our planet goes along its orbit according to laws of the universe. We benefit by the light and sun shining on our planet thus giving us energy which produces and sustains life on our planet earth – happiness, sadness, tragedy, good and bad. These sun's rays grow wheat and through the human hands, this grain becomes bread. Only to a human being is given this gift of struggle to sustain life. But not everyone was able to utilize this gift given to us by nature. For us, the happiness of peaceful work gives us pleasure, energy to fight against wars, in love and hate, dedication and treachery. Yes, each one of us has the opportunity to realize the potential of goodness and to be responsible for the future generation's welfare.

There are people who are great in the eyes of mankind, meeting ill winds and tragedies, and after their

death, they still see their work continuing, and even the stars show the way to a brighter future as shown by these mortals who worked and struggled for humanity. To such people belongs a well-known farmer-agronomist, brigadeer, mechanical agricultural engineer, from the Korovgrad Province of Ukraine, A.V. Gitalov. His hard life started as a 15 year old youth in 1929 ...

Kulak bands in those times were desperately trying to sabotage the collectivization process, which united individual farmers into a working collective. These Kulak bands organized diversions, killed off farm animals in their thousands, burned bread so as to make the peasants who joined the collective farms starve. This was one of the main reasons for the hunger-famine that overtook our Motherland in 1933. Besides that, the year being without rain, there was a crop failure. People overcame this tragedy, these diversions, this natural calamity, their unpreparedness and no knowledge of the technology that was becoming available in agriculture at that time. Life began to improve, it went on its own road to remedy the previous years. But, again, the tragedy of the war overtook our country and another lesson was learned. We overcame this tragedy also as victors.

After the Second World War, Alexander Vasilevich, together with his collective farmers, again put their shoulder to the wheel to improve the agriculture. He was the leader of the collectives' mechanized brigades and this brigade became the best brigade in the whole of the Soviet Union, in production, yield and savings to the State. On their experience, the State built a school of higher learning in agriculture, whose 15,000 mechanical engineers

graduated and took their place in agriculture all over the country. Gitalov was the first in the Soviet Union to introduce the complex method of cultivation of hopeless seeds, without losing human work, besides many other inventions and accomplishments in agricultural productivity. He worked also as a tractor driver on a farm in the USA. When he visited America, he learned from US farmer, Mr. Garst, his methods, and after returning back to his Motherland, he overtook the American farmer in the production of corn.

Soviet Government was very impressed with his work and he received honours for his work. Twice, he was honoured with medals as Hero of Socialist Labour ... besides many other medals, honours and citations. Not only was he an expert in agriculture productivity, he was an activist in Soviet affairs and in the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. This man was elected many times to the Supreme Soviet of Ukraine. He was a Deputy for close to 40 years in the Supreme Soviet of Ukraine. He was a member of the CPSU since 1942.

His thoughts, his expertise, his proposals and methods were published in his "Thoughts about bread", in the newspaper "Pravda of Ukraine" ... after that appearing in a brochure with 2 million circulation.

"His name is the whole epoch in agriculture" was what "Ukrainian Pravda" printed, by I. Kratchenko, correspondent. He was a peoples representative, a talent of the people, a worker who was not boastful or carried airs about his accomplishments. He wanted to make sure that three grains grew where before, only one grew. He was, above all, a human being, devoted to his work, his country and to humanity. His

conscience was crystal clear. That is why his heart and soul did not accept the "perestroika euphoria" which he saw as a criminal robbery of people's wealth, the hard work of generations of Soviet people.

The foreign method of work, a method that is alien to our people, was hung around our necks by our internal and external enemies. The yellow devil was let loose to poison the minds of the people. Something most terrible happened in the life of Alexander Vasievich ... He was attacked and robbed, beaten. His Gold Stars as Hero of Socialist Labour, were crushed, they took his watch and other gifts he received from the Soviet Government for his work. He was not able to sustain this attack, his heart could not survive this tragic hooliganism. "Oh God" - he cried in the hospital, - "How low has our country fallen, year after year, how our country is being degraded!" In a couple of days, the Hero was no more. He died on his 80th year - on the 65th Jubilee of his life work in agriculture for the betterment of humanity that he so cherished and worked so hard to improve standards.

He became great by his dedication to work, he left life, but he gave his all for people whom he served. People, who somewhat forgot his greatness, on whose behalf he died and went on the road to Calvary ... his life being taken away by the elements of the "pseudo-democrats" that now rule Ukraine. But the name of Gitalov now shines even brighter than the Star of Bethlehem, guaranteeing him eternal glory and love of working people. We believe - the stars will awaken our people who still are dreaming and will also obliterate the darkness that still hangs over us. People will awake. My Motherland Motherland will again be socialist. □

NIXON "SIGNS" AT MEETING OF "WORKERS RUSSIA"

March 13th was the traditional meeting of "Workers Russia" at the gates of Gorky Park in Moscow. Ex-president Nixon appeared at this meeting and was allowed to say a few words. He spoke and said that he is in solidarity with the fight of the Russian people!

Then, as a politician, he consented to sign some autographs. Our people gave him our leaflets to sign (and without knowing what he was signing - Editors) signed the following leaflets with such slogans as - "Down with the traitorous politicians", and "Long live the Soviet Union", plus a poster which said, "Yeltsin-bloody butcher".

Here is the autograph of Richard Nixon on our leaflet - under the wording below the cartoon!

Victor Tabolin □



NEWS ITEMS from INFORM-FAX "Workers Russia"

Only full transfer of the government to the workers and the complete elimination of the road to

capitalism will save Russia from complete degradation and physical death. This was the consensus arrived at by the Congress of Workers that gathered in Moscow in April.

Congress demanded the resignation of Yeltsin and a new election for the president. Looking at all of the opposition forces and the cry for unity among the communist groups, more than 400 collective groups, movements and parties were asked to present their candidates for the presidency of Russia.

The Congress then approved a motion that there should be picked only one candidate that all of the present representatives of the movements agreed upon. This candidate, in case of victory, will then proceed to abolish the post of presidency in Russia ... and the whole presidential structure as alien to Soviet government. This candidate, if successful, after eliminating the presidency, will proceed to re-establish socialism in the USSR.

The candidate to the post of president was elected. He is Victor Anpilov, head of the Russian Communist Workers Party, released from jail. □

Telegram sent to Moscow Kremlin by Citizens of Voronezh, Russia

We demand that:

1. Resignation of Yeltsin, liquidation of the post of president of Russia and the complete take over of the Soviets of all governmental functions.

2. Make definite the freedom of the demonstration of First of May by workers of Moscow.

3. Immediately stop construction of a monument to Hitler's soldiers of the 6th Army of Marshal Von Paulos, which was liquidated by the Red Army at Stalingrad.

8,000 workers are to be let go by the Tyumen Russian Aviation Complex which manufactures aeroplane turbines for civil and military planes. The Aviation Complex now does not have enough money to pay the workers. On top of this, the English firm which is now in a controlling venture at the complex, has decided that our aviation complex must become a repair shop and not a production complex, since the turbines now will be manufactured in Britain. We are to become the repair analogues to British engines. Margaret Thatcher, God Mother of Gorbachev and the mentor of the capitalist reform in our country, will be very happy with this turn of events – free British industrial giant takes its competitor by the throat in the name of “democracy, competitiveness and friendship”!

It costs 15,000 to get a cord of wood in the far away Sorokinsk District near Tyumen, Siberia. In order to heat a normal home, in the long winters of Siberia, you need 10 cords of wood, but pensions for senior citizens do not meet this need. The villagers of the town of Vorsovo, as a sign of protest and against the gouching of the privateers, hoisted the Red flag on top of the TV Centre, and are ready to fight the crooks-Mafia-democrats and to re-establish the Soviets again ... from the bottom up.

Under Soviet Government, it seems there were more Russian Orthodox people going to church than now. This is the consensus of the religious people themselves. It's only a natural reaction, seeing that in order to go to church, buy the candles for services, the costs are going higher and higher. The church believer must now decide whether

to buy candles or save the money for the food! Before, the believers used to bring food and other fruits so that the tables at the church were groaning with produce, which was then given to the Senior Citizens Homes.

Now, under the “democrats”, the church tables are empty, as well as the tables at home of the believers. □

WHY DID THEY DESTROY OUR LEGACY?



By Felix Chuev

Why did they destroy the monuments to Stalin? For they would remind us of yesterday Grandiose, created and left by a serious, respected leader.

At any time as in the days of yore to stand on the dead – God forbid! In Russia, according to the ancient law it is improper to disturb a dead man.

To walk on the dead was frowned upon,
To disturb the grave was a sin.
Such is the history that was left to us –
To Russia it was always something predestined.

And what greatness it had achieved!
My grandfather once told me
– mark this down
They say – it's all cult and cult ...
Yes, there was such a person
And therefore, surely, there was a cult.

And whatever you will talk about him,
however you judge bitterly and in anger,
He left his greatcoat, worn-out tunic –
and, yes, even his patched felt boots.

But he left also a mighty country
With such authority in the world,
that, my dear, you cannot hide the fact
Just imagine yourself, even for a moment, in the Kremlin.

And all that, that was behind his lips
could only come from him alone.
– What are you, Stalin?

I am not yet Steel –
he often said to his son.

And on the sacred stone tribunal
on a grey frosted November Seventh
He believed in those, who believed
in June,
talking calmly, of victory to come.

What kind of nature was boiling
in him,
and how he gigantically understood,
When the health of the Russian people
He was raising high above the world!

Could it be true that gloomily and darkly
he was murdering the Russian tongue
What truth he, as a ruler, was
carrying away
in his speckled worn-out fist?

It was the truth and not the glory
that was primarily standing behind
him in his rule
it could not be knocked down from
the pedestal,
it could not be buried even in the
Kremlin.

As we, the children of the great
change, knew the truth,
as children of fatherlessness and war

in the cities of brick buildings and
on the street beds of straw
We were saved by his smile.

Possibly we loved with no response –
such love cannot be touched by decay.
We loved Stalin wholeheartedly,
What faith they gave us in response?

We believed but they were killing
our belief ...

But this disbelief is thrice painful
and "Stalin is our fighting glory"
we sang with challenge and anger.

We finally grew tired of such
disbelief
and came to the point of perceiving
it all.

But our concern is our affair
as if they are hurting our Mom,
our Mother.



As the truth which is crossed out
by the blood
of our fathers uninvented times
is our truth, vital truth, filial truth,
We would feel much worse if we
did not have him.

We are a very special generation,
Our task is to bring the flame and
incandescence
so again will it imposingly blaze
"Lenin",
so again will brightly shine the
"International".

Russia is falling upon our shoulders,
it is relying on us to-day.

So think well, our very special boys
because nobody else is doing the
thinking for us.

So be our steps exact and powerful!
And this is our faith and not an
idle shout.

For this faith laid their heads the
very best
and perished at the hands of enemies
and of own ilk.

And who was walking on the floor
of Lenin Mausoleum
And was receiving special rations?
But if one will ask our generation
Did Bolsheviks, generally speaking,
really exist?

I knew them. They raised me.
On the door shone brightly the sign
"Partkom"

Yes, undernourished builders of
Russia.

I was also a Bolshevik from childhood
As everyone else, I was nibbling the
seeds of oilcake with great
appetite.

I was happy
and I was also as proud as everyone
else.

I am his son. And I am not objective –
You see, it's not just someone I am
speaking of, but of my father. □

MAY DAY CELEBRATED!

My dear Canadian friends:

I received the Northstar Compass
#8 but did not receive a letter
whether you have received all of the
materials that I did send.

May Day was a grandiose
affair, with no less than 100,000
demonstrators in Moscow, filling
the whole of Lenin Prospect, filling
the prospect from side to side. Again,
the present regime banned the May
Day Celebration taking place on Red
Square. The march was over 5 miles

in length, with people carrying their
children on their shoulders. War
veterans came out en masse, some
with walking sticks and even crutches.
I have never seen so many young
people as this time taking part.

The OMON (Yeltsin's riot police
– Editors) were on hand with their
water cannons, while trucks were
concentrated in the side streets. They
did not dare to interfere. During the
march, someone threw from the
roof tops anti-Soviet and anti-
Communist leaflets into the crowd.
The people rebuffed this provocation
with shouts and raised fists. No one
ran to the roof tops to punish
hooligans – there was order. This
provocation was meant to give an
excuse to the authorities to send in
these OMON goons and break up
the May Day Celebrations. This
time, they did not get their
opportunity to spill blood.

In the crowd, there were known
leaders walking such as Anatoly
Lukyanov, former chairman of the
USSR Supreme Soviet who was
imprisoned and now is being tried.
Also marching was Gennady
Zyuganov, Sazhy Umalatova,
woman from the Chechen Republic
in the Caucasus, who is heading a
movement there to revive the
USSR; Sergei Baburin, head of the
Russian Patriotic Movement; Ilya
Konstantinov, president of the
National Salvation Front, former
prisoner in Lefortovo Prison
(together with Anpilov and many
others). Anpilov, with his son on
his shoulders, led the May Day
March. He also presided over three
meetings held during the march – in
the October Square where we laid
flowers at the foot of V.I. Lenin
monument; in the Gagarin Square
where we were beaten up last May
Day and where we laid flowers on
the pavement; (our writer himself
was beaten on this spot last May
Day – Editors). The last meeting

was held at the University on Lenin Hills. At these meetings, leaders from all movements and Communist-Socialist parties spoke. The priest who spoke, spoke well, even though this May Day Celebration coincided with the Russian Orthodox Easter.

At this last meeting of the May Day March on Lenin Hills, the crowd sang patriotic and revolutionary songs and danced. The whole function was a great inspiration for me. I felt part and parcel of the great numbers of people who think like I do and who feel like I do. These people are not afraid of the clique that is now in power and are fighting for a great Socialist Motherland. Even in spite of the bloodshed and deaths that occurred last year during the May Day Celebrations, the participation was tremendous. Also, in spite of the tragedy and death at the "White House" last October, the people are beginning to rally and

are becoming more and more militant. This is extremely inspiring.

I'm sending some newspapers in the envelope to you. "Molniya" newspaper is included, and newspaper "Voice of a Communist" where, from the archives, an article and document is printed which shows that Alexander Yakovlev (former Ambassador to Canada – Editors) demanded that the Soviet newspapers do not celebrate the 75th Birthday of the hero, Marshal Zhukov! This was written over 15 years ago, so readers can realize that Alexander Yakovlev (mentor of Gorbachev) – even at that time was doing his anti-Soviet work. – Editors).

I hope that these newspapers and clipping will be of interest to you.

Will send an issue of the newspaper "Zavtra" – (Tomorrow) which has an article on the "health of Yeltsin" from Iona Andronov's book, "The Secrets of the Kremlin" which will be published in the West.

Andronov is a former correspondent of the "Literaturnaya Gazeta" to the USA and Afghanistan, a deputy to the Supreme Soviet who stayed in the "White House" when it was under attack and saw the deaths of his comrades – he stayed to the very last.

After that publication by Andronov, the authorities threatened to imprison him and bring him to trial. Andronov in his recent statement said: "Please, do that. I will bring people, including Western journalists to the courtroom as witnesses in order to testify to my allegations against the present government". It seems that the authorities backed down and do not want to proceed to try him in a public court.

Former newspaper "Den", now called "Zavtra", is banned again, and they threaten to put the newspaper on trial! Unfortunately, I cannot send this newspaper to you now in this envelope, because it is too thick.



Photo courtesy of Workers World.

The Congress of Soviet Women holds a lead banner in the Moscow march. Many young people participated. WWS PHOTO. BILL DOARES

Best wishes to all the comrades. I greet you on May Day and the Day of Victory.

Do you know that none of the Communist-Socialist Parties signed the Yeltsin's Accord of Consent on April 28th?

This proposed and much promoted Accord by Yeltsin, in order to try and make "peace" with his critics, was meant to give Yeltsin a chance to solidify his weakened position. To the credit of ALL the anti-Yeltsin forces, they did NOT sign this Accord – Editors. □

**From newspaper
"EVENING LENINGRAD"
February 19, 1994**

**By Viktor Tiulkin
First Secretary, Russian
Communist Workers Party**

WHO ARE THESE "OURS"?

Nowadays, all forces of opposition (and not only opposition) very often utilize the terminology – "Ours"? This term is utilized everywhere, even by opposite forces, like ice and fire – extreme opposites. Examples such as OURS from (Ryzhkov to Andropov) or deputies such as (Khasbulatov to Svobodkina), etc., etc.

This word now is losing its roots and meaning. Case in point was my understanding of the thoughts of former Vice President Nikolai Ivanovich Ryzhkov (under Gorbachev) when lately, he gave an interview in OUR newspaper, "Tomorrow". I will try to look at this question not only from a Marxist point of view, but also from the emotional one.

Nikolai Ryzhkov, finding himself in opposition at that time of crisis, during Gorbachev's sell-out – talked with workers at the industrial enterprise "Belogordsky Energomasha". The discussion with

the workers by Ryzhkov proved very heated and showed the true attitude, feelings and programme of the former Vice President, which was unknown publicly until now.

Ryzhkov also did not pull any punches, during this heated discussion. The same questions were asked: "Why and how did this calamity happen?" He answered: "Why? Because you, the workers, were to blame! Therefore, do not ask me why! I should ask you this question!" He went on to say that all the workers and Soviet people are to blame for this tragedy ... "because you did not want to wait for step-by-step road towards the market economy as I wanted to – you wanted immediate consumer goods. So now, you've got it! You were impatient, and you were not very bright!"

How can you, Nikolai Ivanovich, say that to the workers? It's the Gorbachev, Abalkin, Petrakova, Gaydar, Yeltsin – these are the son-of-bitches who are to blame, plus people like you who tried to soften the march to market economy! How can you blame the Soviet workers?

This is what OUR workers received from OUR Ryzhkov, published in OUR newspaper as answer to OUR question as to why?

Myself, as an ordinary worker, learned over many years from the rank and file workers before I became the manager of the enterprise.

This brings to mind an incident of a professor who wrote a book on the Israel's aggression against the Arabs. One of the managers of the section of our industrial enterprise, already imbued with reformism, asked the professor, "How are OUR people doing?" One old timer attending this meeting asked the person asking the question, "Who are the ones you call OURS?"

The person asking that question

soon after emigrated from the Soviet Union. From then on, I always ask myself the question and ask it of others also. "What do you mean by OURS?"

I'm asking this question of Nikolai Ryzhkov: "Where and who were OURS during the XXVIII Congress of the CPSU? Did you ever ask the workers what they thought, what their proposals were, their solutions to the upcoming crisis? Did you ever ask OUR workers?"

It was you Nikolai Ivanovich, together with Leonid Abalkin who headed a Commission on Economy and it was both of you (former members of CC CPSU) who brought in the resolution on Market Economy! You never talked at that time about capitalism, even though you knew what you proposed as market economy was, in reality, capitalism.

Ryzhkov told the workers this terrible truth: "Our program was for private and state property – state property to be only 40%. This was our line!"

At the 28th Congress, I was empowered by our RCWP to try and get to the podium to speak. I told Ryzhkov himself, that you cannot make socialism better by healing it with capitalism. This will be chaotic and will bring workers into terrible economic hardships and completely ruin and dismember the USSR. As far as the CPSU is concerned, the party will not be able to withstand this remedy!"

Do you remember Mr. Ryzhkov? Our proposals and analyses, you and others did not allow us for 3 days to get to the podium and speak. The leaders at the podium were Gorbachev and Yeltsin and their stooges. Over 200 Deputies signed a petition to let me speak, but this was to no avail. Only on the last day, we organized our Communists who

took over the 13 microphones by force, did we manage to speak to the Congress delegates.

After my speech, Mikhail Gorbachev called me up and with his dark, gloomy, full-of-hate eyes, asked me: "Victor, what's this? We thought that you were OURS, and you ...?"

For the resolution on Market Economy, only 1,259 delegates voted - 1/3 of the CPSU delegates. Where were OURS - in the midst of the 1/3 or among the 2/3? Obviously, they were here and there.

Different "OURS" took different roads at the 28th Congress. Did these delegates understand? Not all, but most did. Ryzhkov, former Vice President under Gorbachev, understood. During intermission, I and Sergei Strebkov from Kubishev came up to Ryzhkov. He told us what we all feared was happening. He said: "Muzhiki, (friends) you have no idea what is happening and what is being planned and who is coming into power" (By this, Ryzhkov meant Yeltsin and others - Editors).

Of course, we did not know everything, but we were obsessed with the idea that among all those deputies, there were "OURS". The whole calamity is this - the CPSU could have cleansed itself of these opportunists-traitors, but the biggest tragedy was that the leadership of the CPSU was not in touch, did not consult "OURS" - the rank and file workers.

This cardinal fact, Ryzhkov does not understand to this date. Replying to the question as to why he did not speak up against Gorbachev, why he did not make known the dangers that Gorbachev's policies presented to the Soviet people, he said: "it is better to argue up at the top, bite each other, but this fight should not be allowed to be known by people below. I did

not want to put people into a position where they had to make a choice, are you for Gorbachev or Ryzhkov?"

In this, there's a terrible weakness in Ryzhkov and this sickness affected most people of the CC CPSU. He continued to state that even in 1990, he knew what was happening!

Why did he not ask "OURS", the people in the factories, collective farms? The big question is whom he did ask? They were not "OURS"! They let this dangerous situation become a play of personalities ... instead of asking the people what must be done, informing them about the dangers of Gorbachev's intrigues.

This cardinal fact of being with the people, discussing the future with them, was forgotten, or more to the point - purposely, the events transpiring were kept away from the masses.

We cannot speak or pretend that these leaders were OURS. Facts proved that these people were adventurists, traitors, opportunists

and they had no qualms to sell their country to the transnational corporations.

But we, as communists, follow Marxist teachings - any given question or problem should be answered by consulting the people, listening to their advise and experience. Privatization should be looked at from a class point of view - Who will own it? Who will work at it? For whose benefit will it serve? Only from this position, we can ask, "Who are OURS?!" □

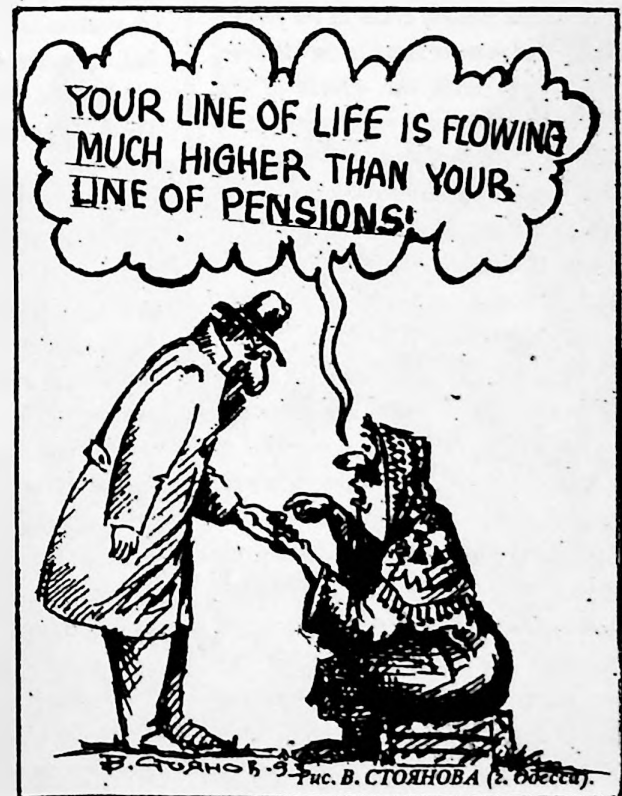
From newspaper
"TOVARISH"

VICTORY OF LEFT FORCES IN MOLDOVA (MOLDAVIA)

The left forces have gained a victory in the last elections.

The Agrarian and Socialist Parties (Communists) won over 60% of the seats to the Parliament,

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thus guaranteeing them the decisive influence over the internal and external policies of Moldavia.

Results were expected, since the people realized that what they were promised and what the result of the "market economy" was, so it wasn't hard to make their educated choice. Ukraine officials said that they were "surprised" by the results! This "surprise" hides the fact that everyone knew what would happen, and this "surprise" is to cover their dismay at the results. The people saw through this "nationalism-radicalism". It is no surprise that the National Front of Moldavia (right-wing nationalists) received less than 1/10 of the seats.

MORE ON UKRAINE

EDITORIAL NOTE: The newspaper "For Social Justice" published in the Chernigov District of Ukraine by the Communist Workers Party dedicates an entire edition, now in our hands, to the Program of the Communist Party (Bolsheviks) or Ukraine. They analyze in detail the present crisis in the former USSR, and in more detail in the Ukraine. They begin with the effects of the Krushchev revisionist policies and carry through their analysis to the present. This is followed by projecting a future path for the people of Ukraine in order to regain their Motherland and onto the road of Socialism with unity among all people of the former USSR.

Space in this edition does not permit us to republish the entire six newspaper sized pages to our great regret. In following editions, we will insert excerpts from this new program, particularly because among our readers are many Canadians of Ukrainian descent. We will seek to inform all our readers as to the positive forms taking place and that are elaborated in this program, and illustrated by the very positive results from the recent elections. (Editors.)

FORGIVE US, LENIN

Please forgive us, comrade Lenin, forgive us, Iljich our own, that we are today on our knees and prisoners in our own country. Forgive, that in the breeze is flying Vlasov's fascist flag.

Forgive, that your name became a game to traitors and renegades. You are looking from the portrait at me,

as if you want to tell me:

"Arise, Russia, how much longer can they offer you traitors?!"

From Novosibirsk

By E.A. Kitaeva

HOOOLIGANISM REPLACES HONOUR!

During the Soviet Army Day in February, very few veterans now of the 1944 campaign to free Rovno-Lutsk from fascist hordes were invited to the celebrations. The official representatives of President Krawchuk, Valishin spoke all sorts of platitudes about the veterans. But, we veterans and most people do not believe their "battered words". These "representatives" speak of honouring the remaining war veterans, while at the same time, they allowed and promoted the demolition of countless monuments to war veterans, closed 12 museums devoted to the liberation struggles, and where they could, they took the exhibits of the Great Patriotic War, put them in small rooms or corridors in the museums, throwing out the most important exhibits of the war, while at the same time, giving all of the museum space to the UPA-OUN fascist armies of Ukrainian nationalist that fought together against the Soviet Army and the Allied forces!

In the districts of Rovno-Lutsk, these representatives of Krawchuk

and his RUKH nationalists lackeys, renamed over 120 streets, squares. The heroes of the Great Patriotic War such as Rihardo Zorke, Nikolai Kuznetsov, General Vatutin, partisan heroes such as Vasili Begma, Dmitry Medvedev, Cosmonaut Valentina Tereshkova, German Tito ... all these names of streets and squares were obliterated and in their place, the names of Bandera, Petlura and all other Hitler's helpers in the genocide of our own peoples.

What do we people of Rovno have now? Unbelievable hardship in daily lives, unemployment, banditism, robbery, dog-eat-dog mentality. All of the human values are being trampled in the name of "nationalism"!

Leave us, you nationalist creatures, leave the political arena and return the robbed riches that you stole and are stealing daily!

Fedor Leshchenko
former intelligence officer,
6th division of Rovno
on behalf of veterans of Ukraine

From newspaper "NASH KOMPAS"

USSR RESTORATION DEMANDED BY MINSK MASS MEETING!

In the memory of former Soviet Union, March 17th, 1991, remains as the Referendum which overwhelmingly voted to retain the USSR. Hundreds of thousands of Byelorussians and others gathered to celebrate and remember that date. Patriots demanded the resurrection of the USSR.

The mass meeting protested against the desperate attempt to force capitalism on Byelorussia. In the home of the Union of Officers, there also took place a meeting of

soldiers, civilians, mothers and fathers who brought their children. Red flags flew over the audience and slogans demanding the end to unemployment, Mafia, near starvation and a return to Socialism. Participants were in their hundreds.

The meeting was opened by Secretary of Minsk, Byelorussian Communist Party, E.N. Lepeshko.

On behalf of the Union of Officers, Lieutenant General D.A. Ivanov told the audience of the terrible state of morale in the Army.

On behalf of the workers of the watch industrial complex, I.I. Puchkovskij proposed a telegram to the Supreme Soviet.

D.N. Petrachenko

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TWO YEARS "ACTIVITIES" BY THE HETMAN OF UKRAINE!

See Results Below -

From newspaper "BOLSHEVIK"

BILLIONS ARE TAKEN OUT OF RUSSIA

During the time when the West is trying to find "funds to help Russia", the flight of billions of dollars in 1992 out of the country reached 10-15 billions of hard currency.

We have to add to this sum 6.5 billions of dollars that are found in foreign banks by the commercial Russian banks. Besides all this, the export of raw materials, oil, coal, iron, gold and other precious metals is colossal. What makes this tragic is the fact that none of this money ever returns back to Russia to be paid for goods that we should be exporting. It's a one-way-street to the West. This is according to Roy Allison of the London Royal College Institute of International Affairs.

The only way out, according to

Western experts, is the stabilization of the economy and finances.

The flight of finances plus resources, has become a tidal wave which cannot be stopped by the present regime.

From "INFORMATION BUREAU"

Not able to bring up their children now in Russia, more than 35,900 mothers have not taken their children out of the hospitals after they gave birth. □

More than 200,000 children are wandering across Russia now, without a home, due to the terrible economic plight of their parents. The crime wave in 1992 has surpassed all the figures that were compiled for the last 25 years! □

3.5 million children, because of the high cost of travel and lodgings, were not able to enjoy their summer holidays as was done previously for children going free to Pioneer Camps. In 1992, only 4% of children were considered fully healthy. □



AT THE MEETING!

By Vladimir Herasymchuk

At the Volyn University, there took place an event that united the professors and students alike. What's so different about this? – you will ask. The question is this – the meeting was awaited for over three months, from November of 1993. Professors received their pay last November (1993) 250,000 rubles (coupons), they had to live on this miserable pay more than 90 days. From this, he had to pay for a loaf of bread – 2,560 rubles, liter of milk – 3,500 rubles, kilo of meat – 50-60,000 roubles, newspaper – 1-2,000 rubles. Live on this for 90 days!

One more example. They are planning an Educational Conference at the University. But in order for a professor or a student to publicize-print his thesis, the cost is over 50,000 rubles ... for two pages of his presentation. As they say here, miracles are in a sieve. This is not an anecdote – this is the contemporary "democracy"!

But why are the people quiet? No, they are not quiet. They talk, complain and exclaim around corners. To speak up openly was not accepted before. The people got accustomed that the state will look after the individual. There was never more than a day or two when your pay was not given to you before – everyone knew that they have work, because Soviet State guaranteed it, free education everyone knew that they would get, free medical care and rest-holidays. This was taken for granted. All the rights for MAN were guaranteed.

Yes, but this was before. Now, we have different times ...

There was a Strike Committee organized at the University. At the

end of February 1994, there took place a meeting. The strike did not take place, as it did in Kiev University. But there was such determination by faculty and students that finally on February 26th, the faculty received their pay ... for December only. And at the beginning of March, for January. What about February? No one knows. Some professors say that with the February's pay, they might have to drink with a glass of water. We shall see. But will all of us live? ...

Well, what can I say, we have to adapt to this "democracy". The fact is that the people elected these "leaders" themselves. There is "freedom" now for all. You want to live, live – or you can die! No one has any right to you or concern about you. This is the real bourgeois democracy!

Besides, to our meeting of professors and students, there came a very important personage – Deputy to the Supreme Soviet of Ukraine, – violent "democrat", anti-communist and former pseudo-communist of CPSU-Ukraine, Mr. Gudyma. He tried to brow beat professors and students, telling them that they should wait a bit longer than 90 days for their pay. He said that Western Ukrainians (as opposed to Eastern Ukrainians – Editors) are more cultured. "You should be more patient. This is how it should be, as was done to 'shut the vocal demands of the striking miners!'" But after these provocative words by the Deputy, the whole audience of professors and students rose up with clamour and shouts. The Deputy again derided the professors and students as "Kolbassa eaters" and left the microphone and stage. But this "people's representative", this "deputy", this "pseudo-communist now turned rabid anti-communist"

does not want himself to be patient. He lives very richly, thanks to the "pseudo-democrats". He gets paid not in rubles (coupons) but in Dollars, not in "sovereign coupons", and besides this, he has plenty of kolbassa to eat. Well, this is how these "kolbassa eaters" in fact are stealing from the people and proceed to further grab the riches belonging to people.

But this meeting is not over yet. This meeting will go on further very soon. Time is approaching when these "kolbassa eaters" will be judged by the people for what they are doing. After night, there is always daylight, and after hardships and anger, there is always happiness. □

From newspaper
"TOVARISH"

WE CAN STOP VANDALISM!

The Ukrainian RUKH movement adopted and promotes vigorously the decree to liquidate all monuments to V.I. Lenin and the Great Patriotic War which they adopted in 1991. The decree also demanded from each city, town and village to rename the streets, utilizing nationalistic "heroes"!

This year, the nationalist newspaper, "OUR LAND" again demanded that this decree be carried out immediately.

In Tiachov, the City Council (filled with nationalists) started to carry out this demand and sent a crane to demolish the monument to Lenin. In order not to allow this sacrilege to transpire, a resident took his granddaughter to the monument and together, they yelled, "If you are going to demolish the monument to Lenin, you have to demolish both of us!"

The crane had to leave after people gathered to protect the

monument.

In Kiev, at the enterprise "Arsenal", the Ukrainian nationalists tried to demolish a monument to Lenin, but the workers protested and they were instrumental in saving the monument. The protests are growing everyday in newspapers and meetings to save monuments to Lenin and the heroes of the Great Patriotic War. □

From newspaper "VETERAN"

By General of the Army
I.A. Gerasimov, Chairman of
"Veterans of Ukraine"

WILL WE HAVE TO HIDE OUR MEDALS?

We publish excerpts from an extensive article about the terrible conditions that war veterans find themselves in during these times of tragedy – Editors.

Veterans remember those after-the-war years, when hungry, in worn out war uniforms and tunics, they came out into the streets during great parades, holidays and manifestations. They came out in pride and the people used to look at them with envious eyes, full of love and thanks that these veterans were the ones that saved them and humanity from fascist slavery.

They felt lucky that they were alive and helping to build up the ruined economy after those bitter years of struggle, death and agony.

Yes, today's young reader, brought up by the present regime, will look and state: "Here's another veteran banging himself on the chest. The war is long over, your train is gone, you cannot chase it!"

Yes, the train has gone, but unfortunately, it had taken with it clear human feelings, respect, understanding of what that war meant and how it saved humanity.

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Dear readers:

Shown here are some of the newspapers that we receive and from which you will read translated items in this issue. In order for you to know what newspapers we get information from, here, we give translated names for your edification. They are just 11 newspapers out of more than 40 that we receive from our friends in the former USSR. – Michael Lucas, Co-ordinating Editor.

Starting from the top:

- BOLSHEVIK
- FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE
- EVENING LENINGRAD
- WORKERS RUSSIA
- POSITION
- LUGANSK PRAVDA
- FOR THE USSR
- OUR COMPASS
- YOUNG GUARD
- PRAVDA • COMRADE



You cannot blame the veterans for being angry and traumatized by today's situation and attitude! They fought, they came back, expecting that in their older years, they would have peace and quiet, respect and at least, understanding as to why they fought and died.

During our last meeting of the veterans, Vasili Bondarenko, a fighter pilot ace, Hero of the Soviet Union, told us that one day as he was walking along Kiev Street, a young youth of 17 years, full of nationalistic hate in him, stopped him, tore the gold medals from his chest tunic and threw it away so hard that they broke into pieces and said through his teeth: "You, grandfather, take off those other tin medals or I will take them off together with your head!"

The veteran was so astounded by this act, not believing that this could even happen, that he just stood there. After, he thought – if I was only 20-30 years younger, I would know what to do!

I do not know in what kind of family this upstart was brought up. You could rationalize that this was just plain hooliganism, that he did not know what the Golden Star meant. But this is just wishful thinking. These cases are not isolated – they are happening each day and someone is doing this indoctrination with a purpose in mind.

Anyone knows, even the basic criminal, that receiving a Golden Star is for valour beyond the call of duty. This is a nationalistic attack, promoted by Ukrainian nationalists and their across-the-border foreign sponsors and paymasters.

In Ivano-Frankovsk region of Ukraine, veterans in a city sanctioned manifestation to celebrate the liberation from German fascism the city of Ivano-Frankovsk

were marching to lay wreaths and flowers to the liberators. Suddenly from side streets, a well organized gang of youths with batons, sticks, knives and bottles attacked the veterans, trampling underneath their feet the signs, flowers and wreaths and physically beating up the veterans, while local militia were not to be found anywhere. The police to this date cannot find the perpetrators and the case is closed!

President Krawchuk and his government know that they adopted a Law #2159-XII from March 2, 1992 which guarantees the sacredness of medals, or decorations that the veterans of the Ukraine received in the Great Patriotic War. The heroes of these medals and decorations must be protected by law agencies – that's what this decree adopted states!

Where is this protection?

There are so many instances of planned hooliganism that it is impossible for me to list even a segment of them. It is enough to state that on a trolley bus, in the middle of Kreshchatik Street in Kiev, some hooligans attacked a woman veteran in her 80th year and physically tore off her chest the medals she was wearing.

There is a definite campaign to either steal the medals from apartments, take them off forcibly from the chests of veterans – it all goes to point to a campaign of liquidating any open vestiges of Soviet society from the onlookers' eyes and memory.

To this date, the Ukrainian authorities have not been able to catch the hooligans. Not one case has been solved.

Appeal to all veterans to organize and to take all measures to stop this planned liquidation of medals, decorations and physical attacks.

DOWN WITH GREEN SPRUCE THAT MAY BE RED! INSANITY CONFOUNDED

By V. POLYSHCHUK

They say that there used to live a great number of dinosaurs. But in one tremendous catastrophe, they all perished. To this day, scientists are arguing as to the cause of this tragedy ... where did these gigantic reptiles disappear to? But unfortunately, there is still no conclusive evidence. Nevertheless, someone in Lutsk is positive that what happened to the dinosaurs should soon happen to the spruce trees. Yes, yes, ordinary green spruce trees, which, from time immemorial, were to be found throughout our Motherland.

The problem is this – that in September of 1993, the Volyn State University carrying the name of Lesia Ukrainka, got a new Dean, one of the top leaders, a Ukrainian bourgeois nationalist who was in the top echelons of the ruling circles of Ukraine, Mr. Svidzinskij. They tell us that he is scientist of "world renown". But until he came to Lutsk, no one had ever heard of this "learned" Mr. Svidzinskij.

But when he became the Rector of Lutsk University (this same Mr. Svidzinskij) to build on the ruins of the so-called "Soviet totalitarianism" – a real totaliaristic system of governing the University, the collective professors and staff became alarmed. This looks like a conflict between the temporarily defeated socialism and those that were able to grab at the governorship of the capitalistic Mafia. This conflict is still on. But this is not about this question at all.

The question is about the

dinosaurs and spruces. The fighter for the "new order" decided to uproot all the spruces with communistic roots that are beautifying the grounds of the University. Well, now we come to the future of the spruce trees, which, before, were beautifying the University buildings and the grounds. In the University buildings (one of the buildings – Editors), there was a tree before the Territorial Branch of the Ukrainian Communist Party. "Take away the spruces" – said the Dean of the University, this so-called "world renowned" scientist! This was done on his own initiative, the Board of Directors of the University was not informed or consulted.

Mr. Svidzinskij said, "these formal and beautiful spruces, even though they are green, but nevertheless, they are 'red'. Everyone knows that their sisters are from the Russian forests and to this date, they guard the Lenin Mausoleum in Moscow. These spruces are symbols of Bolshevism in the Kremlin. Cut them down immediately!"

Yes, these beautiful green spruces were chopped and gone. With them went the symbol and the hearts of the people. The Russian birch trees cried their sorrowful cry for the death of their sisters. And strawberries became redder from shame and the kalina – symbolizing the Ukrainian people – became crimson red from shame!

But your readers might feel that this is impossible to happen. Why, these spruces are not party members and in politics, they do not mix at all! That's the truth. But if you look at this and think about this from a logical point of view – it's madness!

But this is being dictated by the ruling "democrats". The chips are flying from the spruces. Well, so what? They will tell you, these

temporary rulers. The dinosaurs died – but the world is still alive. Maybe, that's so. I feel that these "leaders" are on their road and momentum.

I sometimes am afraid that these "modern dinosaurs" will pick up their axes and might go into the Ukrainian forests and chop down all the "Russian spruce trees"?

Let these poor souls forgive us for this analogy. They maybe are not to be blamed. But nevertheless, these new "democrats" remind one of these former dinosaurs – they look and at like these Ukrainian bourgeois pseudo-democrats. And while you're looking as the green spruces are falling, you might think these "leaders" must be reaching the bottom of the pit when they allow leaders of that kind to govern. This Rector, with so-called "world renowned" qualification, is the promoter, agitator for this "spruce tree cleansing".

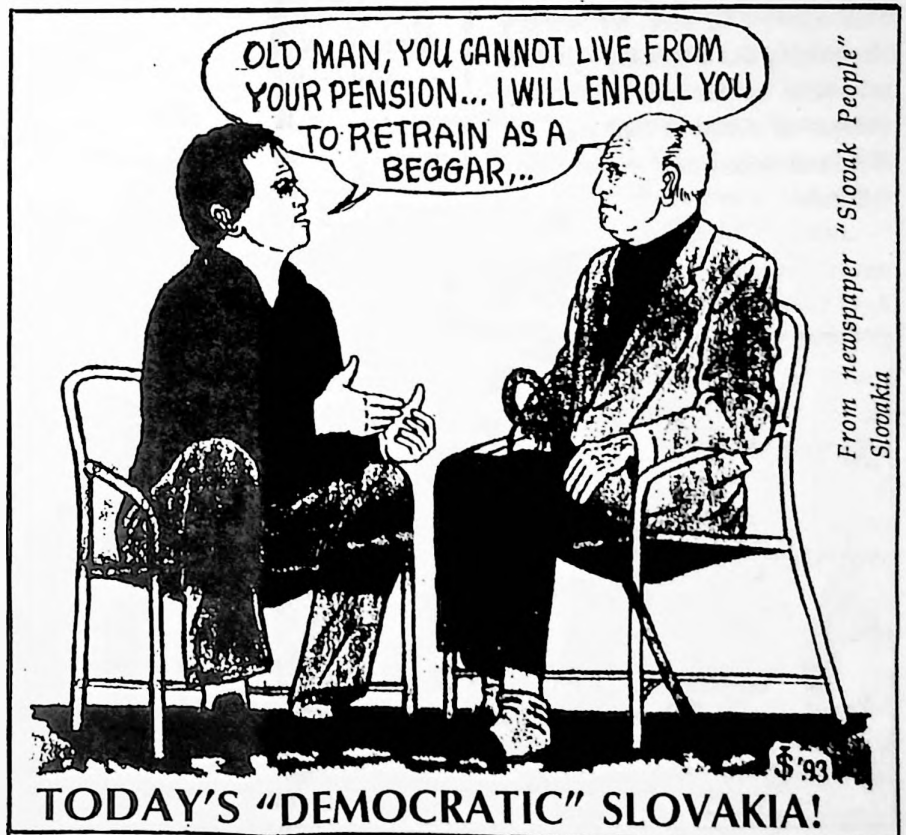
The forest proceeds to murmur with their leaves in the Volyn forests,

while the Russian spruce tree, and Ukrainian kalina, together in one choir, are singing a song of peaceful humanity, song of equality and brotherhood. The family is one for both of them. Friendship of the people was born in the struggles of building socialism and will live forever. □

**From newspaper
"EVENING LENINGRAD
(newspapers of trade unionists**

In Nizhni Novgorod, there took place a Congress of Council of workers, farmers and specialists. In its deliberation, there took part 147 delegates from 37 regions of Russia, 107 delegates from other Councils, 42 Striking Committees, plus 32 delegates who took part in the defense of the Supreme Soviet (White House) in Moscow in October of 1993.

Congress adopted many resolutions, plans of strikes, work stoppages, demands and resolutions.



TODAY'S "DEMOCRATIC" SLOVAKIA!

They also elected a Central Strike Committee.

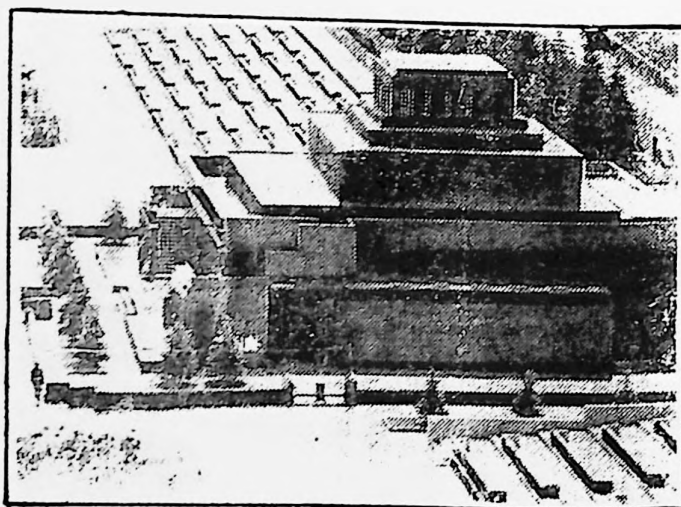
They adopted resolutions to the Deputies of Parliament and demanded that the results of the traitorous agreement of dismembering of the Soviet Union be abolished. As a first step, there should be immediately undertaken Union of Russia, Ukraine and Byelorussia.

They also demanded the liquidation of all reforms meant to establish a free market economy (capitalism – Editors) and warned that the electors should have the right to recall parliamentarians who have or are selling out the interests of the workers and of the Soviet people.

Press Centre of Russian
Communist Workers Party

From newspaper "PRAVDA"

We excerpt a few paragraphs from this article, written by Nikolai Kordo, Decorated Architect of the Russian Federation, who very realistically, dramatically and artistically rejects the movement on the part of Yeltsin's stooges to demolish and close the V.I. Lenin Mausoleum on Red Square – Editors.



THE
LENIN
MAUSOLEUM
MOSCOW

LEAVE THE MAUSOLEUM ALONE!

Not able to put their demolition of Lenin Mausoleum to work because of protests by patriots, communists, socialists, historians, war veterans, youth and the world protests that are pouring into Moscow, the present rulers have adopted a different tact – more subliminal, more dangerous, more psychological!

These elements now criticize, not Lenin directly, or the Mausoleum, but attack it from an "aesthetic" point of view, heaping scorn on the last 65-70 years of socialist construction, its "unprofessionalism" in architecture and not "modern in style", according to "world standards"!

Instead of utilizing such words as "composition", "ensemble", "picturesque", they substitute for them "bolshevism", "statehood", "narrowness of outlook". They try to tell us to give up the idea of harmony or humanism. They try to instil in the younger and older generation that everything that was built was built by "villains". They describe the appearance of the Mausoleum as "stack of children's blocks with lattice work on top". That is why they

demand that it be demolished or if not, put away in some other part of Moscow!

The architect asks lots of pertinent questions of the "demolishers" who want to liquidate anything that was built under socialism or anything that now reminds people of socialism of the Soviet Union.

None of the world architects have raised a cry of demolishing the Lenin Mausoleum from an aesthetic point of view. Architectural ensembles have a story to convey, both psychologically and aesthetically and above all, politically.

Leave architecture to architects.

You politicians and journalists, leave the Lenin Mausoleum alone.

Dear readers:

We excerpt news items below from newspapers that are, in essence, nationalistic, anti-socialist and serve the present rulers of Ukraine. Nevertheless, you can read in them items that tell it as it is, and cannot be termed as "communist propaganda" since they are themselves already anti-communist – Editors.

From newspaper RATUSHA

On March 8, 1994, over Lvov television, there was a report that AT "Concern-Elektoron" now is working at full speed and is the most productive enterprise in the whole of the Lvov District. The enterprise is working full shifts and might have to bring in more workers and work longer hours.

When the workers of the enterprise on March 9th found out about this news item, they called a meeting of the workers to protest this abominable lie, since the enterprise has worked already for a long time only two days per week

and this might be caught down even lower still.

From newspaper **MOLODAGALICHINA**

Three room apartments being built by private capital (internal and external – Canadian businessmen – Editors) during 1994 will cost over 350 million karbovantsi (rubles)! You have to pay half in advance, plus extra for utilities such as gas and electricity!

Victor Shapoval

NATIONAL MONUMENTS

The restoration of national monuments is in a crisis because of lack of finances and catching up to vandalism. It is in fact now coming to light that during the few years of "Sovereignty of Ukraine", there was more vandalism of churches, monasteries and religious monuments than during the whole period of Socialism.

Yarina Koval

From newspaper **"ZA VILNU UKRAINU"** (Free Ukraine)

This is from an interview with Yuri Zina, Krawchuk's representative in the Lvov Region. The interviewer was Ivan Vorobel – Editors.

... In the Ukraine, we have not the structures or mechanisms or the programme to look after the welfare of the unemployed or to find jobs for them. We must find ways and means to do this ...

... In the Lvov District, we have over 83,000 invalids in dire need of help and we do not have the finances to look even after 1/3 of these people. Only 21,453 invalids have the opportunity to have telephone

service in order to get emergency services, where they exist ...

... In the Lvov District, there are 679,000 people on pension. But the way the situation is now, months pass before they get their pensions, and with inflation, the process gets worse everyday ...

... We are not able to look after our elder people, since we have problems even with the young working class which has no future and the unemployment now is playing havoc with the young generation ...

... There is more than 13% unemployment of young people finishing high school, with no future for jobs or advancement – that is why the number of young people is growing tremendously that want to emigrate and leave Ukraine ...

... Largest percent of young people interviewed told us that they do not expect to get any help from the present regime. This is the beginning of tragic results for the future if things do not get better ...

... The lack of medicines, and the tremendous high costs make them affordable only to a very few ...

From newspaper **PRAVDA UKRAINY**

I want, through your newspaper, to write this letter to President Krawchuk. These are terrible times in my life. This is about my mother, who lives in Crimea. She's 78 years old. She lives with her sister and granddaughter in one room apartment. My mother went through two wars, starvation, civil war. In 1923, she lost my father who died near Kursk. Fifteen years back, she buried her second husband, invalid of the Great Patriotic War. She worked in a Kolkhoz 55 years. That was the best part of her life, but what is she getting now?

Last year, the apartment was not heated, due to lack of gas, because Ukraine could not pay for it, since privatization is the order of the day. Now in Crimea, we do not even have electricity. She sits, half frozen, half blind, wrapped up in blankets, while her granddaughter is dying from a chronic disease for which we have no money to buy medicines!

Please tell me Leonid Makarovich, why, and for what, are we suffering so much?

N. Riabovlyk
Genicheskiy, Kherson District

From Newspaper **"TOVARISH"** By Yana Gordova, Kiev

"WE CANNOT LIVE LIKE THIS!"

I'm 19 years old and I read your newspaper since its inception. I like its contents very much. I am writing about something that I cannot be quiet about. Our problems are not only in economics – man does not live by bread alone. I'm talking about the amorality, immorality which is suffocating our people with television, press and other methods of mass disinformation.

Look what's happening on our streets in the Ukraine. In every kiosk on the street, you see pornographic materials (materials that in Canada are not allowed on the street openly – Editors), newspapers, calendars and actual photographs of sex acts, all in view of passerby's including children. All along the streets, these hawkers sell everything that in a civilized democratic country would be banned.

The same thing can be said about the new films that are being produced now. These erotic films not only can be had on video cassettes,

seen at movie theatres, but now we are going to see them nightly on TV. They tell us (the government agencies) that these films are psychologically very beneficial for the people!?

As an actress, studying drama film, acting – I see that there is no more shame in front of the public, no more humility, humanness. Human beings were given the power to be ashamed, to distinguish what is right and what is wrong ... common courtesy and customs that civilizations have followed from time immemorial. All this is now forgotten and looked upon as unnecessary, because of modern, open society, etc., etc.

For whom are we "building this sovereign Ukraine"?

It is unbelievable that the Ministers responsible for the culture, morality and ethics of the nation have not seen fit to even make a comment on this degradation for men and women! Why is their false cry of "rebirth of Ukrainian culture" that we keep on hearing, seeing everyday in our lives? It is these same Ministers, responsible for the culture and morality of the nation who are promoting this degradation. These are the Ministers that, with the help of their foreign backers, are making sure that foreign pornographic films are shown all over Ukraine, even in the small villages.

Just remember the TV program, "Delikates-Show", Channel UT-1 when there was a competition for the "Biggest Busts" of Ukraine! Most poets and writers did not show up for this witches' Sabbath. But, just lately on the 60th anniversary of a top Director, Marka Zaharov, a known actor, Vladimir Yetush brought with him onto the stage a completely naked girl! How can this Dean of Acting Academy be given the right to teach students acting,

morality and humanity? How could the Mayor of Moscow and Leningrad be satisfied to be present at this spectacle?

A youth program, KVN, had on the air allowed girls to strip naked and parade before the audience and before millions of people over TV, knowing full well that children were also watching!

We like to pretend that we're so "democratic" without realizing that those countries that we look up to as "democratic" have laws that forbid anything of this kind to take place. There are jail sentences awaiting anything of this kind being shown in USA, Canada or other countries – the perpetrators would find themselves in jail very quickly.

What will happen to us in the future?

Where are the voices of the people? Where are the voices of the actors, directors who were educated with a different attitude to life? Is money all that matters?

I am a student in Second Class of the Acting Academy. I'm told that I have talent, that I will go far. I am of the opinion that I will have to leave this Institute and give up my love of a career in acting.

In our theatres, there are less and less spectacles, acting, story behind the theme. We find only cynicism in plays, stripping in theatres just for the sake of stripping without a story line at all. There are being set up more and more pornographic theatres, like "Aphrodyte" with foreign owners and pornography rule the theatres of Ukraine today. Either you flow with the tide or you are marooned in limbo.

In order to graduate from the Actors Institute, you must do a diploma work, but if it does not contain pornographic acts, there is not much possibility that you will receive your diploma.

I will be forced to do likewise. Rather, I will leave now, before it's too late. Things have to change, we cannot go on like this!

Thank you, my "Tovarish", for listening to my story. I believe in you, and am waiting for the time when this foreign culture that is foisted upon us to emulate will pass, and our culture containing the highest humanness and optimism will again be seen on our stage, TV and in our spectacles.

We cannot live like this.

From Newspaper "TOVARISH" Kiev

Everyone knows the results of the Ukrainian elections – left forces won a victory. Whether this will change the situation is hard to say, since the nationalist forces and their "across the ocean" backers will not give up easily. Nevertheless, the people of Ukraine will have their say.

We publish here an article to show what skulduggery was going on you what skuldoggery was going on during the elections ... of course, "foreign observers", including Canadians, did not report this at all!

ARE ELECTIONS PERMITTED LIKE THIS?

By V.D. Velikorus

I came to vote at the Number 2 polling station, District 15 (which is Kiev) at 5 p.m. To the polling desk arrived a woman, told the clerk her name (or was it her name?) and gave her address. After a long talk with the polling clerk, while we were all waiting, the clerk did not even ask her to show her passport or documentation that she has the right to vote, or to make certain that it is the same person as she said ... the

inspector-clerk gives her 3 voting slips (3) that had to be signed by three people. The women took the three voting slips, went and marked all three of them.

Of course, I was perturbed, as were others in line. I asked the Inspector why did he allow this to happen, that it's against all election laws and procedures. The Inspector did not even bother to answer me at all.

... As I left my voting booth, I noticed another three ladies being given 3 or more ballots and doing the same as the previous one!

I and many others protested to the militia standing outside, but he only laughed and told us to move on!

Is it worth going to vote? Maybe the Election Commission should not bother anyone of the public but just cast ballots themselves!

This was just one polling station ... what about others? Was the same "voting" practices performed all over the Ukraine?

In spite of these illegal practices, the left forces managed to get the most votes. The struggle continues. – Editors. □

From newspaper "LUGANSKAYA PRAVDA"

This newspaper was sent to us by our correspondent, Felix Gorelik from Lugansk, for which we sincerely thank him. We publish some excerpts from it, since space does not permit us the opportunity to give you word for word translation.

• Regardless of the Constitution guaranteeing work for everyone, as the present Ukrainian leaders like to proclaim to the world and to us in the Ukraine, the situation is getting desperate for finding work. As the old proverb says: "If there is a neck, you will find a yoke" – but nowadays, you cannot find a job

even if you do have your neck ready for it!

This is especially true for young people, who are coming into the work force. Can you imagine the trauma of young people, looking for work for the first time? Having been brought up under Socialism, having seen full employment of their parents, it's a shocking experience for them.

• With privatization going on, with the top posts in enterprises in the hands of speculators and anti-Soviet elements, even if you get a job, the pay is so low as to be impossible to subsist – and when asking for a raise, you are told, "you can leave any time – there are others waiting"!

• Parents who are working, sometimes do not receive their pay for two-three months at a time. They depend on their grown children to help out, but now, they find themselves in even worse situation than their parents!

• Industrial schools are hard-hit now, since during Socialism, the school had free meals for students, but now, the schools make students pay for the meals, while at the same time, the stipends that students were receiving from the State are lowered, and the meal costs are taken off them.

• More than 56% of young workers are unemployed and the schools cannot find work for them or help them in any way. They are the unemployed generation, thanks to the "perestroika market economy".

• There is a special movement promoted by the forces of reaction, in order to hoodwink people again from voting for Socialism, and that is the strategy of saying "Forget Socialism and Capitalism, there is a THIRD ROAD to prosperity"!

They propose the course of Social Democrats that were in Germany, who helped put Hitler

on the rails to fascism.

• Let not these present "social-democrats" get upset that people confuse them with RUKH or the present Ukrainian party in power. We do not see the difference between them anyway.

• The temporary demise of the USSR was accomplished (besides from outside) mainly internally by top echelons of the CPSU. Unfortunately, a lot of people were fooled by the "package of capitalism-market economy" and the "heavenly gates" that will open up immediately. Now, we all know upon our own skin what this market economy means – people are beginning to awaken. That is why the voters are making their choice, no longer under any illusion. □

REMEMBER THESE NAMES – From the October Massacre!

Under this heading, the newspaper lists the names of all the officers, their rank and section they commanded in Kontemirovsky Division. People will remember these names and justice will be done for the murder of innocent people.

The Ministry of Defence had thrown against the House of Soviets the following:

- 3,000 officers and men
- 10 tanks
- 80 cannons
- 20 armored vehicles
- 15 machine guns
- 60 assault heavy machine guns

All this under personal command of Minister of Defence, P. Grachev. □

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FRIENDSHIP NEWS

A correspondent in Ukraine whose identity we withhold for security reasons – Editors.

Dear friends:

The newspaper "Communist" – this is the first number as the organ of the Communist Party of Ukraine. But the Communist Party of Ukraine is seriously sick with revisionism, carry over from Gorbachev era. Nevertheless, its appearance on the scene should be welcomed. This says again that the magnetic pull of Communist ideology is deep in the minds of the people. The fight against opportunism and revisionism has to be fought daily, in the process of the growth of the socialist minded masses. The All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks, is the most dedicated Marxist-Leninist party of all of them, but in the Ukraine, it is weak. Even this AUCPB, according to my analyses, has unfortunately made tactical mistakes.

The situation here is extremely difficult. I live in a district where Bolshevism is very weak. The birth and growth of the Communist Party of Ukraine is proceeding, but slowly for now. I feel that there is now a possibility of the Communists and Socialists in the new parliament to solidify their position and unity and thus, start to be effective.

But according to my thinking, the Communist Party of Ukraine is not yet ready to build a socialist government. God help, as they say, that I would be proven wrong. The new Mafia in the USSR is extremely strong and bloodthirsty. If the new

parliament starts on a principal position towards socialism, it might be forced out of office by the reactionary forces as was done in Moscow by Yeltsin. It is imperative to revolutionize the masses. But unfortunately, they are, as yet, quite passive!

It's hard, very hard. I sometimes feel moral-psychological heaviness. I cannot make myself realize or believe how our people cannot see the elementary truth of the class struggle! All the struggles are fought for ownership! But who is the owner - in their hands is the power. But now, the fight for power is being hidden behind a cloud of democratic-demagogic slogans. Never before, not even now, and never in the future, ownership will not serve anyone else except the OWNER himself! How come that the people fail to realize this cardinal fact? On top of this, in order to mask this demagogy even further, the Mafia-ruling class hide all of this under the cloak of nationalism to divide and confuse the people, plus the politicalization of religion, etc., etc. It's a very painful process!!!

Like-minded Bolsheviks in my region are few. Oh, yes, you have friends who sympathize with you, but dedicated Bolsheviks are hard to find. In the Zhitomirskyj Region, where my father and daughter live, the situation is very much better, even though there are problems. They are different people there than where I live.

I grasp your hands warmly.

Always yours,
A comrade in the struggle – □

Thank You "TOVARISH"

We are very grateful to you for mailing us "NSC" #6-8 (1994) and some other materials. We enjoyed reading editor's and correspondents

articles dealing with the situation in our country, which is not at all enjoyable though.

But a friend in need is a friend indeed, and it's real happiness to have comrades-in-arms even overseas, in Canada.

We have told our readers of your magazine ("Tovarish", #4, p. 4) and your struggle for strengthening friendship between our peoples, published reviews of the latest "NSC" issues as well ("Tovarish", #13, p. 4 & #14, p. 8).

As you can see, we joined your action "Coupon of Outraged Protest" and published the Coupon in "Tovarish", #10, p. 4.

Our editorial board is trying to raise problems of vital importance. And youth problem is one of them. So, we've published an article of the 19-years old student, Yana (Jane) Gordova ("Tovarish", #10, p. 1). It seems to us, the problem is the same in your country, too, and of world-wide significance.

We are still looking for further cooperation and exchange of our publications and other press materials as well.

Enclosed, "Tovarish", ##4, 10, 13, 14.

Sincerely,
Anatoly V. Chernikov
Editor-in-chief □

LETTER FROM LUGANSK By Felix Gorelik MOVING TOWARDS FINAL VICTORY

As I have written before in your Northstar Compass about the elections in the Ukraine, let me bring you up to date on local elections in Lugansk. As I wrote before, we call our city-district, "Lugansk-Stalingrad". You be the judge of my predictions!

From 24 Districts, 18 candidates from the 24 were all members of

the Communist Party of Ukraine! The miners said their piece by voting for the representatives whom they know will fight for their rights.

Pervomaisk City, where there are mass of emigrants from the Lvov district, and which was considered a bastion of support for RUKH movement, an invitation was issued to the residents to come out into the streets under the slogan of, "in the name of the enemy of the people" (instead of "Lenin", they utilized the word, "enemy"). This was done by the head of the "independent Union of Miners", the extreme wing of the RUKH movement. This obviously did not work.

What did happen to this call? The First Secretary of Lugansk Communist Party of Ukraine - Y. Krizosky, received 73% of the votes! Voters did not pay any attention to the anti-Communist, anti-Soviet hysteria or the presence of militia, imported there by RUKH. Only 6 so-called, "independent" candidates managed to get elected. Even though these elements spent billions of Karbovantsi (rubles) donated by the capitalist Kolomojcev (with foreign-Canadian money flowing generously to him - Editors) to buy votes, to promote these candidates. Some of our candidates lost, like V. Shackim, not able to get the necessary publicity or get air time on TV, since everything had to be paid for to private enterprise.

Of course, Lugansk and district is not the whole of Ukraine. Nevertheless, Lugansk has built a foundation, which overall is a success as seen by the last election results, but which we think that in the future will be emulated by the whole of Ukraine. In the composition of the new Ukrainian Parliament, there is a mighty, solid block of left

wing-communist deputies, who will have a tremendous influence on the policies of the governing body.

And those that are still under the influence of the nationalistic forces or under illusion of "market reforms", will eventually come to realize, as the workers of Lugansk have realized. Capitalism will not pass. Victory will be ours! □

Letter from RUSSIAN COMMUNIST WORKERS PARTY

Dear comrade Lucas!

I'm happy to greet you! Tremendous thanks for your Northstar Compass which we receive regularly.

In order to fill in the blank spaces and information about Ryzhkov, I'm informing you that very shortly, a book will be appearing called "The Last Government of the USSR: personalities, documentation and dialogues". A review was published in the newspaper "Pravda" on March 17th (am sending you a clipping). I will try to get this book for you and to send it as quickly as possible. I am also sending you a clipping by our First Secretary of CC RCWP, V. Tiulkin, who analyzes the political position of N. Ryzhkov.

*Mass meeting in sports arena
"Luzhniki" March 18, 1994*



OUR NEWS

On March 17th, there took place a mass meeting on Theatrical Square of Moscow on the occasion of the 3rd Anniversary of the Referendum which voted to preserve the USSR (but which Yeltsin's forces sabotaged - Editors).

March 18th saw a mass public meeting in the sports arena "Luzhniki" under the banners of "For unity, friendship and brotherhood of peoples". The organizers were Permanent Presidium of the Congress of Peoples Deputies of USSR, Committee of the Congress of peoples of USSR, "Workers Russia", Political Executive Committee of Union of Communist Parties - CPSU, and the Moscow Committee of the Russian Communist Workers Party. This mass meeting became a grandiose forum of opposition forces. (Enclosed are 3 photographs that show this meeting).

On April 2-3rd, there took place under the walls of the "White House" meetings in memory of those killed defending the Constitution.

The video cassette that you requested, is ready for you, but the problem is for us to send it to you by post. I know that you were invited by "Trudovaya Rossija" to their Congress in the last week of April. Therefore, we shall await



photos by V. Tabolin

Victor Anpilov on
the tribunal March 18, 1994

you and meet you personally and give you the video cassette of the demonstrations and the bloody events that transpired in Moscow.

If anything will become urgent, here is our fax number, mark it in care of "Tabolin". (for security reasons, we do not publish his fax numbers – Editors.)

With communist greetings!

Victor Tabolin

Letter from Professor Vladimir Herasymchuk Lutsk, Ukraine

Dear Michael:

I received your letter and am very glad, and happy that I am and will be of benefit to our common cause.

Regarding the situation in our country – it is very critical. In any event, I cannot see better conditions in the immediate future, even though we have made election gains. People are under great pressure, daily by the controlled media. All good is denounced and defaced. The Mafia is in complete control of the state apparatus. Speculation, banditism is

rife. Before, we could not, even in our wildest dreams, think of things like this happening. The full force of the huge army of people manning the radio, TV, press daily infiltrate the minds of the people with vile nationalist and capitalist propaganda.

Besides this, the hard to come unity of the left forces is playing into the hands of the enemy. It is obvious that into the leadership of the communist parties and movements, more often than not, anti-progressive forces rise to the leadership – someone is financing these elements from abroad and by internal enemies. I think that it would be strange if imperialism would not be doing this. It is hard, very hard.

Regarding the book that I'm working on, to be published in Canada in the future, if possible, I'm working on it and will finish it by the end of this year. In the very near future, I will send you the first part for your translation. It will be in three parts – history, nature, economy of Ukraine.

I will be happy and lucky if my book gets published in Canada. Of course, the process of translation with the author being across the ocean will present you with some problems. I feel that you will do it justice. Let's just finish this book, since the Canadian public needs to know the truth.

In this letter, I'm sending you newspaper clippings and an article about Engineer of Agriculture, Gilatov. He died just recently, he could not survive this "perestroika euphoria".

Sincere greetings to you and the membership and staff of "Northstar Compass".

With deepest regards, Yours,
Vladimir Herasymchuk

Letter from SARANSK, RUSSIA

Dear comrades:

Please forgive us for not writing sooner in reply to your letters, but we are still in the organizing stage of our party and with the two newspapers that we publish. But we want desperately to keep in contact with you people and your publication.

We publish the newspapers "Bolshevik" and "The Young Guard" which we are going to send you regularly. On the other hand, we would like to have news about your activities.

We have some questions in this regard:

- what kind of information are you interested in from us?
- in what language would you like to receive this information?
- we would like to receive information from you in the Russian language.
- important information we could exchange by fax.

Yours,

Alexander M. Ploduchin
Member of CC AUCPB
First Secretary of Mordova
Committee of AUCPB

LETTER FROM UNION OF COMMUNIST WORKERS Chernigov District, Ukraine

Dear Michael Lucas!

Dear Canadian friends!

We received your letter and we thank you for your solidarity, for your moral support that you are showing through your actions and your publication. We regularly receive your journal and we utilize it in our own publications and work. Our newspaper, "for Social truthfulness", we shall regularly send you, although we are only supported by the donations of

communists.

Our editorial apparatus is in need of everything in order for us to exist and publish.

The present regime of Ukraine is strangling us.

We certainly would appreciate receiving any help from you people. We would ask you to send us addresses of progressive, democratic, communist organizations and publications, who would be able to help us morally and financially.

We wish you success in your and our common struggles in the interests of the working people.

G. Macenko, Editor
"For Social Truthfulness" □

LETTER FROM MOSCOW

I send greetings to all friends of the Soviet Union on this May Day and the Day of Victory.

I received the recent Northstar Compass with Anpilov's letter to you. Judging by his photo, that means that you received my letter and materials that it contained. In general, I'm not sure whether you do receive all the materials that I regularly send you.

Hans from Berlin sent me a letter recently and he is satisfied with what he received from you. I read his article on Germany in the publication. I feel that I've accomplished something by connecting Hans with you.

Last week, I attended a Students' Rally at the House of Soviets (White House). The rally was against poverty, low student stipends, the destruction of education and scientific development. One of the organizers was the Komsomol organization. Afterwards, they marched to The Kremlin along Kalinin Prospect (now called New Arbat) from the Ukraine Hotel up,

they were stopped by the OMON (Yeltsin's goon squads - Editors) and were beaten - some arrested. I feel that this is good schooling for the students-young people, because some of the youth still entertain the notion of hope in the policies of Yeltsin. I'm enclosing one of their leaflets. By the way, almost simultaneously, there was "picketing" at the USA Embassy, (across the road from the White House) against US and NATO bombing of Serbs. The police did not interfere.

At the White House, another cross was erected (this time, made of stone) on April 4th, six months after the terrible massacre at the Supreme Soviet Building. On this day, there took place huge demonstrations and rallies to commemorate this occasion. Enclosed, please find a photograph of this rally from the newspaper, "Pravda". On the photograph I marked the photo of Naval Lieutenant Igor Ostapenko. He was the one that organized his sailors and rushed together with them to the defence of the Constitution and the Supreme Soviet that were

defending the "White House". The sailors were stopped by OMON near Moscow and were shot at, detained and then they were severely punished. Igor Ostapenko perished in this confrontation (see photo on cover - Editor).

At a rally at the Lenin Stadium in Luzhniki (readers will find a photo of this rally in this issue - Editors) General Varennikov of the Army, hero of the Great Patriotic War, one of the so-called "putschists", gave his own Gold Star as Hero of the Soviet Union to Ostapenko's father! It was a heart-warming-moment that brought people to their feet with tears in their eyes!

Enclosed, please find an Invitation Card for the Rally which was dedicated to the anniversary of the Referendum for the USSR.

The walls of the stadium (near the White House) where OMON and "Beytar" (Zionist organization) shot the prisoners (defenders of the White House - Editors) are still plastered with slogans, placards, quotations against Yeltsin's regime. I enclose a poem from the Wall, "Hitler's letter to Yeltsin". (Readers have read this

Monument in front of the "White House" to heroes of 1905 became the monument to heroes of October 1993.



poem in the April issue of Northstar Compass – Editors). Perhaps your readers will not understand what is meant by the “rails that were melted” to give Yeltsin an iron cross. This is a hint at Yeltsin’s promise, before he became President, that he would lie across the railway tracks in case there would be price increases! Of course, prices jumped one thousand percent. The crosses at the walls where people were murdered are always covered with fresh flowers and wreaths. The trees around there are draped in red and black ribbons. The whole place is guarded by young Cossacks.

However, there is danger that this outpouring of people’s grief and the crosses, flowers, signs and everything connected with this place of massacre by Yeltsin’s OMON goons will be destroyed by Yeltsin.

This year’s May Day celebrations were attended by thousands of people, but again, the police did not allow us to march through the Red Square. Although this time, there was no bloodshed or attacks on the demonstrators.

For your information, “Soviet Russia” newspaper was again suspended, under the pretext that it “owes money”! We’re busy collecting finances again in order to try and publish a few more numbers.

Greetings and best wishes to all my Canadian friends!

Your Moscow friend
(identity withheld – Editors) □

HOW DEAD IS MARX

By Harold Bates
Toronto

Rid of socialism
We approach capitalism
They say.
But we did not know it seems
What real means.

Bothered for years with fears
Of socialism, imaginary or real,
We are asked to accept now
A capitalist deal.
And that’s the shock.
Faced with fact rather than posey,
We find our situation
Not so rosy.
Exchange your socialism
For capitalism we are told
With zeal.
But they left out REAL. □

OUR MAY DAY

By Victor Parauder
Toronto

It is May Day again.
Comrades, defend our cause!
Do not despair, try to repair!
You have to care, you have to care!

Life is a struggle Lenin taught us,
never give up, that was Stalin’s lesson,
in hungry Tsarytsyn in 1919,
He showed the world how to fight
Whiteguards.

Marshal Zhukov – here is another
Hero,



Peasant’s son, He loved the Party,
He was a Moscow Defender,
and, believe me, that was no
fender-bender.
Alexander Matrosov – young Soviet
soldier,
He covered machine gun with body,
He died, so others would live,
glory to our Matrosov!

All of them loved May Day,
The May Day of ours.
A Great day that gave us the power.
Let’s celebrate Comrades,
let’s fight on, my Comrades,
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"In general, revolutionaries have made mistakes when calculating time. Nearly all revolutionaries in all periods have believed they would see their ideas triumph overnight, I am absolutely positive that this selfish, ruthless regime will disappear ... because I have faith in humanity and its ability to struggle for justice and freedom ... The world must change, it will change, but nobody can tell you when. It will inevitably change if humanity survives the ecological disasters and threats of war that capitalism has created with their anarchy, their immense pillaging of natural resources, their determination to dominate, their crazy life-style and consumer societies ...

Fidel Castro, May 1991,
Interviewed by Beatriz Pagès of the
Mexican magazine, "Siempre!" □

LETTERS

From: Boulder Colo., U.S.A.

Comrades: Enclosed, a cheque for an audio-cassette tape of Soviet music and hymns as advertised in your April edition. Please keep what's left over towards publishing costs of Northstar Compass. We look forward to each issue and always notice with joy that new subscribers are continually coming on board. This tells us that the great ideals of humankind are alive and well, despite the unprecedented

propaganda barrage put out by our ruling circles. We shall all be vindicated in our struggles and the truth about our history will carry us forward! Keep up your fine work.
Sincerely,

– Cord MacGuire

Dear Cord MacGuire – Each month, our mailbag brings us letters and communications of encouragement and assistance, just as yours has done. That in fact is our "payment" for our labours, and as long as people such as yourself continue to give us what you do, that is where we draw our strength to keep going. Most of us are of a generation that was "stealed" in conflict with those who profit from stepping on people's necks and creating the conditions that "made us as we are" in the first place. We still think it is a measure of a "dialectical process" despite the fact those who think and act collectively as we do are all supposed to be "deader than door nails" ... as the saying used to be. Thank you Cord MacGuire for writing to us and your words of encouragement. □

From: Gabriola Island, B.C.

I am writing to let you know I received your invitation to attend a Social and raffle on Sunday October 10th, 1993, last year. I am sorry I didn't make the trip to Toronto or even sell the tickets which sold for \$2.00 each. So, I am apologizing again and am returning the book of tickets and enclosing a cheque for \$20.00 towards Northstar Compass. I realize this isn't very much for such an important humanitarian and social cause. Thank you.

– Wm. Samchyk

Dear Wm. Samchyk of Gabriola Island, B.C. We sympathize greatly for the problems you faced that made it impossible for your attendance at our Sunday tea in Toronto. But since it is only some 3,842 miles by air, boat, rail or even dog team, we didn't want to risk

your not being here last October. So we sent you the book of tickets (invitations). We were greatly disturbed when you didn't show up and wondered if you had become angry with us. Now we know you still love us, after all those years and we love you too. Thank you too for your contribution. It certainly helps. Come anytime and be welcomed, old friend. Even the waters of the all oceans of the world begin with a tiny single drop. □

From: Burnaby, B.C.

Enclosed, please find my cheque for \$86.00 for video cassettes. Please make certain the videos are mailed ... Do you think a fund could be set up through Northstar Compass columns to help the left press in Russia? Sincerely,

– John Minni

Thank you for your order, and we can tell you that the ongoing orders for Video cassettes have increased and more and more people are ordering just as you have. For us of the Concerned Friends of the Soviet People, this is most encouraging. As to setting up a special fund to assist the "left" press in Russia, we have had some discussions on that, and so far, have not been able to see how exactly it could be done. Elsewhere in this edition, you will find a listing of 75 different journals and newspapers published in the former Soviet Union. All of them are in, one way or another, opposed to the Yeltsin and Krawchuk governments and the wholesale intrusion of the Western bankers, etc., and some call for the restoration of the Soviet Union and Socialism. They are available to us on a somewhat hit-and-miss basis only. In addition, without placing our own needs ahead of the need to help the great friends and people there, we cannot with our limited resources and organization take on such a task without absolute assurance we could carry it through successfully. Meantime, we at NSC will continue to

enlarge our own "miracle" of funding and publishing to assist them in every way we can, and as we have been trying to for the past two years. We thank you for raising the question, and say that what is written here is not the final word on the matter. Other readers are welcome to send their views on the question above. □

From: Vernon, B.C.

Dear Friends: Thank you for the prompt service in sending us the tapes. My wife sends you, Michael, personal greetings since she knows you personally. Sorry I didn't write sooner but there are so many things on the go I can hardly keep up. Enclosed, you will find a subscription for Northstar Compass. It was like a breath of fresh air when I received it and I enjoyed it. Enclosed, a cheque for \$66.00 for the subscription and the membership donation. I will be ordering more tapes as time and money permit.

Sincerely,

– John and Doris Lazaruk

Thank you for the enthusiastic letter, the money and the good wishes. What it does is put your names up on our "Honour Board", but it also says things are looking up in Vernon B.C. and that makes us happier. Thank you for the personal regards for Coordinating Editor and translator and President, Michael Lucas (signed – The other editor). □

From: Mud River, Via Armstrong P.O., Northwestern Ontario

Greetings: We have been on a treadmill the last few months and was waiting until we had "time" to write a letter to you. Enclosed is our cheque for "Northstar Compass". Sorry about that and we have not forgotten.

– Doug Townsend

Thank you Doug and we certainly value your comments and dedication to

our Northstar Compass. We need more people of your devotion. □

From: Ridgely, West Virginia, U.S.A.

Dear Sirs: Please send a subscription of Northstar Compass to my friend in Wheeling W. Virginia (name and address enclosed). If possible, start with your latest issue, Vol. 2, #8, March 1994. Thank you.

– Warren E. White

We thank you for your request and it has been taken care of. Your letter allows us to correct another item in the April issue which was wrongly identified as #8. That makes two #8's and we really only have one, the March issue you requested. Anyway, that mistake was done by that bad purple Grenlin that we keep trying to kill by overfeeding it on salty pork-rinds and ice cream. He is pretty tough though and keeps coming back to life. □

From: Pickering, Ontario

Dear Comrades: My favourite holiday is May Day – the famed May Day! So I am sending you \$100.00 as a donation to help you keep on publishing Northstar Compass.

I proudly say I did my share

And travelled the progressive road,

That hard battle gave me strength,

And I'm proud to say I never strayed

From the road to a better Socialist

future!

– Steve Kovacs

We salute you, Steve Kovacs, now in your nineties and going strong as we all can see. Veteran of trade unions, anti-fascist fighter in Spain, member and supporter and leader among his fellow humans, artist and poet, Steve Kovacs brings lessons to us all, and it is he and his fellow anti-fascists that at any honoured age will strike fear and doubt into the hearts of those who cannot see anything but the

"glories" of exploitation, war and misery for the people. We have not received a finer tribute for May Day at Northstar Compass than your indomitable message for us all, Steve Kovacs. Thank you and we raise our hands in salute. (editorial board) □

From: Buffalo, New York, U.S.A.

Hi there! Rape is, and has always been, a part of war. It isn't right, but this is (tragically) so. Korean and Asian women were recently compensated for having been used as "comfort women" in WW II for Japanese troops. There are 25,000 American children still waiting to meet their American fathers. These are products of WW II.

The Serbian rapes at last "count" are given as 80,000 in 22 months and pregnancies are not always the result. However, there must be thousands of children as a result that are under 2 years of age. Children are born of their mothers (and) are these children in camps? Why have we not seen pictures (or some kind of proof) of such fabricated nonsense?

– Rose Tourachuk

History tells us the easiest way to develop hatred of the "enemy" has long been the art of telling lies about the "enemy". Thank you for your letter, Rose Tourachuk. □

From: Pelley, Sask.

Dear Comrades: Enclosed, please find \$100.00. This is payment for our subscription to Northstar. The rest is a donation. Comradely,
– Victor & Julia Berezowski

Thank you for your renewal and the donation. We understand from this that some measure of approval of our efforts accompanies your generous donation. You now are inscribed on our Honour Board together with all the other "Honoured" supporters. We don't

think that any of them are up there just to see their names in print. That Honour Roll just keeps on growing. Again, thank you Victor and Julia Berezowski of Pelley. □

From: Coquitlam, B.C.

Dear Friends: Thank you for the reminder and yes, I did forget. Enclosed is my \$20.00 cheque for my sub. My funds are limited so I can't donate too much. Thank you for the notice. Comradely yours,
- Alice I Person

That you have sufficient from your limited funds makes your renewal all the more significant and meaningful for us. We thank you very much and hope we continue to merit your interest and support. □

From: Mexico, D.F.

Dear Friends: Thank you very much for your letter of February 17th, 1994. I must inform you that we have indeed received your publication, Northstar Compass, although not every month. Our institute continues working with the same ideology, although we have changed our name. We are now the "INSTITUTO DE AMISTAD E INTERCAMBIO CULTURAL MEXICO-CEI."

Of course, it is quite difficult to remain working with our economic situation. However, we are trying to make a great effort and are doing our best. We would like to continue receiving your publication, and, as your brothers, to wish together the recovery of the USSR. Yours truly,
-Lic. Ofelia Alfero Lopez,
President

We give warmest greetings to our Brothers and Sisters of the Instituto de Amistad E Intercambio Cultural Mexico-CEI. We too express the wish for closer fraternal exchanges and links between us so that peoples of both

Mexico and Canada will have the opportunity to learn from each other and to work together. Together, we express our mutual desire that for the peoples of the former Soviet Union, that gave so much and who developed friendship and solidarity with both our countries shall be restored in whatever forms of Socialism they decide. All peoples of the world will be strengthened in their struggles for freedom, justice, dignity and a level of life that is worthy of our time. Hasta La Vista Companeros! □

From: Cowley, Alta

Dear Friends: Thank you for sending me your new list of historical videos that you have from the U.S.S.R. which I received last week. Enclosed, my money order for \$40.00, for which please send me the following two videos: Battle of Stalingrad & Song Is Our Friend. Thank you. Sincerely,
- Michael M. Veregin

It is always a pleasure and an uplift to hear from old friends and we are indeed, pleased to fill your order, and any others you may have. □

From: Saskatoon, Sask.

Attention Michael Lucas: Please find enclosed a money order for \$20.00 as a sub for Northstar Compass, 1994. I was introduced to your magazine by a friend and we have decided to go 50-50 on the sub. The balance is a donation. I have been a member of the Saskatoon Cultural Russian Club for some years now ... I enjoy reading Northstar Compass very much, although I think some of your cartoons are a little far out. For example, in the February issue, you have Hitler giving Gorbachev a medal. Well, really, Gorbachev is not all that bad and doesn't deserve that. In my opinion, his perestroika was a good effort for change in the

old Soviet Union ... I would be interested in corresponding with Vladimir Herasymchuk personally if such could be possible ...
With Comradely greetings,
- Wm. (Bill) Lutz

Thank you, Wm. (Bill) Lutz for your letter which, as you will quickly realize, we abridged considerably of some personal matters. Michael thanks you for the information regarding your family and recalls with pleasure your recollections of previous experiences together. As "the other editor", I will not try to make reply for him, except it is a pleasure to have you and your friend sharing the sub on-board, and we all look forward to a long, healthy and happy association. Thank you for your kind words about NSC. As to the cartoon you mention, that was taken from a publication we received from Russia, so whether or not "Gorbachev deserves it", the cartoon is in fact representative of feelings that exist in Russia. The editorial decision to run it in NSC is of course ours alone, and while we may have a disagreement about it, we think our readers should know, even from the caricature "cartoon" level, that such deeply emotional feelings exist in Russia about the former leadership. It is true that under the Gorbachev-Yeltsin leadership, the Soviets were destroyed, something no Nazi General could do. Sad, but true. But we welcome your criticism, disagreement or not ... □

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