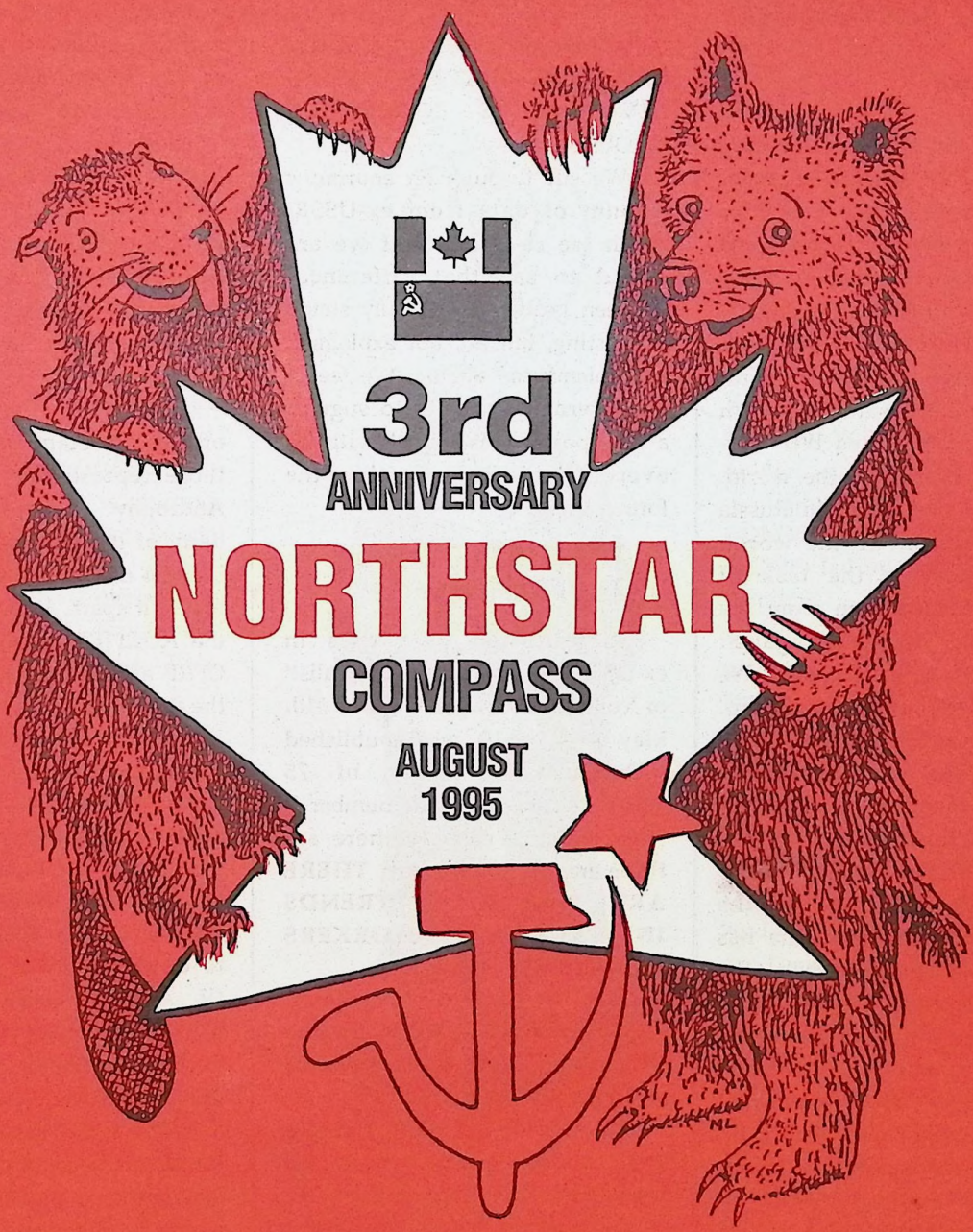




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## EDITORIAL

# UPON THE CURRENT SITUATION, UNITY AND HOW WE CAN HELP INSIDE EX-USSR

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Today, no party commands allegiance of all Marxist-Leninists (Marxist-Leninists believe Stalin's death was followed by a world revisionist victory) anywhere in the world. The proletariat without a General Staff is directionless. Each country needs its own vanguard. Workers and peasants were in control of the USSR from 1917-1953, and were a beacon to the world. The workers movement in Russia is very significant to the world. We set ourselves the task of translating information from the ex-USSR on struggles against open revisionists and Yeltsin. We ourselves lack all information. Concern mounts that these forces are themselves as yet unable to join forces together in an attack upon Yeltsin, Kuchma, etc.

In recent developments for instance, participation in the elections to the State Duma has been proposed by one group (The Russian Communist Workers Party - RCWP, led by V. Tuilkin and V. Anpilov); and yet, attacked by another (All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks - AUCP[B], led by N. Andreyeva). Other confusing events are going on. For instance, there appears to be more than one AUCP[B], as another

group led by A. Lapin, calling themselves also, the AUCP[B].

### WHAT DOES ALL THIS MEAN?

- THE CLASS STRUGGLE IS BECOMING MORE INTENSE.
- THE PROCESS OF IDEOLOGICAL CLARIFICATION IS TAKING PLACE.
- OUT OF THIS WILL ARISE A UNITED STRUGGLE.

### HOWEVER, FOR OUTSIDERS, THERE IS A PROBLEM

- WE CANNOT EASILY DETERMINE WHAT DIFFERENCES DIVIDE THE NUMEROUS GROUPS.

We sift through an enormous amount of data from ex-USSR. Much we re-print. But we are bound to say that differences between groups are usually stated as existing, but are not explained, nor polemicalised about. We feel it our international duty to suggest a few points. We start with an overview of forces within the former USSR.

### 1. THE SITUATION INSIDE THE FORMER USSR

A profusion of parties in ex-USSR call themselves 'socialist' or 'communist'. In NSC Vol. 2 #10, May 1994, p. 19, we republished ["Dubinuska"], a list of 75 anti-Yeltsin papers. The number is staggering. Probably there are three main groups, but: **THERE ARE TWO MAIN TRENDS IN RUSSIA'S WORKERS MOVEMENT.**

The first is the **PURELY PARLIAMENTARY TREND** - the "Right" trend. The other trend is the revolutionary "Left" trend.

(I) **ON THE RIGHT TREND,** one major party must be considered: **The Communist Party of the Russian Federation (CPRF)** of Zhuganov.

This is the largest organization (300,000 members), but is internally riven. To many rank and file, the programme of Zhuganov is anathema. This "programme" declares for the "National capitalist class of Russia" against the "foreign imperialist capitalists". At the CPRF Conference in 1994, the leadership was accused of social-democracy, and was challenged by rank and file. Zhuganov has no intention to abolish private property, or the property relations that accompany the restoration of capital. Naturally, since it does not wish to abolish private property, it cannot see the ex-USSR as having fallen from socialism. Supporting **PRIVATE PROPERTY**, Zhuganov follows the line from Khrushchev to Gorbachev. Only he is anti-Yeltsin, but even this opposition to Yeltsin seems qualified.

Zhuganov represents remnants of the Russian capitalist class; those represented previously by Andropov. This party poses as a party of the working class, and its internal contradictions are destined to tear it apart. Both the RCWP and the AUCP[B] (NA) agree; that the CPRF are outside the pale. Thus, the RCWP says:

"The Zhuganov so-called programme, is one to support the 'national bourgeoisie' of Russia against the international imperialist bourgeoisie. Zhuganov wishes to support indigenous capital. We say that to open the door to one is to open the door to the other." (V. Anpilov Conversation with MLCP[F] Turkey; Alliance M-L (North America); and Northstar Compass, November 1994.)

"The CPRF say that the acting Constitution is 'Enough safety to defend the peoples from the danger from the dictatorship ... and the Soviets in present form are the



organs of the representation of the ruling political regime ..." (Molniya; G. Vasiliev; RCWP, p. 5)

**Says the AUCP[B] (NA):**

"The CPRF led by Zhuganov is not in reality a party of communists since it tries to curry favour with Yeltsin and their program is that of liberal bourgeoisie. Their actions are narrow and provocative." (Telephone Conversation NSC and N. Andreyeva, Nov. 1993; Vol. 2; no. 4; p. 3)

"Particular importance in the return to the bourgeois liberal stage ... belongs now to the CPRF/ Zhuganov and the Alliance of Communist Parties - CPSU / O. Shenin which was recently joined by the Zhuganovists. Zhuganov who is publicised by the Russian mass media as 'foremost communist', takes part in gatherings of monarchists, chauvinists and fascists, in the bargaining at the top around the President's and ministerial posts." (N. Andreyeva: Speech to Bulgarian CP XVI Congress, reprinted NSC, Nov. 1994, Special Supplement, p. 6)

We (NSC) were disturbed not to receive any sort of Programme from them, despite our calls. Thus, we publicly stated then that:

"It is now impossible to believe that the CPRF whether they call themselves Communists or not, will be able to defend the true interests of the Russian people and their Republic in the face of Yeltsin's Constitution from the onslaughts they will now suffer." (See NSC, Dec. 1993, Vol. 2, No. 5, p. 43)

Nonetheless, we believe honest rank and file elements remain inside the CPRF. When we do receive correspondence, we publish this. (See fax informed us of their 2nd Extraordinary Congress meeting published in full by NSC - Vol. 2, No. 11/12, June 1994, p. 44)

**• WE BELIEVE THE VIEWS OF ZHUGANOV GROUP PLACE THE CPRF BEYOND THE "COMMUNIST PALE".**

**• HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THE RANK AND FILE CONTAINS MANY HONEST AND DECENT COMMUNISTS.**

Ultimately however, a principled and genuine solution to

## **PRESIDENT YELTSIN:**

"I want to express my condolences to all those who became victims of the market economy!"



Artist Y. Nikitina, Khabarovsk  
From Newspaper, "Za Rabochee Delo"  
Reworked by Michael Lucas

the problems of the masses in the ex-USSR can only come from those forces who are arranged on the wing of those who reject "Parliamentary cretinism".

**OF THE LEFT TREND, THERE ARE NOW THREE MAIN PARTIES:** They are exemplified by two that call themselves the AUCP[B]; and the RCWP:

(i) **THE ALL UNION COMMUNIST BOLSHEVIK (AUCP[B]).**

Of this, there are already two different "Brands" - One led by Nina Andreyeva and Kluchin (AUCP[B-NA]); the other, led by Alexander Lapin (AUCP[B-AL]). Of the latter, thus far, due to this being such a recent event, we have not yet obtained adequate information to comment extensively at all. But Galina Sawchenko has been published several times in NSC. (For examples: GS: NSC Vol. 2, No. 1, Aug. 1993, p. 16; GS: NSC Vol. 2, No. 2, Sept. 1993, p. 14).

(ii) **THE RUSSIAN COMMUNIST WORKERS PARTY (RCWP)** led by Turkin, and Victor Anpilov.

All three are anti-Yeltsin and recognise that the state was no longer "socialist" past Khrushchev; to varying degrees. But beyond that, we are unsure of other points of similarity.

(i) **THE ALL UNION COMMUNIST BOLSHEVIK (AUCP[B] (NA)),** led by Nina Andreyeva & Kluchin.

Their Programme was written 5 years ago. They accept the central role of Stalin. They accept some things after the death of Stalin as correct; this can be summarised loosely as **SUPPORT FOR:** a) The fraternal help in 1968 to Czechoslovakia; b) Khrushchev's support of Nehru and other "progressive" national bourgeois;

c) The support of troops to Afghanistan; d) They also characterise the state of North Korea as socialist.

Two branches – one in Moscow (led by former CC member Alexander Lapin), and one in Kiev (led by Galina Savchenko) existed factions – were expelled by the leadership of the AUCP[B] (NA). The reasons for this expulsion are not clear to us. The two groups recently formed a new “AUCP[B]” (We term then for now AUCP[B] (AL). They allege that the AUCP[B] (NA) discourages factory work. We have in previous years carried a number of communications from G. Savchenko (See NSC).

#### ii) The Russian Communist Workers Party (RCWP)

This party is strongest in Moscow, and has a mass base: “Trudovaya Rossiya” [“Toilers of Russia”]; publishes over 50 papers/bulletins in Russia. The 33rd anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution demonstration in November 1994, in Moscow, was largely composed of this Front, whose “Hymn of the Toilers” is the “Hymn to Stalin”. The party initially contained Anarcho-Syndicalist elements. But these elements were expelled, following an open struggle in the party on practice and theory. But some few elements, still consider workers control a form of self-administration. Like that of the AUCP[B] (NA), the Programme is 4 years old. The AUCP[B] and the RCWP appear to differ on the Brezhnev era; where the RCWP unequivocally reject the term socialist after Stalin; and believe there was some exploitation of Warsaw Pact countries by Khrushchevites.

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Volunteer Labour.**

## IS DISAGREEMENT ON ELECTIONS ADEQUATE GROUND FOR NOT UNITING?

Initially, both AUCP[B] (NA) and the RCWP did not eschew ‘parliamentarianism’; but then both refused a part in Duma elections of December 12th, 1994. They considered the elections ‘legitimated’ a “fascist” regime; & ‘legalised’ a coup and mass killing. At Ostankino TV Tower, more than 100 people were killed inside the White House, and thousands outside. Furthermore, they pointed to the media lock up. Attitudes have since diverged. The AUCP[B] (NA) refuses to participate in the forthcoming Duma elections and the RCWP have stated they will; on a platform to elect Anpilov as President in order to “renounce the Presidency” (See NSC 1993, Vol. 2, AUCP[B] Statement, pp. 16-17; RCWP Personal Communication to MLCP[F]; Alliance M-L); NSC Nov. 1994).

Clearly, since this is a question of TACTICS and not STRATEGY, it cannot be adequate grounds for dis-unity. We presume to remind readers of the advice given by Lenin to both the German workers and the British workers when faced with a multitude of parties that differed over the tactics of parliamentarism:

“In my opinion, the British Communists should unite their four parties and groups (all very weak and some of them very, very weak) into a single Communist Party on the basis of the principles of the Third International and of obligatory participation in Parliament. The CP should propose the following compromise election agreement to the Hendersens and Snowdens (i.e., Leaders of the Social Democratic Labour Party); Let us jointly fight against the alliance

between Lloyd George and the Conservatives. Let us retain complete freedom of action, propaganda and political activity. Of course, without this ... we cannot agree ... that would be treachery.” (May 1920, V. Lenin Collected Works [Hereafter, VLCW]; Vol. 31, p. 86.)

**IF THIS IS NOT THE REASON PREVENTING UNITY, THEN IT FOLLOWS THERE MUST BE OTHER REASONS THAN THESE OBSTRUCTING A UNITY. WHAT CAN THESE BE?**

## 2. THE ROLE OF IDEOLOGY – WHAT IS BEHIND THE SCHISMS?

We do not fully understand what the causes of division are. We conjecture that there are three possible main reasons for division. One is personality; instances where someone’s ego demands an authority. We do NOT feel that any of the three groups we are discussing here, are un-principled; and therefore, unless this charge can be substantiated – we reject this as an explanation of the schisms.

Another possibility arises because under the facade of the previous so-called “Communist Party”, workers could not independently organise. Paradoxical as it might seem then, for the homeland of socialism, the current struggles reflect a certain ideological immaturity. As our correspondent V. Herasymchuk notes:

“Even in the CPSU until 1991, there were different political currents existing inside the CPSU – from Bolsheviks to all sorts of careerists, liberals, nationalists, anarchists, and open anti-Communists!” (NSC, Vol. 3, No. 5, 1994, December, p. 3)

But we do not believe these reasons so far, are adequate to



explain the current profusion of parties in ex-USSR. We recognise something else at work – **IDEOLOGY**. The value of ideological education and preparation was diluted by revisionism. All revisionist parties after Stalin's death, gave ideology a minor and secondary role. It became enough to proclaim: "We are Communists." "**WHAT WAS A COMMUNIST?**", was a question only for the Gurus and Apparatchiks of the Central Committee – Not for us!

But from the earliest days of the international working peoples movement, the role of **IDEOLOGY** was central. Marx and Engels formed the **First International** – the "**International Working Men's Association**" [I.W.M.A.] in 1876. This had a predecessor, the first scientific Communist party, **Communist League**, set up for Germany, under the guidance of Frederick Engels. In his "Draft Of A Communist Confession Of Faith", June 1847 ("Collected Works: Karl Marx and Frederick Engels"; Moscow, 1976 [Hereafter: M & E CW], Vol. 6, pp. 96-103); Engels distinguishes upon an **IDEOLOGICAL** basis, the Communists from the Utopians. This Draft became known as the **COMMUNIST CREDO**. Later under the imperative of **PRACTICE**, Marx and Engels articulated a Programme, an ideology: "**THE COMMUNIST MANIFESTO**" of 1848 (M & E CW, Vol. 6, Ibid., pp. 477-519).

But both the "Credo" and the "Communist Manifesto" had a long **IDEOLOGICAL** gestation. This preparation was the need for many **IDEOLOGICAL** attacks launched by Marx and Engels against "muddle-headedness". Such as attacks on Proudhon, a French petit-bourgeois intellectual,

in the French workers movement ("Poverty of Philosophy", 1847; M & E CW, 6, pp. 105-212). Let Lenin, that great disciple of the First International, summarise it:

"In uniting the labour movement of various countries striving to channel into joint activity the various forms of non-proletarian pre-Marxist socialism (Mazzinni, Proudhon, Bakunin, liberal trades unionism in Britain, Lassallean vacillations to the right in Germany, etc.) and in combating the theories of all these sects and schools, Marx hammered out a uniform tactic for the proletarian struggle of the working class in the various countries." (V.I. Lenin, Collected Works, Moscow, 1977 [Hereafter, LCW], Vol. 21, p. 49).

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Editorial Committee □

• **BECAUSE THE FIRST AND LATER INTERNATIONALS ARE OUR HISTORY, IT IS CRUCIAL TO US NOW.**

• **IDEOLOGICAL STRUGGLE WAS IMPORTANT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MOVEMENT, IT IS IMPORTANT NOW.**

We argue, that in part, Khrushchev et al., **COULD** destroy the peoples' USSR built under Stalin, because revisionists veiled our history. Forgetting our history allowed revisionists to erase the importance of **IDEOLOGY**. Many honest comrades now say that the great First and Third Internationals were great because people united together. The refrain then becomes "Unite!". But even the Third International was not so simple.

Lenin's struggles to foster unity took place in a troubled and contentious sea of squabbles. But Unity was possible only on the basis of the Programme of the Third International. This itself was only possible on the basis of the Programme of the Bolshevik Party. This achieved the breakthrough of the successful Russian Revolution of 1917. Then there was a base for the world's proletariat, who could follow the joint International Programme written by Lenin. We do not have a base now.

So, those who profess naively today that "We should forget our differences" and "Unite", forget our Marxist-Leninist part. Unity is won, it is not simply there for the asking.

**THAT BEING SO, HOW CAN ONE "WIN UNITY"?**

Again, we must remember our own history. Marx and Engels did not compromise on principles in order to form their party. They heavily criticised the attempts by

the German Peoples' Party to come to terms with Ferdinand Lassalle. Marx and Engels had tried in previous years to come to terms with the Lassalleans on principled grounds. The Lassalleans had rebuffed them. The points at issue, in the new proposed **GOTHA PROGRAMME** of the party, were contentious, as Engels explained to a great leader of the party:

"To begin with they adopt the high-sounding but historically false Lassallean dictum: in relation to the working class all other classes are only one reactionary mass. This proposition is true only ... in the case of a revolution by the proletariat, e.g., The Paris Commune; or in a country in which not only has the bourgeoisie constructed state and society after its own image, but the petty bourgeoisie in its wake has already carried out that reconstruction to its logical conclusion ... Secondly, the principle that the workers' movement is an international one is to all intents and purposes utterly denied in respect of the present ... Thirdly, our people allow themselves to be saddled with the Lassallean 'iron law of wages' which is based on a completely outmoded economic view ... Fourthly, as its one and only social demand, the programme puts forward Lassallean state aid in this starkest form ... Fifthly, there is absolutely no mention of the organisation of the working class through the medium of trade unions." (Engels, Letter to August Bebel, March 18-28, 1875, M & E CW, Vol. 24, pp. 67-73.

None of these are trivial! Furthermore, as Engels concludes:

"Generally speaking, less importance attaches to the official programme of a party than to what it does. But a new programme is after all a banner planted in public,

and the outside world judges the party by it ... It should be further considered what the workers of other countries will think of this programme: what impression will be created by this genuflection on the part of the entire German socialist proletariat before Lassalleanism." (Engels, *Ibid.*, p. 72.)

Nowadays, Lassalle means little to many of us. But these issues were important obstacles for Marx and Engels. In resolving them, they cleared many obstacles for us now; and more immediately, for the I.W.M.A. and the Peoples' Party. Similarly, the ideas of Trotsky and Plekhanov obstructed the way forward for Lenin and Stalin's struggles within the Russian movement. When clearing them,

Lenin and Stalin cleared the path for us as well as for their more immediate comrades. If these struggles take place in the full sun glare of daylight, they can be seen for what they are – **IDEOLOGICAL** struggles! Anyone can weigh and decide – right or wrong? If they take place in the corners, without the beam of sun or light – why, anyone can be right and anyone can be wrong!

### IN THE INTERESTS OF:

**Clarifying the way forward;  
Sorting the wheat from the chaff;  
and helping interested outsiders to  
understand the issues and the  
means of combating and pulling  
up the weeds:**

• **WE URGE YOU ALL TO**



FROM NEWSPAPER "TRUDOVAYA ROSSIA" – A cartoon which shows coffins from Chechniya going to Yeltsin. This delivery slip is signed by Minister of Defense Grachev.

PROMOTE AN OPEN DISCUSSION AND EXPOSE THE VARIOUS WAYS FORWARD;

• WHERE ARE YOUR DIFFERENCES?;

• WHAT PRACTICAL UNITY IN PRACTICE TO LEAD TO UNITY IN THEORY – TO FORM THE TRUE PARTY?

The model that we, in both the ex-USSR and outside it, should follow, is that of Lenin. How did Lenin achieve unity, and how did Lenin see "Unity"?

### 3. MOVES THEN AND NOW FOR UNITY

i) How was This Question handled by Lenin?

Lenin fostered a full and open debate before "Unity" could be achieved:

"We declare that 'Before we can UNITE, AND IN ORDER THAT WE MAY UNITE, WE MUST FIRST of all, draw firm and definite lines of demarcation, as Iskra demands'." (VLCW, Vol. 5, "What is to be Done? Burning Questions of Our Movements", 1902, p. 367.)

Yet, he naturally saw the need for unity on PRACTICAL ISSUES. These were then questions of a Broad Front for practical work; versus formation of a Party work. Lenin reached for his Marx, and "The Critique of the Gotha Programme":

"If you must unite, Marx wrote to the party leaders, then enter into agreements to satisfy the practical aims of the movement, but do not allow any bargaining over principles, do not make any theoretical 'concession'. This was Marx's idea. Without revolutionary theory, there can be no revolutionary movement" (VLCW, "What is to be Done?", Vol. 5, pp. 369-370.)

Lenin adds, as a preliminary to a long quote from Engels, also on

the importance of theory, why the Russian workers movement was ESPECIALLY in need of theoretical clarity:

"For Russian Social democracy, the importance of theory is enhanced ... firstly by the fact that our party is only in the process of formation, its features are only just becoming defined, and it has as yet far from settled accounts with the other trends of revolutionary thought that threaten to divert the movement from the correct path ... Secondly, the Social Democratic movement is in its very essence an international movement ... we must ... make use of the experiences of other countries ..." (VLCW, Ibid., "What is to be Done?", Vol. 5, pp. 369-370.)

The significance of "What is to be Done?" was that it laid the foundations for a professional revolutionary Party. In "Where to Begin?" Lenin had already outlined the urgent need for a newspaper. Here, he hit that message home:

"What we require foremost and imperatively is to broaden the field, establish real contacts, between the towns on the base of regular, common work ... I continue to insist that we can start establishing real contacts only with the aid of a common newspaper, as the only regular, All-Russian enterprise, one which will summarise the results of the most diverse forms of activity ... If we do not want unity in name only, we must arrange for all local study circles immediately to assign say a fourth of their forces to active work for the common cause, and the newspaper will immediately convey to them the general design scope and character of the cause ... the mere function of distributing a newspaper would help to establish actual contacts ..." ("What is to be Done?", Ibid., pp. 506-507.)

ii) The Situation Facing Our Comrades Today in ex-USSR. Obviously, these groups who are the very best elements of the Russian Communists, fully understand this. They have said and done some things that go along with this. Firstly, and obviously, they all have their paper; clearly following Lenin's guide. Beyond that, they also clearly understand that unity cannot be only a paper unity. For instance, Victor Anpilov says:

"Of course we understand the position of Northstar Compass that unity is necessary. But we ask, on what basis? It must be principled. To this end, we have invited Nina Andreyeva to write articles for our organ. I consider Nina Andreyeva to be the theoretical leader of the Russian workers today. For myself, I am just a Communist. We have to come together, but on a principled basis." (Interview, Moscow, 1995.)

"Unity must and will be achieved but on ideological grounds in the first place. Without ideological unity, our struggles and our future cannot be guaranteed. All of the left wing parties are struggling to achieve this unity." (V. Anpilov, NSC, Vol. 3, No. 7-8, Feb./March 1995, p. 7.)

And with this understanding, Anpilov and the REWP were also searching for unity in a practical sense. This was shown when V. Anpilov submitted a detailed plan for "100 Days After Yeltsin: Plans For Saving The USSR To All Parties Fighting To Restore Socialism And The Soviet Union" (NSC, Nov. 1992, Vol. 1, No. 4, p. 4.)

The AUCP[B] (NA) is also clear about the need for a principles

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Unity. Nina Andreyeva says:

"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 ... to do it the other way around, to unite the now-existing parties who have different positions, platforms and interpretations of Marxism-Leninism, would mean putting the plough before the horse." (NSC, N. Andreyeva, "The Blind Alley of Counter-revolution", Vol. 2, No. 10, May 1994, p. 7.)

She warns against the united front set up by the CPSU:

"CP's such as the CPRF; Union of Communist Parties - CPSU became very active in trying to set up regional, local and territorial clubs all across the country in order to have them adopt their program of collaboration of different tenets that includes the Gorbachev and Yakovlev tendencies, social democratic tenets and others." (Secretariat of CC AUCP[B], Vol. 2, No. 1, Aug. 1993, April 1993.)

This was a United Front of 11 parties, that the CPRF created with the remnants of the CPSU (led by Shenin and Ligachev) itself following the Gorbachev 28th Congress. She points out that this central core refused to print articles from other groups who belonged to the United Front. (NSC, Vol. 2, No. 9, April 1994, p. 7.)

### **BUT ATTEMPTS AT A UNITED FRONT ARE CLEARLY BEING MADE**

Thus, despite the difficulties, there are fronts emerging. And this ineluctably is drawing the groups into working together. Even N. Andreyeva, despite her warning above, ends by:

"But a new giant step has been taken by the formation of the

Russian Union of Communist Parties and the election of its Political Council. Constituting this union are the AUCP[B] (NA); The Leninist section of the CPRF, RCWP, Russian Party of Communists and Union of Communists. ("N. Andreyeva for Bolshevisation of the Communist Movement", NSC Vol. 2, No. 9, April 1994, p. 7.)

We received another report, this time from the Information Bulletin of the "Bolshevik Platform in the CPSU". August 24th of this year, a meeting took place called by us, where delegates from CPRF, RCWP, AUCP[B], All Union Lenin Komsomol, Union of Communists Marxist Platform, Lenin's Position Inside the Communist Party of Russian Federation, Workers Russia Movement and Workers Moscow, Moscow Society "Unity", Club Post Perestroyka, non-party people and others. (NSC Vol. 3, No. 5, December 1994, p. 14.) Unfortunately, the results of this, we do not know.

It has also been shown by the moves for the International Committee for the Representation of the Soviet Union (ICRSU). (See "Appeal to People of the World", NSC Vol. 2, No. 2, Sept. 1993, p. 1.) This was set up in collaboration of the RCWP and the AUCP[B]. In fact, the seminar "Stalin Today" held in Moscow, November, 1994, by the ICRSU was attended by all of the 3 primary groups we are discussing: AUCP[B] (NA); A. Lapin; and RCWP. Since A. Lapin took a major role there, it can be assumed that the AUCP[B] (AL) will also continue to foster the ICRSU.

### **THERE ARE ALL SIGNS OF GROWTH IN PRACTICAL UNITY**

But what seems to be still needed is more dialogue; more open debate; more clarity on "What divides the Russian Communists

now? What are the key points of contention?" Comrades, we wish to assist as Per international duty demands. But assistance is best given when we can understand the issues. Perhaps we can ask for concrete answers to these key questions:

1. When did socialism disintegrate?

2. Were there any positive features/personalities in the post-Stalin years? If so, what and who were they?

3. Internationally, who developed socialism in what countries? Furthermore, socialism as defined by what?

4. What are the goals of United Front now?

5. What are the means by which theoretical discussion is going to take place?

WE LOOK TO YOU FOR SOME CLARIFICATION OVER THE NEXT YEAR. ANY ASSISTANCE THAT NORTHSTAR COMPASS CAN GIVE TO THIS PROCESS OF CLARIFICATION IS, OF COURSE, THERE FOR THE ASKING. □

## **WAR GAME CRAZE PROMOTED BY BIG BUSINESS**

Sign of the times in "democratic capitalism" is the promotion of the "psychology of killing" by manufacturers of guns and by behind-the-scenes concurrence of the governmental powers that be! This statement is not based on alarmist feelings at all - it is based on news that is being published and reported on these days.

The growth of "Militias" in the USA and in Canada, sometimes well hidden, often coming to the fore, is alarming. Statistics prove the



growth of crime is very real and has people worried.

Who is behind this growth of "gun-toting" craze that seems to be the "in thing" to do? Obviously, there is a method in this madness.

You have heard and read about the "Militias" in the USA—every state has these armed forces practicing with weapons in the woods, in cities, in simulated "jungles" and in huge converted warehouses.

Toronto Star of July 19 ran a story about this "war games craze" sweeping Canada. You can see in the photo how the war psychosis is simulated – from camouflaged fatigues, armed with semi-automatic weapons, running through mosquito-infested woodlands and swamps. The guns are armed with paintballs, but the virtual reality of the setting is hitting ever higher levels of authenticity. Indoor huge warehouses, converted into jungles, made to look as if they are in Vietnam, Laos, Nicaragua, Cuba, Cambodia – next, it will be Russia, Ukraine or even the Kremlin!

All this costs fantastic finances to build, not to say the clothing, guns, ammunition, booklets, instructions in how to stalk, how to shoot, how to kill and all the needed know-how, to get your "enemy"!

Taking part in these "games" are not children, playing "cops and robbers" or "cowboys and Indians"! These are grown-up men and women. They are lured into these war games by the slogans of "release your energy", "get rid of your frustrations", "get away from the high technological race", etc., etc.

Can anyone in their right mind give a convincing reason as to why these "war games" should be promoted?

What is the hidden agenda behind these "war games" and the industry that supplies the



mushrooming growth in Canada and other so-called "democracies"?

It is obvious that "killing" is big business! It is also obvious that this is meant to train these people and make them into zombies who can be made to believe that these "war games" are a relaxing exercise meant to get rid of the daily problems, by getting adrenaline

flowing when you zap your "enemy"!

We wonder where are the religious communities and churches, who every Sunday preach against violence and "thou shall not kill", either with "bullets" or "paintballs"?

**COLD WAR IS NOT OVER AT ALL!** □

### **TO MEMBERS AND READERS!**

Below you'll read a cable that was sent to President Yeltsin of Russia and Mayor Luzhkov of Moscow regarding the travesty of reburying the body of V.I. Lenin and the closing down of the Lenin Mausoleum on Red Square.

It was too late to have started a campaign for signatures of protest, August issue. □

President Boris Yeltsin of Russia  
Mayor of Moscow Luzhkov

Having become aware of the plans during the month of July to remove the body of V.I. Lenin and close down the Lenin Mausoleum, the membership of the Canadian

Friends of Soviet People and the readers of the journal "Northstar Compass", protest this act of barbarism and sacrilege to the body and memory of the great V.I. Lenin, the father of the Soviet Union.

Mankind will never forgive the perpetrators of this evil deed! History will forever condemn the people responsible for this savage provocation by people who do not understand history, which teaches us that acts of this kind are no better than acts of savages devoid of culture, humanity and understanding.

Our thousands of members and readers protest this vandalism! Only traitors to their own country and history could perpetrate such an act.

**HISTORY SHALL RECORD THIS ACT AND EVIL DEED! SOVIET PEOPLE WILL PUT THESE PERPETRATORS ON TRIAL AS**

BARBARIANS, TRAITORS AND ENEMIES OF THEIR OWN PEOPLE.

- Canadian Council - Canadian Friends of Soviet People  
Editorial Board of publication, "Northstar Compass" □

## WE SHALL DEFEND STALINGRAD!

*Below, we publish a condensed version of a leaflet issued by the movement "We shall defend Stalingrad", established in Volgograd by the District Committee of the Russian Communist Workers Party.*

During the Day of Victory, this leaflet asked the citizens for signatures for changing the name from Volgograd to Stalingrad.

"1. Stalingrad became world renowned because that is where heroism of the Soviet people turned the tide of war and where the backbone of Hitler's hordes was broken;

2. Victory was begun at the walls of Stalingrad;

3. Stalingrad and Soviet Union were united together in blood, never to be separated and it became the symbol of heroism. Thousands of streets, buildings and squares all over the world are named after Stalingrad;

4: Enemies of our people took away the name from our city, and from that moment, the road to ruin was inevitable. The initiative was started by the RCWP on Mamayev Hill on May 9, 1994 and since that time, scores of Soviet cities, towns, international cities that were twinned with Stalingrad have sent their letters of support.

WE SHALL DEFEND STALINGRAD!

WE SHALL RESURRECT THE USSR!

SOVIET UNION AND STALINGRAD - CANNOT BE DIVIDED!

SOVIET UNION AND STALINGRAD WERE, ARE AND WILL ALWAYS BE, FOREVER!"

Dear Readers and Members:

Most of you are aware that Toronto and Stalingrad were twinned during the war years and a tremendous amount of work was done on this behalf. Medical supplies, clothing, medicines, money and other much needed help flowed not only from Toronto, but from all the cities here, USA and other countries.

We are not meddling in the affairs of Russia at all. BUT ... as friends of Soviet people who organized, helped and promoted the twinning of Toronto and Stalingrad, we have the right to lend our voices to those in the whole world that would like to see history respected and not obliterated. History is part of our life and if we do not respect history, whether we like it or not, then we are sure to suffer the consequences.

We are asking all readers to send letters of protest and mail to the address below:

"WE SHALL DEFEND STALINGRAD"  
400112 Stalingrad (Volgograd)  
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### SEPTEMBER ISSUE

Devoted strictly to news/  
events in former USSR.  
Duma Elections are 4 months  
away! - Editors □



## NEWS DIGEST COMMENT

### WHO IS BEHIND THE BIOLOGICAL WARFARE?

*This is reprinted from an excellent newspaper "Working People's News" from N.Y., USA, subscriber to Northstar Compass. Their representatives were present at the 8th Conference of Canadian Friends of Soviet People last February.*

*The deadly Ebola Epidemic that the mass media was writing their hands over lately, caused consternation among the population. The problem of the daily mass media is the fact that they DO NOT report the causes or who is the culprit of this terrible genocide. This article, if nothing else, should awaken in our readers the determination to make their friends aware of the truth and to join forces against this menace emanating from the "World Policeman" - USA - hell-bent to dominate the world by any means possible - including biological warfare.*

*Congratulations to Working People's News for this timely and necessary expose - Editors.*

A sudden epidemic, which reportedly starts with flu-like symptoms and progresses to turn solid organs including kidneys and the liver to mush, has stricken Zaire, hospitalizing at least 100 and killing 56, by reports published May 10, and by the end of the month, exceeded 100.

By May 10, the epidemic had been festering for at least a month, before blood samples were shipped off to the Center for Disease Control

(CDC) in Atlanta, Ga., which, within one day, identified the disease as Ebola virus.

This particular virus, which is 90% fatal, was never recorded until 1976, when it killed some 200 people in several areas at once of Zaire, then vanished, and reappeared shortly afterward in Sudan and the Philippines, and disappeared again. Ideal for controlled epidemics, it is spread by bodily fluids, but not casual contact.

#### **COLONIAL MEDICS IN THE AREA**

An international team of medical personnel, including Americans, was seen in the area, according to accounts from local residents that have reached us. "It was just after that when all hell broke loose!", one resident reported.

The epidemic burst into the headlines only one day after the NBC network aired Robin Cook's "Virus" to an audience of tens of millions, a supposed science fiction "thriller" about just such an epidemic, started in Zaire, and designed to eliminate the poor and oppressed, according to the protagonist...

#### **RESORTING TO BIO-WARFARE**

Biological warfare is similar to another weapon in the imperialist arsenal, the neutron bomb. It kills people, but it leaves property intact.

Zaire is the heart of the most advanced revolutionary struggle in Africa, with liberation forces led by the Workers' and Peasants' Movement of the Congo, controlling more than 20% of the territory, and dedicated to revolutionary replacement of capitalism by socialism as central to the struggle against imperialist domination.

"Mysterious" outbreaks of

deadly cholera epidemics have recently taken place in Zaire, Mexico, and Peru, concentrated in areas of strong support for Workers' and Peasants' Movement (MOP), Zapatistas, and Shining Path, respectively.

Cuba, which stands practically alone against assimilation into the U.S. imperialist new world order, is also under attack by a neuropathy virus, blamed by the U.S. establishment on deteriorating conditions resulting from U.S. economic warfare, but found nowhere else in the world, where privations and sufferings are much worse. This follows outbreaks of dengue fever both in Cuba and Nicaragua.

#### **OPPRESSED IN U.S. TARGETED?**

The U.S. has a long history of biological warfare, from selling small pox-infested blankets to Native Peoples, to use of Agent Orange in Vietnam, to other apparent substances now causing "Gulf War Syndrome".

Recently, a newly "discovered" hanta virus has suddenly emerged in the Navaho community, killing dozens, and since then, several isolated cases have been reported around the country.

The hanta and anti-Cuban neuropathy virus are aerosol-borne but non-contagious. They can be sprayed into the atmosphere to wreak havoc on populations in a limited area. The U.S. government admits carrying out experiments spraying disease organisms in the New York subways and in the air over San Francisco.

Hanta has been officially blamed on supposed aspersions arising from rodent excrement, an ominous explanation that may foreshadow its massive release in "rat-infested" ghettos.

Cholera is water and fish-borne, which lends it to use in infecting populations targeted by area.

Two recent books, *A Dancing Matrix: Voyages Along The Viral Frontier*, by Robin Marantz Henig, and *The Coming Plague: Newly Emerging Diseases In A World Out Of Balance*, by Laurie Garrett, mention Ebola, AIDS, Hanta, and Legionnaires' Disease as a threatening future looms. Killer strep and pneumonic plague may well be added to the list.

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## GRANDSON STARTS MOVEMENT TO RESTORE IMAGE OF J.V. STALIN

**From: Boston Globe, June 14, 1995**  
**By: Reuters**

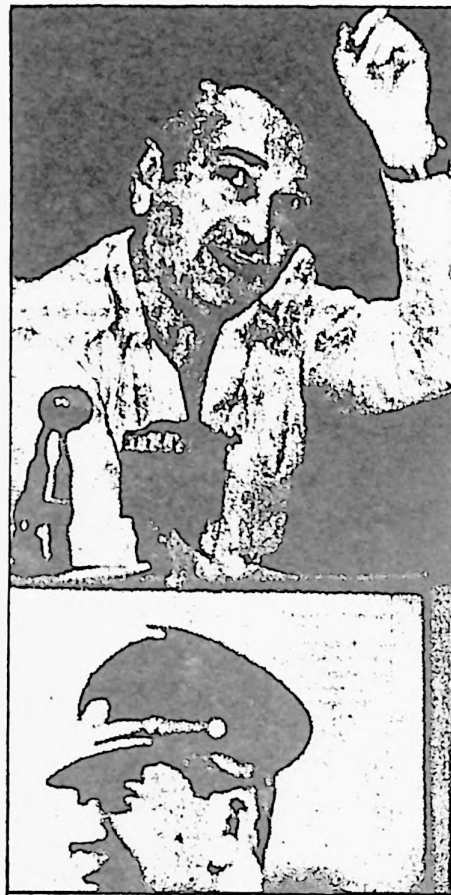
"Joseph Stalin's grandson launched a movement to restore the image of Stalin - and help prepare the way for another 'man of steel'.

Yevgeny Dzhugashvili, together with the communist member of Russian parliament Omar Begov, argued that only a strong ruler could cure the country of its present ills.

Dzhugashvili, a retired 59 year old Army Officer, does not see himself as a coming savior, but added: 'I think that every honest Soviet (Russian) must defend Stalin with all his might.'

Dzhugashvili and Begov said Stalin was guilty of no crimes and that his disgrace was the result of a plot by his enemies.

Dzhugashvili seems to bear no grudge against his grandfather because of the death of his own father Yakov (son of Stalin - Editor), a fighter pilot who was captured by German troops during the Second World War. Nazi leaders wanted to exchange Yakov for a German



Marshal held by Moscow, but Stalin refused, saying, 'I do not swap soldiers for marshals'.

'Stalin sacrificed his son on the altar of our Motherland,' Dzhugashvili said."

*What more can we say! Obviously, it took much too long for Evgeny Dzhugashvili to come forth to defend his grandfather, but it is obvious that all the lies, falsifications, propaganda and hysterical anti-communism is not convincing all the people that Gorbachev, Yakovlev, Shevernadze and Yeltsin would like to think that they are. Truth always comes through.*

*People will begin to realize that it's not only the question of Stalin ... it's the question of socialism that is at stake. Through Stalin, the enemies try to get at V.I. Lenin, Marx, Engels and socialism. That is the idea behind the almost hysterical propaganda that permeates the whole world.*

*We wish Dzhugashvili and millions of other Soviet patriots every*

*success possible.*

**SOCIALISM MUST BE  
DEFENDED ABOVE ALL! □**

## VODKA, RUBLES FLOWING FREELY ON THE RIVIERA

**By: William Drozdiak**  
**Washington Post**

(Nice, France) The thrice-weekly air shuttle starting next month between Nice and Moscow is just one sign of the changing times on the French Riviera. Real estate agents are studying the language of Pushkin, beach bars are stocked with Stolichnaya, and hotels are hooking up Slavic cable channels.

Once again, the Russians are coming.

The fabled Mediterranean coastline has fascinated Russians since the czars conducted annual pilgrimages here to cavort with other European royals. After Empress Alexandra Feodorovna first came in 1856 and built a superb Russian Orthodox church, Moscow's pre-revolutionary elite embraced Nice as their primary refuge from the harsh winters and brewing class troubles at home.

Now, a new class of wealthy Russians is flocking to the area, not only for a dose of sea, sun and glamour but also, to find a safe haven for their money. A record 30,000 bankers, businessmen and tourists - double the number two years ago - are expected to descend on the Riviera this year seeking relief from the brutality of modern Russia's climate, corruption and chaotic economy.

For the Riviera's beleaguered tourist trade, the Russian invasion is nothing short of salvation. Many of the Americans that Monaco's Princess Grace once lured, have



vanished with the shrinking dollar. Japanese tycoons and Arab sheiks who later thronged local beaches and boutiques also were scared off by sticker shock after suffering serious dents to their pocketbooks in recent years.

In their turn, the "emirs of the East" are being welcomed with open arms. They reserve the plushest hotel suites for weeks at a stretch, pay their bills with thick wads of \$100 bills and make few demands other than a well-stocked bar.

At the beach of the Ruhl casino, waiters remain awestruck by a young Russian couple who consumed seven bottles of Dom Perignon champagne during an afternoon's sunbathing, peeled off a dozen notes to pay the \$1,100 tab without a word of protest and ambled back to their hotel.

"They love to shop for the most exclusive name brands, spend a lot of time on the beach and go off gambling at night", said Michel Palmer, director of the famed Negresco Hotel, a Belle Epoque architectural masterpiece whose 18-foot crystal chandelier holds special appeal for Russian guests. It is one of two crafted by the House of Baccarat at the behest of the Czar Nicholas II; the other illuminates the Great Hall of the Kremlin.

Palmer has ordered up a Russian menu at the hotel's plush Chantecler restaurant, where Slavic palates are more inclined toward meat, potatoes and vodka than toward the subtler arts of French cuisine.

"We have to adapt to the needs of our guests", he shrugs. "The Americans used to be first, now they are number four. The Russians have their own special pleasures, and they pay cash".

The more serious Russian money, however, comes to the Riviera looking for something other than tourism. The World Bank has estimated capital flight since the collapse of communism at close to \$50 billion (looted from former Soviet Union - Editors); with the ruble plunging, crime and corruption soaring and political stability still a question mark, many affluent Russians are searching desperately for safe places abroad to park their assets.

In a remarkably short time, Russian money has become a big player in some of Europe's most prized real estate markets. Besides the French Riviera, the Russians are buying up apartments and villas along Spain's Costa del Sol and the Turkish coast, in Cyprus and Greece, and even the heart of London.

Sensing an opportunity for big profits, Vladimir Ponomarenko moved to Nice four years ago from Moscow to set up a business to help fellow Russian investors who wanted to protect their wealth.

Besides a place to preserve their nest eggs, wealthy Russians (Les Nouveaux Riches) also are looking for other kinds of security. With rich families in Moscow and St. Petersburg becoming targets for kidnapping, extortion or even assassination, Ponomarenko says many of them are eagerly looking for other residences located in the relative safety of Western Europe.

By purchasing property for himself and his Russian clients, Ponomarenko estimates that he has invested about \$40 million in the Riviera's economy. To his chagrin, his efforts to build economic bridges between Nice and Moscow have not been entirely appreciated by local authorities. Tax collectors have poked into his affairs in the apparent suspicion that he might

be laundering money from the Russian Mafia.

*DEAR READER: There is not much more that can be said. These new "Russians" are nothing short of Fascist scum, robbers and Mafiosi gangsters! Their time is coming to be sure. Their sentences will be meted out by the people they robbed.*

From San Francisco Chronicle, May 27, 1995, sent to us by our reader Ira Sugarman, Novato, CA, USA

## THERE'S AN EPIDEMIC WITH 27 MILLION VICTIMS. AND NO VISIBLE SYMPTOMS.

It's an epidemic of people who can't read.

Believe it or not, 27 million adult Americans are functionally illiterate, about one adult in five.

*And here, everyone thought that in the glorious USA, everything is as the Voice of America, CIA, US State Department and Radio Free Europe told us all these years.*

*27,000,000 who cannot read - illiterate in 1995? In the bastion of "glorious and free"? SHAME!!!*

*From newspaper "Tovarish".*



# RUSSIA, NATO CLOSE RANKS

In the daily capitalist press, it's all "love and kisses" between Yeltsin's Russia and NATO. The map at the right shows the long-range plans of NATO - to get all former USSR Republics entwined in the NATO orbit, both militarily, economically and culturally.

The name of this love-in is "Partners in Peace"! Look at these two partners! Against whom is this partnership aimed?

EVEN THE BLIND CAN SEE THROUGH THIS!

WE REPEAT AGAIN AND AGAIN ...

ARISE YOU MIGHTY LAND!

GET RID OF THE PRESENT TRAITORS!

*Photo reworked by Michael Lucas*

## PARTNERS IN PEACE

*Russia finalized a wide-ranging military co-operation treaty with NATO yesterday. The limited membership of Russia, 18 of its former Cold War allies and the neutral nations of Finland and Sweden clears the way for exchanges of military information and joint manoeuvres without defence obligations.*

**Partnership members:**

### Current NATO members

United States	Belgium
Canada	Netherlands
Iceland	Luxembourg
Portugal	Germany
Spain	Denmark
Italy	Norway
France	Greece
United Kingdom	Turkey





## ITEMS FROM ABROAD

PROFESSOR  
VLADIMIR  
HERASYMCHUK



*DEAR READER:* With the removal of V.I. Lenin's body from Lenin Mausoleum in the works, more and more articles are appearing by former "communists" (read traitors – Editors) against Lenin, since they think that they have already buried" Stalin.

The article by Professor Herasymchuk should give you an insight into books and articles, which are very cleverly written and masked by pseudo-revolutionary terminology. This is an outright CIA led plot to try and remove from sight the founder of USSR and according to them, the most dangerous psychological edifice in the world – the Lenin Mausoleum.

Humanity will not forget or forgive!

### REPLY TO UNSOLICITED "DEFENDER" OF A LEADER

One of the promoted paths of anti-communist activity of world capitalism – is an attempt to besmirch leaders of the proletarian revolution. Let us remember 1924. V.I. Lenin passed away. How many attempts were undertaken at that time to falsify his teachings! But the purity of Marxism-Leninism was defended by J.V. Stalin. Lenin's ideas were swiftly put into

practice in daily life. Imperialism, seeing the situation, decided to change its tactics. After 1953, the bourgeoisied party-government top leadership of USSR, fulfilling the orders of international bourgeois, began to idolize V.I. Lenin, but step by step, to take out from his teachings the revolutionary spirit and dedication. At the same time, the picture of J.V. Stalin, painted by the revisionist leaders, more and more, was presented as an antipode to Lenin. After the final "dethroning" of the so-called "cult of individual" in the USSR and other socialist countries, there took place the opportunity for a counter-revolution. This was accomplished by a clique of Gorbachev-Yeltsin. In the Ukraine, the role of traitors was undertaken by Krawchuk and Kuchma and their helpers.

The ideological, political, psychological attacks on the leaders of revolution started to be even more pronounced, and stronger. It was also propagated and attempted to tear away individual leaders from the historical and social-economic times of their rule. This gave an opportunity to break up the essence of examined processes and phenomena. We must remember, that a leader is not just a personality. He represents an epoch, concentrating in one person the thoughts and expectations of the class in power. Leaders of workers and social groups, have in them all the contradictions of the epoch, in their aspirations. Therefore, to unmask the personality of each one of them is very hard. This cannot be done without a class outlook.

Among the typical anti-Lenin publications is an article by Vladimir Malakhov in the Kiev newspaper, "Pravda Ukrainy" (April 21, 1995), "Everyone has his

own Lenin". Showing the interrelation of a leader to the given epoch, the author nevertheless besmirches the great Lenin, utilizing all sorts of innuendoes, misquotes, and tries to present Lenin's work out of context. This then gives him the opportunity to mask his attacks and his lies by suggesting that Lenin had two "souls"?!? – meaning two characters, two outlooks. One of the 'souls' "belongs to Utopianism", writes Malakhov, – the other, "coming later on, to realism".

Is it possible to have "two souls"? Yes, there are two-faced Janus as our Ukrainian Kuchma. But there is only one soul in all of us – except in them – souls of a Judas. The soul of Lenin – flesh and blood of the people. Lenin – this is revolution, this is the world, labour, socialism. He never wavered about the correctness of his path. Therefore, "not everyone has – his Lenin". Never! He belongs only to the workers of the world. Not to anyone else!

Malakhov compared the cult of the leader as if he was a bourgeoisied Ilyich "late in his life". The first part of Lenin's life, the author says, was more "revolutionary rage, illusions, without borders, sectarian intolerance, irrational behaviour to any compromise, never wanting to listen or take advice, not looking to the edges of different ideas, forthright, bloodily going to fulfill his idea". To back up his attacks, innuendoes and falsifications, the author brings forth examples such as the putting down of the Kronstadt mutiny, "red terror", fight of Lenin to sign the Brest Peace Treaty, break up of relations with G. Plekhanov, V. Zasluch, Y. Martov and other Menshevik leaders.

Why these lies? Why is Mr. Malakhov not telling us about the

details, background, political conditions and processes of those times? The revolutionary fury and rage of the upheaval were part and parcel of the working class, who were brought to this fury by capitalists and ruling bourgeois to the breaking point. Here, we should also add that if the wild capitalisation of the Soviet society will keep prolonging more, then the so-called "revolutionary fury" will again take hold of the masses of workers and peasants. You cannot forever keep people in dire need and under dictatorship as it is now!

As to the question of "illusionarism", the author only labelled the enemies of the revolution, not wanting to objectively look at the causes and results of the Great October. Revolutions are not born or started only by leaders. The working masses rise up against the capitalist class and its ruling hierarchy; and at the same time, leaders are born. Overlooking the temporary defeat of socialism in the USSR, communist ideas are continuing to influence wide masses of people in these present times. If Imperialism would not feel or know this, there would not be any need for lies about "two Lenins". Socialist revolution - this is not an illusion, this is reality of today.

We have to look into the lies of the author about the so-called sectarian impatience of Lenin. Would it be possible to build a big party of Bolsheviks, who defeated capitalism, built the biggest socialist country in the world on the principle of "sectarian impatience"? Aside from this, is it not known to Mr. Malakhov about the cooperation of Lenin with all the Mensheviks, socialist revolutionaries, even with Bukharin, Rykov, Trotsky, factually operating from anti-socialist positions? Was this in the interests

of socialism? But on principle questions, Lenin was adamant. The policy that brought the USSR in the late 1980's to chaos was due to the present followers of Bukharin who wanted "a Kulak socialism", is shown by today's tragedy of Soviet people.

And how can you blame Lenin, and the Bolsheviks, such "sins", as the signing of the Brest Litovsk Treaty? How would the author proceed in those conditions? Instead of the Brest Litovsk Treaty, keep on prolonging the war? This would have meant the occupation of all the country by the Germans! What would Malakhov have suggested to the young Soviet State in order to get peace and save the country from the planned "white terror"? At the hands of the terrorists, thousands people died, workers, peasants, leaders of the state. Regarding the Kronshtadt Mutiny - it is useless to proceed with such noise. Was this mutiny not against the revolutionary gains of the people? And are the analogical facts not known to the author, when and what kind of government did not put down an insurrection against itself by armed insurgents?

The importance of the genius of Vladimir Lenin was exactly in this, that he was able to foresee historical events and to take counter actions against counter-revolutionary attempts.

It is of no avail for apologists of Imperialism such as Malakhov trying to paint a picture of Lenin, who was supposed to have, near the end of his life, to have renounced his dedication and his thoughts. People of this ilk do not want to understand the logic of class struggle. In our country, at its beginnings, there existed "war communism", there was NEP (new economic policy) which allowed temporarily the existence of small private enterprise. But does this mean that the leadership of Soviet state had abandoned the building of socialism? Of course not. This is dialectics of historical development and building of socialism. To understand these events, not everyone is capable, as is shown by Mr. Malakhov.

In Lenin's note, "Letter to the Congress", the author tries to make of it a hue and cry of change of heart by Lenin, where Ilyich "openly admits his political

*Himmler (on the right) among officers of the "SS Halichina" Ukrainian murderers.  
From newspaper "Communist" #57, 1995.*



**Гімлер серед головорізів дивізії СС "Галичина"**



defeat", or they "set up in actual fact a sectarianistic headquarters 'professional revolutionaries' – while in actual fact, this was shown to be as a group of plotters and criminals".

O, gods! Why don't you exist? Then you would be able to throw thunder and lightning unto the heads of these liars, who are shamelessly lying about the memories of heroes, who were at the head and leading the people for a socialist Motherland!

The present day political hackers will never be able to understand the style and methods of work by the workers-peasant government. They will never be able to feel or appreciate the openness and sincerity, honour, which was established by Lenin of the Soviet Peoples Committee. In the "letter to the congress", there is given a short and out-of-context quote about the characteristics of certain leaders of the Land of Soviets, which stated their positive and negative points. Later, the revisionists of Krushchev and company utilized this document for their personal gains and political ambitions. Lenin, to the end of his days, remained a revolutionary. This is confirmed by his life and his works.

How can we see and analyze the author of this article that appeared in the newspaper, who called the founder of the Soviet State "one of a group of schemers and criminals"? From the point of view of morals and ethics, such a writer deserves all peoples' condemnation! However, how could these "criminals" head the mightiest country in the world, who broke the back of Hitler's fascism, sent the first man into space, and reached the highest contemporary advances in civilization?

Malakhov criticizes Lenin, who "with religious zeal, believed in the role of the working class". Well then, who is it that will fulfill this mission, if not the working class? Does he mean to tell us that it will be people like Kuchma and his "businessmen and capitalists"?! Well, never! God save us from such saviours! No one will guarantee the freedom of the worker, if he himself will not struggle to free himself.

Today's disintegration and chaos in the country, the author of this anti-Lenin diatribe wants to prove that this is the result of a "monster experiment", coming forth from the teachings of Lenin. Why such lies and filth?! As an example, Ukraine in the middle of 1980's in its economic might, belonged to the most highly developed countries of Europe. Where did this might disappear to during the years of Krawchuk-Kuchma? Let us give facts, from 1985 to 1994 in the republic the decline in building tractors fell from 136,000 to 16,000; coal, from 189 to 94,000 million tons; cloth, from 1160 to 263 million metres; sugar, from 6.2 to 0.3 million tons; meat, from 2.3 to 0.9 million tons. This is the BLAME of leaders such as Gorbachev, Yeltsin, Krawchuk and Kuchma.

Ending his diatribe, Malakhov tries to distance himself from "irreconcilable abusers" of the mightiest revolutionary of the XX century. "Lenin – he writes – this is already our history".

No, never! V.I. Lenin – this is not only history. This is also our present, and future. No people of the ilk of Malakhov, or Kuchma, ever be able to turn the wheel of history back from the road to socialism and communism.

**LENIN LIVED, LENIN LIVES,  
LENIN WILL ALWAYS LIVE!** □

**From:  
"BRATISLAVA PRAVDA"  
Slovakia**

*An interesting item appeared in this newspaper, showing what these new "democrats-nationalists" in both Czech and Slovak Republics are getting people into – Editors.*

"Deputy Minister of Defense of USA told a meeting of countries that want to join NATO that ... 'In case these countries will be admitted into NATO, they must understand that this precludes that atomic and hydrogen weapons will be stored on their territories'."

*Can the question be asked: "AGAINST WHOM" are these rockets to be used? Since there is no longer Warsaw Pact and Socialism has been temporarily defeated in these former socialist countries, against whom are these rockets going to be used? The answer is very clear. Western Imperialism knows that sooner or later, the people will revolt and resurrect socialism.*

*Let these present leaders not think that "Uncle Sam" will save their skins! Quislings will be dealt with as Quislings all through history!* □

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**URGENT!**

*We have received an appeal from the "Canadians Against Repression in Germany", asking us to protest the fascist-like repressions against Germans*

and other nationalities that were formally involved in the German Democratic Republic.

We publish here some information contained in the leaflet we received.

Please send your letters of protest to:

Herrn Ehestadt  
Vorsitzenden der 35. Kammer  
Landgericht Berlin  
Turmstratabe 91  
D 10559  
Germany

- Thousands of professors and teachers in the universities and schools of the former GDR are being fired for their left-wing views, in one of the most widespread purges of academic life in history.

- Judges and attorneys of the former GDR who prosecuted and convicted fascist war criminals and mass murderers are now being tried, convicted and jailed for their work, such as 88-year-old Otto Juergens in Leipzig. At the same time, an SS guard at the Ravensbrueck Nazi concentration camp, Margot Kunz, has been awarded 64,000 deutschemarks, about \$75,000 in Canadian currency, in "compensation" for the time she spent in a GDR jail for her crimes. None of the judges who sentenced anti-fascists to death under the Hitler regime has ever been prosecuted in the FRG.

- Many of the trials deal with incidents around the "Berlin Wall" or other border points between the GDR and FRG – a border between two sovereign countries, and in fact, between two heavily armed camps, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the Warsaw Pact. Any death which occurred along this border was regrettable and tragic. But there are no prosecutions against the killers of twenty-four GDR soldiers killed along the border from the Western side. Similarly, members of the former

GDR security services are being jailed, while the FRG's spies remain untouched.

- Thousands of streets named after German and international anti-fascists have been renamed, and people given honorary citizenship in the former GDR for their anti-fascist activities have had those honours revoked. At the same time, Hitler's birthday and the anniversary of the death of his deputy, Rudolf Hess, are publicly celebrated by neo-Nazis.

- Attacks against Jewish cemeteries and synagogues by far-right extremists are on the rise. A court in Mannheim has ruled that the leader of a far-right party, the National Party of Germany, can spread the lie that there was no mass extermination of Jews at Auschwitz.

Over ten thousand attacks on foreigners have been recorded in the last year. Particularly hard-hit are Turkish and Kurdish people living in Germany. Many Kurds have been deported back to Turkey, where they face arrest and torture, even execution, for their activity in defence of Kurdish rights. □

## IN '45, HE DEFENDED THE MOTHERLAND. TODAY, HE HAS NO PLACE TO LIVE

Take a look at this photograph. Does your heart not cry out? This is just a fragment of the tragedy that has befallen nearly all veterans and veterans-invalids.

In Kerch, Russia where A.I. Kovalev lives, there are over 5,000 war veterans, amongst them over 500 invalids; together, there are 44,000 pensioners – this is over 1/5 of the population.

He is telling the world that he has no place to live!



Look at his medals. They did not come very easily for him. He fought heroically for the Soviet Union. Now ... what have these traitors done to thousands of hero veterans such as A.I. Kovalev?

It would be interesting to know the reason as to why the Canadian Legion or the American Legion (whose leadership supports Yeltsin) as to why they do not send protests – after all, they were comrades in arms against a common enemy?

From newspaper "Veteran", #29-30 □

## From: POSTMARK PRAHA 64/68 Czech Republic

For our readers, at the end of this article we shall give you an address that you can write and subscribe to. It is highly recommended! Meanwhile, here are some interesting news contained in this issue.

## HISTORY REWRITTEN

In Prague on May 9th, U.S. flags dominated the city which was liberated by the Red Army. It was even too much for Social Democrat leader Milos Zeman: "You know I initiated the switch of the state holiday from May 9 to 8, so as to reflect the truth that Prague was



liberated not only by the Red Army alone. Today it seems that Prague went to the other extreme!" (only the Red Army liberated Prague! – Editors)

In another part of Postmark Praha, they quote the present Czech Defence Minister Vilem Holan, saying "the 50th Anniversary

was no occasion for rejoicing in our liberation!"

*Another modern Judas! Maybe he'll follow the ancient one who sold out Christ and hanged himself!*

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Czech Republic

power in Europe, pushing France, England and the USA aside – now that the German Democratic Republic is no more – is flexing its muscles.

In another part of NSC, you will read what they're doing to the former government leaders of GDR.

Who says that fascism is not growing? Who states that this is a "Democratic Germany"?

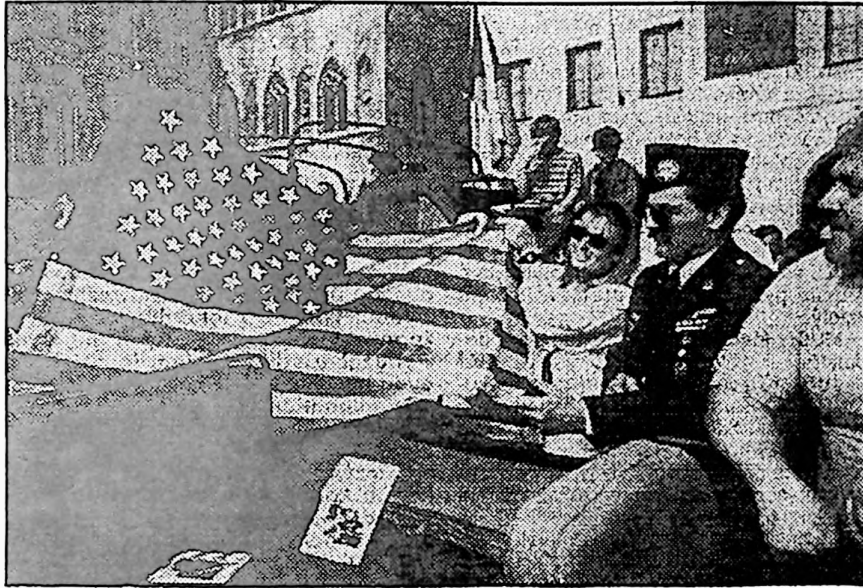
PEOPLE BE VIGILANT!  
– Fuchik □

## FROM OUR FRIENDS IN BRAZIL

Below, you see the front pages of an excellent newspaper published by the Provisional Revolutionary Party of Brazil, who are readers of Northstar Compass. These issues (in Portuguese – Editors) are devoted to the 50th Anniversary of the Victory of World War II.



In future issues, we shall have interesting articles translated into English. What we can gather from the pages of their newspapers is the fact that they are dedicated, revolutionary, active and struggling for socialism in their country and for the resurrection of the Soviet Union. □



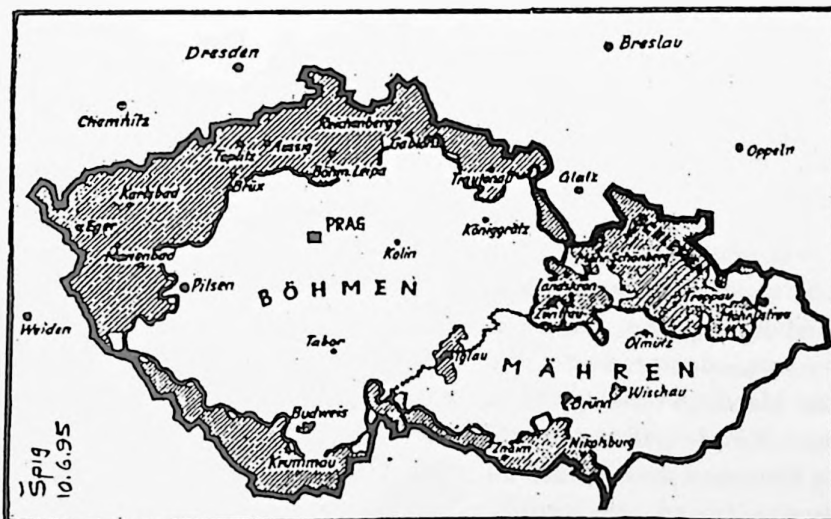
## GERMAN REVANCHISM IS ALIVE!

The map shows (in shaded areas) what the present "Democratic Germans" are demanding that the "Hitler's Germans" were not able

to keep.

Fifty years after their defeat, the present German rulers still are hell-bent to subjugate the territories by "political-economic" means what Hitler was not able to do by military means. Germany, as the

P.S. PRESIDENT HAVEL OF CZECH REPUBLIC UNFORTUNATELY CONCURS WITH THESE DEMANDS!



## OPEN FORUM

### A MESSAGE TO THE ELDERLY ABOUT OUR YOUTH

If you were born after 1960 and are now thirty five or younger, you will remember no major socialist victory; the last being the liberation of Ho Chi Minh City at the beginning of May, 1975. Children here in North America think that Canada, the United States and England fought against the Soviet Union in World War II. If you are fifty or younger, you will believe that it was Stalin who killed the Jews.

As a Marxist-Leninist-Darwinist, whose principle leadership in my life has been Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. giving me an anti-violent creed, from this considerable philosophical distance, let me discuss Joseph V. Stalin and the Soviet Union in World War II.

Stalin's "crime" is that he killed Hitler. He led the Soviet Union in crushing Nazi Germany. Since the ruling class of all nations had such high hopes for Hitler, immediately after the war, they took in his people into the secret police, into the missile program, hid out war criminals through this hemisphere and in general, Nazified themselves. Thus, when open Fascism appears here in the Army or on the streets, this is the result of seeds laid down immediately after the Second World War. Indeed, this plan to move to the far right was part of the deal to lessen ruling class support for Hitler as the United States, Canada and England moved into that war.

So, we elders must hold the torch high since youth is discouraged. But those of us born

in the '20's remember the horrors of the Great Depression and Hitler's rise and his apparent unstoppable. Every place he attacked fell to his blitzkriegs in six weeks; France, Norway, Poland, so when he attacked the Soviet Union, the prediction here was that he would win in six weeks, a depressing prediction that seemed authoritative. Hitler at first cut through the Soviet Union like a hot knife through butter, but then a resistance developed. Leningrad did not fall. Moscow held through that first terrible winter. With Stalingrad, the whole world knew that Hitler was doomed, even he knew it. With one hundred and eighty five Fascist divisions pitted against the Soviet Union, only half of them German with French Fascism sending a division, with Spanish Fascism sending a division, with Dutch Fascism sending a division, with the entire intact armaments industry of Europe minus England; the French, the Swedish, the Finnish against this horde, Lenin's state prevailed and saved the human race practically single-handedly. The Serbs of Yugoslavia pinned sixteen divisions of Nazis which is why they are being demonized today. The English, under Churchill, pinned down a mere fifteen divisions on "the second front" which was established to keep all of Europe minus England from going Communist. This was the "crime" of Stalin and the Soviet Union which the ruling classes of especially imperialist nations will never forgive.

The war was both rough and close. Science itself was made popular at its expense. Einstein physics was declared to be bourgeois, Mendelian biology also, and Freud simply vilified while Darwin's insistence that we are all apes was allowed to simply

disappear, all ideas unpopular with the masses at the time. Nuclear physics came back first to establish a nuclear deterrence to imperialist Harry Truman who liked to drop them on hundreds of thousands of children. The corn voted for Mendel by remaining very short until he was reinstated. We are still working on Darwin and the "subconscious mind" of Freud. The vile racisms in "the Origin of the Family" are just now getting addressed. But Lenin and the Communist Party were not mystics, or sages; they were scientists and wrote as such, especially clearly in Lenin's thesis on "Imperialism". It was the reality of their thinking, using the scientific method of explanation proven by massive evidence, that guided them through all the intellectual mine fields that destroyed competing political groups.

Let us give the world a new scientific argument on the equivalency of Hitler and Stalin, and now even the superiority of Hitler. Whom would you rather see with H bombs? - Capitalist Hitler who had none but surely would have dropped them if he had; or socialist Stalin who had them for sure, but never used them?

From childhood along the shores of Lake Michigan in Milwaukee, Wisconsin till my late twenties at the University of Wisconsin's Lake Mendota, I was fascinated by lake ice. In the late fall, the ice begins to form along the shore where it is soon solid while there remains open water in the middle of the lake. Capitalism is now in its final moments so full of contradictions now becoming a farce. It is like a man walking from the cold shore ice toward the open water. Which next step forward will cause him to fall through? Yugoslavia? The stock market? Internal unrest? Not even



the ruling class, my class, believes in Capitalism Forever, so we elders must hold the torch till youths' hopes are again raised by reality.

- William Bunge  
Arthabaska, Québec

*Our friend Professor William Bunge is a prolific writer, scientist, geographer and a Marxist who keeps our Editorial Committee supplied with enough interesting materials for next 10 issues. Unfortunately, we haven't the space to publish all. We thank comrade Bunge for his dedication.* □

## SALT & PEPPER ON WRY

**By: Roy Davis, Mexico**

### POLAR INVERSION

Presidents once aspired to be popular from pole to pole. But in late years, the lesser lights habiting the White House are pleased to be popular from poll to poll.

### WAR'S AS EASY AS PIE

Tell me something, Mother, if you could:  
What is WAR, and is it bad or good?

Well, Son, war goes about like this:  
You and your little friend Sammy have a great big yum-yummy pie, but you can't agree how to share it, so you have an all-out, drag-out fight. You battle long, hard, mean, and dirty.

Finally one of you falls down dead. It's Sammy - goody, goody,  
YOU WIN! But  
your teeth were bashed in the brawl so you can't eat the pie anyway. And your arms are so masked and mangled they won't move mouth-high anyhow. Yet,

you're curious, curious about that pie, that mouth-tempting, trouble-making pie.

You look and find the cursed thing - stomped flat in the filth in the fight! That, My Son, is what war is like.

Wars sure are stupid, ain't they,  
Mom?

Children sure are wise, ain't they,  
Tom! □

## FEATURE ANALYSIS

### THE TASKS OF THE LENINIST TREND

**From: Working Peoples' News  
Silver Spring, Maryland, USA**

*We are honored to be asked by Northstar Compass to contribute an article to the Third Anniversary Issue on the topic of the upcoming tasks of NSC and the progressive movement. Today, as in the past, the working class and oppressed peoples need to learn from the political experiences which emerged out of the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917 and continued through the Comintern, the defeat of fascism, and the successful construction of socialism to the greatest extent the world has known. Unfortunately, many forces who once fought for proletarian interests have succumb to a liquidationist trend whose aim is to separate the working class from the heritage of socialist revolution.*

*Northstar Compass is making a great contribution to the fight for socialist revolution and against the liquidation of the science of Marxism-Leninism through its publication of information and debate on the question of the struggle for the restoration of socialism in the former Soviet Union and*

*the defense of socialism everywhere.*

*Working Peoples' News will soon be publishing a book titled "Fighting Against Liquidationism: A Leninist Trend Emerges", by N. Jackson. The following is an excerpt from this book which speaks to what tasks are necessary for this developing Leninist trend.*

We are still in the "era of imperialism and proletarian revolution" that Lenin defined. The fundamental contradictions of our era still exist: the contradiction between labor and capital, the contradictions among the various imperialist powers and financial groups, and the contradictions between a handful of ruling nations and millions of oppressed peoples. Only the contradiction between the socialist world and the imperialist world has changed. The Soviet Union and socialist camp no longer exist. Therefore, our program and tactics must take this into account. They will differ in particulars to that elaborated by the Communist International but not fundamentally. For, even though socialists have lost state power, the struggle for socialism still continues.

Imperialism also has undergone changes. For example, colonialism has been largely replaced by semi-colonialism or, in the words of today, "humanitarian intervention". We see its uses in Haiti, Somalia, Bosnia, etc. This too demands different tactics on the part of working people in these countries and around the world. But the contradictions between a handful of rich countries and the many oppressed peoples and nations still exist. National liberation struggles continue. The loss of the socialist camp has meant the loss of an important ally in this struggle.

However, this does not mean abandoning Leninism. The working

class in the dependent and oppressed nations has grown in strength and in numbers. Workers in South Africa, Brazil, the Philippines, and the Black Belt south have mounted the barricades along with the workers in the more advanced industrial countries. In particular, we must analyze how this impacts on the role of the working class in the national liberation struggles. Objectively, this class will undoubtedly play a larger role in the national liberation movements.

Imperialism's intensified efforts at global exploitation are a sign of its weakness, not its strength. This must not be forgotten. Global

expansion is not new. Imperialism is trying to use this expansion as a way to overcome its inherent contradictions. But market relations produce anarchy, not balanced development even on an international scale. We do not have to abandon Marx or Lenin to understand this. On the contrary, a deeper grasp of Marx's analysis of capitalism and Lenin's assessment of imperialism challenges us to apply this knowledge to contemporary conditions.

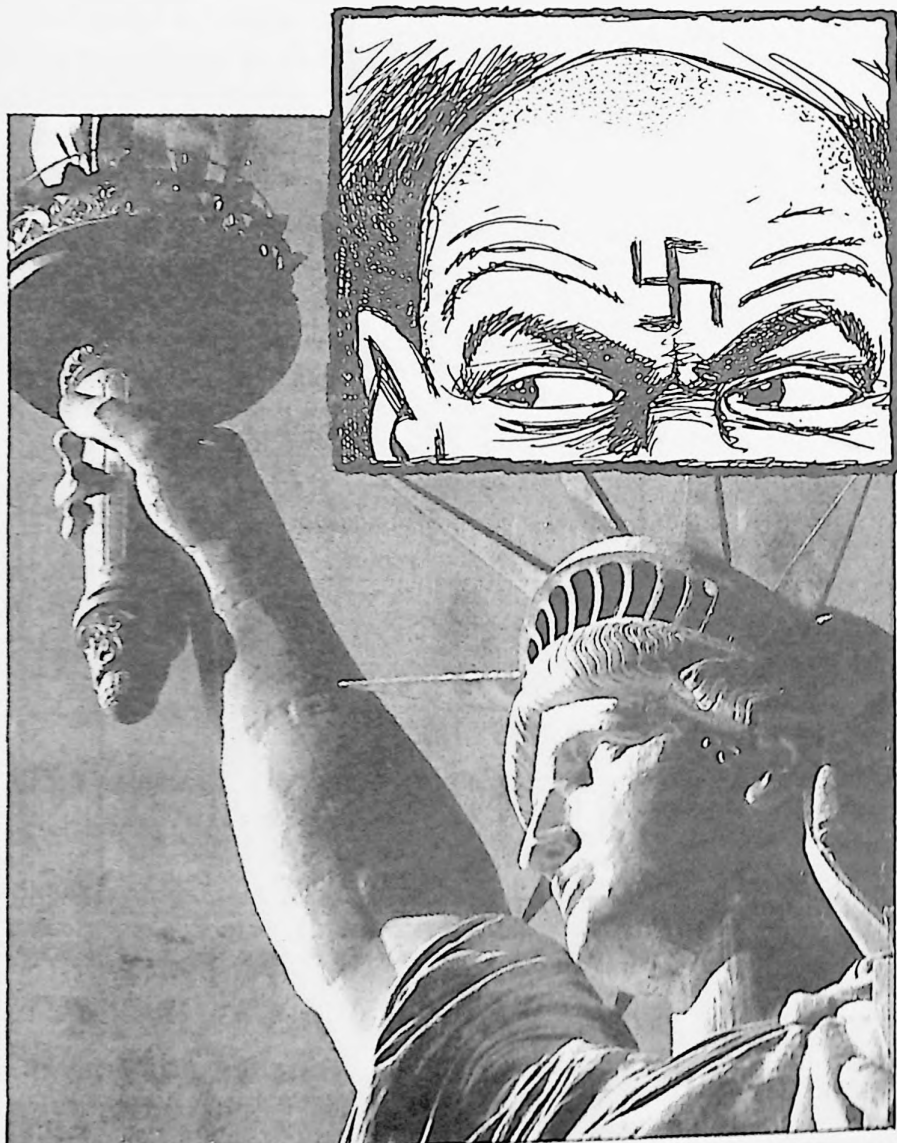
The much hailed "globalization of capital" today has not ended inter-imperialist rivalry nor given rise to a new world order of

friendly co-operation among the parasitic capitalist classes ... With the destruction of the socialist camp, the uneasy economic alliance among the imperialists is evaporating. Britain, France, Japan, and Germany, "endeavor to tear loose from American bondage", to "break from the embrace of the USA and secure (their own) independent course for high profits".<sup>1</sup> ... The movement towards centralization and concentration of capital, towards technological development of finance capital, did not "lessen the unevenness and contradictions inherent in the world economy but in reality increased these contradictions".<sup>2</sup>

Although the contradiction between labor and capital has been obvious in most countries of the world, class contradictions have become more apparent in the U.S. While workers are told that class war is over, "non-adversarial" and cooperative relations with employers are possible, the fact is that the U.S. working class is rapidly becoming impoverished. Job security and working conditions are deteriorating daily. While U.S. workers are told to be passive because they cannot win, there are many instances of struggle. The recent, successful, General Motors strike (1994) shows the power of even the weakest section of the international proletariat.

Internationally, the resistance of the working class to increased exploitation is growing and has assumed diverse forms. We have already mentioned the larger role of workers in the dependent and oppressed nations. COSATU in South Africa and the Workers Party in Brazil are making important contributions to the international workers movement. In Germany, France, and other industrialized

## IS THIS THE FUTURE FACE ON THE STATUE OF LIBERTY—USA?





countries, the struggle for a shorter work day (without loss in pay) continues.

The search for higher levels of resistance to imperialist crisis is constantly being undertaken by the oppressed and exploited around the world. In order for these struggles to reach victory, they must be guided by correct revolutionary theory, by scientific socialism, which gives the working class and oppressed peoples the tools to be able to analyze the enemy and the line of march. The consolidated experience of the working class movement in all countries taken in its general aspect provided the basis of Marxist-Leninist theory, which is a critical guide to revolutionary practice. "For theory and theory alone, can give the movement confidence, the power of orientation, and an understanding of the inner relation of surrounding events; for it, and it alone, can help practice to realize not only how and in which direction classes are moving at the present time, but also how and in which direction they will move in the future. None other than Lenin uttered and repeated scores of times the well-known theses that 'Without a revolutionary theory, there can be no revolutionary movement'.<sup>3</sup>

This is why the reconsolidation of social democracy is so dangerous. The intent of modern day social democracy both nationally (e.g., the Committees of Correspondence), and internationally (e.g., the LINKS journal) is to direct new revolutionary forces emerging from the mass struggles away from the Leninist onto a path of conciliation and capitulation to imperialism.

This must not happen. It is up to us, the Leninists, the "Field Marxists", to battle against this liquidationist path by re-arming the working class and oppressed

people. But we must not rest content with just grasping the rudiments of an understanding of this period. We must apply Marxism-Leninism (Bolshevism) to the concrete conditions that exist today. This would represent true ideological rearmament that will help liberate the working class and oppressed peoples of the world.

*Fighting Against Liquidationism: A Leninist Trend Emerges* will be available soon from Working Peoples' News, Post Office Box 7763, Silver Spring, Maryland 20907, USA.

<sup>1</sup> Stalin, Joseph, *Economic Problems of Socialism in the USSR*, 1952, International Publishers, p. 28.

<sup>2</sup> Lenin, V.I. *Imperialism, The Highest Stage of Capitalism*, Foreign Languages Press, 1975, p. 113.

<sup>3</sup> Stalin, Joseph, "Theory", *Foundations of Leninism*, Peking, p. 22. □

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## THE IDEOLOGICAL BATTLE

By: Dennis Martin

*Our new subscriber, writer, historian from South Wales, had sent us an indepth analysis of the "Ideological Battle" from which we're reprinting the following excerpts to show our readers the tremendous might of the USA and Imperialism's mass media ownership and influence over the world.*

*Welcome to our growing list of correspondents, Denis! - Editors.*

After trying for years to break into the USSR while Stalin was alive, the CIA changed tactics. Be that as it may, the CIA was not having as much success where it counted most:

"Operations are extremely difficult to mount inside target (i.e., Soviet/Satellite) countries because of the effectiveness of the communist internal security services."

So, it was necessary to think up something else. That was "information imperialism". The term was first used by ex-President Kokkonen of Finland in 1973 about the monopolisation of the media by giant corporations which imposed their views on other peoples and interfered in their cultural life.

In the ideological and cultural sphere, the main thrust is to spread bourgeois ideology and culture in different forms in order to neutralise Marxist ideas and foster anti-Communism. Particular emphasis is paid to the developing and Socialist countries. The intention is to undermine the prestige of the Socialist countries and to drive a wedge between them and the developing countries. The aim is to popularise private enterprise as a natural and eternal state of human development and to explain why the developing countries need the assistance of the transnationals and to create a favourable climate for their activities. They also incite reactionary pro-Western regions to suppress local progressive, patriotic and democratic forces and organisations.

There are today in the world more than 30,000 radio stations, 1,300 million radio receivers and 500 million TV sets. Everyday, 8,200 newspapers are published in a total edition of 440 million copies in addition to tens of thousands of other periodicals and some 1,800 books. The developing world accounts for only a tiny part of the world's media, and moreover, they are mostly unevenly distributed even there. Asia, Africa and Latin America, which have about two-thirds of the Earth's population,

possess a mere 5 percent of the world's TV transmitters, 15 percent of its TV sets and only one-eighth of the newspapers published in the world. A large part of the communication media there is owned by foreign monopoly capital even though they are being formally presented as "national". According to data cited in one research paper in 1980, the USA controls 75 percent of the world's production and distribution of TV programmes, 50 percent of the demonstration times of films, 35 percent of book publications, 90 percent of TV news, 82 percent of the production of electronic equipment used in the mass communication sphere and 89 percent of commercial information stored in electronic computers. In addition, approximately 13 million copies of READERS DIGEST are sent abroad, together with such magazines as TIME and NEWSWEEK. Of the 15 biggest transnational corporations which have a monopoly over the production of communications equipment, ten are American.

The world's largest governmental propaganda organisation is the United States Information Agency (USIA) which has more than 200 offices in 126 countries, which publishes 12 magazines in 22 languages and directs the Voice of America radio stations which broadcasts more than 800 hours a week in 39 languages. The USIA has a staff of about 8,000 and its budget for 1983 was 640 million dollars. Every year, it commissions about 1,700 TV programmes which are dubbed into 62 languages and broadcast by 2,000 stations in other countries. In addition, the CIA controls a whole network of mass media in the USA and abroad. According to the Chicago Daily News, US

propaganda ware was "promoted" abroad by 200 newspapers, 30 information agencies, 20 radio stations, 25 publishing houses and so on. The US Defence Department employs 1,227 propaganda experts. During one year, the Pentagon released 1,141 films, 3,560 TV films and 3,142 film strips. It has a large number of publications and radio and TV stations outside the United States, all their propaganda output being aimed at indoctrinating the masses and especially young people in a militaristic spirit. □

## FRIENDSHIP NEWS

### GREETINGS TO NSC ON THE 3RD ANNIVERSARY

Coordination Council of the social-political movement "Marxist Platform", Editors of newspaper "Moment of Truth" and the journal "Enlightenment", greet Northstar Compass and its readers with the Third Anniversary of the birth of your journal. We wish you success in our common struggles - the resurrection of Soviet Union and the victory of socialism all over the world.

- V.F. Isajchikov  
Co-Chairman of Movement  
Chief Editor of Newspaper  
"Moment of Truth", and journal  
"Enlightenment"  
Moscow, Russia □

Dear Comrades:

Well, it is three years that our Northstar Compass shines over the world, showing the people the road to progress, peace and happiness, dispelling the darkness of terror and injustice. To us, Soviet people,

living through very hard times in our disintegrated socialist country, it is very pleasant to note, that in this dark hour, our friends across the ocean are together with us. And when on May 9, 1995 in Lutsk, the national-fascists organized an attack on veterans, trying to trample under foot the red banners, there was a protest from NSC sent in our defence. This protest by you comrades we take as our own. It seemed to us that the Red Flag of Victory being trampled under foot by the reactionary forces here, again even brighter was unfurled over the working class of the world. Hands off the sacred flag of victory! Fascism will not pass!

Let us embrace each other more energetically, dear comrades in arms! In a united front we will march ahead, to our goal - to socialism and communism!

Motherland or death! We shall be victorious!

- V.F. Isajchikov  
Co-Chairman of Movement  
Chief Editor of Newspaper  
"Moment of Truth", and journal  
"Enlightenment"  
Moscow, Russia □

## LETTERS FROM ABROAD

### From: Turkey

Dear Friends:

I read a conference report in the Workers' World (New York) of April 13, 1995. I heard about you for the first time and wish to know more about you.

I am a communist political prisoner. Turkey's ... regime imprisoned me because of membership in the outlawed TKEP/

Leninist (Communist Labour Party of Turkey). This party was and is a friend of the Soviet Union.

I want to read your publications (books, pamphlets, and periodicals like the Northstar Compass). Maybe I can translate some of your articles/news into Turkish. Our publications can print them.

My conditions don't allow me to pay for your publications.

Wish to hear from you soon.

- Memet Sinan Ördেকci

*It will be an honour to send you our Northstar Compass. For obvious reasons, we shall not divulge your outside contact. We are with you Memet!* □

### **From: Uzhgorod, Carpathian Region, Ukraine**

Dear Michael:

I do not wonder any more that it takes three months for letters to get from me to you or your letter to me. Our water, gas, telephone services in this region of Ukraine are in shambles, and getting worse with each month.

Do not blame our people, because the powers that be in Kiev have given us "independence" which in essence means deprivation and nationalistic terror. It is obvious that our Carpathian Region is being colonized by these Western Ukrainian nationalists and our people are under the heel of the rabid nationalistic Mafia!

Such horror our Carpathian people did not know even under the Austro-Hungarian Empire! It is now openly stated and admitted on radio, TV and the press, that this district of Ukraine is the "beggars' country". Mafia is ruling every aspect of our life. I never thought and our people cannot believe to this day, that such a situation could be upon us. Why did we vote for Krawchuk and now Kuchma?

Where was our understanding and our brains?

What kind of a country is this Ukraine when it robs its own people?

For 40 years, I, as an Honoured Artist of Ukraine and USSR, devoted my life to culture, heading the top Carpathian Ensemble of dancers, musicians and singers ... saved 10,000 rubles for my old age - now, these rubles are taken away and I'm practically a pauper, since the currency situation now is unstable and everyone has lost their entire life's savings!

You can see people walking the streets, their heads down, with no enthusiasm. When talking and reminiscing about what life was like before this "nationalistic independence" was foisted upon us! It was like a dream!

Our people are hard working and peaceful in their character, but are becoming more and more agitated and we see the day coming when our lives will improve only after we throw the yoke of this "independence" off our backs!

- Signed, Beskid

*Full name is omitted due to the dangerous situation that this Honoured Artist finds herself in - Editors.*

*We understand and our hearts go out to you and others who are suffering the "nationalistic paradise" of Ukrainian Mafia.* □

### **From: Ukraine**

Canadian Council

Dear Michael Lucas:

Thank you ever so much for your letter. It was a great surprise to have received your letter. It'll give us hope for further cooperation and friendship.

It is so kind of you to spend your valuable time on us. I don't want to seem trite, but it's really the truth.

Members of our unit are very proud to be Honorary Members of your Association.

We would like to receive more information about functions of the members of Association in order to make a contribution.

I completely agree with you that the opposition forces in the former USSR are still squabbling about "ethics and tactics". I think there is a great problem before us. Only together we can win. We must make compromises, if we want to achieve something. And here, one of the most important roles must be taken to the Youth. The older generations are theorists. The younger generations are practical workers. But most of the young people are lost to us. They don't believe us. They believe in money. But there are some young people who believe us, but at the same time, they doubt. We must support them.

We have failed to organize a camp for international youth. I understand quite well that it's too expensive but still, it's possible to do it if everybody will make a contribution to our general work. Maybe, it makes sense to gather leaders of youth organizations, where they could learn and share experiences with each other.

I'd like to know your opinion about this.

I'm sorry that I can't send any articles right now. I will try to send them as soon as possible.

At the moment, we haven't an office to receive your letters. Please, write directly to my address.

- Yours,  
Roman Tikhonov  
Union of Socialist Youth

*Dear Roman: Your suggestion is right on the mark and our Canadian Council and Editorial Board are going to look into this complex question. Possibilities are great and there is a*



possibility that this can be accomplished in Canada since there are people that might be able to help. We shall keep in touch. □

**From Newspaper:  
"RED YOUTH"  
Vladikavkaz**

Dear Comrades:

We would like to make contact with publications of organizations in the world with same aims as ours, with concentration on youth in order for us to exchange materials with them.

Please send us the addresses of their publications. We thank you in advance.

– Valentin Tabakov

*We shall look into this question immediately and you will hear directly from them. We wish you fruitful contacts.* □

**From: Damascus, Syria**

Dear Comrades:

The convention of the 8th Congress of the Syrian Communist Party will take place in Damascus City, from August 28 to September 1, 1995.

After the 7th Congress of May 23-27, 1991, this 8th Congress takes place during great international changes that took place during the last few years.

The world labour and communist parties have started to restore their common activity after the "collapse" of the European Socialist countries and the Soviet Union; the unipole and world-domination policy, that world imperialism, American in particular, has been trying to impose, is facing an increasing resistance from the world's peoples. Even the contradictions and conflicts among the imperialist centers themselves have continued to intensify.

Life has proved, and is proving today more than ever, that the solidarity, coordination and meetings between the labour and communist parties, establishing the broadest communication net, have turned into an urgency for confronting those challenges imposed by the recent world developments, the challenges facing the peoples that seek liberation, political and economic independence, and to choose that development path which fulfills their needs.



The struggle against the imperialist-propagandised policies of market economy, under the slogan prescriptions of the international imperialist triangle, the World Bank, IMF, and the World Trade Organization, is attaining a special importance for the peoples and nations of the developing countries and for the prospects of their socio-economic development.

The Syrian Communist Party, the party of our homeland and people's defence, lends a particular importance for the Middle East issue, supports Syria's national stand that sticks to the implementation of UN Security

Council resolutions 242, 338 and 425, and it demands the liberation of all the occupied Arab territories, returning the legitimate rights to the Palestinian people. The SCP is also unmasking the regional economic projects propagandised for our region such as the "Mideast Market", among others aiming at improving the Israeli domination over the Arab region politically, economically and militarily. Our party believes that handling the socio-economic conditions in Syria – entailing the addressing of high prices, improving the living standards of the popular masses, supporting the State Sector, protection national production, broadening the democratic freedoms of the popular masses and their national forces, and activating the action of the National Progressive Front – would consolidate the well-known Syrian national stand.

Taking all these international, Arab, and internal developments into consideration, the 8th Party Congress will adopt the re-formulated Party Programme, which Draft is receiving the broadest discussion in all the party's organizations and bodies and throughout the pages of its Central Organ, "Nidal Al-Sha'ab".

The Syrian Communist Party, the party of Marxism-Leninism and Proletarian Internationalism, a party working for strengthening and consolidating the international solidarity between the labour and communist parties, would highly appreciate the reception of a message of greetings to the Congress from your organization as from now to the date of its convention on August 28, 1995.

– With our comradely regards,  
Michel Mounayer

P.S. You can send message to my address.

*Dear Friends: We certainly concur with your exceptional analysis in this letter. It is full of optimism and alive with ideas of Marx and Lenin. Our message of solidarity is well on its way to you, comrades. We wish your Congress success!* □

**From Newspaper:  
"WORD OF A COMMUNIST"  
Odessa, Ukraine**

Dear Friend!

I received the third number of your Northstar Compass which included an article that I wrote. Grateful thanks to you and your Editorial Board. To be very frank, I'm amazed and am jealous of your quick operativeness – how could you have translated my article so fast – get it set, printed and already sent all over the world? From your reply, I can visualize that I am in contact with a living dynamo ... but this shows dedication by your Committee. Unfortunately, we cannot be so fast as yet ...

I must confess to you, comrades, that your journal NSC in the Ukraine is very widely known. Just inside one week, I received a call from Chernigov from my friends, the Editor of the newspaper, "For Social Justice", G. Macenko, congratulating me on having my article published in far-away Canada! For us, to be published in your journal is a great honour!

On my part, I will keep you supplied with information about our problems and successes, since it seems that everything interests you and your readers.

I will keep on sending you our newspaper regularly.

Dear Michael! We thank you for the heart-warming feelings that you are showing us.

I wish you and your colleagues good health and successes and to

celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Great Victory against our common enemy! Good luck to all of you!

– With sincere greetings,  
Guram Tsyshbaya, Editor  
"Word of a Communist"

*We will expect your materials with anticipation. All of us must work quickly to achieve unity of our forces. This is no time for symantics while the enemy has already broken into our homes. Together, we shall achieve this unity!* □

**From: Stalingrad**

Dear Michael Lucas

Dear Friends of Soviet People:

On behalf of the Communists of Stalingrad, I, Vladimir Yevtushenko, am writing to you. I send you communist greetings from our organization – and in your name I'm sending best wishes to all the friends of our Soviet people.

We would like to establish contacts in order to regularly exchange information, newspapers, magazines and also, letters.

In order that you would have a better understanding as to what we are and what we stand for, I'm sending you copies of our newspaper plus some leaflets for your information. Unfortunately, due to the lack of finances, we are unable to publish regularly, but we shall save enough money in order to be able to send you regularly when we do publish.

Can we establish direct contact with you?

We thank you in advance.

We shall await your reply and again, the best of health to you and your comrades.

– I hold your hand tightly,  
V. Yevtushenko, Editor

*We Welcome your newspaper and*

*your request to correspond with us. Our membership has great feelings for Stalingrad (Volgograd) not only for its heroism during the Great Patriotic War, but because the turning point of the war took place there.*

*Toronto and Stalingrad were twinned cities. Many exchanges took place – delegations – tourists and artists. We are informing you that we shall open up a campaign as former members of Toronto-Stalingrad Twin Cities Organization for signatures for the renaming of Volgograd back to Stalingrad.*

*This is not a question of mixing into the internal affairs of Russia or CIS – not at all. Those who trampled on history will themselves be trampled into oblivion!*

*Stalingrad will live on forever!* □

**From: South Wales, U.K.**

Your journal? A few nitpicking comments. Even allowing for the difference in American and our brand of English – spelling mistakes (FINDLAND for Finland, our Fascist leader was Oswald Mosley – and the bloomer of May Day in Moscow when the picture was clearly taken in front of the Winter Palace in Leningrad, but these are churlish remarks for I thought your magazine was a cracker. It made me realise just how revisionist even our so-called left had become in Britain. Indeed, were it not for the fact that I spent over 20 years of my life abroad, I would have finished up with my old comrades in the "Democratic Left" which has not only ditched Marxism-Leninism, but is now to the right of the Liberal-Democratic Party. So, I would like to take out a subscription to your magazine to get at the truth directly without having to spend weary hours sorting through the cross.

– Denis Martin

*Yes, sometimes with the best of intentions, the "bloomers" creep in. We have to be more careful. Your article "The Ideological Battle" is excellent. We quote extensively in this issue from it. The facts you give are invaluable!*

*Welcome to our ever-growing readership. We hope that you will write for us more often.* □

### **From: Kiev, Ukraine**

Dear Canadian Friends:

We will be very happy to establish friendly relations with your society and the editorial board of "Northstar Compass" of world renown.

The organization "Red Legion" (Communist Organization with noble aims, the "Red Legion Revolution" bearing the name of V.I. Lenin; the organization "Red Legion", etc.; also named "Workers' Red League") in all instances going under the letters RKL in the Russian variant) is third with respect to its activity and force among the activists of the left in Ukraine, after the Socialist and the Communist Parties. The birth of RKL on the political arena of the Republic at the end of 1994 has radically altered the grouping of forces of Ukraine, has re-enforced the left bloc of Ukraine.

The program, the history and the editorial policy of RKL, that is to say, the formalities will be reviewed after the receipt of your reply. The object of this letter is to discover the possibility of us collaborating with one another.

For example, we are interested in getting information about your society and your magazine; fundamental and basic information regarding the political situation in Canada (the left movement, the problem of Québec, the contacts between Canada and the USA) and many other things.

I believe that we also have some things that may be of interest to you.

In exchange for your "present" to us, we are sending you No. 2 of the magazine of the Society of Socialist Scientists of Europe. We have become the representatives of this publication here, in Ukraine.

I would like to send you some of my own sketches as a small personal gift from me because I am the author of the caricature-tract "Yeltsin of Russia, Krawchuk of Ukraine, etc." which was published in Vol. 2, No. 5, December, 1993, in your magazine.

Please direct your reply to Kiev. We wholeheartedly clasp your hand, valiant communists of North America!

– Member of the CK RKL,  
Vadim P. Serebroff

*We certainly want to and will collaborate with each other in our common cause of socialism and the rebirth of the Soviet Union. The information that you require is in the mail to you. Regularly, we shall keep you abreast of the situation in Canada as per your request.*

*You mention that you have become the representatives of the publication "Alternatives" in Ukraine surprises us a bit. This "internal social-political and analytical journal" contains analysis which some of us question as to their relevance! Be that as it may, the question remains as to the unity on principle between all of the "left forces"! What kind of "PRINCIPLE" will unite the anti-Yeltsin, anti-Kuchma forces?*

*We await your reply.* □

### **From: Rostov-On-Don, Russia**

Dear Comrades:

Am sending you the latest issues of our newspaper "BUREVESTNIK DONA".

We are very thankful for your "Northstar Compass" and materials

which are very highly admired and appreciated by the Rostov communists.

We wish you the best of everything in your Editorial Collective and to all progressive Canadians.

Together we shall win!

– Fedor Lobov  
Editor of "Burevestnik Dona"

*Looking over your newspapers that you have sent us, we are CERTAIN that with people like you and your comrades, we shall overcome the present problems. UNITY on principles is what we all need. People living in the Don region will certainly make their voices heard!* □

### **From: Novosibirsk, Russia**

Gentlemen:

I have learned about you from STANDARD PERIODICAL DIRECTORY in a local library, and would like to know more about your aims, structure, activities and publications.

Please kindly send me all materials available from you.

I wish you every success and look forward to hearing from you.

– Yours sincerely,  
Vladimir V. Zvezdin

*We are glad that our publication is known and recorded in the "Periodical Directory" in far away Novosibirsk. We certainly will fulfill your request.* □

### **From: Lanarshire, Scotland**

Dear Comrades:

I am asking you to send me the "Northstar Compass". I look forward to hearing from you.

– Arthur McKerl

*The last issue was sent to you and we would like to welcome you to our growing readership. We hope that many more Scots will subscribe to NSC.* □



## From: Homebush, Australia

Dear Canadian Friends:

Although my sub has expired and I still receive the NSC, I hope to resume the payment very shortly. Our concern here now is to protest and stop French nuclear testing. I wish you the best of luck and will communicate with you shortly.

- E. Killen

*Dear Eva: Nice to hear from you and we certainly wish the Australians success in your campaign against nuclear testing. All of us have sent protests to the French government.* □

## NEWS FROM U.S. FRIENDS OF NORTHSTAR COMPASS

### From: Miami, FL., USA

Dear Friends:

Am ordering an audio tape plus a small contribution.

Please excuse me for not writing "Canadian Friends of Soviet People" on the envelope to you ... or the check. This could affect the financial and physical health of my family, especially here in Miami, the Capital of Latin American Counter-revolutionaries.

- Yours,  
J.C.P.

*We thank you and admire your courage in that hotbed of not only counter-revolutionary activities, Mafiosi violence, but creeping fascism into the American life. Again, VINCEREMOS!* □

### From: Detroit, MI, USA

Dear Friends:

Thanks for the reminder. Greetings to Mike Lucas and to my 40th Anniversary travel companion,

Mike Ukas. Too bad we couldn't make a similar trip for the 50th. The best I could do was to participate in a parade here with some Soviet Jewish immigrant veterans. Story was in PWW. Here's a copy of my original story.

Keep up the good work. Greetings to all of your Editorial Board. Check for \$25.00, enclosed.

- George Shenkar

*Editorial Board appreciated your article that appeared in PWW. Unfortunately, for lack of space and other materials, we were not able to place it in this issue. Our movement needs people of your dedication.* □

### From: Staten Island, NY, USA

Dear Comrades:

Enclosed is an \$80.00 check for 4 subscription renewals to our "beacon of Marxist-Leninist" light - Northstar Compass. Among those renewals are activists in the Peace and Justice movement in New York and California; activists in the reform wing of the Democratic Party; members of progressive veterans groups and a leader of the Communist Party, USA, in the state of New York.

Let's complete our 1995 subscription quota to reach 1,000 readers and also let's get moving on the Fund Drive. A good way to make sure that the "Friends of the Soviet People" and "Northstar Compass" has a continuous long life is for our readers and supporters to remember our organization and magazine in their wills. Many political parties and groups in the USA use this method to help sustain the Left and Socialist/Communist thought.

Also, everyone has a birthday. Why not give the Best "Happy Birthday" gift to your progressive friends in the trade-union, peace, justice, or Third World solidarity

movements? Give a 1 year gift subscription to "Northstar Compass". It's a gift that informs, and informs, and ...

- Comradely,  
Angelo D'Angelo  
"USA Friends of Northstar  
Compass", Staten Island, New York

*Dear our 'Stakhnovite' Angelo: May every publication be blessed with an energetic dynamo as you! We shall reach our goal! We need more people like you, Angelo!* □

### From: Saddle Brook, NJ, USA

Dear Editor:

Enclosed is \$25.00 for my new subscription. Your inserts are priceless. I look forward to them.

Reading about the 'All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks' and Nina Andreyeva makes me feel they are closer to Marxist concepts.

'The Russian Workers Communist Party' and Anpilov seems to favor a market economy, but on a slower track. This is an oxymoron. Any economy has its own market; socialist, capitalist, and feudalist and they organize it in accordance with who rules.

A socialist market is centralized with national and regional planning, and its controls. Dominant in the planning should be the working class (trade union primarily, all other sections included). This is what Marx meant by the "Dictatorship of the Proletariat". The intelligentsia and careerist should not be the dominant force in planning. Opening up the socialist markets completely (purpose: competition, incentives, increase production, etc., etc.) will divide one section of workers and regions against another and will lead to anarchy, corruption, and exploitation which characterizes the

capitalist market. I hope Anpilov understands this. Thank you

– Respectfully, yours,  
David Reid

*Your short analysis is to the point, for which we thank you. The weaknesses in the anti-Yeltsin forces will have to be overcome if unity is to be achieved. Unity without Marxist principles will not be a unity that will defeat the present regime. These anti-Yeltsin forces must purge the agents and provocateurs from their ranks.* □

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### From: Hamden, CT, USA

Dear Friends & Comrades:

Thanks very much for your sample copy. I was most impressed by its content and your organization's spirit and hard work.

Enclosed, please find a money order for \$20.00. I look forward to receiving my first issue.

– Phil Eisen

*Welcome to our family of friends of Soviet people. We hope that you will inform your friends about NSC.* □

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### From: Boston, USA

Dear Michael Lucas & Friends:

Enclosed is an article from June 14, 1995 Boston Globe which is very encouraging. We ask that you forward the enclosed materials to Yevgeny Dzhugashvil; and Omar Begov and their organization to the best of your ability. We sincerely appreciate your effort.

– In struggle,  
Boxholder DLD-359

*We appreciate the clipping from Boston Globe about the grandson of J.V. Stalin who started a movement to restore the image of his grandfather. We're publishing this news item in this issue of NSC. We did forward this news item to grandson of J.V. Stalin.* □

### From: Bronx, NY, USA

Dear Mr. Lucas:

I am enclosing a check for \$6.00 for the book, "How Did It Happen" by Ernie Trory. I was impressed with your review of the book.

I was also impressed with the April issue of Northstar Compass, especially the articles on the 50th Anniversary of Allied Victory and the article by Michael Ukas.

– Doris Murphy

*We certainly are happy that our U.S. readers are reading and promoting NSC. Your kind words give us more strength to carry on.* □

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### From: Miami, FL, USA

I read in the People's Weekly World that you are a magazine (monthly) that reports on events in the opposition in the former Soviet Union.

Please let me know if that information is accurate and if that is the case, if it is possible to obtain a year subscription and what would be the cost. I know some friends interested in that kind of information who might be interested in subscriptions, too.

– Joaquin C. Pedroso

*Since the above letter was received, Joaquin ordered videos, became a subscriber and ended his letter with the following:*

*"Your magazine is filling a vacuum and your goal should be much higher than one thousand subscribers!"*

*We do agree with you! We certainly will aim higher.* □

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### From: San Francisco, CA, USA

Enclosed check for \$20.00 is for a one year subscription to "Northstar Compass", beginning with the April 1995 issue.

Are you the successors to Northern Neighbors? I subscribed to it for many years and was very sorry that they stopped publishing.

*Thank you for your sub to NSC and as far as Northern Neighbors magazine is concerned – we are not the "successors" to it, but we are dedicated to the same cause – socialism and the rebirth of the Soviet Union.* □

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### From: Seaside Heights, NJ, USA

Dear Friends:

I have read in the U.S. Farm News from 1993, a list of the historical videos from the USSR that you had left at that time.

Do you still have any of these videos left? Please let me know what you have left, if any (I hope!).

– Barbara A. Keller

*Better late than never. Everything was sent to you. We hope that you'll spread the word.* □

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### From: New Jersey, USA

Please accept the enclosed \$50.00 donation, in support of the Northstar Compass.

– Norman A. Rand

*Your name is now on our Honour Board at the Friendship House. We thank you for your understanding and support.* □

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### From: Watertown, MS, USA

Dear Friends:

Please find \$75.00 for a video and a donation to your sustaining fund. With my very best wishes for continuing success.

– Dick Keshishian

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### From: Saskatoon, Sask.

Dear Michael:

Here's a money order for the video, plus two addresses to which I would like you to send the May/June issue to. I enjoyed that issue tremendously. I'm certain that the two names will become subscribers.

- Bill Lutz

*We did as you requested and we certainly appreciate your compliment, but, also criticism if we deserve it. We can learn from each other.* □

### From: Quill Lake, Sask.

Dear Friends:

Enclosed please find newspaper articles that speak about agriculture in Canada and what was done during the Second World War by the "Harvest Brigade". Besides, enclosed is an article on the problems in grain prices.

Give my best to our heroic Soviet comrades and pass on this information.

- Peter P. Morozoff

*We certainly will do as you requested and we thank you for your dedication to the cause of socialism and the resurrection of the Soviet Union.* □

### From: Victoria, B.C.

I certainly know about these "nationalists" who served Hitler and now try to convince Canadians as to what kind of patriots they were. I was in my teens in that part where these bandits operated and I know from first-hand experience as to what kind of cut-throats these nationalists are. These are dangerous people who are amongst us here in Canada.

Now, they want all of us to have the "smart cards"! What next?

- Olga

*There is not much more for us to say, Olga. We could not have said it better ourselves. But, we must struggle and we must have people like you.* □

### From: Swift Current, Sask.

Dear Friends:

I was particularly interested in Andy Durovecz's forthcoming book. Please put my name down on the list.

Enclosed is a cheque for \$100.00 for some videos and the rest as a donation.

- Best regards,  
John P. Saum

*Videos are on their way and many thanks for donation and words of encouragement.* □

### From: Wakaw, Sask.

Dear Michael:

I would like to congratulate you on the very fine article you wrote for the Northstar, "The Analysis of the Second World War". The time and effort you must have put into it was well worth it. I feel it will remain as a valuable contribution for some future historians.

Being a member of the ULFTA in my young days (thanks to you and Peter Pachota) and reading the progressive papers, I understood it all and it touched me very deeply. Unfortunately, there were many that didn't want to know and now with all the distortions, it's still worse. It's sad indeed that hardly any recognition is given to the Soviet Union for the major part they played in defeating Hitler.

The Editorial "The Truth About That War" is very informative, however there are a lot of unexplained things. Unfortunately, there is nothing pleasant about a war or revolution and mistakes are made, and I understand that some things are better left unsaid. For one thing, I would like to know what happened to Timoshenko? Our Ukrainian people were so proud of him during the war and then abruptly we heard no more about him.

There is nothing easy about the struggle for Peace and Friendship between all Peoples and in many ways, I wonder if things are any better now than they were a few



hundred years ago. Perhaps only some global catastrophe will force the people to unite someday ... like a last minute attempt to "Save the Planet". Well, maybe I sound too pessimistic about everything, so I'll end it at that.

Once again, I would like to congratulate the hard working Editorial Board and Best Wishes for success and Good Health.

- Sincerely,  
Magda Burechailo

*Truth is coming out in order to dispel the lies that all of us are influenced by. This is the role of Northstar Compass. We appreciate your dedication. As far as we were able to find out, Marshal Timoshenko died of old age, venerated and a hero to the Soviet people.* □

**From: Gabriola Island, B.C.**

Dear Friends:

Renewing my sub for Northstar Compass. Sorry I could not give

enough effort to get some new subscribers, since I was ill. Enclosing a cheque for \$30.00 and hope to promote the Northstar Compass.

- Thank you,  
Bill Samchyk

*Knowing your dedication and your help to our publication, we are sure that you will do always what you always did. We wish you health!* □

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