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CREDO OF NORTHSTAR COMPASS

Northstar Compass is the public voice of the Canadian Friends of Soviet People (formerly Canada-USSR Association) and is dedicated to the resurrection of the Soviet Union as a Socialist State.

In our tradition since 1918 (Hands Off Russia Committee) we are devoted to international cooperation in building socialism and solidarity in a world at peace.

**YOU HAVE AN OPINION
ABOUT NSC? WRITE!**

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

EDITORIAL

80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREAT OCTOBER REVOLUTION IN THE FORMER USSR

By: Raphael

Large masses of Russian workers and peasants celebrated the 80th Anniversary of the Great October Revolution. According to the police and other official sources of the Yeltsin regime, demonstrations were held in almost 500 towns in Russia. This figure does not include celebrations in minor villages. The police have reduced the number of reported demonstrators for obvious political reasons. The regime cannot conceal the powerful significance of the Great October Revolution for the Russian workers and simple toiling people. Despite the ferocious anti-communist campaign fostered by the so-called democratic mass media, the main forecast agencies were obliged to report the existence of demonstrations on a wide scale. They have been obliged to admit that the memory of the Great October Revolution is vivid among the Russian working class and that its ideals are today the banner of the struggle of the exploited in Russia and the former republics of the USSR.

The demonstration of workers and communists in Leningrad, now forcibly renamed, was specially moving. Large masses of workers filled the famous Nevski Prospekt. The large column of demonstrators flowed into the Winter Palace square, following the path of the heroic armed workers of Petrograd 80 years ago. More than a hundred thousand demonstrators flowed through the arches that lead to the Winter Palace. The Winter Palace square was soon filled with the crowd long before the demonstrators could reach the

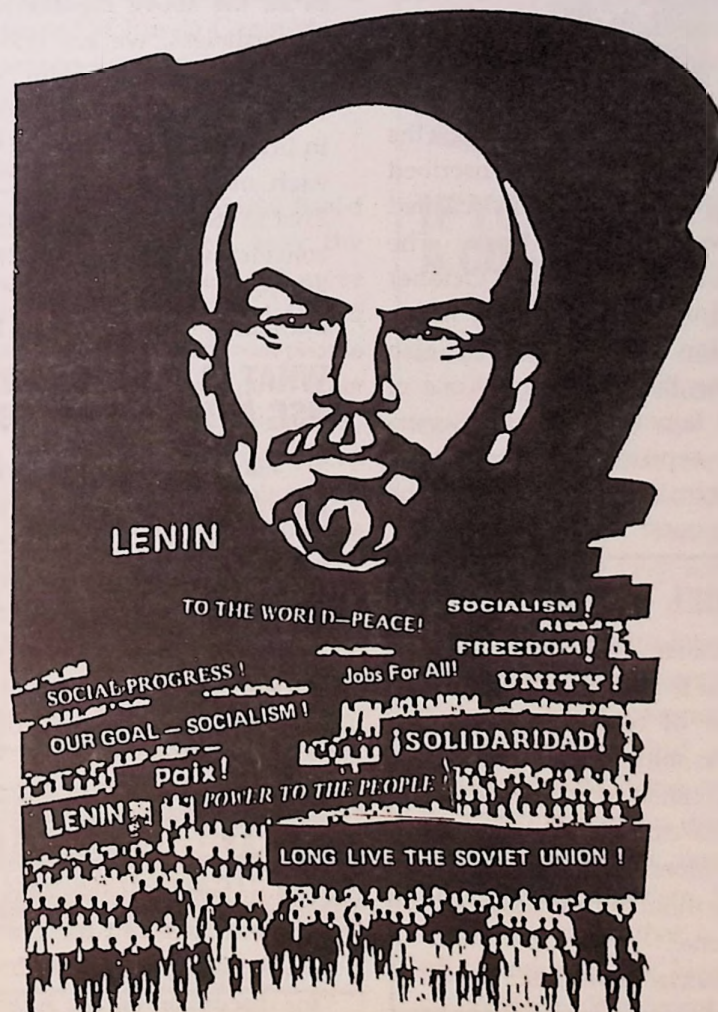
Palace. A sea of red banners with anti-government slogans poured into the Winter Palace square. Thousands of workers from different regions gathered in Leningrad to celebrate this great day and state that the Russian working class has not yet said its last word, that the Russian working class will not endure the hardships of the fascist exploitation of the regime for a long time, that a new October Revolution is still to come that will sweep away the government of capitalists.

Leningrad workers and the impoverished population of the heroic town refused to vote in some recent elections called by the regime, which therefore had to be indefinitely postponed.

Moscow communists also celebrated the anniversary by

demonstrating along the streets of the centre of the capital. Demonstrators gathered early in the morning at October Square where stands the last statue of Lenin ever erected in Soviet times. Tens of thousands of workers and communists, a sea of red flags, marched towards the centre of the capital where two meetings took place.

The 80th Anniversary of the Great October Revolution was largely celebrated in other republics of the former Soviet Union, as well. The workers of Kazakhstan went into the streets despite the warnings of the fascist dictatorship of President Nazarvaev. Nazarvaev has jailed a great number of workers and activists of the strike movement that is sweeping the country. Similar celebrations have taken place in other republics of former Soviet



Central Asia. There were large celebrations in Kiev, the capital of Ukraine. Large crowds of workers filled the main streets downtown. This time, some anti-communist, right nationalist demonstrators, the heirs of the collaborators with Nazi Germany at the time of the Great Patriotic War, demonstrated against the celebrations. The Ukrainian regime is afraid to death of any kind of open confrontation and social unrest. The Mayor of Kiev did his best to avoid confrontation and prevented the neo-fascist forces from clashing with the communist demonstration.

Celebrations in Minsk, the capital of Byelorussia, were especially massive. Large columns of workers came into the main square of the town. The organizers of the event did their best to reproduce the atmosphere of the October Revolution. Some communist activists were dressed in the regular Red Army uniform of the times of the civil war. The same slogans of the Petrograd workers were inscribed on large red banners that circulated along the streets of Minsk. The celebration of the Great October Revolution was met by many Lithuanian communists by also celebrating the liberation of one of the most famous political prisoners in this republic, Rubics, who was warmly cheered by the demonstrators. □

NOTICE!

Because of the Postal Strike that was in force in Canada, this number of NSC was delayed and thus some articles that were to be in it had to be left out due to items coming late into the NSC offices. We shall try to include them in future issues of the journal.

– Editorial Board NSC □

HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!

Dear friends:

Another year is coming to a close in a world that saw terrible suffering, wars, tragedies, whole countries being subjugated and put under the heel of world reaction, headed by United States of America and their willing accomplices in these countries – among them, the present regimes of the former Soviet Union.

As is customary for everyone, as the year-end approaches, to look back and try to rationalize whether 1997 was a year of success, regress, happiness, sadness or disillusionment.

We, at the Northstar Compass Editorial Board and the Council of Canadian Friends of Soviet People, I must confess, had an assortment of all the above mentioned events. Nevertheless, we are ending 1997 on a note of optimism, since we managed to survive against all odds in bringing to our readers regularly each month Northstar Compass! That in itself is a great achievement, considering the difficult times that are being experienced not only by our readers, but capitalism itself!

WHAT IS IN STORE FOR NSC AND CRSP IN 1998?

Having celebrated with other organizations the 80th Anniversary of the Great October Revolution, we made a vow to continue on that glorious road towards peace, socialism and the resurrection of the USSR.

Ahead of us is the forthcoming, very important event in the life of Canadian Friends of Soviet People and the journal Northstar Compass. The future of our work, since 1918, can and must be discussed and steps taken to put into life the following proposals that will be brought up for discussion on the Agenda of the



5th NSC Anniversary Conference which is to be held on February 20-21-22, 1998, in Toronto, Canada.

1: Future expansion and regular publication of Northstar Compass which includes sound financial basis and an Editorial Board which now must be composed of representatives from our readers that are now in 61 countries of the world.

2: Reactivating and reorganizing the Canadian Friends of Soviet People, now that there is established the Russia-Canada Friendship Society and the Workers Ukraine-Canada Society in Ukraine, plus the formation of friendship societies in other former Soviet republics, to continue the traditions of friendship as was started by the "Hands Off Russia Committee".

3: Next year is going to be the 80th Anniversary of our organization that was involved in friendship with the Soviet People. Plans of how to celebrate this great Anniversary are being discussed now by the Canadian Council and the Editorial Board of NSC. We certainly would like to hear from our readers as to their ideas on this important event.

4: Close to ten years of "Perestroika" (Destroyka) in the

former Soviet Union has seen the destruction temporarily of the USSR as a mighty state; socialism has been dismantled, robbery and exploitation of the people has been instituted; Soviet people have been put into a situation of trying to survive the reactionary onslaught of the internal reactionary ruling class and their bosses, the International Monetary Fund, World Bank and, guiding this onslaught is Imperialism, headed by the United States!

Soviet people are now trying to differentiate between over 20 communist and patriotic movements, all pretending to have the answers for the resurrection of the USSR! But ... the question of unity seems to be hard to achieve at the moment. Since we here in Canada or other countries of the world cannot but morally support our Soviet brothers and sisters in their struggles to resurrect the Soviet Union and try to find that elusive UNITY in the Communist movements, we do have a proven method of helping the Soviets to achieve that goal.

Therefore, at the 5th Anniversary Conference, the question will be discussed and hopefully resolved, to establish INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR FRIENDSHIP AND SOLIDARITY WITH SOVIET PEOPLE! The task of this newly formed Council shall be as was the task of our fathers and grandfathers in 1918 who formed the "Hands Off Russia Committee" in many countries of the world.

Judging by the reaction to this very necessary proposal, more than 11 countries so far have replied that they agree with the formation of such an International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People, as a step to show solidarity with our brothers and sisters.

Dear readers:

On behalf of the Canadian

Friends of Soviet People and Northstar Compass journal, we are appealing to all of our readers, spread in 61 countries of the world, to let us know as quickly as you can, your answers to the following questions:

- Will you be able to come as our guest to the 5th Anniversary Conference of Northstar Compass on February 20-21-22, 1998? NSC shall host you here in Toronto, but unfortunately, the air fare is beyond our financial means at this time.

- What is your opinion about the establishment of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with the Soviet People? Would the organizations, party or publications that you belong to or read, would they be in favour?

- What proposals would you make in order to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the establishment of the "Hands Off Russia Committee", the forerunner of the Canada-USSR Association – now the Canadian Friends of Soviet People?

Dear friends:

On behalf of the Editorial Board and Canadian Council, may the coming 1998 be a year of more successes for the working classes of the world, and may the Soviet people find the means and courage to unite and thus, in a mighty avalanche, throw off the yoke of the present reactionary ruling class. This would be a great day not only for the Soviet people, but for all of mankind!

Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!

– Editorial Board and
Canadian Council

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SPECIAL FOR NORTHSTAR COMPASS

From Newspaper:
"TRUDOVAYA ROSSIA"

Organ of the CC Russian
Communist Workers Party

We publish an Editorial by the newspaper which we feel is excellent since it not only blames the traitors in the leadership of the USSR and international enemies, but blames also those Communists who saw what was happening but kept silent. We publish it in a condensed version – Editors.



IF YOU ARE REALLY A COMMUNIST

Then, why did we Communists suffer this temporary defeat?

Above all, we must admit one cardinal truth: we saw, that in the plans of socialist development leading towards communism, there was developing – "something is not right" – but we very non-perturbed looked at this. We could cite many factors for this non-interest or lack of interest: when communists – if we were really communists – we could not help but see, that a movement was being promoted by the CPSU leadership that was going further and further away from the principles of Marxism, but what is unexplainable is that a MAJORITY of communists just kept silent and did nothing. We cannot just explain

that these things were known to all of us, but we somehow chose to ignore them and not act upon them.

We must admit it absolutely that the counter-revolution would not have been possible if the ANTI-STALIN HYSTERIA WAS NOT UNLEASHED!

It is the truth that Stalin and the Motherland were going along the road of building socialism without any known recipes. They were going through difficult times, with dangerous and terrible internal and external enemies to struggle against, and it was a live or die struggle. The struggle was for life or death! The Bolsheviks went through this road together with Soviet people. Of course, there were mistakes made, but they went on to victory, building socialism and then on to defeat fascism at horrendous costs, but the Motherland was saved. The Soviet Union had a great influence on the world political scene, every question had to be discussed with the Soviet Government.

That is how the situation was in reality!

**WHO CAN SAY NOT THAT:
HE WOULD HAVE DONE
OTHERWISE OR MUCH BETTER?**

All the talk of "that should not have been done", can be answered by the following: "TO BE OR NOT TO BE" for socialism for the Motherland and its people! But the method used by the counter-revolutionary forces were solely based on hysterical ANTI-STALINISM, making Stalin a DEVIL, propagandizing "TERROR", "GULAGS", etc., etc. This was practically done generally in order to completely demonize everything that Stalin did and this by the fact that there was a slowness in economic development, thus making us unbelievers in socialism. Such explanation is not for communists, but for village gossipers!

We also cannot blame the leadership of CPSU 100%, but put blame on the "membership". It is popular to talk like this, but it is absolutely not the whole truth, because if we were really dedicated communists, that meant that we were not just ordinary members - we were in the leadership as Communists and we should have taken a stand!

The enemies utilized this absolute

lie to have Soviet people completely not know the real historical facts of that era.

The task of REAL COMMUNISTS amongst us was to defend the principles of Marxism-Leninism, and even if there were some truth to this vicious anti-Stalin campaign, our task was to defend and not allow the principles of Marxism-Leninism to be trampled and despoiled. □

PLANET EARTH IS 4,600 MILLION YEARS OLD!

**Mankind could live for another 4 hours,
but impossible under capitalism!**

If we condense this inconceivable time-span into an understandable concept, we can liken Earth to a person of 46 years of age.

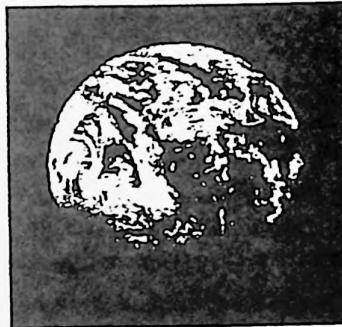
Nothing is known about the first 7 years of this person's life, and whilst only scattered information exists about the middle span, we know that only at the age of 42 did the Earth begin to flower.

Dinosaurs and the great reptiles did not appear until one year ago, when the planet was 45. Mammals arrived only 8 months ago; in the middle of last week man-like apes evolved into ape-like men, and at the weekend the last ice age enveloped the Earth.

Modern man has been around for 4 hours. During the last hour Man discovered agriculture. The industrial revolution began a minute ago.

During those sixty seconds of biological time, Modern Man has made a rubbish heap of Paradise.

He has multiplied his numbers to plague proportions, caused the extinction of 500 species of animals, ransacked the planet for fuels and now stands like a brutish infant, gloating over this meteoric rise to ascendancy, on the brink of the final mass extinction and of effectively destroying this oasis of life in the solar system.

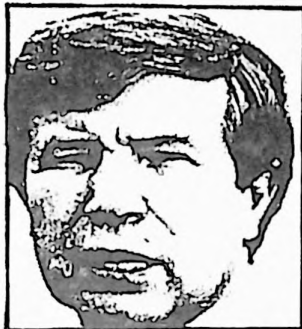


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With thanks to Tom Hopkins, Wales, GB

NEWS FROM FORMER SOVIET UNION

VICTOR
ANPILOV



From Newspaper:
"MOLNIYA"
Moscow

**TOGETHER – WE SHALL
WIN! THE MARCH
ON MOSCOW IS OVER
– THE STRUGGLE
GOES ON!**

In the August issue of NSC, we had a Supplement which contained news about this important event. Since that time, we have received an indepth analysis that was contained in the newspaper "Molniya" which is directly in opposition to the "reported" news items that we received from the "official news media" of the present Russian regime.

Below, we reprint an interview with Victor Anpilov, leader of the "Workers Russia" which he gave after the end of the March On Moscow.

"Upon the appeal by 'Trudovaya Rossia' (Workers Russia) and 'Union of Officers', from July 12-21, there took place a March On Moscow, where 50 regions of Russia, Ukraine, Byelorussia, Latvia, Georgia, Tadzhikistan, Kazakhstan and Armenia were represented. On the route to Moscow and in our stops

along the way there took part hundreds of thousands of people."

**FROM THIS MARCH –
TOWARDS A POLITICAL
STRIKE. WE HAVE THE
THEORY – WE NEED
PRACTICE. LEADERS OF
COMMUNIST PARTY OF
RUSSIAN FEDERATION
(ZYUGANOV) BOYCOTTED
THIS PROTEST!**

Q: After the March On Moscow, were you forced to appear before the Russian Ministry of Justice? What happened?

ANPILOV: We discussed two questions with the Ministry. First question was that the resolution presented by the First Deputy Minister of Justice, R.F. Sevastianov who demanded that the registration of our "Workers Russia" Movement be cancelled. They accused us of anti-state activity, anti-constitutional work and that the March On Moscow was illegal, that it was against the law for us when nearing Moscow and not being allowed to continue, we started a sit-down hunger strike. Authorities tried to provoke us, but we were cognisant of this manouever and were not provoked. We demanded back pay to workers, pensions, the abolition of the criminal usurping of peoples' hard earned factories, industry and the natural riches of the country, and the outcome of all of this is the genocide of the people ... these were the demands of the marchers. Our slogan was "The group of Yeltsin to peoples' court!" This slogan was supported overwhelmingly by the participants and thousands of people that we met along our march.

The end result of this question was that the Ministry could not find any loopholes to ban our

"Workers Russia" Movement!

The second question (part of the same coin) was an attempt by the Ministry of Justice and their bosses (Yeltsin's regime) to disperse, disorientate and thus break-up solidarity that "Workers Russia" was able to cement with this March On Moscow. They found their man in Tiulkin, head of the Russian Communist Workers Party (from which Anpilov was expelled – Editors). Tiulkin on behalf of the RCWP has made an application to set up an organization, utilizing our name of "Workers Russia" that we had registered already years with the Ministry of Justice. This is a political provocation with behind-the-scenes hands of Yeltsin's administration having a hand in this. The synchronization of this move of Tiulkin and Yeltsin is not a coincidence.

I, of course, lodged an official protest since this is in direct opposition to the protocol and laws of registration that the Ministry of Justice themselves have instituted. Our work and history of struggles is well known to the present regime and the Ministry of Justice. They know that through our actions in defense for the rights of people, it was not only our words but our actions which make our movement different from the other so-called "communist workers' movements".

Q: In spite of all this, are you pleased with the March On Moscow results?

ANPILOV: Absolutely! Because this March shattered many illusions of Philistines that think that cooperating with the present regime will produce socialism and the resurrection of the Soviet Union. Just remember how many lies, innuendoes in the corridors of Russian Duma, in the newspapers, radio and TV: "Anpilov is the second Gapon, leading people to be

slaughtered" (as Gapon did during Tsars' time). Only idiots now cannot see as to who the enemy is, who is getting rich on the backs of Soviet people.

Why do you think that the two columns, one led by the Soviet Officer Stanilav Terekhov and one led by me, being met by the militia, some soldiers who welcomed us when they saw the red banners of the Soviet flags. People along the way came to march with us, gave us refreshments, urged us on, joined our columns as far as they could physically march. People are waiting for the change that has to be made. These moments we cannot allow to slip our minds, communists and revolutionaries must never forget these moments.

Q: Official government propaganda stated that nothing was gained by this March On Moscow. The government gave part of back wages to some workers, but the political demands of "Anpilov's group" went into thin air. What do you say about this?

ANPILOV: First of all, the present regime was terrified even before the March took place! This is shown that in order not to allow a massive outpouring of participants, to cool down the peoples' protest, the Yeltsin regime immediately gave money that the state owed to the pensioners. This was still not a victory for our demands, but it was a start. Also, in spite of Tuleev who is now completely in Yeltsin's camp, the strikes and disturbances did take place in the Kuzbas. This March On Moscow brought scores of local leaders to the fore all over Russia and other former Soviet republics.

Too numerous to mention all the districts, its leaders and committees that were spontaneously elected at the enterprises and factories, which is the beginning of the coming of

changes. This March showed that USSR is alive!

Q: Were there mistakes made before and during the March On Moscow?

ANPILOV: Of course there were. First of all, we did expect more support from our other "communist parties". Realistically, the March On Moscow was supported both physically and morally by "Union of Officers", by AUCPB, by the newspaper "Zavtra-Tomorrow" plus many Deputies to the Duma such as Tikhonov, Avalian, Shashurina, Bratisheva, Kuevdy. This list ends here, since the main leadership of CPRF (Zyuganov) boycotted the March On Moscow. Hundreds of factories and enterprises supported us along the march.

When we reached the outskirts of Moscow, we were barred by thousands of OMON squads, thus preventing the two columns from joining together and coming into Moscow where scores of thousands Muscovites were awaiting our

arrival. The numbers of OMON police-security squads of Yeltsin outnumbered us ... for every participant in the March On Moscow, there were 10 OMON armed security officers.

Q: The sit-down strike by marchers took the security forces by surprise. This act took from the hands of the security forces the possibility of using force and provoke bloodshed. Who was it concretely that came up with this tactic?

ANPILOV: this was the plan of the leader of Union of Officers, Stanislav Terekhov. He based his tactic on the results that were had on June 22, 1992 when OMON police attacked the people, the people then sat down and thus the bloodshed stopped since the government was scared to beat up sitting, unarmed strikers, because television cameras and thousands of onlookers would be witness to this massacre.

Union of Officers knew full well the clauses of the Constitution. This officer took on the Generals

All over former Soviet Union, demonstrations are taking place weekly, with Soviet people realizing that these traitorous usurpers of power must be replaced and these traitors must be tried by the people!



commanding the OMON squads and read out the articles of the Constitution which supposedly guarantees the right of public demonstrations. The government wanted bloodshed to take place, but their plan backfired by the tactics of the March On Moscow!

Q: Which moment of the March On Moscow, to your mind, is more memorable?

ANPILOV: It's the meeting of people, it's the laying of flowers to the numerous monuments along the way, the minute of silence at the historical sights of the Second World War battlefields, cemeteries to our fallen Red Army soldiers ... these cannot ever be forgotten.

Q: What about now, your health is worrying people, are you planning to take a holiday?

ANPILOV: After marching with thousands for over 200 kilometres, having meetings, overcoming the OMON obstruction ... looking at the official press with all the lies about my health, heart attack and being practically an "invalid" ... let them cry and befoul the airways. I am already planning to meet in many districts of Russia with people in order to proceed with our plans. We are organizing from the bottom up towards a General Strike on the territory of the Soviet Union. Besides this, the work is already in progress to call a United Congress of Soviet Communists which shall take place on October 4-5.

The struggle continues! □

From Newsletter: "PEOPLES' ANTI-FASCIST FRONT OF USSR"

POLITICAL SITUATION IN FORMER USSR

TURKMENIA – Presidium of parliament of Turkmenia has passed a law to rename the Krasnodon Bay of the Caspian Sea

"Zapurmurad" in honour of Niyazon Sapurmurad, who is the present dictator. At this time in Turkmenia, there are over 100 places such as cities, schools, streets and squares named after this dictator. The plans are in the works to build at his residence a 70 metre long swimming pool with a 12 metre statue of this dictator overlooking it.

The cult of this dictator-fascist is growing with every day. This former 'communist' has become a puppet for foreign corporations and making his people now into slaves for Western expansion.

ESTONIA – More than 150,000 people of different nationalities (mostly Russians, Ukrainians, Byelorussians) are now considered "second class citizens" according to the new law. Since they were "Soviet citizens", now with new passports coming in, they have no right to vote,



take part in the affairs of Estonia, cannot even become pharmacists, firemen and cannot even marry or divorce.

UZBEKISTAN – Political parties that represent communist or socialist ideas are banned. The present regime is on the road towards dictatorship, Islamic ideology and outright capitalist-feudalistic policies.

RUSSIA – "Russia has embarked on tragic times after the death of Ivan the Terrible. This tragedy was perpetuated already for 400 years, even now. People are only selfish. I want to return them zest for life ... Russia must go through a totalitarian episode. This must be

done!" From an interview in a French journal "Express", by General Lebed (Pinochet lover). It is obvious that General Lebed loved the Tyrant Ivan the Terrible as he loves General Pinochet the butcher of Chilean people. You can guess as to what kind of regime Lebed wants to bring to Soviet people ... this darling of the West!

RUSSIA – In March of this year at the Coal Mine "Tentralnaya" near Prokopievsk – there took place a strike by miners, who refused to come to the surface, protesting the closing of the mine. The Administration called the OMON riot police (Yeltsin's private army goons) and there took place a terrible bloodbath.

It's obvious that the present regime will not give up the state peacefully. They are willing to institute fascist terror as personified by parties and movements led by Barshakov, Lebed and Limonov – outright fascist hoodlums, well paid and wearing black shirts.

GEORGIA – In a secret session, the parliament of Georgia, under president Sheverdnadze (remember, he was the Foreign Minister, darling of Gorbachev – Editors) where the Head of Security Shoty Kviria was hauled over the coals for instituting telephone tapping on all members of parliament, besides opposition left forces ... of course, with full knowledge of Sheverdnadze. This same security chief, in front of Sheverdnadze, killed a soldier who refused to go and kill Abkhazian patriots fighting the reactionary Sheverdnadze war against Abkhazia.

Sheverdnadze now is forced to get rid of his henchman, Kviria. His usefulness is over!

CHINA – Privatization is in full swing in China – the biggest investors in China are Japan, USA, France and Italy.

Not too long ago, the first vice

premier of Russia, Nemtsov was in China, and stated: "Chinese communists remind me more of Gaidar of Russia, than about Gennady Zyuganov of CPRF."

According to official Chinese statistics, there are 3 million very rich Chinese, having over 800 million dollars in their bank accounts, but this does not include off-shore banking. This is according to "Peking-Izinitsi Zhibao".

China is holding talks with Yeltsin regime to receive the newest technology in rockets, to get longer range to these ballistic missiles. More and more, there are stories in official newspapers about the former USSR and the "conquering by USSR" of Chinese territories such as Mongolia and Tuva, that these were "illegal" and "unlawful seizures of Chinese territory", plus constant stories about the necessity of changing "borders".

The facts that are garnered from Chinese press and Chinese patriots who are also alarmed at the policy that is slowly being promoted are the following facts:

- China has 69 division of its army on the Russian border.
- 5,000 tanks, 210 artillery guns and machine guns plus 2,000 fighter planes.

In official Chinese press, this is called "instruments of break-through and counter-attack".

Against whom is this aimed? Is China preparing for war? Why are the main armaments of an attack nature and not of defensive stance? □

**From:
ITAR-TASS
News Agency in Moscow
August 4, 1997**

The perspectives of unification of original Russian communist parties into a united Communist Party of Russian Republic, the question of preparations for the

80th Anniversary of the October Revolution and the 75th Anniversary of the establishment of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics were discussed at the gathering in Lenin Hills near Moscow at the meeting of the Political Executive Committee and Council of "Union of Communist Parties-CPSU".

As was reported in an interview by the head of ITAR-TASS agency and the public relations of the UCP-CPSU, member of the Moscow Committee of Communist Party of Russian Federation (Zyuganov) Anton Vasilenko, at this meeting of communists, there was discussed even the program of the Independent States, which is planned to be adopted at the Assembly of People of USSR (heading it is Igor Ligachev) and a conception was agreed upon about the policy towards youth by the "UCP-CPSU".

At this gathering, there were represented 22 Communist parties from all of the former republics of the USSR.

During these discussions, the leaders of these parties talked about the unification process of communists into one Russian republic communist party. "In some of these discussions, the Communist Party of Russian Federation (Zyuganov) and the Russian Communist Workers Party (Victor Tiulkin) and the Secretary of CC of CPRF Nikolai Bindiukov took part.

The CPRF, according to the words of Vasilenko, is actively taking part in these discussions of unification, which started a long time ago. There were already meetings taking place of party clubs and territorial clubs of these two parties, plus meetings between the bureaus of CPRF and RCWP.

Anton Vasilenko could not tell when the final unity question will be solved and what name the new united party will carry, but this

question "is not years away, but it will happen very soon". The question, first of all, is to delineate the positions of these two parties, these two Russian communist parties that are members of the "UCP-CPSU", - CPRF and RCWP, since they are the only ones that can present themselves as contemporary, legal parties. Even now, the differences between them are minor in their program and constitutions, since the leadership feels that their aims are the same.

Although among the membership of these two parties, there is a movement towards unification, the "top leadership" is not so eager, since there are "personal ambitions" to look at realistically. Nevertheless, in the last while, the positions of CPRF and RCWP came closer together, said Vasilenko at the end of the interview.

OUR COMMENT:

This communique came from our dear friend in Moscow, Rudolph, for which we thank him.

It seems to us, that there is inconsistency in the above ITAR-TASS dispatch. First of all, after Gorbachev instituted the demise of the Communist Party of Soviet Union (with the help of Zyuganov, who voted to disband the CPSU) the first party that was organized to replace the defunct (abolished) CPSU was the All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks. This fact is known by ALL of the leaders of numerous communist parties. Zyuganov received official permission from Yeltsin to organize the CPRF and since that time, proclaims that the CPRF was the FIRST and ONLY party that was set up.

Secondly, those that were reading Northstar Compass over the last two years knew that there were splits and counter-split in the CPRF and in the RCWP, and in the Russian Communist Workers Party the split saw Victor Anpilov, head of the mass movement

"Workers Russia" expelled.

To our way of thinking, judging by the newspapers and other materials that we constantly receive, we noticed the slow but sure movement towards the incorporation of RCWP (Tiulkin) into the fold of CPRF (Zyuganov) ... their policy, their program and their ideas about multi-party and different forms of ownership of the means of production, which basically is not much different than the "perestroika" of Gorbachev and Yakovlev. By the way, Zyuganov was a student of Yakovlev, so the circle is complete!

According to our information, it looks as if other left parties and communist movements are also trying to unite (All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks and the new communist party being formed by Victor Anpilov) plus other communist parties and movements practically having history repeating itself at the time of Lenin and Stalin – Mensheviks and Bolsheviks!

Whatever our thoughts might be, the unification process is taking place towards future polarization and eventual unity of the communist ranks. Soviet people will certainly make the right choice when the coming overthrow of the present regime shall take place ... as they did when they chose the Bolsheviks which guaranteed the Great October Revolution in 1917! □

APPEAL TO YOUTH

From Newspaper:
"BOLSHEVIK"
Odessa

In the Soviet Union, according to the law passed by the Presidium of Supreme Soviet of USSR, beginning from October 1, 1980, every year on the last Sunday of June, we celebrated the Day of Soviet Youth as a holiday. Aside from this, in our country, every year, we celebrated with a holiday the World Youth Day (April 24), International Day of Students (November 17), Day of the

Birth of Komsomol (October 28), Day of the Pioneer Organization (May 19), Day of the Defense of Children (June 1).

In USSR, for the youth, all roads were opened – you could pick any profession, and if you worked hard and diligently, you became whatever your heart desired.

In the USSR, we had constant Youth Festivals, to all who desired, the doors to Palace of Culture were free, Palaces of Pioneers, every year millions upon millions of boys and girls rested and had holidays in sanatoriums, rest homes, pioneer camps. Today, all these things are not available to majority of young people. In our palaces, there now live and enjoy themselves bandits and so-called "respectable" businessmen, who robbed the riches of the people, they privatized pioneer camps, palaces, closed off sports sections, artistic sections in these palaces and camps.

Today, the situation for the youth is constant looking for work, prostitution, robbery and violence. Some will be "lucky" and will find jobs with the modern racketeers. But for the majority of youth, this is just wishful thinking. Where are the dreams about the future, about struggles, cosmos, arts, science and other noble professions for the future of today's youth?

Today, we receive diplomas when graduating and they send us out of school, but with no prospect of finding work. But the daily barrage of TV, radio and press stories try to convince the youth that we shall have everything, that all is being done for the benefit of the people and youth.

We are appealing to you, boys and girls.

Do not be indifferent to your future – this is exactly what the present regime wants you to feel. Let us all unite our strength. Let us

struggle, defend your future. Join and unite in youth organizations, join the ranks of Young Bolsheviks!

– Odessa organization

All Union Young Guard of
Bolsheviks □



PROTESTS ABOUT A MURDER!

Below, we reprint the protest that was sent to USA Embassy in Ukraine, Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine and to the Supreme Soviet of Ukraine. This was sent on behalf of the All Ukraine Committee of the All Union Communist Party (Bolsheviks) regarding the murder of a Russian child in USA. Protests were sent on August 9, 1997. It first appeared in the newspaper "For USSR".

DEATH TO THIS VILLAIN Rene Polreis!

The ones that are religious believers state that Cosmos will punish America. Yes, they certainly deserve it for the government's policies!

Today, the United States, as an octopus, entangles the whole world with their military basis: 1,500 bases in 32 countries of the world!

Pentagon's boots are stomping over these 29 countries. They attacked Cuba 13 times; Mexico 14; Panama 11; Nicaragua 10; and Columbia, 7 times.

American anti-culture permeates humanity. How much plight and agony USA has perpetrated against our country from the "religious believer" America: Speed, narcotics, children's crime, and prostitution, etc.

This sadist American woman, Rene Polreis, has killed this 2 year old Russian adopted child, in this degenerate bourgeois society. Of course, she is a product of the policies of killing practiced by American Imperialism – as an example, by President Clinton's policy, there were over 10,000 Serbs killed or wounded ...

What a paradox: Cuba, undergoing terrible economic hardships due to USA and Russia's policies, is helping our Ukrainian children to regain their health, while America the "Free", kills our own adopted children or makes them suffer.

We are going to make accountable our so-called "patriots" who are now exporting children as a commodity across our borders. They will have to answer to the people for this "child slavery"!

After the war, civil war and Second World War, Soviet government was looking for and finding its lost children that were driven off during that carnage, all across Europe. "Mama, I want to go home", "They do have a Motherland". How many such feature films were shown on movie screens in those years? And how much energy and dedication was shown by F.Y. Dzerzhinsky in the struggle for saving the lost children.

Never, not even one child did the Soviet Union give up to be exported across its borders!

While today, children's colonies are bursting at the seams. Director of a Kiev shelter brought the children unto the streets in order that they should know how to beg in "state language"! With the connivance of our present governments, the export of children across our borders is reaching epidemic proportions: it's still fresh in our minds the "Lvov Affair" where 400 children across "the hill" were exported contrary to the law.

You will pay dearly for this!

Yes, may the Cosmos condemn this USA policy, as the religious believers say.

– Galina Savchenko
Member of CC AUCP[B] and
Chairperson
"For USSR Movement" □

**From:
MARXIST PLATFORM
Moscow**

I thank you sincerely for your invitation of my possibly coming to the 5th Anniversary Conference of NSC. Unfortunately, I for the moment cannot reply to your invitation, the question is not only of my financial ability to come, but also whether I would receive the necessary foreign passport and visa to travel.

I'm sending you an article for NSC about the present situation in the communist movement in Russia as requested by comrade Lucas. I gave a short overview of the parties and movements. But, the picture of the communist movements in our country will not be complete, if the news of the unity or unified movements in unions such as "Roskomsyuz" (Russian Communist Union) and the Union of Communist Parties – CPSU is not reported on. If the Editorial Board is interested in such an article, I can of course do it for you, since I have the materials already on hand. I would request that you write about this question, which will interest your readers. Do the questions in point form, it shall be easier to orientate myself.

Am sending the first number of a new newspaper that is anti-fascist, called "Humanity", that is being published by some communist parties who joined together with the left and anarchistic groups, plus some of our stamps that might help your journal gain some finances.

– With Communist Greetings,
V.F. Isaichikov, Editor

We thank you for your analytical article regarding communist parties, plus your stamps. In a separate letter, we pose certain questions to you about the efforts of unification of parties which will help our readers get a better knowledge of the complex problems facing the anti-present regime. □

**From Coordinating Council of:
PEOPLES' ANTI-FASCIST
FRONT OF USSR**

We received your materials as per our request, and are regularly receiving Northstar Compass – many thanks! We are very happy that contacts between us are growing. The struggle in the Soviet Union is going on, but unfortunately, the fascist danger is becoming more real. Fascist parties are growing quickly – they are being supported by the present regime. They exist legally and seem to have no problems with finances. More than that, within each Military Registration and Enlistment Office, there are organized branches of fascist movement called "Kolovrat" (swastika) – these movements (sections), starting from September 1, will be formed in schools also. People are ill with nationalism, a logical ground for fascist ideology. On each post, corner of buildings, bus platforms, apartment entrances and underground passageways, you can see drawn swastikas and rough similar fascist flags.

Unfortunately, some left parties are deaf to calls for unity into a Peoples' Anti-fascist Front. At their meetings and gatherings, you can only hear waves of appeals to save the Great Russia, blaming Zionists (although in many respects, it is true), raving against "faces of Caucasus nationalities", the danger

of fascism is completely missing from their rhetoric!

But, nevertheless, the Anti-fascist Front is proceeding to do its work. Tremendous problems have to be overcome, there's no finances and lack of dedicated workers, amongst us we have no rich people or sponsors, only poor workers, lack of sleep, taking time off from school. But we shall struggle to the end. We understand that there is great danger of establishment of fascist regimes in Russia and in other former republics of Soviet Union, that not only endangers the lives of our peoples, but the whole planet.

We are sending you our new materials. One is a booklet of Soviet poems, leaflets, and a small booklet of story for young children, written in fairy tale manner but with a contemporary message. With this booklet, we are doing work amongst the school children. Our children are very impressed by the message. We hope that this will be also liked by Canadian school children. It would be very beneficial if you could translate this into other languages and publish it!

We await your publication and materials anxiously.

Long live the friendship of all peoples!

Death to fascism!

- Yours,

Below, we print some of the leaflets and booklets that this Anti-fascist Front publishes and gives out at meetings and schools.



Not too long ago, the skinheads in Moscow at the Dmitrov avenue nearly killed this young man who liked rap music – they tried to drown him and on his forehead, they carved with a knife a swastika, the symbol of the skinheads' movement in Russia. They attack anyone who listens to rap music or protests the present policy of the regime. They're anti-Black. These skinheads attack Arabs, Jews, Blacks, Asians and others, who, from their point of view, are bad because they're not "white".

These are daily occurrences and the militia seems helpless for many reasons. Skinheads glorify Hitler.

Young people! You do not remember the last war, but your fathers and grandfathers died in their millions to liberate our land and other countries from the fascist scourge. Fascism is again preparing for war, in which you and we shall also perish!

Active struggle against fascism has already began. Fight against fascism, before they have the opportunity to get us all – in a war or on our own streets!

Death to fascism!

When our finances will permit, we shall try to publish in a booklet form the two booklets of poems and children's story which is excellent.

- Anti-fascist Union

The above is heartbreaking to read. That is why Northstar Compass, since

its inception 5 years ago, always stressed the need for UNITY and called upon our Soviet friends ...

ARISE YOU MIGHTY LAND! ☐

**From:
AUCPB
Odessa, Ukraine**

Dear Comrade Lucas:

We thank you for the interesting materials that you have sent us, they shall be utilized in our publications and in the newspaper "Bolshevik".

We were very pleasantly surprised, reading in Northstar Compass information about our work, plus many thanks for close and friendly cooperation.

We're sending you our newspaper "Bolshevik" and our "Bulletin", plus the newspaper "Workers-Farmers Pravda" which is now under attack and might be closed, plus a vicious attack against its Editor, Anatoly Maevsky.

If possible, please include some information about this attack, in order that it might help the comrade who is being tried and labelled as a "traitor" by the present Ukrainian nationalist regime.

- On behalf of the Analytical
Information Centre in
Odessa, AUCPB
Valery Lukovtsev

*Some data from this Research
Poll of students in Odessa:*

- Youth today is apolitical – only about 3% are members or know about political parties-movements existing in Ukraine!

- 65% do not want to belong to any political movement.

- Most of them were lost when asked questions about the present situation, politically, economically, differences in movements, etc.

- Only about 5.67% even heard about communist newspapers.

- When asked about religion, 47% youth automatically stated that

since they are Russian or Ukrainian, they are Orthodox automatically.

- They had no answer whether to rehabilitate (as the present regime is aiming to do), all former quislings – Vlasovites and Banderites.

- Students in technical schools know more and are more loyal to the ideals of socialism than students in music conservatories or universities.

- The majority of youth are like zombies, due to the constant TV and radio nationalistic-capitalistic propaganda, but the interesting fact is that over 47% stated that the 1917 Revolution was legal, 31% want to resurrect the USSR, 34% are not against integration of former republics in the present "Union of Independent States", while only 17% are against any union, capitalist or socialist. □

From Newspaper: "BITTER TRUTH" (HIRKA PRAVDA)

Kiev, Ukraine

Below, we publish a drawing and the Editorial from the front page of this very popular newspaper published in Kiev, which has a large circulation. It contains news, analyses, satire, political commentary for the resurrection of socialism and Soviet State.



On the pedestal where the Red Army soldier-hero is crying is written:

ALL ARE FORGOTTEN
EVERYTHING IS FORGOTTEN,
ALL IS SQUANDERED IN DRINK.
ALL THINGS SACRED
ARE TRAMPLED.



"The soldiers are crying
Soldiers, honoured in stone and
marble.

Soldiers of that great nation,
who over 50 years ago,
spilled their blood on their own land,
did not buckle to defend freedom
and honour
of our Soviet Motherland,
He defended his honour and
dedication.

And then, with his sweat he built
again his land,
made it flower – big and mighty.
Today this is a land of want, tears
and death,
but furthermore – an afraid young
generation,
which peacefully and without care
looks at this from the sides,
as a handful of salt eats the native
land,
they do not hear the crying soldiers
and the extinguished 'eternal flames'.
This is not needed to him.
This does not give him anything.
But to plead and beg for money
from the present business class
and being happy, if from the rich

man's table
they will throw a crumb – this is
something else,
this is, what is needed.
In their turn, these present
capitalists
they beg money from rich countries,
selling their own Motherland
robbing and breaking up,
by hooligan means fulfilling their
master's wants
with dedication they comply
to sell our sacred land,
they agree, that this land
should be trampled by NATO troops'
boots,
they agree to all, just so that they
themselves
live well and in riches.
People are silent,
they are being turned into docile
animals,
but in the near future
as full slaves and as a colony.

Is there no other choice that is
give us?
If this is to be, then let us
from the pedestals on which soldiers
stand –
let us forget, that on this land of ours
there lived in the past a
Great People!" □

From Newspaper: "LENIN'S SPARKS"

This newspaper continues the traditions of Soviet Pioneer organization that was established in 1924. Difficult as it is, the Editorial Staff should be congratulated for publishing this newspaper, geared to the young generation. Hoping that in future, NSC shall receive photographs of the Young Pioneers that we can publish to show our readers that the spirit of Young Pioneers is not dead, but is growing.

INFORMATION REPORT

There took place in Moscow a consultative meeting of representatives of Pioneer

organizations from Moscow, Leningrad and Ukraine. They discussed the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the re-establishment of the Pioneer Organization and about coordinating the work for the future all Pioneer organizations that are existing.



There are many organizations now existing, such as "Young Leninists" plus Pioneer organizations that wear red kerchiefs but their leadership tries to depoliticize them and even Pioneers in Ukraine who wear the yellow and blue kerchiefs.

Dates for celebrating certain events were discussed. Agreement was reached that there should be cooperation and centralization of all Pioneer organizations on the territory of Soviet Union, plus an overall plan for growth.

Northstar Compass is happy to put on their mailing list this Pioneer newspaper as per their request. □

**From Newspaper:
"YEDINSTVO – UNITY"
Orel, Russia**

"SCREEN"

Today, unfortunately, no one will give you an answer as to whom it is necessary to hide behind a "screen" and who loves to be hidden behind this "screen" while in front, they pretend to be somebody else! For what reason is this "screen" used? In contemporary Russia and in the former Soviet republics, this "screen manipulation" is a fine art which can be adapted to any given situation. The main aim of this

"screen" is to be able to give out all sorts of lies and innuendoes. The "diplomacy of a screen" is a high art form by the present regime and its apologists. Political parties utilize this form of subversion also.

As an example, let us take the name of a party that goes under the slogan of "Democracy – power of the people". Every citizen of our country knows fully well what kind of "democracy" he lives under now – mafia, gangsterism, robbery, bands of "democratic" businessmen, corruption, scandals, etc. This is also called "democratic"!

Look at the "screen" that was used during the last "presidential elections"!

But, let us look at the biggest "screen" now in the Communist movement – the Communist Party of Russian Federation – all over Russia and calling itself "Communist". Under this title, you'll find many enemies of communism, Trotskyites, former party bosses, traitors, careerists, commercial businessmen.

People ask as to "why must they hide under 'Communists' if they are actually enemies of the resurrection of the Soviet Union?" It's a very logical question. The answer is also very logical and simple: These elements need to have people believe them, that they are Communists and in the elections, it is much easier to get elected. This is then the secret!

Let us look as to who comprises the Secretariat of the Zyuganov's Communist Party of the Russian Federation: Ligachev, Kriuchkov, Luiklianov and Ryzhkov, three Bankers, the following three commercial businessmen – Belov, Sheynin, Zyuganov and many others. Zyuganov was a member of the Central Committee of CPSU under Gorbachev and was promoting the ideals of new thought, in other words, "perestroika" (destroika).

Zyuganov is the defender of market economy, private enterprise and is cooperating with the "new Russian bourgeoisie".

Another "screen" used by Zyuganov is his information for elections of the so-called "Peoples Patriotic Front" of Russia. Zyuganov and his members in the leadership have immediately dropped the slogan of "Workers of the World Unite"! What does this mean? That means that under the umbrella of his "Russian Patriotic Front", even the present Russian capitalists can become active, of course covering themselves under the mantle of "patriots", neo-communists, anti-communists, etc. No wonder that Zyuganov in every way promotes from stage, radio and TV plus press, his "Russian patriotism". Zyuganov is vehemently opposed to the mass movement called "Workers Russia". This policy is nothing short of selling away the natural riches of Russia and Soviet people – it's the complete capitalization and colonialization of Russia. Zyuganov's communism – it's the hidden opportunism, aimed at fooling the Soviet people!

Comrades! Let us stick to the left side of the road!

Only "Workers Russia" headed by a Marxist-Leninist party will become victorious! Together, we shall win!

– Petushkov □

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SPECIAL

DEAR READER:

We reprint this article in full in order to present our readers with a phenomenon that is not being looked into seriously by the progressive movement or even national and patriotic movements all over the world.

We mean "English Linguistic Imperialism" as defined in this article by Professor Yukio Tsuda, International Communication at the Graduate School of International Development at Nagoya University in Japan. It is reprinted from the Asahi Shimbun.

Imperialism takes on many different forms in order to subjugate the people to its own ends – to rule and exploit, no matter under what "democratic" idiom it uses.

We would ask a dialogue from our readers on this very important article.

'Japlish' leads to linguistic chaos

THE Japanese craze for English is reaching epidemic proportions. Disc jockeys on FM radio talk in English. Satellite broadcasting is crowded with U.S. programs. Shops and products bear English names. Companies spell their names in English. Even government documents are sprinkled with English words.

This English mania is nothing short of a disease. Indeed, Anglomania, or obsession with English, is so prevalent that the Japanese use the language even when they don't have to. The result is linguistic chaos.

The root of Anglomania is the ideology of English linguistic imperialism — the belief that everyone should be able to speak or use English because it is the key interna-

tion language. The Japanese are going along with this dogma.

Of course I recognize the status of English as an international language. I do not deny the need for English teaching. But we must all realize that English has also become an instrument of power and domination through its international use, shoving other languages aside and creating a situation of disadvantage and inequality for those whose native language is not English.

In accepting English linguistic imperialism, the Japanese have become hooked on English, and so have suffered a linguistic confusion, causing Anglomania. They have lost their linguistic independence.

Moreover they have helped, if unwittingly,

to reproduce and sustain the existing English-based unequal class structure in international communication.

The Japanese should realize their complicity in English linguistic imperialism and make conscious efforts to break with it.

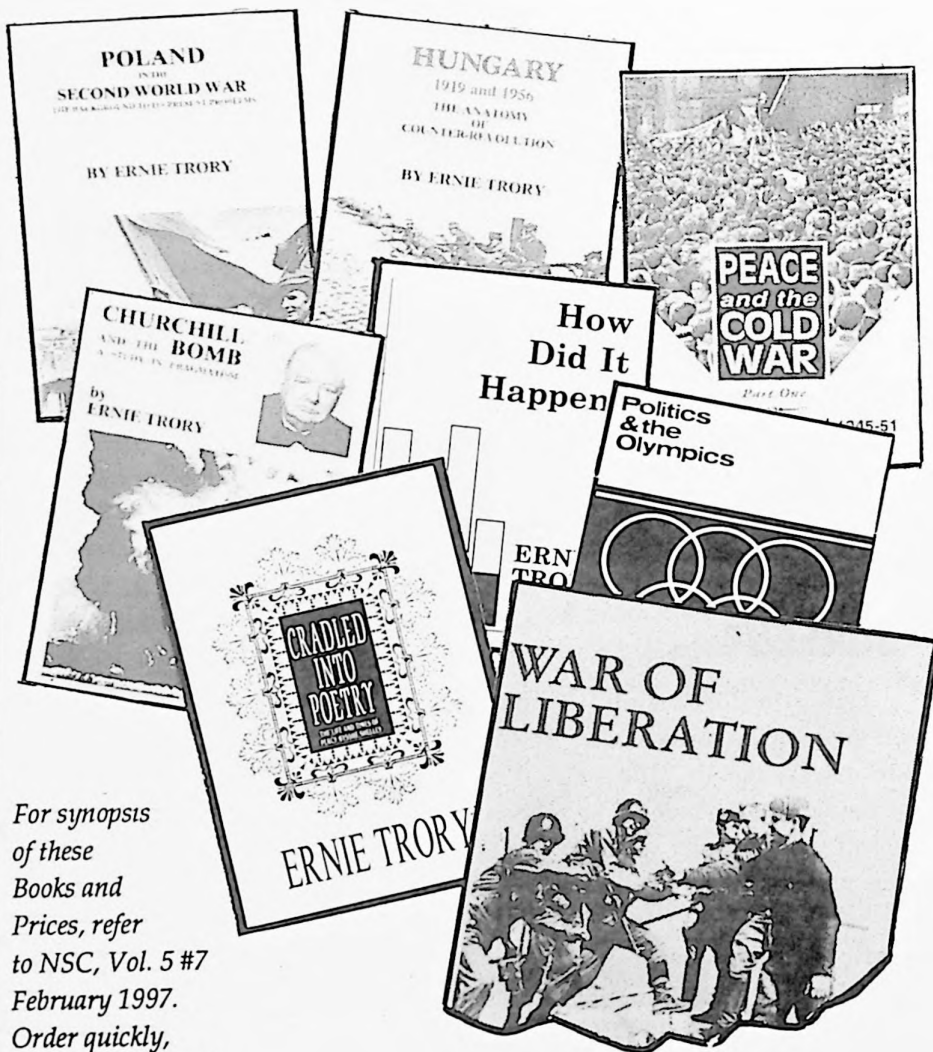
The chief accomplices in English linguistic imperialism are the ministry of education, scholars, mass media and private business. The education ministry is pushing plans to teach elementary-school children to speak basic English. But does it realize that mothers across the nation are already feeling a lot of pressure and anxiety to get their children to learn English?

Universities are also afflicted with Anglomania. Many of my students, asked to give

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examples of English being used unnecessarily, mention university lectures. In fact, many scholars feel reports not written in English are not seen as credible.

The media are also addicted to English. The English titles of music programs and movies are usually given not in translation, but in the original.

Naming in English is all the rage in the corporate world. It may only be a matter of time before the majority of Japanese companies have English names.

Where will all this lead? I fear that in the 21st century the Japanese will come to call our country not Nippon or Nihon, as we say in Japanese, but Japan, as in English.

That could be one result of Anglomania. We extol English because we are made to believe it is "cool" to use the language. We belittle our own language, thus accepting the rule of English.

The ministry of education, scholars, media and businesses — all of which are encouraging and spreading this English-is-best psychology — should engage in some serious soul-searching. Japan itself should develop a critical awareness of Anglomania and its role in English linguistic imperialism, and make conscious efforts to become more independent from the hegemony of English. By doing so, the nation can help promote global equality in languages and communication.

To that end, I would like to make a couple of proposals.

First, an international language agreement should be concluded to protect the interests of the non-English-speaking peoples. The Japanese government should take the initiative to work out such a pact by raising the problem of English-language domination at international organizations such as the United Nations and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

In addition, Japan should sign a bilateral language agreement with the United States to raise the status of Japanese.

We can at least mitigate the symptoms of Anglomania by thus raising consciousness of the problem, questioning the ideology of English linguistic imperialism that gives free rein to English, and attempting to break free from it.

Second, the objective of English education should be more narrowly defined. English is now being taught excessively, due to the ideological portrayal of it as the universal language. If the objective is defined as acquiring a basic knowledge of English, then six years of instruction at high school should be sufficient.

At colleges and universities the emphasis should be shifted from English and other Western languages to Japanese. Japanese-oriented education would help to reduce our dependence on Western cultures.

It is not enough just to study and use English. We should be concerned more about the big picture — the unequal global power structure that gives English a dominant position in the world and creates Anglomania in Japan and the rest of the world.

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STALIN IN CONTEMPORARY TIMES

By: Guram Tsushbaya
Editor of newspaper
"WORD OF A COMMUNIST"
Odessa, Ukraine

Today, even a blind person can see that the slow dismemberment of the Soviet State and the forced elimination of honest communists from their positions started with fierce attacks against the name of Stalin. All of our problems that are over our heads for over 40 years,

started from that point. The momentum to this movement was given by the 20th Congress of the CPSU (Communist Party of the Soviet Union), where blasphemously it broke all norms of behaviour and recognized method of Lenin's thoughts on problems within the party and party democracy, the so-called "Cult of personality and its effects" was presented without absolutely any discussion within the party by this bald corn-husker, Nikita S. Khrushchev.



How could this have happened? At this Congress, there were high ranking members of CC CPSU and state personalities, famed military leaders, to whom the name and authority of Stalin were sacred, since not too long ago saw the end of the Great Patriotic War, which has gone into history books as the triumph of J.V. Stalin as the Commander-In-Chief. Besides, at this Congress, there were workers and farmers, representatives of the intelligentsia, artists, poets, writers, who wrote much about Stalin while he was alive and soon after his death. And it seemed that this large mass of people, the flower of Soviet society, kept quiet while listening to Khrushchev's gibberish and quietly voted to adopt this document ... even

the well known political leaders, members of Central Committee did not stir or speak up ... as if they had a mouth full of water as a fish ...

How can we explain this!

According to us, two factors were responsible:

1. Stunning news came from the lips of the new first secretary of the party, without warning, not expected and unbelievable, left clear thinking people riveted to their seats. They were stunned into immobility, not daring to look at one another, discuss, question, as if they were hypnotized, as a snake hypnotizes a frog before attacking.

2. Psychologically, the people came to believe in the wise decisions of the First Secretary of the party as was J.V. Stalin for 13 years as head of the Soviet State, his dedication to Lenin, to the interests of the working class. For those many years that Stalin was heading the country and the party, his dedication and his steadfastness in building the socialist economy in the interest of millions upon millions of people, together with the tremendous victory over fascism against all odds, had nurtured in Soviet people that a leader of such calibre as a General Secretary of the party cannot but guide truthfully the Central Committee. This belief and rightly so adoration of the leader (as was Stalin) made people first of all be quiet – to accept as truth the utterances of the First Secretary (Krushchev) and thus, we Soviet people paid very dearly for this mistake, believing that Krushchev was as truthful and dedicated as was Stalin.

Today, not one truthful thinking person has any shadow of a doubt, that what transpired at the 20th Congress of CPSU was a quiet bourgeois counter-revolution. Its main attack was against the Soviet state, a state of workers and peasants.

It is that year – the year of 1956 – at the 20th Congress of CPSU, that there was given a tremendous blow against the most important components of people's psyche – BELIEF IN PEOPLE in the leadership positions, belief in the Communist Party. The fact that people today do not believe in anything, this was all started in 1956 – this was the beginning.

Why is it that it was through attacks against Stalin, it was the first step towards the vicious attacks against communists? There is a logical explanation. We, already in 1993, were writing in our newspaper, "Word of a Communist":

"The dismemberment and denigration of socialism were the terrible attacks against Stalin. After these attacks, the elements in power started to attack Bolsheviks, after that, Lenin and, at the end, against socialism.

The chains were locked: Stalin-Bolshevism-Lenin-Socialism. Now, it is very clear to all that the MAIN AIM of these actions WAS THE DEFEAT AND BESMIRCHING OF SOCIALISM, to which it was impossible to get to until such time, when the steadfastness of the pillars holding socialism up were swaying and finally made to collapse.

In real dedicated communists, those that lived through the events of 1991, in all honourable people, there are no qualms that the name of Stalin is deeply tied into the beautiful history of the Soviet people and Soviet Union. It is well known that the struggle for socialism is incompatible with anti-Stalinism. You cannot be a communist while at the same time follow the anti-Stalin line, because

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ANTI-STALINISM IS THE WEAPON OF ANTI-COMMUNISTS.

More than 40 years went by, after Stalin passed away. Five years have gone by, since the USSR was dismembered. But honest people, as communists, as non-party people, to this day, they have in their hearts the love towards great Stalin. This feeling is precious, because it survived scores of years of anti-Stalinist hysteria, terrible years of vicious calumny. The amazing phenomenon is that not only older people have this precious feeling and are guarding it, but now, it is the youth. This is the beginning of understanding and must be encouraged!

Today's communists (not all, unfortunately – Editors) are taking Stalin as their weapon to struggle against the enemies. What do we admire and what qualities do we see in Stalin? His dedication and unbending will towards honest Marxist-Leninist understanding, his fight against opportunism, which has today impregnated most of the communist movement. Regarding the right, opportunistic danger to our party, Joseph Stalin stated in 1928: "Right wing in communism in 'capitalist conditions' is a tendency, wavering of one part of communists... departing from the revolutionary path of Marxism to the side of social-democracy." (J. Stalin, "Right Opportunistic Danger in the Ranks of ACP[B].") How truthfully it was stated! I mean by this, the present opportunists, who abandoned the idea of the dictatorship of proletarianism are trying to push all communists towards social-democracy.

"The victory of the right wing in the communist parties in the capitalist countries meant the break up of the communist parties and the strengthening of social-democratism," – J. Stalin said further. Today, we all see that is exactly what transpired in the Communist

Party of Russian Federation (CPRF) and also in the Communist Party of Ukraine (CPU). This was shown very vividly in the newspaper "Voice of a Communist" and in the article by Iliuhin in the journal "Marxism in Contemporary Times", the new issue which is being ready now for printing.

"The victory of the right wing in our party-state," stated Stalin, "would mean the strengthening of the capitalist elements in our country ... it would mean that if this was allowed to transpire, this would guarantee the resurrection of capitalism in our country". Now, you can see why our opportunists are pouring water on the mill. This shows that they pretend to guarantee the welfare of the working class only in words, but in fact, they are for the interests of capitalists.

Stalin's logic is a picture of a Bolshevik understanding – correct, honest, clear – and placing all elements in their right places. I am absolutely certain that those who even now are sick with Khrushchev's jabbering about the cult of personality and in this frame of mind, they cannot shake off their anti-Stalinism; they never read the works of Stalin and grew up without ever reading any of them. Either this, or that person is absolutely unrepented enemy of socialism and thus, is our enemy.

In this regard, I would like to give an example which I had with a comrade Maevsky from the city of Mukachevo, Carpathian Region of Ukraine. This was in 1994 – at that time, he was the deputy chairman of Union of Communists of Ukraine. We very strongly proceeded to discuss and argue about the role of Stalin: I was defending Stalin, while he was adamantly opposed to Stalin on all counts. But over a period of time, comrade Maevsky changed his outlook and became a dedicated

"Stalinist", then he joined the ranks of the All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks. Now, he is a party organizer in CC AUCPB in Ukraine. What transpired? When we met, he told me as to the change and what made him make that decisive change: he started to read the works of Stalin which he never did before, especially the work, "Questions of Leninism" and was transformed by the clear logic of Stalin and the truth of his writings.

Thus, the great strength of Stalin's logic is affecting more and more people – his manner of resolving a problem, his concise and to-the-point answers. This is why our enemies are petrified about the logic of Stalin, and they get goose bumps on their skin, when they see more and more pictures of Stalin in each demonstration.

We are all convinced that where there is Stalin, there is victory. We are also convinced that victory will be ours. That means that Stalin will always be with us. □

BOOK REVIEWS

GRAVE NEW WORLD

A book written by author Jeremy Rifkin called "The End of Work" predicts massive unemployment as inevitable for the coming decades.

We just quote excerpts from an article by Carol Goar of the Washington Bureau Toronto Star. This "guru" writes about the ills of modern day capitalism, gives lectures to today's industrialists who pay handsomely for his predictions. His analysis is correct and it is frightening, because Imperialism is hell-bent on eliminating the work force by automation and only the bottom profit line is counted, not the

future of workers.

The weakness of Rifkin's analysis is not in analyzing the sickness of monopoly capitalism, but not prescribing a cure – which is SOCIALISM!

You will be interested and maybe shocked at the prospect that you, your children and grandchildren might face if there is no revolution to do away with exploitation and the ills and dead-end of capitalism.

• It is extremely likely that millions of workers from management offices to the factory floor are going to lose their jobs in the next 20 years. And, despite what the capitalist politicians keep assuring us, there won't be enough new jobs to go around.

• What I am saying is nothing new – the workers already know this privately. They're scared to death.

• "Downsizing" is the catch word of big corporations, "corporate re-engineering" – these are the words used by big businesses in order to make the unemployment less scary and less understood.

• By the year 2010, Rifkin predicts that most blue-collar jobs will be obsolete. Three out of four workers – from retail clerks to surgeons – will eventually be replaced by computer-guided machines.

• We have to start taking steps in the next 10 years. After that, there will be so much anger, so much frustration, so much rage, people will be ready for extreme actions.

• In order to save the system, we must begin reducing the work week to 30 hours or less by year 2005. That will at least spread work around the shrinking supply of jobs.

• Finally, the governments will have to redistribute income from the lucky few who will shape and manage the "information revolution" to the great many who will be marginalized by it.

• Capitalists ask me: "What about taxes? Who's going to pay for all of these workers?" My answer is: "You are. The only question is whether you're going to build more prisons or better communities. You'll break the bank eventually if you pour your resources (capital) into building a fortress society."

• Politicians state that everyone will have to be retrained. But even if the entire labour force could be trained for very skilled jobs – which, of course, it can't – there would never be enough jobs in the knowledge sector to absorb the millions let go as automation penetrates every aspect of the production process. The emerging knowledge sector will absorb a small elite group. For the masses, there will simply be no place to go.

• Global corporations are now capable of producing an unprecedented volume of goods and services with an ever smaller workforce. But the question of finding markets, of competition, of the cycle of boom and bust has to be looked into.

• The current economic course is simply unsustainable. The gap between the rich and the poor in most industrial countries – the United States leads the list – is at its widest point in over 50 years. And it will get worse when millions of workers lose their jobs. Eventually, the business leaders who are reaping massive profits as a result of automation today, will discover that the workers they marginalized can no longer buy the products they produce.

• Capitalist owners will find themselves short of capital. Their largest pool of investment funds is the pension assets of millions of employees. Once workers lose their jobs and stop putting money aside, there will no longer be a ready

source of savings for plant expansion and new equipment.

• If nothing is done to remedy the situation, trouble signals are already being seen, growth of extremist organizations, political movements, religious extremism, property crime, outbreak of racism, xenophobia and violence.

• If the talents, energy and resourcefulness of hundreds of millions of men and women are not redirected into constructive ends, civilization will continue to disintegrate into a state of destruction and lawlessness from which there may be no easy return."

We congratulate this "capitalist guru" for what he stated in very forceful

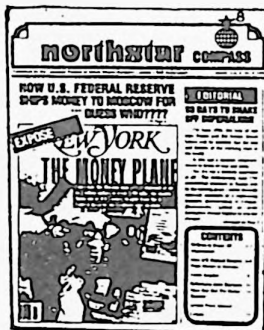
and brutal way, but unfortunately, he could not bring himself to draw the proper conclusion. He probably read Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin; he diagnosed the terminal illness of capitalism, but, making his living by writing 13 books and advising capitalism of its ills and trying to warn them of the consequences besides trying to save the system that is itself going down the road (sooner than later) to its own destruction.

Nevertheless, Jeremy Rifkin has touched on issues that are being faced by the working class, including the present "intelligentsia" who seem to think that their jobs are safe forever and ever.

We suggest to Jeremy Rifkin to re-read Marx and Engels, plus Lenin and Stalin's major work on economics. □

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

COMMUNIST ANTI-NATO DEMONSTRATIONS IN POLAND

By: Jaroslav S. Dobrowsky

Not too long ago, The Union of Polish Communists "Proletariat" organized anti-NATO demonstrations, one of the cities was Zgorzelec – the place in which the peace pact between Polish People's Republic and German Democratic Republic was signed before.

Holding red flags and banners, the demonstrators had the following slogans: "We demand that NATO be dissolved!", "Respect the border on Oder and Nysa!", "Workers of all continents Unite!". Veterans of World War II, workers and intelligentsia took part in these demonstrations and expressed their disapproval of the present Polish government social-democratic policies. Comrade Tiulkin, First Secretary of the Russian Communist Workers Party, supported our actions with the letter that he sent to Polish Communists.

The demonstrations showed that NOT ALL Polish people are for joining NATO!

Unfortunately, about 70% of Polish people support the government's actions in joining NATO! This is not surprising since the public media do not report on the extremely negative side of our membership in NATO: cost of adapting our armed forces to NATO guidelines; converting Polish industries to serve the needs of NATO. Everything that this will cost has to be paid for by the Polish people. What about the doctors, miners, teachers that are constantly

on strike and live in poverty, while a minority live off the backs of the majority! What about countless thousands of poor hungry children who have to live in orphanage homes? You cannot read anything about this in our daily press and media, such as TV or radio.

That is why communists are trying to break this "wall of silence" and organize demonstrations and distribute leaflets to the population. In the meanwhile, the government is trying to prevent these actions. The so-called "democratic Constitution" prevents the Communist Party from taking legal action.

Does anyone really believe that capitalism is synonymous with democracy? We certainly do not want this kind of "democracy"!

ABOUT POLISH COMMUNISTS

Fortunately for us, as opposed to the former Soviet republics, in Poland there exists only one, the only communist party – Union of Polish Communists "Proletariat".

In September of 1996, the Union of Polish Communists celebrated its 6 years of existence. We have a membership of about 5,000 – this is not bad if you consider that the biggest party – the Social Democratic Party of the government – has less than 60,000 members.

Our party, slowly but moving ever forward, is growing. There are appearing new clubs and local organizations, new members are coming forward, and the young activists are being elected in local and district in the left block of parties, to which we communists belong.

More and more often, we find that former members of the Social Democratic Party come over to us, stating that the communist party is the only one capable of getting

Poland out of the crisis.

What is even more interesting is that the Union of Polish Communists is attracting more and more young people into its ranks. Young Poles see in front of their eyes the poverty of the majority of the population and they see no perspective for themselves in the present Polish structures. Younger people more and more approach our party for discussions as to our program, how to solve the unemployment, health care and other present ills that have become the daily lot of Polish people.

Some of them feel that the communist members and their party are a bit too strict in their demands, too regulated, since the average young person in Poland now has become the victim of Western culture, loose living and crime infested mentality, since they have no other recourse of living.

In conjunction with this, we the young members of the Union of Polish Communists have decided to form a new organization – Polish Communist Youth, in which ranks the young people who still need political understanding and development will find their place and thus study and be influenced by Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin.

We already have adopted a program. Now, we are filling our ranks and we plan to issue regularly our own youth newspaper.

I feel fully confident that young people will realize that "Future for youth is Socialism"!

*Member of Union of Polish Communists
(20 years old)

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IN ALBANIA AS WELL, THE "SOCIALISTS" DO NOT KEEP THEIR WORD ...

... But they are prepared to continue the work of dictator Berisha.

The Socialist Party [SP] and its allies won 119 of the 155 seats in parliament during the legislative elections. The chairperson of the SP, Nano, will take up the position of Prime Minister and the Secretary General of the Party, Mejdani, that of President.

Nano declared that he will "assume the difficult task of liquidating the communist heritage". He emphasized that "his reformed party has nothing to do with the Stalinist regime of Enver Hoxha".¹ Under the capitalist dictatorship of former President Berisha, it took five years to destroy what the people and Enver Hoxha had constructed during forty years of socialism. But in the eyes of the Socialists, Hoxha is the cause of all the evils, since, like dictator Berisha, Nano defends "free enterprise and private property".²

He also claims the historic task of "introducing Albania into Europe". In this way also, he is no different from dictator Berisha, who gave free access to Italian and German enterprises.

Many Albanians voted Socialist to get rid of Berisha and because the Socialists had promised to pay them back for the losses incurred because of the scandals of the pyramid associations. The French Socialist Jospin, one of Nano's models, had promised to save Renault Vilvorde, without keeping his word. For his part, Nano just declared that those taken in by the

pyramid schemes will not be repaid by the state.²

The French Socialist Catherine Lalumiere, special envoy from the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, gave three essential missions to Nano: "Reconstruct the country, the army and the police."³ The popular armed revolt had succeeded in destroying the repressive apparatus of dictator Berisha. Today, the Socialists are reconstructing that apparatus, against the popular committees. Meanwhile, Berisha is able to continue quietly in parliament as the leader of the opposition. Thus goes Western democracy ...

1. *Independent Albanian Economic Tribune*, reprinted by *Albanews*, July 25, 1997.

2. *Da Standaard*, August 2, 1997.

3. *Le Monde*, July 10, 1997.

ROMANIA: THE CHILDREN ARE THE FIRST VICTIMS

"Since 1989, the situation of the children has not stopped deteriorating. Abandoned by their families, malnourished or subjected to sexual abuse, the children are the first victims of the difficult period of transition toward a market economy which Romania has been going through for seven years". Thus declared the Romanian sociologist Catalin Zamfir, who just completed a study for Unicef (*Le Peuple*, July 19, 1997). 54% of children live below the absolute poverty level. The benefits for children have lost 80% of their value in six years.

Despite the drop in the birth rate, the number of children abandoned has seen a new increase in the past years - from 38,000 in 1991, to 46,000 in 1996. According to the Institute for Mother and Child, Romanian children today weigh less and are smaller than children of their age in 1989, because of malnutrition. What is the Romanian Operation Village waiting for to denounce the

catastrophic consequences of the restoration of capitalism in Romania?

RUSSIA: THE SAME LEVEL AS AFRICA

Bangladesh, India, Black Africa: that is the level of development to which Russia is descending since the restoration of capitalism. Half the Russian population drinks water of bad quality. 40% of Russian children suffer from chronic illnesses. Between 1990 and 1995, tuberculosis, an illness typical of poor populations, has increased 70%. The state of physical and mental health of youths between 10 and 20 years is equally threatened: 15% are under-nourished, 12% are alcoholics and 8% are drug addicts (*De Morgen*, July 26, 1997).

In 1965, the life expectancy of the Russian population was equal to that of the United States and Japan. In 1989, it was still 64.2 years. In 1994, it had fallen to 57.7 years. One could also express it this way: in five years, there were 1.3 million "excess deaths", that is to say, above the statistical forecasts. The *Population and Development Review* (September 1996) speaks of a silent genocide "without precedent in modern history".

Wage differences have tripled in five years. The degree of inequality has reached that of the poorest countries of Latin America. What a disgrace for this country which had known the highest degree of equality and development during the period of socialism!

RUSSIA WITHOUT ELECTRICITY

At Primorye, in the east of Russia, the electricity is cut off each day for 12 to 17 hours, without warning or schedule. Those who take the elevator in the morning risk being trapped there in the evening. When

the cry "electricity" rings out, everyone rushes to the kitchen to prepare their meals or hurries to do the wash, otherwise they have to make do with using a gas cylinder or lighting a candle. At Vladivostok, the population also suffers from power outages, except for the new rich who have Yamaha electric generators. The reason? The privatized electric companies are unable to pay their debts, and the state refuses to help them. The Russian population is ready to revolt: "Let someone launch an appeal to strike. We are even ready to lie down on the train tracks, to block the ships. Someone has to organize us." (*Argumenti i Fakti*, May 22, 1997)

ROMANIAN WORKERS BLOCK TRAINS - Will 17 State Enterprises Soon Close?

SOCIAL AGITATION HAS BECOME MUCH BROADER IN ROMANIA THESE LAST WEEKS

Five thousand oil workers have taken to the streets of the city of Ploesti, to the north of the capital, Bucharest, on August 8. They cut the railroad line between Ploesti and Buzau. The whole region of Prahova, further south, is also in turmoil. The movement has also spread to other cities in the country, Cluj-Napoca (centre), Iasi (east), Braila and even Bucharest.¹

The object of the discontent is the wish of the Ciorbea government to close seventeen large state enterprises that are running a deficit. Romanian public enterprises are being sold at auction. And those that are judged not profitable enough are being closed. Their losses would be of the order of 15 billion Belgian Francs (\$100 million).² year, for sales of less than 4 billion Belgian Francs (\$100 million).² Unemployment is widespread and thirty thousand workers of the

affected enterprises are threatened. They are supposed to survive on the crumbs that the social security still offers them.

The new Constantinescu regime, following the example of that of his predecessor, Iliescu, has but one wish: to totally integrate Romania into the Western sphere of influence, including NATO. McDonalds are spreading like wildfire in Bucharest and other cities. Coca-Cola and Sprite inundate the market. The Belgian group Delhaize is also present with its "L Fourmi" stores. The former owners and the opportunist mafia that arose out of the counter-revolution of December 1989 have put their hands on the lands to the north of Bucharest. They are offering them today for \$200 per square meter to Romanian expatriates.

1. *Cronica Romana*, August 9-10, 1997.
2. According to *Le Soir*, August 2, 1997.

HOW THE PARVANOV FAMILY SURVIVES

The greatest part of the Bulgarian population is rapidly being impoverished. In the first two months of 1997, inflation reached 391%. The price of heating and electricity is about 300F (\$8 U.S.) per month. But for an average of 600F (\$16) (the salaries have been cut in sixths) or for a small pension of 200F (\$5.50), this is out of reach. How does the middle class Parvanov family survive? The father works in a cement factory, besides a construction job. The mother has three small jobs and the daughter knits sweaters at home for sale. What do they earn for all that? Some 3,000F (\$80) per month ... Meat, wine, cheese and most fruits and vegetables have long been

removed from the daily diet. The Parvanovs are not able to pay more than a month's rent every three months. They should also help the grandparents, who are not able to make it on their small pension of 120F (\$3.50).

BULGARIA: THE IMF DIMS THE LIGHTS

It is "thanks" to loans from the IMF and the European Union that Bulgaria is able to honor its foreign debt (a billion dollars for 1997). And food aid temporarily provides relief to the population. A spokesperson for the social-democratic party BOP declares: "The last government made mistakes. We did not privatize enough. To move backward was a difficult decision, but the credit was conditioned." Too little privatization? The IMF will take care of it, capitalizing its loans against a new bargain-basement sale of state property and savings on public services.

The consequences are inevitable: because of lack of medicines in the clinics, only the most severe cases are treated. Cars stop for lack of fuel. The only refinery in the country is no longer functioning. Even the public lights are turned off. (*NRC Handelsblad*, April 21, 1997)

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We have found both books very interesting. We wonder if we can publish "Next to Stalin" in Turkish. This will help the people of Turkey have a better understanding of Stalin and the events in his period.

We are looking forward to hearing from you.

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A. Kaya

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From:
Wales, G.B.

Dear Michael:

The International working class movement seems to concentrate more on capitalists and profit than the other more effective ways of robbing the worker - namely RENT and INTEREST. Certainly

- as Jean-Pierre so well points out - banks create money OUT OF NOTHING and receive interest on money that doesn't exist. They have, however, a much more pernicious influence than this. Let me give you an example.

Prior to the First World War, London ruled two-fifths of the world's surface. Half the shipping that sailed world routes was made in Britain. Most of the commodity marketers were in London - not the USA - and the £ underwrote world trade, not the \$. Britain was then on the 'gold standard' which meant you could take a £ note to a British bank anywhere in the world and they were obliged to exchange it for a golden sovereign. To fight the war, Britain had to go off the gold standard and sell foreign investments, and during the war (although there was inflation everywhere) in Britain inflation was some one-third higher than in the rest of the world. This meant that in the competition for foreign markets, Britain could no longer effectively compete. There were two ways to rectify this under capitalism: One, heavy investment to 'modernize' industry (meaning to manufacture more goods with less labour thus bringing down prices); or, an attack to bring down wages. Naturally, what bankers wanted was the latter, and in any developed capitalist country, it's what finance-capital wants that financial capital gets. So Britain went back on to the gold standard and wages were cut.

It led to a mutiny in the navy, strikes, the general strike (betrayed by its leaders) a collapse of medium and small industry and 3 million unemployed. The bankers were happy. They had an overvalued £ which allowed them to buy into foreign assets cheaply. It was all to no avail. The social stresses were too great and the government was

afraid the British people might take the Russian road. In 1932, then, Britain came off the gold standard (forever as we thought, but never underestimate bankers) repudiated its debts to the USA, and set up the protectionist Empire Preference Scheme. This was the antithesis to the 'free market' and thus, the slump was not as bad in Britain as it was in the USA.

Our ruling class has not learned its lesson and history is about to be repeated. In 1973, Britain joined the EEC – without the Commonwealth. By 1979, a policy of deflation (this time, they called it 'monetarism') was being pursued. Breaking the Commonwealth link sentenced to death all those ports which formerly traded with the Commonwealth – London, Bristol, Cardiff, Liverpool, the Clyde. These ports are now virtually derelict. As a result, British ship-building collapsed. Food prices doubled or quadrupled. British steel production was halved by order of the EEC. This did not mean that steel consumption halved, rather, it meant now we had to import EEC steel which was some 20% more expensive. In 1990, Britain joined the ERM, which meant the £ had to conform to an artificial high of DM2.95. This meant that British products could no longer compete against French and German goods, and with open borders, this meant the virtual collapse of small and medium businesses. Britain (where TV was invented) no longer makes TV sets (except foreign ones under licence). We no longer make British cars nor ships and we cannot even make a complete aircraft whether civil or military. Our nationalized industries have been sold off for a song (road, railway, gas, electricity, water) producing windfall profits in the meantime, mainly to foreign multinational corporations. The majority of

workers are now employed in part-time jobs in the service industries on low pay and we have 4 1/4 million unemployed. WHY? Well, there was a trade-off between selling out British manufacture in return for an open-door policy to British finance capital in Europe.

This is but the beginning. In 1999, we must implement a treaty we have signed and ratified to adopt a single currency. In an impossible attempt to maintain the £ at the artificial rate of DM2.95 the Treasury was nearly emptied when they admitted defeat, the £ dropped to its real level (DM2.20), we left the ERM, Mr. Soros made £2,000 million in four days speculating against the £, and small and medium-sized businesses began to pick up when British goods again became competitive at this rate. Bankers are persistent people however. The Maastricht Treaty (known as a Bankers' Charter) has to be implemented by 1999, and implemented, it will be. What this means in financial terms is that the Bank of England will have to transfer its stocks of gold, silver, and securities to the new Central Bank in Frankfurt which will be dominated by the Bundesbank – the same institutions that propped up Hitler in the past. The Bank of England is not only happy to do this, but they are already heavily involved in its preparations. For this is the beginning of a NEW ORDER when the European Central Bank will be independent of the various European governments, moreover, their meetings will be held in secret, and should some banker open his mouth to the press about these meetings, he can be

fined a stupendous amount. I joke not! It's all down there in black and white, but this is never mentioned in the rich men's press, so we are to have a super-government accountable to no one but bankers – the ultimate dream of finance capitalists.

As a result, I see a massive increase in unemployment in Britain in addition to the present 4 1/4 million (yes, we have to go back to DM2.95 and they are already working on this). It is POLICY to reduce public expenditure to zero by 1999 (the date of the single currency). Not borrowing mark you, but PUBLIC borrowing. If people ceased to borrow, the City of London would collapse like a pack of cards. Why do public authorities borrow money? For schools, hospitals, pensions, etc. Why do private enterprises borrow? For narcotics, arms, coca-cola, in fact, any damned thing as long as they make a profit and they can pay the interest. So, this will mean the end of education as we know it, the end of public medicine, the end of the welfare state. THIS IS a POLICY, but they don't talk about it in the press, of course.

But their ambitions do not end there. Theoretically, the EU ultimately will be a greater economic entity than the USA. But before that day happens, they have to have a Federal government (even if the decisions are manipulated by the invisible bankers) and an army. They are working on that too. Billions are being spent on reconstructing Berlin (as the capital of 're-united' Germany or the EU?). The WEU is already being expanded with German, French, Portuguese and Spanish contingents, and out of 12 members, 9 have signed up to join (not the UK – so far). So, it's only a question of time before the Berlin-Rome-Tokyo axis is reformed, ready to take on the USA for world

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domination.

In the meantime, the whole fraternity of gangsters – Britain, France, Germany, Japan and the USA – are busy plundering the former Soviet Union and turning it rapidly into a Third World country.

While the mass media have been blasting the American inspired brassy tunes of freedom, democracy, human rights and Christianity, the Fascists have almost returned – in carpet slippers, by the back door, and without firing a shot. What a future for our grandchildren?

Finance capitalists are international in outlook. When will the international working class take a leaf from their book? After all, they have nothing to lose but their chains.

– Best Wishes,
Denis Martin

P.S. Yes, it has all, so far, been done by bribery and corruption without firing a shot. But 50,000 nuclear weapons are lying around waiting to explode. Back to the TV SITCOM.

As always Denis, there's not much we can add after your analysis! Keep on writing! □

FEATURE ANALYSIS

MASTERS OF MONOPOLY

Cover-Up Of Truth Keeps Public In Ignorance

By: Bernard Forer

At this point in history, we seem to be watching a morality play in which the forces of evil are grappling with the workings of the good. No alternative seems to exist in between. In the name of our

“democracy” we are to forget the homeless, the unemployed, the ill, the dispossessed, and the desperate in favor of a “higher goal”: domination of the globe by American interests.

Our government has spent trillions of dollars in its campaign to destroy the ideals of socialism. A direct result has been the creation of the military-industrial complex, by which certain corporations have enriched themselves from the public treasury, and from which future generations have been saddled with staggering debts. A concurrent phenomenon has been an ever-growing list of scandals involving government figures, bankers, stock-brokers, financiers and other members of the “secret army” of the financial elite who have gotten out of control.

Swiss banks provide anonymity to depositors, without outcry from our government leaders. One network reporter was enterprising enough to ask one of the directors of a Swiss bank for his comments. This gentleman smiled, shrugged his shoulders, and simply stated: “You know, money has no conscience.” These words tell us much about the present state of our universe.

Hitler may be dead but some of his ideas live on. The fact remains that since World War II, we no longer use our military might against Germany or Italy or any others of the “Aryan” nations. Our new enemies have darker skins – in Libya, Vietnam, Grenada, Panama and similar small countries. We may possess awesome nuclear weapons, but none of the others may. Our weight, militarily and politically, is to ensure that we are the only superpower, as the Pentagon has stated in a recent pronouncement. We are allowed to use loans and money and bribes to influence the United Nations, not to mention threats.

Break-up of the Soviet Union has merely accentuated this new development. We used all sorts of dirty tricks, infiltration, bribery, destabilization of government, and even assassinations, to achieve our ascendancy. One of our weapons has been promises that were never carried out. We've never rebuilt Panama. The “democracy” that we restored in Grenada came in the form of dozens and dozens of banks that have sprung up there, to serve drug-lords and money-launderers. Our aid to the former Soviet Union came in the form of invasions by right-wing think-tanks, Peace Corps volunteers, travelling businessmen, and some token supplies of foodstuffs. Only when our favorite, Boris Yeltsin, seemed in trouble did our aid take concrete dollar forms.

Now, we possess what might be called a “political monopoly” – and we know that a monopoly produces suffering for the ordinary family. It confers power to an individual or group of individuals. Prices may be raised arbitrarily. Some businessmen may be proffered all the commodities they desire, while others may be deprived. What is emerging in the present period is a drive by our nation's leaders to achieve a political monopoly, not only at home but also abroad. Let us not be naive. The campaign to eliminate all vestiges of socialist ideology is not to preserve the right of the American citizen to vote. The basic urge is financial, on behalf of the wealthiest segment of our population.

With all its mistakes, the former Soviet Union had a program that embodied social progress in the form of universal health care, free educational opportunity, government subsidization of basic foods, and full employment. No one starved to death and no one was homeless. Luxuries were limited, of course.

Ringed by hostile powers and facing continual harassment and infiltration, some leaders may have succumbed to paranoia, but the fundamental tenets of socialism were not destroyed. They still haunt the White House. Conservatives still dream and plan to eliminate the enclaves still remaining in Cuba, China, and North Korea. The Pentagon is ready and willing.

As far as former Soviet Union is concerned, for years we have been sending our secret armies, made up of infiltrators, saboteurs, and bribers. Again, we see the fruits. The "democratic" forces have seized communist property, closed up their newspapers, and otherwise used autocratic methods of stopping opposition. We witness a return to the "good old days" of Tsarism being voiced in some quarters with a strange approbation. The worst features of capitalism/fascism are becoming evident: unemployment, rising prices, malnutrition, and a rising rate of criminality – not to mention selfishness and greed. One of the worst features of the "new" situation is the revival of all sorts of ethnic tensions and rivalries as the bonds of a common purpose and interests have been severed. The big-wigs in Washington are gloating: "Opposition has been shattered." "Socialism is dead."

Some of the worst excesses of monopoly capitalism have been kept in check while a competing ideology was operative on a world scale. Once the U.S. elite have achieved political monopoly, we may see the facade of democracy weakened or destroyed, as unions are eliminated and resistance to the oligarchy is destroyed. Should this state of affairs take place, we could see a return of semi-feudal conditions.

Truth is a precious commodity that may be discovered in relatively small journals and sometimes over

the air. However, the facts are submerged under torrents of misinformation, lies, and the relentless onslaught of sports, entertainment, and sensationalism featured on television and in other media. For a sobering account of our foreign policy in action, one need only read "The Nation" (April 6, 1992) in an article by Jonathan Kwitny titled: "The CIA's Secret Armies in Europe." The average American would be aghast at the revelations. Uncle Sam is the Great Intruder on a world scale. Hitler was a crude bumbler in comparison.

The most worrisome feature of the present period is that all of us recognize instinctively that we have our own clandestine army at home. The Klan, the neo-Nazis, and the Skinheads are champing at the bit, waiting for the time when they can enforce their own ideas of democracy in action.

Erosion of civil liberties proceeds apace. For example, a physician who was in Dallas on the day President Kennedy was assassinated, saw the body of the slain president. He stated with firmness that the fatal bullet had entered the skull of JFK from the front. After many years he came forward with his refutation of the Warren Commission report. When he was asked as to why he had been waiting so long, he gave the frank answer that he had been afraid to tell the truth.

If we agree that money has no conscience, we must know that neither do our intelligence services. For years they have been subverting our democracy by dealing with drug lords, criminals, soldiers of fortune, dictators of all sorts, and military despots. We must also recognize that they work at the behest of "respectable" politicians who sit in their comfortable offices and keep their hands clean. The more power they attain, the more dangerous the

situation becomes. For that very reason, the people must remain alert. We are living in dangerous times. □

SALT & PEPPER ON WRY

By: Frank Ray Davis

SICK OLD COLD WAR GETS BOOSTER SHOT: Pres. Yeltsin, with Germany's Chancellor Kohl leering over his shoulder, said he'd sign the treaty allowing Central European nations to join that great "defense" clique, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. One might wonder if Central Europe isn't quite a ways from the North Atlantic, but an even more common-sense question: Who's supposed to be defending whom from what?

BOOMERANG IN THE BUTT: The USA gave Mexico \$6 million to fight the dope trade. This sounds like a generous donation to a worthy cause, till one subversively recalls that much of the world's narco problem arose from the CIA's bank-rolling anti-Communist crooks!

TEMPERS SHORTEN AS UNEMPLOYMENT LINES LENGTHEN: German Chancellor Kohl got an angry reception from 3,000 job-hungry farm workers when he reassured them that the economy would grow, though employment would not, either this year or next. But Kohl shrugged philosophically: "Nervousness paralyzes men".

But his audience was not too paralyzed to boo him roundly and resist cops pushing them around. □

LETTERS FROM ABROAD

**From:
Holguin, CUBA**

Dear Friends:

I received your letter (August 7) just a few days ago. First of all, I apologize for not answering your previous letters or just let you know my opinion about the wonderful magazine you've been editing for some years now.

Personally, I like your magazine very much. Every time I get a new one, I share the information not only with my students but also with some of my colleagues, specially the ones who studied in the Soviet Union some years ago. I cannot say that we have a Society or a Club, but we do discuss the things that are happening there, how things were when each of us was there, the Soviet friends we have or the Soviet Specialists who came to Cuba to help in many fields of our economy or social life. It is amazing how things have changed!

I had the opportunity of visiting the Soviet Union twice. The first time was in 1982. I was in Moscow and in Leningrad (I preferred this name of that wonderful city). I enjoyed my 40-days-stay there very very much. I admired everything: the people, the society in general, the Institutions I visited. I felt happy and hopeful. When I came back to Cuba, I told everybody about my experiences there and about how Socialism worked there. I really wanted that for my country. Then I returned as a tourist in 1989. I went with my husband. He knew about my first visit and we wanted to go to some of the places I have visited before, but things were completely different, even the people were different.

When they knew that we were Cubans with no money, they treated us as if we were insects. We even met a tour guide that when she knew we were Cubans, she refused to work with us. We felt discouraged and very uncomfortable.

I think that what you are doing is very important and necessary. The good things the Soviet People did may not be forgotten. The ideas of Socialism may not be forgotten. Your personal work and that of the Canadian Friends of Soviet People deserve our admiration and support.

As to some messages I have received from you, I must tell you that I have sent them to the institutions and organizations you have asked me for. It's a pity that in our Society some of the worst things of Capitalism are trying to emerge.

Precisely some of these topics were widely discussed in the 5th Congress of our Communist Party that took place a few days ago (October 8-10). Be sure that in Cuba, Socialism is stronger than ever.

I am really grateful for the kind invitation you sent to me to participate in your 5th Conference. It would be like a dream for me if I could be there. Unfortunately, our economic situation has not improved and neither the University nor myself can afford to pay for such a trip. Nevertheless, I am doing my best trying to find support from my Ministry to pay the plane fare. Maybe I'm lucky. I'll let you know beforehand, but my hope may find quite a few difficulties. I have even thought of taking with me or sending to you if I cannot make the trip, a paper dealing with the 19th Congress of the Soviet Communist Party and its role in the destruction of the Soviet Union. It's a deep analysis of the discussions carried out and the resolutions they made. It could be of interest for the participants in your Conference.

HAPPY 5TH ANNIVERSARY,
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- Sincerely Yours,
Vilnea Paez Perez
Holguin University

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**From:
AUSTRALIA**

We received your August special edition of Northstar Compass and read it with great interest. The reports in Northstar Compass of the great Soviet People working through the ideological and political issues towards a return to a Socialist society is a source of great satisfaction to us - although we always had the opinion that the people - who, under the leadership of Lenin and Stalin, had established the first Socialist state and had won the war against Nazi Germany with tremendous heroism and courage - would never accept capitalism once they had recognized the deceit practiced on them by Khrushchev through to Yeltsin.

It is extremely satisfying to us to read in Northstar Compass about the nation-wide struggles against the restoration of capitalism in the former Soviet Union and confirms our unshakable belief that this was an inevitable development.

We enclose a donation towards your Appeal of \$100 Australian.

We send our warmest greetings to your Conference to be held in February 1998, and look forward to receiving reports of the Conference deliberations.

- With Warmest Comradely
Greetings,
Vida Little
Secretary, Marxist Workers Party
(Australia)

We thank you comrades for your generous donation and we certainly shall send you all of the reports of the Conference. It would be better still if you were able to come and be present. □

From:
Sao Paulo, BRASIL

Dear Editor:

Enclosed please find a donation of \$300 as my contribution towards the 5th Anniversary Conference, plus two year subscription to Northstar Compass and to the magazine "The Hammer" published in USA.

I have received the August and September issues of NSC. I will never stop feeling amazed at the pace, range and depth in which the Canadian Friends of Soviet People work and the Editorial Board of Northstar Compass!!! Long live the Canadian Friends of Soviet People and Northstar Compass!!!

Received your invitation to 5th Conference and am writing a letter later on, explaining my participation in it.

- Best Regards,
Guaracy Gouvea
General Secretary
Uniao Cultural Pela Amizade
dos Povos

From:
WORKERS PARTY OF
BANGLADESH
Central Committee

Dear Comrade Lucas!

Thank you very much for the invitation to attend as a delegate to the 5th Anniversary Conference of Northstar Compass to be held in February 1998 in Canada. We received the August issue. Thank you very much for sending your paper which is very useful for our party too. Canadian Friends of Soviet People is doing a great job not only for the cause of socialist movement of former Soviet Union, but also for advancing real communist movement on international scale. We fully agree with you that it is now urgently needed that the Communist all over the world and

the international working class should rally behind the Soviet people who are preparing for the next stage of their struggle. We also feel the necessity of setting up a world-wide organization toward that goal. To build up a common front against imperialism is more urgently needed than ever before.

But let me tell you very frankly that our party is numerically small and also Bangladesh is one of the poorest countries in the world. Moreover, in our country, we are to work in an atmosphere where political freedom is very limited. Government is autocratic, highly anti-communist and absolutely dictated by U.S. Imperialism. Therefore, in spite of our best intention, we are unable to contribute much for international work. We however publish literature in our own language regarding the developments of Soviet peoples' struggle, mobilize our people in support of Soviet peoples' struggle for socialism and inform them about the possibility of another revolutionary change in Soviet Union, etc., which gives encouragement to our comrades and working people. In this respect, Northstar Compass is of much help to us.

We are really interested to attend 5th Anniversary Conference of Northstar Compass. But Canada is far away from Bangladesh and I am very sorry to say that our financial condition will not permit to manage an air-ticket for it.

I, on behalf of the Workers Party of Bangladesh, wish the conference to be successful. We shall be grateful if you send us the documents of the conference. Hope NSC will gain more success in future. We expect

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that we shall keep in touch with each other through letters and exchange of written materials (however, unfortunately, all our papers and documents are in our own language only).

- Comradely Yours,
H.A. Khan Rano
On behalf of the Polit Bureau
and Central Committee

From:
Lutsk, UKRAINE

To: Canadian Friends of Soviet People
and to the Editorial Board of
"Northstar Compass"

Dear Friends:

From the bottom of my heart, I greet you friends with the 5th Anniversary of NSC! Wishing you happiness, health, and successes in our common struggle!

During these times, when reaction in the Country of Soviets is having a ball, our friendship, our co-operation and struggle is very important. The formation in Ukraine of "Workers Ukraine-Canada Society" is aiming as its task the co-operation between the working class of our two countries in the struggles for the rights of people for a better life.

Dear friends! During the days of our Anniversary, allow me to extend my hand of friendship across the ocean. I wish that Northstar Compass would even more forcefully and systematically show its readers the road to Freedom, Happiness and Development! Our task is correct - victory will be ours!

The shining light of communist tomorrow shall burn everything that stands in the way towards the pedestal where there stands the Working Man!

- Professor Vladimir Herasymchuk
Lutsk, Ukraine

**From:
Brussels, BELGIUM**

Dear Comrades:

Thank you for publicizing to your readers the document by Ludo Martens. Another updated document shall be on its way to you.

We certainly are interested in your forthcoming 5th Anniversary Conference as we are very much involved in solidarity with Soviet people and their Marxist-Leninist organizations.

- Comradely Yours,
Bert De Belder
International Department
Workers' Party of Belgium □

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

Dear Comrades:

Please send me two copies of "Secret Documents" for which I enclose \$50.00.

Turning 'Uncle Joe' into a demon in the eyes of the working people world-wide is one of the greatest crimes our ruling classes have ever committed against working people!

Continue the fight!

- Paul Barrett

Your short sentences said it so eloquently that we can only say AMEN! □

**From:
Delhi, INDIA**

Dear Comrades:

Unfortunately, I cannot make it to the 5th Conference, much as I would like to, due to the expensive air fare which, at this time, is not possible for us to sustain.

An International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People can play an important role in strengthening the hand of the Soviet people at this current juncture of their history. We welcome this attempt to co-ordinate

the activities of the pro-Soviet people throughout the world.

Am informing you that we're publishing the book "Next To Stalin" into Bengali and reprinting the book "Secret Documents" in English in India.

- Vijay Singh
Editor, "Revolutionary
Democracy" Journal □

**From Newspaper:
"UNITY"**

Dear Comrades:

Dear Comrade Lucas!

The Editorial Board of newspaper "Unity" received the August issue of NSC and we read it with great interest that you friends are planning to hold your Conference on February 20-21-22, 1988, this being your 5th Anniversary.

We also received your letter inviting us to send a delegate to this all important 5th Conference.

We are extremely gratified to find out that at this conference you are planning to establish an International Council - whose aims will be to help us to resurrect the Soviet Union.

As an Editor of the Bolshevik newspaper "Yedinstvo-Unity", I would gladly attend this Conference and take part in its work.

At this time, the question of gathering of the necessary finances is being discussed and shall be resolved.

- Yours With Respect,
A. Ustinsky □

IN MEMORIAM

Northstar Compass had many requests to have a section in NSC where ads in memory of loved ones and friends can be expressed. Donations will be accepted in this column.

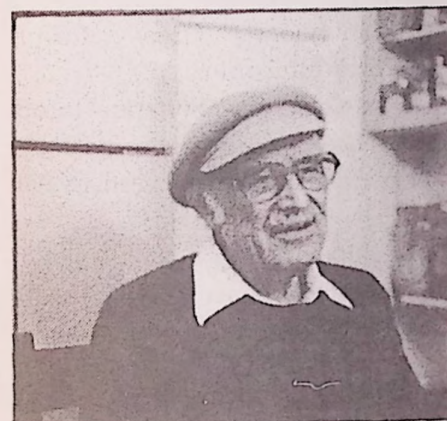
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HAROLD BATES

April 3, 1902 - October 21, 1997

OUR PEOPLE'S POET PASSES AWAY!

Anyone that over the years was present at any of the events that were held by the Canada-USSR Association and now the Canadian Friends of Soviet People could not but recognize our "Poet Laureate" with that cap jauntily on his head, his



smile, and of course, his wit!

Harold was a standard feature of the Toronto Branch Friday Film Nights, when he would read some of his numerous satirical and witty poems ... always a new poem for each event. Not only would he read the poems while all eyes and ears were attuned to this dedicated man of peace and struggle, but he would be the best "salesman" of our raffle tickets which we raffled off prizes each Friday in order to finance our activities.

Unfortunately, his ill health took this dedicated fighter for Socialism from our ranks.

He leaves his wife Sonia in deep sorrow, his family and thousands of friends here in Canada and the USA.

Harold ... you will always be remembered for your dedication, generosity, not only by our

members and readers, but by Soviet people as well, since they also appreciated your dedication and your people's poetry.

Below, we publish just one poem that our readers and members should remember Harold Bates by.

Dear Dr. Lowrie, we miss you at the club

And the names you see here are token of our love.

We miss your witticisms, never failing To arrive at the right point of view.

Arrived at so long ago, that might is not right

And that the smallest, the weakest, And the poorest are to be loved and aided.

He cares for the sick, the halt and the lame.

The rich and the poor treated the same.

Dear Dr. Lowrie, you are ninety-eight (He lived to be one hundred and two)

Would that we could share a fate, To live along with you for years to come

And to bask in the sunlight of all you have done. □

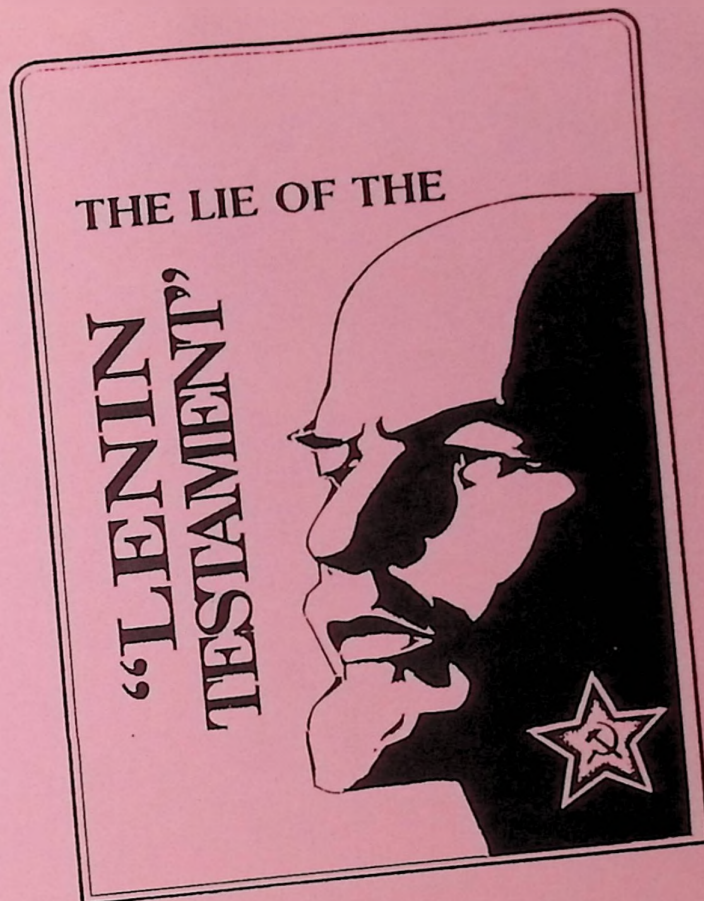
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Trotskyites, in order to discredit Stalin, have made several serious allegations. These of course began with Trotsky himself, as he jockeyed to gain control of the CPSU(B) after the death of Lenin. One of the most influential distortions of the truth, has been Trotsky's claim that before his death, Lenin had warned the party that Stalin should be removed from party leadership, and replaced by Trotsky. This lie still has currency, and is referred to as the so called - Lenin Testament . It is accompanied by the claims that Stalin subverted Lenin's plans for the party, and acted with gross megalomania. We will examine this spurious claim in detail here. Three recent articles when taken together, we argue, will allow us to do this.

We believe, these articles should force the unbiased reader to reject the Trotskyite claim. North Star Compass feels that it is necessary, to present the real facts regarding these documents. The documents have circulated now for over 70 years, and have been promoted, circulated, falsified and used as one of the main weapons against the USSR, Stalin and Socialism. This particular lie - the so called Lenin Testament , has been published in practically all known languages of the world. It has been well nurtured, affecting numerous communist and progressive movements in one form or another. The dissemination of the lie was part of a conscious attempt to defame Stalin and the development of Socialism In One Country.

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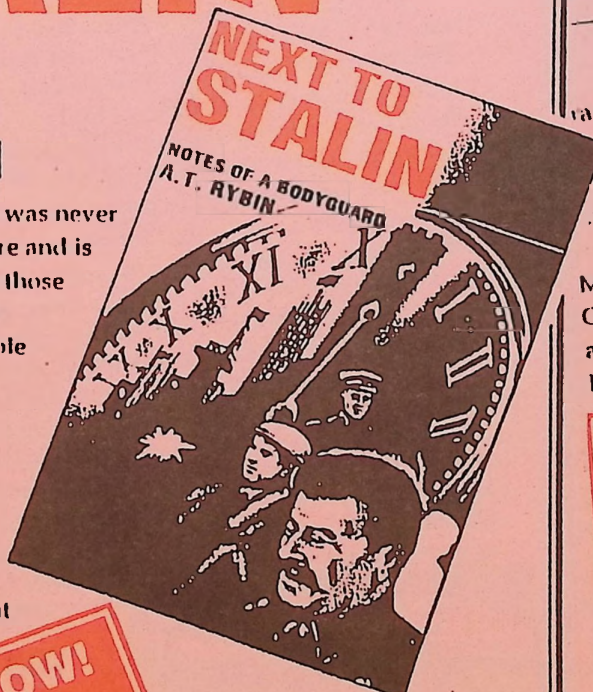
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