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They fell in the war  
but their image lives  
on in granite  
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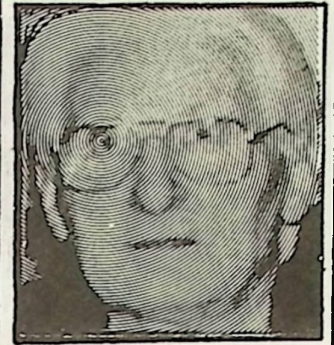
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# 55TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR II

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55 YEARS AGO a lacerated, charred Europe emerged from the most devastating war in history - a war to end all wars! The death toll exceeded over 50,000,000 men, women, old people and also children, the equivalent of the population of some countries. The unbelievable and tragic devastation of cultural values, created by the labour of many, many generations over many centuries, defied calculation and also understanding. The world in 1945 welcomed this total victory with eyes that were still wet from bitter tears.

The cataclysm, accompanied by the unprecedented fascist demagoguery, urged on by Western imperialist states, intellectual degradation plus moral decline, cynicism and brutality surpassed any world natural catastrophic catastrophe that was ever registered by human kind.

The Soviet Union lost very close to 27,000,000 people! This number of deaths cannot be comprehended and it is obvious that the present generations do not even know that the USSR was saving all of mankind from Fascist barbarism, had suffered this colossal loss of its people! These facts are cleverly hidden by the capitalist class in most countries. Instead, all the propaganda now

is to cast the USSR and Germany together at that time as Western enemies.

The young generation, now 55 years after the Day of Victory were brought up in this-Cold War atmosphere, full of all sorts of lies and falsification of real history. Documented historical archives that are all available show us that the efforts of Goebbels and his German propaganda machine as well as all of the capitalist-controlled press of the USA, France, Britain and the rest of the Western world, helped to strengthen and perpetuate the belief that "*Bolshevism shall collapse*" under the might of German Fascism.

Seeing that the Soviet Union and its glorious Red Army smashed Fascism and liberated practically all of the whole of Europe, besides helping to defeat Imperialist Japan... Imperialism miscalculated that they could destroy the USSR by military might. They changed their tactics and unfortunately found internal traitors inside the Soviet Union, even in its Communist Party and thus on this 55th Anniversary of the Great Patriotic War we see the temporary demise of socialism and of the USSR.

Today, United States imperialism, through NATO, IMF, World Bank, World Trade Or-

ganization and the European Union, plus countless other blocs, all are meant to see that the Soviet Union is not resurrected and the West proclaims to the world that Communism, is dead forever. In this political charade, the leaders of the West found eager traitors inside the Soviet Union itself and all other former socialist countries. Billions upon many billions of American dollars were spent, and are being spent even now in order to have accomplished this very temporary victory and prevent the resurrection of the USSR.

Unfortunately, since the death of J.V. Stalin in 1953, the internal traitors have been diligent in also utilizing the Goebbels Big Lie theory and in this way generations of Soviet people have grown up, fed on falsehoods about the history of their own country, its glorious October Revolution of 1917 and its defeat of German Fascism in 1945 at a loss of over 27,000,000 people! The school curriculum now in Russia and in other former Soviet republics is so warped and falsified that even the history books written during Soviet times are either all destroyed or are not available to the young generation.

Imperialism gives rise to Fascism, which is the highest

stage of world Imperialism. USA wants to rule the world and will today not tolerate any country that wants to choose its own road to the future.

It is hoped that the patriots of former Soviet Union will realize that time is running out in the quest for a **United Front** against the present borgeoise regimes and all of their Western backers. There is only one Marxism-Leninism! There is also only one way to defeat the present traitors...and that is not through the parliamentary games or everyone for themselves! Its never superfluous to say that: *"United we stand... divided we fall!"*

This year, March 26th in-Russia are to be held the Presidential elections. Believe it or not there are 11 presidential candidates! It is a forgone conclusion as whom Imperialism and the IMF shall place in

the Kremlin. And yet, the patriotic movements and some of the Communist, Marxist and Socialist forces are still divided and there is no visible sign or even concrete steps for **UNITY!** Goebels would have

been very proud, knowing that his propaganda job was more successful after his own suicide then when he was living.

Let us on this 55th Anniversary of World War II remember those 50,000.000 people who



died so that we may live. Let us also try to remember that if it wasn't for the Soviet People and the 27,000,000 people who died in that carnage, we would have been probably living under Fascism, even though it might be hidden under another more palatable label.

Unity must be achieved, before it is not too late. There are glorious examples of the triumph of human reason to follow.

*The Soviet Union shall rise up again! You cannot stop progress or Socialism!*

Below we present a photograph which shows the historical meeting of Stalin, Truman and Atlee, where it was hoped that world peace will be achieved after the carnage of World War II. The left photo shows what happened to the German Fascist war criminals

in Nuremberg where they were tried and sentenced.

There is missing a third photograph... this wasn't taken yet, but it will show the war criminals that will be tried at the Second Nuremberg Trial of all NATO present leaders, including Clinton, Blair, Kohl and others responsible for the genocide in many countries of the world.

**NATO**  
**WAR CRIMINALS TO BE TRIED AT THE 2ND NUREMBERG TRIAL IN THE FUTURE!**

History will repeat itself!



## OBITUARY

### COAL-FACES

*Dedicated to the hundreds of coal miners in Ukraine that died in accidents that could have been prevented if safeguards were used and the present privatization of all the mines means that it was profits before safety.*

We are miners. Our faces reflect from the mirror of shining coal. They reflect brightly in our Black Sea, also in the the Sea of Azov. They shine across all of the wheat fields of Ukraine, through the forests of the beautiful Donets hills, from the mountain peaks in the Carpathian mountains and they also shine from the Dnieper marshes.

You workers of Ukraine... see our reflections across all of the world joining those of other miners!

Our strong hands did grasp the pick and shovel, adding strength to the soul of Ukraine. We are striving to bring back hope and sanity to the present terrible every day conditions foisted upon us by the present bourgeois regime which is interested in profits only, at the expense of miners killed due to unsafe working conditions.

Remember us in all of the cities and also the towns of Ukraine...our struggles were not in vain. The sun shall shine again on Socialist Ukraine. We loved Ivan Franko and Shevchenko. We also loved to sing our songs as we descended into the black earth. We knew the rank and grade of the coal. We knew also the needs of our country and families.

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V.M.  
CHECHENSEV

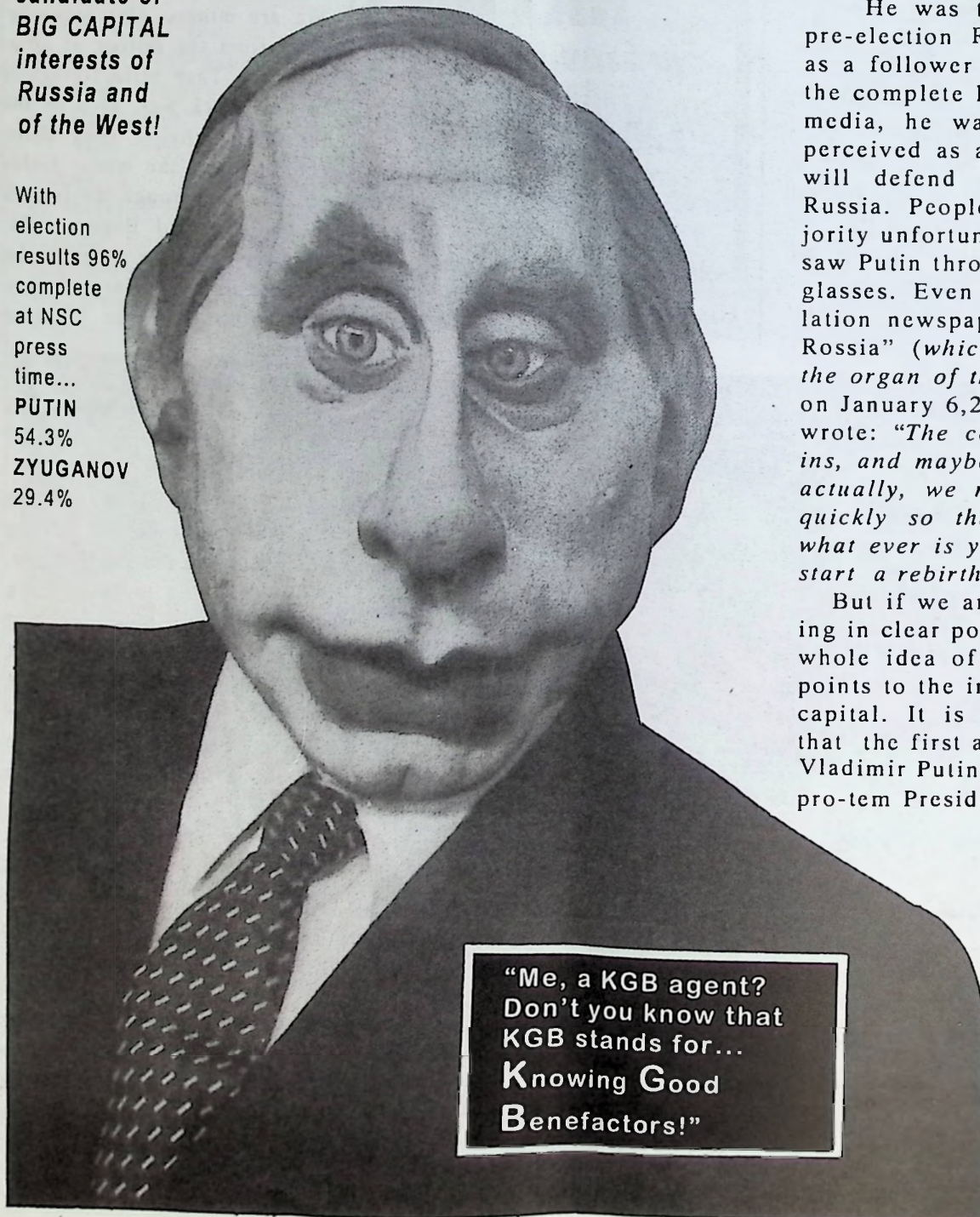


# PUTIN - RASPUTIN!

## Workers cannot expect anything from the results of the election!

Putin was the  
candidate of  
**BIG CAPITAL**  
interests of  
Russia and  
of the West!

With  
election  
results 96%  
complete  
at NSC  
press  
time...  
**PUTIN**  
54.3%  
**ZYUGANOV**  
29.4%



"Me, a KGB agent?  
Don't you know that  
KGB stands for...  
**Knowing Good**  
**Benefactors!**"

He was the leader in the pre-election Russian campaign as a follower of Yeltsin. With the complete help of all of the media, he was promoted and perceived as a "patriot" who will defend the interests of Russia. People, in their majority unfortunately looked and saw Putin through rose-colored glasses. Even the large circulation newspaper "Sovietskaya Rossia" (which is considered the organ of the CPRF-Editor) on January 6, 2000 in an article wrote: "The country is in ruins, and maybe concretely and actually, we must push Putin quickly so that he can save what ever is yet left, and then start a rebirth of Russia."

But if we are soberly thinking in clear political terms, the whole idea of guessing, it all points to the interests of major capital. It is not for nothing that the first announcement by Vladimir Putin in January, as a pro-tem President, was to allay

the fears of all  
Russian capital  
that the  
results of  
privatization,  
he shall  
never  
allow to  
be touched!

This was proven and evident from the fact that his associates and financial backers are Mr. Abramovich and also Mr. Berezovsky who did a lot of maneuvering in order to get Vladimir Putin into this post which guaranteed them control of these industrial giants in Bratsk, Krasnoyarsk and Novokuznetsk aluminum giants and also that of the Aninsky porcelain making works. From these enterprises there is produced over 2/3 of all aluminum production in Russia.

Therefore, the first act of president Putin shall be a law that shall guarantee the status quo and thus making it certain that these peoples enterprises shall serve the present capitalist oligarchy and their Western backers and the exploitation of the Russian workers shall be guaranteed.

Let us never forget that the first official decree that Putin made when Boris Yeltsin resigned was practically the same privileges as the former Czars of Russia gave...he absolved Yeltsin and "family" of all crimes, embezzlement and also from prosecution by the people and the Russian state of all crimes and financial embezzlements.

## RIVALS - PARTNERS

Amongst the many rival candidates in Russia for the post of Russian president was the leader of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation, Gennady Zyuganov.

It seemed that overall he was the candidate of the peoples-patriotic and the communist movements. But if we were to listen only to his words and not look into the deeds of the leadership of the CPRF, then we would have seen that his defense of the working people was just very perfunctory. Although the main base of the

CPRF is composed of workers, its policies are based on practically all of the ideas of Gorbachev's nomenclature and the birth of the Russian petty-bourgeois intelligencia.

Because of its policies and especially of the leadership of the CPRF, there did not take place a unity of the left forces in the last December 1999 Duma elections. The same sickness happened now in the presidential elections.

In the pre-election speeches made before the March 26th Russian presidential elections, Zyuganov stated to the radio, TV and press the following: "If you take a good look into our Election (CPRF) Economic Program, you shall see that we are not an enemy of private ownership or any private enterprise, we give full freedom to private enterprise...we are going to tax all of these businesses as is done in all capitalist countries of the world." (*Zyuganov: Answers to the people, "Soviet Russia", 04-12-99*)

How far was the cooperation and understanding between the CPRF and the present Russian regime evolved can be seen by the election of Vice President of CPRF faction in the Russian Duma who congratulated Putin on his "tough policies".

Here are the underhanded words and actions by one of

### WHAT DID PUTIN- RASPUTIN SAY WHEN ELECTED?

"Russia will consider  
joining NATO".  
"We have no intention of  
restoring the notorious  
"Iron Curtain!"

the leaders of the CPRF, Valentin Kuptsov who said: "*The remarks of Vladimir Putin are very strong. Our party has always demanded tough-strong actions, but we (CPRF) would have been even bolder and sharper.*" These remarks basically were taken up by Putin himself and thus included the whole CPRF platform.

We were told that Zyuganov was the alternative candidate to Putin. But today's CPRF with Zyuganov as its leader, was not only not an alternative to the present Russian bourgeois regime but in actual fact it helps to stabilize the present regime. This so-called loyal "opposition" is necessary for the regime in order to be able to show all the people that the country is now democratically very "stabilized" with a two party political system in place. Such an "opposition" party is needed for Putin. The question of the Duma "opposition" and their outright struggles is not needed or even foreseen.

The whole of the present Russian large capital has put all of its future on Putin. Since there is a large section of the electorate that still votes for Zyuganov and the CPRF, about 25% of the voters, this allows the present regime's mass media to present a glowing picture of a democratic process of electing a president. From the other side, Zyuganov and the leadership of the CPRF, calling themselves Communists, prevents and hamstring the formation of a really united front as a communist vanguard for the working class that would be capable to defeat or stop the present bourgeois policies.

## NO TO COOPERATION

What will be the results for the working class of the presidential election and the win of Vladimir Putin? Let us say that

Zyuganov would have won the election, the capitalist road of Russia would still be going on. Therefore, the attitude of our-Russian Communist Workers Party towards the election as an alternative has made the RCWP completely devoid itself in participating in that election. We offered many times to have a dialogue with the CPRF and supported Zyuganov as a candidate. But we spoke and demanded loud and very clear that the strategy of our party, was and is: We need a Soviet State, the ownership of all the means of production, and a resurrected Soviet Union!

**COMMENT**

*We appreciate these comments by Chechentsev, a member of our Editorial Committee from Russia and in the ranks of the (RCWP) the Russian Communist Workers Party. The only word missing from this article is "Socialism".*

**Coal Faces -from page 5**

We worked for our families, for our country, for socialism then. We all worked and hoped that our children will be taught not to accept the greed of a system that they're



*A rescue worker emerges from the coal pit in Barakova mine.*

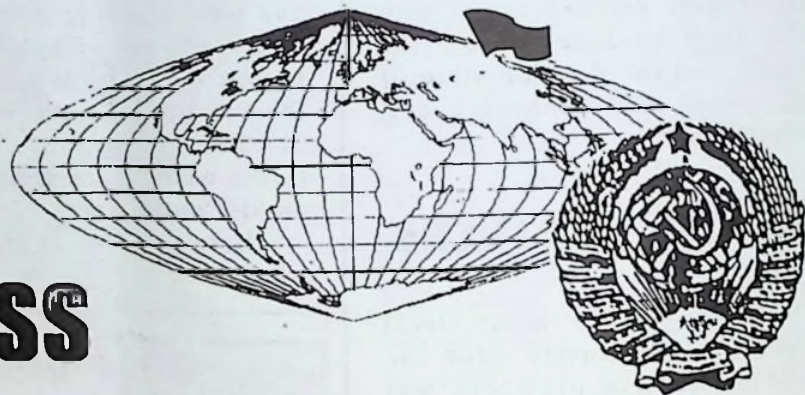
growing in where the safety of workers are not well protected or where a worker now has no rights.

We worked and mined to see our coal-faces shining in this struggle for a better life for us and all humanity. We longed for the days when there was a Socialist Ukraine, in a great family of nations that was the Soviet Union.

**Dear readers!  
STARTING IN MAY!**

Starting in the May issue of NSC, we're publishing proposed Statutes of **The International Council of Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People..** It is meant to start an ongoing discussion before the **World Congress** shall take place in September 2001 in Europe.

# DISCUSSION on the 2001 CONGRESS™



Dear comrades and friends:

The decisions taken in 1998 at the Conference of the Editorial Board of NSC and Friends of Soviet People by the delegates from across Canada, USA, Cuba, Brazil, Germany and also from the former Soviet Union, resolved to send out a Call world-wide for the formation of an International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People.

An Organizing Committee was elected and they proceeded to get in touch with numerous parties, organizations, newspapers and associations.

The first proposed date was year 2000, but the situation in former USSR was in a state of flux and this proposed month of May 2000 in Minsk proved unrealistic since the contacts were still not very clear and thus the decision was made to

postpone the Congress.

We are happy to inform our readers and those that have now signified their support and willingness to take part in this Congress, that the Congress shall take place in the first week of September of 2001 in Europe.

This was confirmed by our friends in Europe and the details are being worked out for the logistics that are necessary.



In this regard, the Organizing Committee has assigned Michael Lucas (Canada) and Harpal Brar (England) to go and meet our comrades who have indicated their willingness to help us with all the details to plan this very important Congress.

When the delegates return, we shall through the pages of Northstar Compass inform all of the signatories about the details of all the arrangements plus, an informational letter shall go to the signatories.

For your information here is the breakdown of the signatories who will take part or do support the convening of this extremely important Congress. They are from Communist, Marxist, Socialist parties, newspapers, organizations and associations in 43 countries.

*Soviet Union	39
*All countries of Europe	27
*North America	14
*Central & S.America	8
*African Countries	4
*From countries in Asia	11
*From Australia & New Zealand	3

Judging by the written commitment, we expect at least 80 delegates plus observers.

### WHAT RESULTS SHOULD THE CONGRESS ACHIEVE?

The history of the "Hands Off Russia Committees" that were formed in 1918 in many countries of the world should act as inspiration for us now. At that time, after the Great October Revolution, Imperialist powers joined together with Germany and all attacked the young Soviet State, bringing death and devastation to the Soviet people who had to fight 14 foreign countries in a protracted intervention of Western powers who tried to overthrow the Bolsheviks.

The "Hands Off Russia" committees in the world demonstrated against this imperialist intervention and together with the working class prevented in most cases the war supplies reaching the foreign interventionist troops. These committees held mass protests against their own governments, demanding of them the non-intervention into the affairs of the young Soviet State. They helped the Soviets with aid and above all with the outpouring much needed moral support in their life and death struggles. This international support plus the heroism of the Soviet people did manage to stop the intervention.

Today we see that the bourgeoisie, having struggled since 1917 to defeat the first attempt at Socialism in Soviet Russia, was able to temporarily defeat the USSR with the help of internal traitors. This was due to the rise of hidden revisionism after the death of Stalin in 1953 and with constant help from imperialism who never gave up on the idea of dismembering the Soviet Union and other socialist states that came on the world scene after the victory against Fascism in World War II.

After the infamous speech by Nikita Krushchev to the CPSU congress which was an open fight against the ideas of Stalin and thus also a struggle against Communism, the CPSU degenerated into an ideological morass and the seeds of capitalism were sown, nurtured and finally it was successful. What Krushchev started, Gorbachev finished, supported by the international reactionary bourgeoisie and thus re-established capitalism in former Soviet Union. This also affected all of the communist movements all over the world.

Imperialism, headed by US, had and has as its main aim to completely defeat all commu-

nist or peoples movements that are struggling against exploitation and that might be heading towards the overthrow of capitalism and on the road to socialism. They try and infiltrate communist and socialist parties and movements, sow discord amongst them and put them all at loggerheads against each other. This plan unfortunately was and is very successful and this is shown by hundreds of many different communist and Marxist parties in practically every country of the world.

It is ten years since the final stage of dismemberment took place in the USSR, with the advent of Gorbachev's ill-conceived "perestroika" (*which in actual fact should be called "destroika"*) and still there is no **UNITY** amongst the many communist and socialist parties in former Soviet Union. Many well intentioned attempts have been made to form a common united front, but to this date no unity was achieved. Obviously there is some thing very wrong with this scenario.

Extremely well intentioned and also dedicated conferences, meetings and ideological Marxist discussions are taking place in many centers of the world, called by different Communist and Workers parties, trying to find a cohesion of thoughts in order to find a common solution to establishing a much needed united front to fight against world imperialism which is becoming more and more akin to fascism.

At this time of extreme danger for the working class of the world, the need for a vanguard communist movement, united in its struggles against creeping fascism is a desperate necessity. Unfortunately there are still far too many opposing currents inside - not only in the Soviet communist and workers movements, but also on the international scale to be

able to achieve this elusive unity.

The US imperialist plans through imposed organizations set up by the USA, such as the International Monetary Fund, World Bank, World Trade Organization, NATO and the latest attempt at Globalization are nothing more than plans to enslave the countries of the world for the profit and exploitation by the American multinational corporations for super maximum profits. If not fought against by the working class of the world, this eventually will lead to Fascism!

In the meanwhile the expansion of US - NATO into Eastern Europe and the ultimate aim of NATO is to have a war with Russia for the control of its very rich resources, especially around the Caspian Sea. Let us not overlook the fact that the creation of a European Army under German leadership is also meant to guarantee the US domination of all of Eastern Europe, Balkans and the Caucasian region.

Having stated the above, we sincerely feel that there's a desperate need now to establish an International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People. *Why?*

\* There's a need to establish a United Front to help the Soviet people in the struggle against Imperialism, headed by USA, which has now become more criminal, destructive and inhuman as never before and is hell-bent on imposing its will on the world.

\* The united front work shall be the key element of the work of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People.

This International Council cannot be or act as the venue for ideological debates. There are other venues that are existing now, where ideological debates are held and a common

path is being worked out for future vanguard role against world imperialism.

\*There are only two things that should unite us in our United Front work: (1) Do we want to help resurrect the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics as a bulwark of peace and a power able to stand up to the creeping fascism? (2) Do we want to help the Soviet people return back to Socialism... the kind of socialism that the Soviet people themselves shall decide?

Millions of Soviet people are struggling now to reestablish the USSR and the dictatorship of the proletariat. We must help them as the Soviet people helped mankind when they helped to defeat Fascism.

## OUR TASK AHEAD

While it is incumbent on our comrades in all of the territories of the former Soviet Union to strive with every ounce of their energy for the restoration of the Soviet Union, their task will be facilitated better by fraternal solidarity and friendship from abroad as also shall be the role of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People. All those that call themselves sincere friends of Soviet people, Communists, friends and adherents of socialism, who profess and cherish the memory of the once glorious Soviet Union, have a duty to render every assistance to our Soviet comrades. We have sacred duty to propagate the cause of our Soviet comrades - **A CAUSE WHICH IS ALSO OUR OWN!**

The USSR at its height gave unstinting and generous fraternal support - material, political, ideological and diplomatic to the world proletariat and revolutionary, plus all of the national liberation movements the world over. It is now our turn to return this generosity by rendering every conceivable

fraternal support to our Soviet comrades in their mission to re-establish the Soviet Union by overthrowing the present corrupt, filthy and rotten regime of the Mafiosi and their Imperialist backers.

In order that we may render this fraternal assistance, it is necessary for us to organize ourselves to make certain that organizations, parties, movements, publications and associations make certain to send delegates to the World Congress in Europe, in the early part of September, or views through the pages of Northstar Compass as to their outlook and ideas as to what this World Congress should achieve.

The setting up of an International Council will not in any way take away the effectiveness and the dedication that is being waged by parties and movements in their own countries for Socialism and the resurrection of the Soviet Union. This forthcoming International Council is not meant to supplement or to take away the tremendous dedication and efforts that are being made by world party congresses, seminars, meetings and ideological debates.

*We desperately need a United Front of all people that want to see the resurrection of the Soviet Union.*

We appeal to all our readers to send us your thoughts about what results should we try to achieve at this World Congress in September of year 2001 in Europe.

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## U.S. SEEMS GUN CRAZY!

*This was sent to us by our reader J. Corlett so that foreign readers outside of USA would get a glimpse at this "gun culture"!*

Well, I went to Bob Popes gun show a few Saturdays ago and I came away with some observations. I kept my mouth shut and my eyes very open and eavesdropped on what was going on at this gun show, one of thousands being held each year all across the USA.

It was a huge show, with way over 2,000 people. I have never seen so many guns of all sorts, unbelievable amount of camouflaged soldier uniforms and military clothing and many military wannabes.

But you could not see any minorities there at all. It was all white folk in attendance. It was also no coincidence that you saw a rebel confederate flag flying there instead of the US official flag.

I asked them if they would let coloured or any Blacks to join the National Rifle Association? The man I asked just winked at me and said "Sure!"

The literature was astounding on all tables and racks: "demolition," "operation night attack", plus "shaped charges," "Turner diaries" and more, etc. etc., which seemed to be doing a very high volume brisk business. This was the stuff of learning about booby-trapping. All sorts of paranoid stickers for your car bumpers. T-shirts with violent messages printed on them.

One gun dealer (*with a big gun strapped under his arm pit*) to impress everyone, was demonstrating how to modify the guns to make it "mil spec"

Some teenagers were buying these very large and deadly-looking knives that fold up into shapes which do not resemble a knife if caught by the police. These deadly knives were selling like hot cakes.

Then there were displayed and being sold 30 cal machine guns on tripods and was going at over \$4000. The consistent and constant talk was how they will "knock down power" in the USA. If I hear that phrase one more time I certainly was going to burp.

A man was selling 12 gauge shot gun, with pumps, painted black, and with pistol grips for around \$240.00 They even had a petition being signed by everybody that was against trigger locks for their guns as a safety precaution.

Well, after about a hour of this, my fun meter was pegged. I came away fast and very impressed with the gun show industry folks that attended. It seemed that I was the only one there who weighted less than 250 pounds, but that must have been my imagination.

*What a country!*

*Is it any wonder that there are so many gun murders or killings in the USA by young and old people alike? The USA has now the largest jail population in the world!*

*Oh yes! What a country to emulate!* ■

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

## FOUR COUNTRIES TO GET SPECIAL ATTENTION IN 2000

By Barry Schweid  
Associated Press

As the Clinton administration heads into its final year, US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright singled out these four countries - Colombia, Nigeria, Indonesia and Ukraine for special attention and U.S. aid.

"Each one can be a major force for stability and progress in its region, and each is at a critical point along the democratic path," Albright said in a speech on democracy.

Albright did not say how much financial assistance the administration planned for the four countries beyond the \$1.6 billion for Colombia that she announced on her trip to the South American country.

Indonesia received \$86.5 million last year, and the administration is asking for another \$20 million this year, but may increase the request, and Ukraine received \$195 million last year while \$219 million is being requested this year.

Nigeria received \$12.5 million last year and the administration is asking now for \$80 million this year.

"The struggle in Colombia is not between the right or the left, rich and poor or between one ethnic group and another. It is between those that want to pursue prosperity and all those that are addicted to criminality, violence and corruption."

Nigeria must be helped to go towards full democracy. Indonesia must be supported to establish the rule of law, mutual unity and also respect for human rights.

She called Ukraine a partner and a great, loyal friend of the

United States, threatened with economic decline, plus corruption and crime. "We will and must continue to help our partner move down the path to deeper reforms, fuller freedom and sustained growth."

#### COMMENT

*It is very clever how US policy manipulates the public opinion-saying one thing, while meaning another!* ■

## SPECIALISTS IN

# 'PSYOPS' 'S O S'

## WORKED FOR CNN!

By Jon Corlett

In a dispatch from Washington and confirmed by a spokesman of the U.S. Army, who then confirmed that the U.S. Army did purposely influence the CNN-TV network and all of their news reports about the crisis in Kosovo, Yugoslavia.

According to Major Thomas Collins of the U.S. Information Service in a telephone interview who said: "They worked as regular CNN employees and helped in the "production of news". 'Psyops' is the psychological operations section of the U.S. Army High Command. They are hired by CNN on a contract basis from a month to a year.

CNN is the biggest and the most widely viewed news station in the whole world. This of courses raises a serious question about the CNN's journalistic integrity and independence. The employed military CNN-personnel belong to the *Fourth Psychological Army Operations Group*, that is stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, USA. One of the main tasks of this group of

close to 1,200 soldiers and officers is to write and spread "selected information".

These American **Psyop** troops try with a variety of techniques to influence all the media and also public opinion in the armed conflicts where the US prestige and credibility is very much at stake. This U.S. Army propaganda group was employed by CNN during the Gulf War, the Bosnian war and the crisis in Kosovo.

The U.S. Information Service confirmed all of this while the CNN spokesperson Mega Mahoney denied it. So far the CNN has vehemently refused to issue a public statement to the US media. CNN was criticized also by other news services, who know as to who is "issuing the news bulletins". It seems that NATO, CNN and also the U.S."Psyops" have an excellent arrangement which always excludes other news services.

### The US Army loves CNN

In the first two weeks of the conflict in Kosovo, CNN produced thirty news articles for the world Internet. Average CNN news item always mentioned Clinton and Blair an average of 7 times. Constant use of blame on Serbians for mass killings, ethnic cleansing, expulsions of Kosovo victims. CNN never mentioned the KLA at all. The message was made very simple and mystifying. Their job was to make certain to hold the viewers attention at all costs...to gather all political support. No amount of denial by CNN spokesperson could overcome the statement made by the U.S. commander of the Fourth Psychological Operations Group working for CNN, colonel Christopher St. John, who stated at a closed military symposium, held in Arlington (Virginia), that "the Army's cooperation with the CNN was a textbook example of the kind

of close ties the American Army wants to have with all of the media."

The end aim of the US Army Command is to now completely control the electronic future of INTERNET, to wage electronic warfare against any disobedient media and to control the commercial satellites.

NATO's message in the Kosovo was simple - the public must be told: "NATO (US) had to confront the Serbian troops who committed genocide (*fake photos, and eye-witness reports were readied*) US has to wage war to allow the Albanian refugees to return back home and bombed Yugoslavia to any avoid collateral damage".

CNN then presented this doctored-up news release as gospel truth and it was not allowed to ask any disturbing questions. CNN based its policy on this: *that half a truth is still far away from being a lie.*

Even though the US/NATO used outlawed weapons such as cluster bombs, but CNN writers did not mention this once.

But, some other world news services blew the CNN cover and the news started to leak out about the horrific results of the bombing. Rear-admiral Thomas Steffens of the United States Special Operations Army Central Command (SOCOM) was hopping mad and he wanted to bring down a very quick "information cone of silence" over areas where the special operations were taking place during the bombing of Yugoslavia.

Another high-ranking officer of SOCOM, a certain colonel Romeo Morrissey, said in his view that NATO should have taken out (bombed) the Serbian TV and also radio station B-92. This underground radio station unmasked the terrible results of NATO genocide to the world press.

That is why the US Army **Psyops** love CNN. ■

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

# Are Soviet Jews There to Stay or Is Israel Just a Way Station en Route to the West?

By Andrew I. Killgore

*"A Jew who leaves Israel for any reason and does not return for at least one visit within four years."* —

Israeli definition of an emigrant.

The United States made available \$10 billion in "housing loan guarantees" to help settle Soviet Jews in Israel after the U.S.S.R. fell apart. Did the U.S. waste its taxpayer money?

On the simple level of whether the U.S. government will get all of its money back, the answer is probably not. If there are major defaults on some of the loans, the U.S. will pay the tab if the Israeli government does not repay its debts to the U.S. unless the U.S. Congress appropriates foreign aid money to Israel to do so. Perhaps because of this, all U.S. foreign aid to Israel, whether economic or military aid, has been in the form of grants since 1984. As for repayments of loans to Israel going back to before that date, U.S. law (the Cranston Amendment) provides that annual U.S. economic aid to Israel can never dip below the total of principal and interest due the U.S. that year for repayment of previous American loans to Israel. So, in effect, the U.S. Congress always ends up "forgiving" what Israel owes.

But did the loan guarantees at least get Jewish emigrants from the former Soviet republics to a place in which they wanted to stay? For at least half of them, probably not. However, since Israeli treatment of immigration and emigration information is so occult (defined by Webster as "not easily apprehended or understood") it takes some good detective work to find out.

On what Soviet Jews wanted to do, the evidence is clear. When the Soviets began letting them go, they were allowed to travel to Italy, where they would choose their preferred final destination. There, even though they have left on visas for Israel, 95 percent of them chose the United States.

Under Israeli coaching, the travel route was changed. At U.S. insistence, Moscow agreed that flights bearing Jewish refugees must go directly to Israel. Meanwhile, under quiet pressure from Israel, the United States decided to limit Jewish emigrants from

within former Soviet borders to 50 percent of the annual quota of immigrants to the U.S. who could claim the remunerative status of refugees, which now totals 80,000 per annum.

So what happened to the Jewish refugees who wanted to go to the United States, but were forced by the Israel lobby and its political and journalistic supporters in the United States to go to Israel instead?

## **Nearly all Jewish refugees from the former U.S.S.R. preferred destinations other than Israel.**

Figures have been collected from Israel's Central Bureau of Statistics for 1990 through 1997, the years of massive immigration into Israel from within the former Soviet borders, by Youssef Courbage, director of France's National Institute of Demographic Studies. He published them in the Summer 1999 issue of the *Journal of Palestine Studies*.

Between 1990 and 1997, 833,000 "potential immigrants" arrived in Israel of whom 716,000 were Jews. (Virtually all of the others were non-Jewish spouses or children of the Jewish immigrants.) "Net" Jewish immigration, however, was only 575,000, indicating a "loss" of between 19 and 20 percent when the statistics were tallied in 1997.

But the net loss figure is calculated in a uniquely uninformative Israeli way. For example, the loss figures—those who left Israel—are compiled just from those who moved on to other destinations within the first year after their arrival in Israel. Then these "end-of-year" losses for seven years were totalled, yielding the figure of 575,000.

There seem to be no Israeli statistics for Jews who left Israel during the second, third, fourth or more years after their arrival. So researcher Courbage concludes that in fact there is no way to determine from Israel's official statistics what will be the "long-term yield" of the wave of Soviet Jewish immigration to Israel.

He does point out, however, that of 427,000 immigrants to Israel between 1972 and 1989, 206,000, or slightly fewer than half, stayed. Therefore since nearly all Jewish refugees from the former U.S.S.R. preferred destinations other than Israel as long as they had the choice, it's hard to believe that they would have abandoned their preference for the United States or other countries just because Israel made it harder to get there.

An honest conclusion is that Israel has reached its mid-1999 claimed population of 6.1 million (which, of course, includes more than a million Palestinian Arabs) by basing the figure on a technicality. Israelis who have journeyed onward aren't counted as part of the net loss until they have been away for four years. And all who return for a family visit within that four-year period are still counted as present.

## **BEYOND THE QUOTA**

That there are a lot of Jewish immigrants beyond the refugee quota who arrive in the U.S. is easily discernible from reading the weekly Jewish press, particularly from the New York metropolitan area where a high percentage of the Russian Jewish immigrants settle. Jewish charitable agencies there are complaining that by not waiting until they can come into the U.S. with refugee status, which puts the burden of resettlement costs on the federal government, the influx of Jews without such refugee status is putting a huge burden on Jewish charitable institutions.

There's no way to be sure, but if Israel's actual resident Jewish population, including the Falashas from Ethiopia, and the Russian Jews still present, is in fact stuck at around four million, they barely outnumber the approximately 3,550,000 Palestinian Arabs presently living within the former mandate of Palestine (some 1 million in Israel, 950,000 in Gaza, 1.4 million on the West Bank, and 200,000 in East Jerusalem). Given the vast disparity between the Palestinian Arab birthrate (among the highest in the world) and the relatively static Jewish birthrate in Israel, Palestinian Arabs may very soon become the majority in Israel and Israeli-occupied territories. This would fulfill after all the universally accepted predictions made before Israel's "windfall" Jewish influx from the former Soviet Union. □

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# THINK ABOUT DURABLE PEACE, TAKE THE FIRST STEPS TOWARDS EACH OTHER!

By HELEN BLAU

Here I am again, Helen Blau from sunny Georgia.

Without doubt, it is not only the warm temperament that the Georgian people are famous for. Georgia is a very ancient country. People already lived on its territory from the dawn of history. So, no wonder that Georgians have many interesting old-century customs and traditions, which can be rapturously admired. Say, when men in Guria (*part of Western Georgia*) sit and talk over some cheerful glasses of the most delicious Georgian wine, the first toast drunk is always to peace. It proves in its own way that Georgians treat Peace as a primary issue.

It is no secret that the present situation in the Caucasus poses a great danger to peace, and it is one of the most difficult issues preoccupying our community right now.

A delegation from Georgia, comprising of members of the United Communist Party of Georgia and also the representatives of the Union of the People's Patriotic Forces of Georgia, led by the First Secretary of this organization, P.I.Georgadze, participated in the First Congress of the Peoples of the Caucasus which

took place in Nachilsk, the capital of Kabardino-Balkaria (*an autonomous republic in the North Caucasus, Russia*) on September 26, 1999.

Over 734 delegates represented 16 territories and all regional republics. There were representatives from over 100 nationalities living in Azerbaijan, Armenia, Georgia and in the territory of the North Caucasus of Russia. They were mostly members of the Communist parties and the People's Patriotic Forces.

I was not among the participants of the Congress, but I read all of the materials in the special issue of the newspaper Pravda (*the issue of October, 1999*) and I thought that the readers of NSC might find the information about the congress useful and interesting.

This is written in the hope that our friends in Armenia and Azerbaijan and also Russia will not be miffed by my initiative to do it and that it shall not be regarded as a violation of ethics. The only purpose to submit this material is not only a wish to draw attention to a very serious problem that appears to have been formed in the North Caucasus, but also to share the important information about some concrete steps, which the People's Patriotic

Forces, led by the Communists, undertake in the sincere attempt of preventing a great war in the region and of taking certain practical measures towards resurrecting of the Soviet Union.

Having analyzed the materials of the congress, I came to the conclusion that all of the reports printed in newspapers is worth the NSC readers' attention, they were all penetrated with deep concern about the sharp aggravation in the North Caucasus.

As far as I can judge by the published materials, the general tenor of the talks given at the congress was patriotic and naturally a bit emotional as it sprang from the attitude of the speakers towards the subject discussed. The mood was very decisive and that promoted a business-like atmosphere.

It is important to recognize that all of the speakers were unanimous in their assessment of the situation in the North Caucasus and presented a serious approach towards all of the problems discussed.

Since space in NSC is very precious, I will center only on some reports which, as I see it, contain more analytical ideas expressed mostly in a matter-of-fact manner and which propose common-sense solutions to the current political predicaments in the North Caucasus.

## Reports to the Congress were many and varied

As G.N.Seleznev, Chairman of the Russian National Assembly stated in his letter of greeting to this congress: "delegates have gathered in the period which is complicated and responsible for both the Caucasus and Russia. It is a time when extremists, separatists and aggressive forces of international terrorism have undertaken all desperate measures to explode and destabilize the

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situation in the Caucasus and in Russia in order to drive a wedge amongst the peoples of the Caucasus and to aggravate the interethnic relations."

*The report by Egor Ligachev, First Chairman of the International Committee "For the Unity and Brotherhood of Peoples" was printed in NSC, Vo.8,#7,Page 5.*

**Nicholas Bindjuckov**, a deputy of the Russian National Assembly, and a member of the Committee for CIS affairs and cooperation with compatriots, focused in his speech on the analysis/causes of the war in Chechniya and of the current military-political crisis in Daghestan, that is entailed by the war.

He also stressed that the unpopular Constitution of Russia adopted in 1993, which legalized the course towards the market economy (capitalism) of the society, has led to the further deterioration of the national relations. He criticized the constitution, saying that it laid the foundation for aggravating inter-regional conflicts. The next bloody step in aggravating the inter-ethnic relations and the national-state structure of the Russian Federation is connected with the war in Chechniya, unleashed by the powers in the Kremlin.

The war in Chechniya is a global phenomena aiming to re-partition the world, a zone of competitive struggles between **NATO** (USA and Turkey) and **Russia** for the control over the transportation of the large Caspian oil, it is a revival of the century-old struggle for the domination over the Caucasus, which was a sphere of the English and Turkish influence as very long ago as the XVIII-XIX centuries.

In other words, the war in Chechniya on the part of foreign states, which provoked it by its character is Imperialist and also a "criminal" one.

Neither was it just on the part of the former Yeltsin government. Moreover, judging by all the course of events, the Russian State regime did not factually strive to maintain the integrity of the Russian Federation. It is a conflict between the capitalist groupings from Moscow and Grozny for the sake of the control over the oil extraction in Chechniya.

This war, on the part of Chechniya's regime was neither just or patriotic. All the actions of this regime has anti-Soviet, bourgeois and criminal trend. During all of the redistribution of the public property it struggled desperately for a big piece of privatization of all the peoples accumulated Soviet property. For mercenary motives the Chechniya regime most willingly accepted the cooperation with foreign Imperialist forces.

He also accused the aggression unleashed by Chechniya against his autonomous republic of Daghestan which was the result of inactivity on the part of Yeltsin's regime to settle the Chechen crisis. There was no wish on the part of the regime of Yeltsin and his backers to have a clear cut policy and pursue it persistently on the local territories of Russia. There must be instituted such a policy very quickly.

**N. Bindjuckov** said that:"No social accord can be achieved when class antagonisms are gaining in strength and scope. Since the break-up of the former USSR it has become quite clear that it will be impossible to maintain the integrity and unity of our common Great Motherland unless the country goes back to the road of people's power and socialism. We must have real independence of our Fatherland and not the impudent dictat of the West.

For this reason the present regime which is antipopular, should be now deprived of

power, the need for socio-economic course to be changed and a national salvation government should be reformed.

The First Secretary of the Armenian Communist Party of Armenia, **Sergei Badalijan** declared that it is the peoples' wish to be together, "Our union,- he said, -is a voluntary brotherly union of peoples. We must state this to the whole world! Armenia cannot exist without brotherly economic and mutually advantageous cooperation with Georgia, Azerbaijan and with the North Caucasus and especially with the whole of Russia.

**Ramix Akhmadov**, Chairman of the Communist Party of Azerbaijan criticized Russia. It is inconsistent, not intensive, not patriotic, but is very tolerable towards nationalistic pro-Western underhanded plotting. The involvement in our internal affairs of the USA, NATO, IMF is well known. Since 1994 the Communist Party of Azerbaijan was an active member of the UCP-CPSU (*Union of Communist Parties-CPSU*) it is an international organization which is trying to gather the fragmented former Soviet Union in an effort to resurrect the USSR.

There can be no peace without justice. Peace must be the result of the peoples' decisions and concord with the interests of all the different nationalities. Some of the policies of the leaders in the Caucasus towards Russia is far from being far-sighted now unfortunately. We must distinguish between the present image of Russia and that of the present leadership of Russia. We always must popularize again the results of the Leninist policies on the national question.

Addressing the delegates, **Eugene Copishev**, Chairman of the CEC of the International Union of Soviet Officers, Air Force Major General, and vice chairman of the UCP-CPSU,

formulated the primary aims of the army, some of which are: to maintain the unity of the army units and the people, not to allow the army to participate in police actions, in wars among brotherly peoples, to keep and popularize battle traditions of older generations, to defend the rights of the servicemen and not to ever allow NATO's boots to trample our land.

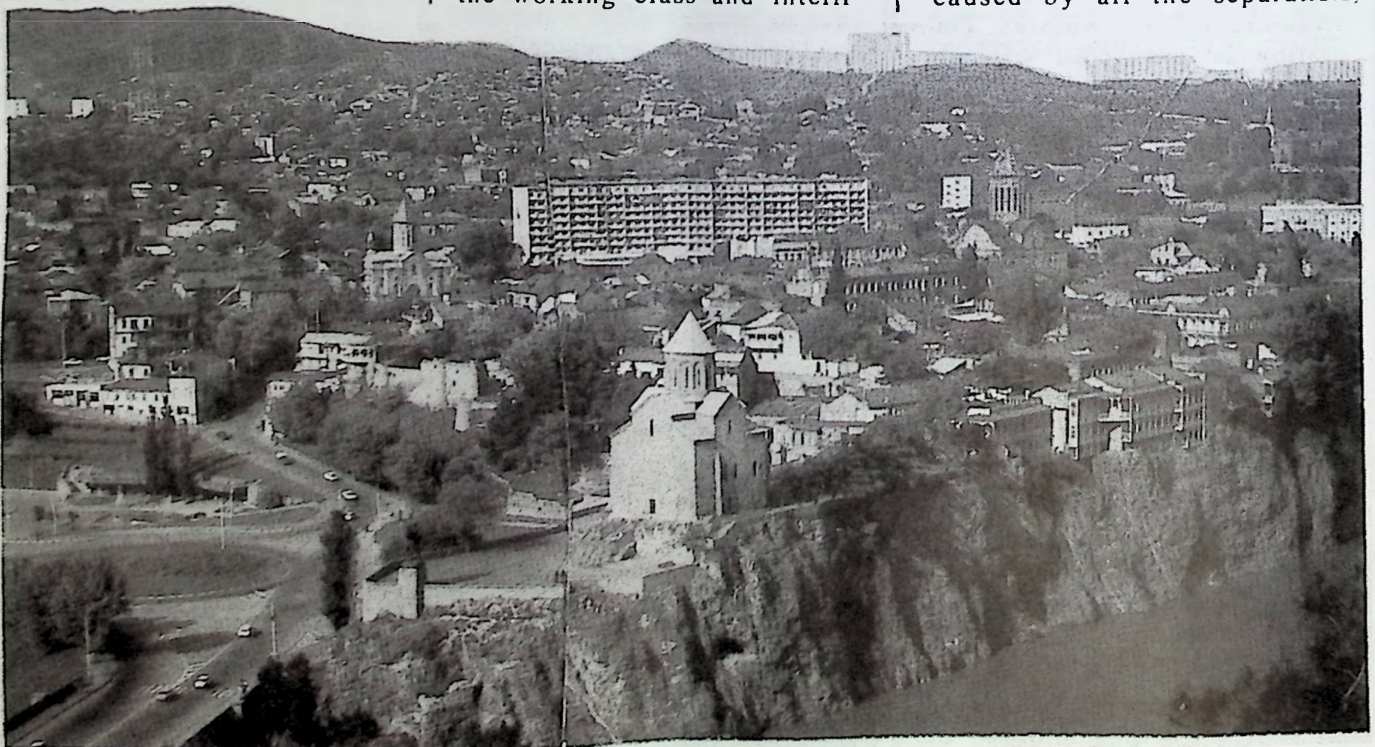
Touching upon the problem of the armed gangsterism and international terrorism, Eugene Capisahev underlined that they can be exterminated once and for all only through the restoration of the real Soviet people's power.

*The Appeal of the First Congress of the Peoples of the Caucasus was as follows:*

## APPEAL

*To all peoples, parties, leaders of states, republics, territories, to parliaments, legislative assemblies, all governments and mass media of the Caucasian region.*

*Beautiful and historical Tbilisi*



Friends!  
Brothers and Sisters!

We all, the representatives of the peoples of the Caucasus express our great anxiety about the present and future of our children, our mothers, relatives, about the fate of our peoples and states. We have passed a hard century-old path of the struggle for freedom and independence, for the needed unity with all the peoples of Russia.

Having made the Great October Socialist Revolution, the working people of the multinational Russia overthrew the oppression of Tsarism and the local elite and established the power of the working people; they turned the land and the industries and enterprises over to the working people...we also established peace and accord among all the people.

During Soviet times, all nationalities were preserved and provided with all-round development, for the first time many of them acquired their statehood and even a written language. The great Russian people rendered an incalculable assistance to the formation of the working class and intelli-

gencia in the Caucasus, to the creation of modern economies, to the development of culture, science, education and care of the public health.

It is the Communist party and all Soviet power that corrected the mistakes of the past: condemned repression against some peoples, brought them back to their native places, resurrected their national state territories and ensured their free and safe life and also gave them confidence for their future.

In recent years the Caucasus has been involved in military and other ethnic conflicts, terrorist acts which took hundreds of thousands of lives. It was primarily caused by the break up of the Soviet Union, by the destruction of all the Soviet power and socialism and the restoration of capitalism. The ethnic conflicts were also aggravated and they are connected with the economic decay, mass unemployment, deep poverty, property stratification and the sharp deterioration of the standard of living for the population.

The artificial contradictions caused by all the separatists,



making one class against another. This is done for the purpose of power for the leadership plus the amassed peoples property. Before, during Soviet times there was absolutely no ethnic conflicts, but now these conflicts are fanned. The present Russian regime had and has a slogan, when capitalism was instigated: "*Take as much sovereignty as you can*", meant the encouragement of national separation. We had no territorial claims during USSR...but now we have, and they are increasing.

The policy of utilizing the diversity of religious beliefs is used for justification of the national reserve and exclusiveness. Before, there were no "Foreigners" nor were there "Heterodoxies" here, but now there are. The foreign inspired course of breaking off territories and enclaves from Russia are being purposely imposed from abroad. Plans for establishing Western military bases in the Caucasus is in the works. Aggression and intervention are taking place in the North Caucuses, especially in Daghestan with the sole purpose of separating this important region from Russia proper and for further dismemberment and enslaving of the people.

Such is the truth. We are now at a historical point and crossroads. We are sinking into an abyss of discord. This Congress feels and knows that the salvation is only possible if the power of the working class is established. At the same time this Assembly demands the resurrection of the USSR on a voluntary basis. We welcome the union between Russia and Byelorussia and support this movement.

We appeal to the citizens of the villages and auls\*, stanitsas\* and cities, working bodies, political parties and public movements, parliaments and legislative bodies and govern-

ments, plus the heads of states and republics and regional territories to:

-actively take advantage of our old experience of joint co-existence and cooperation of the peoples of the Caucasus as part of the Russian state and of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

-to provide by joint actions the much needed economic recovery, eliminate unemployment, timely payment of wages, retirement benefits and the raising of the standard of living

-to settle all the problems by peaceful means; by talks and reciprocal concessions. There must not be any place for ultimatums or the use of weapons.

-no restrictions on any religious grounds or nationality. Shame on those who started to use the term "*a person of Caucasian nationality*"! All people are equal!

-we cannot allow no communication between the peoples of all the Caucasus. We cannot imagine the Caucuses without Russia or Russia without the Caucasus.

-along with the dissemination of the local languages, to support the Russian language as a means of communication by all people. We must pass a law to grant the Russian language a status that is equal with the local languages. We must revive the Days of Culture, Festivals and literature.

We appeal to all workers, peasants, intelligencia to take steps to bar strife, to stop the refugee problem and to liquidate all gangsters and kidnappings. We want and demand peace and tranquillity to come to this region, in each house and in each family!

***For peace and friendship among the peoples of the Caucasus! Together with the people of Russia!***

***Our strength and guarantee of prosperity is in the unity of the people!***

P.S. Dear readers:

The above article was not yet finished when the news came of comrade **Sergei Badalyan's** death quiet unexpectedly.

The untimely death of the First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Armenia is a very great loss not only for the Armenian people, but also for the Georgian communists and for all the people living on the territory of the USSR, besides the international communist and peoples movement.

After the dismemberment of the USSR and the banning of the CPSU, comrade Sergei Badalyan was one of the first to raise the banner of the revival of the communist movement in Armenia and for the unification of Armenian communists and also for the defense of the working people and the revival of socialism.

He knew the history of Armenian, Georgian peoples and tried to strengthen the bonds of friendship

We deeply believe that the three brotherly republics - Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia will again link their future with Russia and the revival of the USSR and socialism.

Comrade Sergei Badalyan's friends, all the people fighting for socialism will forever hold him in remembrance

The resurrection of the Soviet Union will be an immortal wreath to his name.

*On behalf of the Editorial Board of NSC and that of the Organizing Committee for an International Council and of the Central Committee of Canadian Friends of Soviet People, we extend our condolences to all the family of comrade Badalyan. Your loss is our loss also. His name shall live on forever!*

\*Aul - village in the Caucasus and Central Asia

\*Stanitsa - large Cossack village ■

# REACTION IS ADVANCING...

**A. MAEVSKY**



From  
**WORKERS-FARMERS  
PRAVDA**  
Mukachevo, Carpathian  
Region of Ukraine



President Kuchma is not satisfied in being only the President of Ukraine now, which he in December of 1999 "won" through skullduggery, manipulation and outright electoral cheating. He now wants and demands to have dictatorial powers to be invested in himself...thus he called for a **Referendum** on April 16 to adopt a "new constitution"!

If he succeeds in this effort, then Ukraine will have come from a Socialist Republic, to the present bourgeois democracy and this to be followed by a national-Fascist dictatorship. All this is very carefully choreographed, promoted, abetted and also financed by the IMF, World Bank and also the new "sugar daddy" Uncle Sam!

He based himself on the "fact" that he had gathered 4,000,000 signatures and then he stated that this is the "people's will". Those workers that are still working now were obliged to bring their passports to work and sign their name on the "Referendum Letter". Either you signed or you walked. That is how the four million signatures somehow and very quickly appeared as the basis for calling for a Referendum.

The present bourgeois Constitution is the vehicle for having the "Newly Rich Ukrainians" live at the expense of the millions of devastated Ukrainian working class.

The population of Ukraine has decreased from 52 million people to now only 48 million people inside the few years of this bourgeois present day so-called "independent" Ukraine.

The coming Referendum is lawful if even less than 50% of the voters bother to vote. The aim is now to bring in a national-Fascist dictatorship.

The only way to defeat this Referendum is to boycott it. But in order to have a successful boycott you need a political will amongst the 4 largest left-wing parties such as the Communist Party of Ukraine, Socialist Party of Ukraine, The Progressive Socialist Party of

Ukraine and the Village Party of Ukraine, who are supported by millions of people. But all of these parties helped to adopt the present "New Constitution" of Ukraine and, not very likely that they shall agree to boycott all together this forthcoming April 16th Referendum.

Thus, this Referendum shall decide either we shall continue to be a bourgeois democracy or become a national-fascist dictatorship.

In the interests of the working class, we should vote "NO" to all the six questions. In this way we can vote for the bourgeois democracy and start immediately together to open up a revolutionary struggle for the Soviet of Workers and Peasants, socialism and also the rebirth of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Only in the union of all brotherly peoples can Ukraine again become a sovereign state and be part of the world society. There is no other way!

**Yes, reaction is advancing!** ■

FROM  
**COMMUNIST HERALD**  
UKRAINE

*Below we publish a call that is heartrending and also soul-searching not only for the Soviet people in their struggle to resurrect the Soviet Union, but also for the working class of the world.*

## **APPEAL TO THE BROTHERLY PEOPLES OF THE SOVIET UNION**

Comrades! Citizens of the Soviet Union, our dear brothers and sisters, living in Russia, Ukraine, Byelorussia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Soviet Republics of Georgia, and Kazakhstan,



Kirghizia, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldavia, Tadzhikistan, Turkmenistan, Estonia, Uzbekistan! The total deprivation of our people - is the bitter reality. According to the plans of the "civilized" West and the USA, when year 2050 comes upon us, those of us that are alive are planned to number only 30-40 million in the whole of the former USSR. The population loss of only one of the Soviet republics (Russia) from 1992 is already 12,000,000, but how many lives were lost in Moscow, in Chechniya, Daghestan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Moldavia and Tadzhikistan? No one ever counted these deaths! They are killing us off through hunger, cold and other sicknesses that were long ago eliminated in the Soviet Union. They are poisoning us with alcohol, narcotics, aids, so that our children would be unhealthy both mentally and physically. They do everything possible so that the Soviet people should scatter into every corner of the world.

They are all perverting our minds through TV, radio and the press, pornography, gangsterism and also imported culture that is foreign to our people. All of our children are taught to hate their history, their former leaders and to emulate all that is Western in culture and thought. In other words, the aim is to liquidate in our people all their history.

They are pushing us all as wild dogs against each other through religious and ethnic conflicts. Their aim is for us to liquidate ourselves by our own very own hands. Our children

and grandchildren shall be brought up to such an impasse that they shall in future be used as chattels and cheap labour and also slaves for Western imperialism. The present "representatives" sitting in the Duma in their soft chairs or in the Kremlin have sold their souls to America and to the remaining Fascists of Europe, Zionists and the Jesuits of the Vatican, plus the Russian Orthodox priests-parasites and also the Muslim fanatics under the mantle of Allah!

Comrades! it doesn't matter whether now or ever that you are Russian, Ukrainian, Byelorussian or Orthodox or a Muslim or an Atheist. It is important that you are Soviet person, that we are all Soviet people, who love our mighty Motherland and devoted to it. We all lived well and in friendship in the USSR to that time when the internal and imported Western propaganda managed to split our unity and made us quarrel and fight each other.

Vladimir Lenin and Joseph Stalin told us and also made us promise that we shall defend the Soviet Union like the apple of our eye! We did not fulfill this promise to our great leaders, and benignly looked upon the full disintegration of our mighty land by the CPSU party partocrats, we also looked upon the bloodletting without raising our voices or uniting to defend the Soviet Union and Socialism. For all of this we are paying a very terrible price - with millions of our lives and the possible death of our children and future grandchildren.

The war against us now is even more horrific than the Great Patriotic War in years 1941-1945. We must now understand that the new technol-

ogy of the mass annihilation of people and of the foreign troops already on our soil, this is a sure sign of genocide unless we take immediate steps to stop this. We are all now in a concentration camp where the electronic media does the work of guards. It is meant to completely erase from all of our minds Soviet patriotism, they demoralize the Soviet people, they take from all of them their moral thoughts and in the end they are willing to eliminate us physically.

They shall not be stopped by human rights violation that the West so very boldly proclaims to the whole world. No Western capitalist human rights organization shall come to our defense. The more that we keep quiet, the more we are obedient, the more horrific shall be our fate. No one shall save us! *"The people themselves must try to save themselves through mighty struggles!"* J.V. Stalin.

The present state governments have no legal grounds to exist, if we take international law as a guiding force or norm. These governments in former Soviet Union exist by armed might, not by the will of the people. Only through dedicated revolutionary means can all of these enemies be overthrown. We must do as our fathers and grandfathers did in 1917 and also during the Great Patriotic War. **Now it is our turn to follow in their footsteps!**

Comrades! Citizens of USSR! Brothers and Sisters! Let us Unite! Every lost opportunity is traitorous. Are you listening? Organize all over the country all Soviets, Soviets of Workers, in all of the former Soviet Republics. Organize in all the factories, farms, enterprises these Soviet of Workers and Red Guards. We Soviet

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Communists and patriots never shall kneel before the occupiers of our dear Motherland! We must liquidate these robbers and occupiers, these traitors. Let us unite all of our forces with the great Russian, Ukrainian and also Byelorussian nations as Soviet People! Lets kick out from our land these so-called American consultants and "specialists", plus their local helpers and lackeys!

**Forward, for our Soviet Motherland! For Socialism and the Soviet Power of the working class, for a unified and mighty Union of Soviet Socialist Republics!**

**Signed by -**

- \*Chairman of the Presidium of Supreme Soviet of USSR
- \*Chairman of the Supreme Soviet of Tuvin ASSR
- \*Chairman of the Supreme Soviet of Chuvash ASSR
- \*Chairman of the Soviet of Workers of Krasnodon
- \*Chairman of the Soviet of Workers of Togliatti

FROM NEWSPAPER  
"RED YOUTH"

VLADIKAVKAZ, RUSSIA

## **New Generation is for SOCIALISM**

Last year in Ossetia there was established a young Komsomol organization. In a very short time it has become publicly active, it has established its presence and is recognized as a leading youth organization fighting for Socialism.

In which way is our Young Komsomol organization different from scores of other youth organizations? First of all it is not a fictitious organization or just only an appendage of some parties that now deem themselves left or even Communist. It has a platform, it has also a role to play among the young people in the fight for the resurrection of the Soviet Union and Socialism.

Our task is to build socialism and not the opportunistic variety or social-democratic models as was started by for-

mer leaders such as Krushchev, Brezhnev or Gorbachev. In this way we are apart from many organizations, who unfortunately under the name of communism are opportunistic and do not stand for the principle of people owning all the means of production. We are also for the Stalin style of constitution and Bolshevik principles of revolutionary work.

Our young Komsomols learn and study the theory of Marxism-Leninism and we also put our message across by variety of means- in demonstrations, pickets, study of theory and through many rousing revolutionary songs and performances.

Time is already here when more and more young people are not believing in the promises of the present bourgeois parties or their present leaders. We base our future on Marxism and utilize all of the modern computer technology to get our message across.

We call upon all the youth to join our ranks in this decisive struggles for our future, all those who want to dedicate their lives to the Soviet Union and Socialism.

**FUTURE BELONGS TO COMMUNISM!**

**Those who do not encounter WICKEDNESS, do not understand GOODNESS!**

By **B.DZEKHOHOV**  
Republic of Adygia, Russia

Dear readers of NSC!

When we discuss the catas-

### **UKRAINIAN YOUNG PEOPLE ARE ORGANIZING!**

*From the youth newspaper called "Red Youth" you can see the members of the Executive with their banner dedicated to Stalin.*



trophe and the physical situation in Russia with different people and with different outlook and also understanding, these are the most often asked questions:

*\*What was so good under the Soviet Union?*

*\*Is it not the Communists who dismembered, robbed and devastated such a great country as the USSR?*

*\*Is not the same Communists who now built themselves palaces from the hard labour of the people?*

*\*Who then, if not the Communists have taken over industries, and factories as their own and thrown out the working class in their millions out of work?*

*\*What will the Chechen War bring to the Russian people?*

There are many other questions that need answers and explanations. Therefore, since from the very first beginning of the Krushchev period, we are daily forced to make and give explanations, either verbally in decisions or through our very meager printed media, since we the dedicated Communists cannot get time on the radio or Television.

Without looking back at our Soviet times, without analyzing as to what went wrong and without struggling against this anti-Soviet poison, we cannot ever appreciate as to what we had and what we lost.

The Soviet State was blossoming and was getting richer and much more prosperous with every year.

Together, the living standards of its people was getting better and much better. Industries and all enterprises were working to capacity and there was a shortage of labour to fill

all the positions. The production capacity and quality of the products grew monthly.

The schooling, the sciences and technology was such that we did put the first man in space, ahead of even the most advanced capitalist countries.

The collective and state farm production made every person proud with the abundance of food. The workers were guaranteed work and payment always.

The Soviet State was the guarantor of all the best for its working class.

As is well known, Imperialism and its policy was always against the USSR and Socialism and its sabotage, both covert and overt did not stop for a minute since the Great October Revolution in 1917.

In this regard, in order to defeat the Soviet Union, World capitalism began to systematically sponsor, support and urge Fascist Germany to attack the Soviet Union.

On June 22, 1941, Fascist Germany attacked the Soviet Socialist State. With the urgent call from the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, headed by Joseph Stalin, the multinational Soviet Socialist state, shoulder to shoulder rose to the defense of the Motherland. But the capitalist world was not happy with the victory over Fascism. American Imperialism was very perturbed that the unity between the CPSU and the people was so strong that it could not be ever defeated through war.

Our enemies decided to utilize a very different tactic, by utilizing the Soviet internal enemies in their future plans. With propaganda, lies, innuendoes, falsification of history, and vicious attacks against the leadership of Stalin. In this,

they found enemies inside the CPSU, starting with the traitor Krushchev, who then started to purge the CPSU from dedicated Bolsheviks from top to bottom, such as Marshal Zhukov, Kaganovich, Malenkov, Bulganin and other leaders and thus expelled them from their leading posts in the USSR to which they were elected. Our enemies did everything that was possible to blacken our history and the CPSU and especially the leadership of our great leader J.V. Stalin.

These enemies were able to distant the CC CPSU, its policy and the real socialism of Stalin from the new generation of people and the youth... starting from the early school years. They turned over all the reigns of the country to the so-called "democrats" who took the state out of the hands of the people and this brought on the pro-Fascist Yeltsin regime to power, with of course the help of the traitor Gorbachev and his "perestroika".

Thus the working people were left without any power or say and with most of the industry either being closed or sold off to foreign ownership.

Thus, in order to live and exist, part of the working class started to become speculators while the majority, the masses have no health care, work, old age pensions, heat and even now where to live. The present market economy is devastating our country completely.

There are no price controls and this is done in order for speculators to get richer while the state tries to pay off all its foreign debts, after of course tremendous Mafiosi embezzlement in all spheres of life.

The pensioners and those who manage to find work, but do not get paid regularly, the

State tries to keep tight the lid on the mushrooming constant strikes and demonstrations.

The Chechen bloodbath, where our Soviet youngsters die is Yeltsin's way of satisfying the Russian capitalist Mafia for oil and Western backing for a pipeline. What Boris Yeltsin was not able to accomplish, Putin now is doing the job as is demanded by the West. The bloody Chechen war shall bring only tears and agony to the Russian people.

This is all according to the plans of US imperialism, especially the planned liquidation of as many young people as possible, in case there will be a future insurrection. Also, all these deaths shall make the future birth rate smaller.

This is also another well planned method of diminishing the Russian population.

World Imperialism has no need for our people, they want only our rich resources and our territory. President Clinton of USA told his Western partners that absolutely under no circumstances shall the USA allow Communists to come to power in the USSR. They must make certain that this rich resource base serves only Western Imperialism...since many countries in the world depend on these resources, like Canada, Germany, USA, Israel and many others.

This is well documented and written up in the influential Russian daily newspaper "Our Truth", June 11, 1996.

All these crimes, plus the terrible conditions are on the head of Yeltsin and his internal traitors and now is passed unto Putin, who shall be the grave digger of what is left of Russia and its future dictator.

I feel that after the coming presidential election in March,

Putin shall show his true face and it shall be a very dark day for Russia after he comes to power.

The presidential elections are a sham and shall not bring any good to the Russian suffering people... only more bloodshed, more misery and much more devastation.

I appeal to my Soviet compatriots with:

**"Down with the present regime of Russia!"**

**"All power to the Soviets!"** ■

## **LATVIA - AGAIN ON A PRO-FASCIST PATH**

*In an article which bears many of the war - time overtones of anti-Sovietism, written by Steven C. Johnson, an Associated Press writer in Riga Latvia, states about the witchhunt to try all Soviet partisans who were fighting against German fascists and their Latvian collaborators.*

"A soviet partisan during World War II was convicted of war crimes and sentenced to six years in prison after a trial that most Russian people living in Latvia criticized.

Prosecutors said that Vasily Kononov, 77, ordered the executions of nine innocent victims in a Latvian village in 1944 when partisans and the Soviet Red Army was fighting to liberate Latvia from German occupation.

Latvian authorities vowed that they shall bring all Soviet war criminals to justice. But even the Latvians know that the Soviet partisans in Latvia were supported by the people in their struggles for liberation from the Fascist Germans, but also from the Latvian fascist SS Battalions that were fighting side by side with the German Army.

Kononov's case has touched a nerve in the very large Russian population living in Latvia who consider all partisans as heroes. When the verdict was announced, there were cries in the court room of: "Fascism is not dead! Death to the fascists!", the *Baltic News Services* said.

Present Latvian government stated that Soviet partisans/Red Army and German Fascists were equal evils.

### **COMMENT**

*During the Great Patriotic War the SS Divisions were organized in Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia, Ukraine and they were all devoted to German fascism, fighting the Soviet Union and the Allies. It is also interesting that these Latvian fascists, are well known to the authorities, but are never brought to justice, because they served German and local Fascism! The present Latvian authorities try to whitewash this past treachery!* ■

FROM NEWSPAPER  
**GLASNOST**  
RUSSIA



**UNPUBLISHED SPEECH BY  
STALIN  
AT THE  
PLENUM OF THE  
CENTRAL COMMITTEE  
CPSU**

October 16, 1952

*In this article, taken from the Russian newspaper "Glasnost" which was completely devoted*

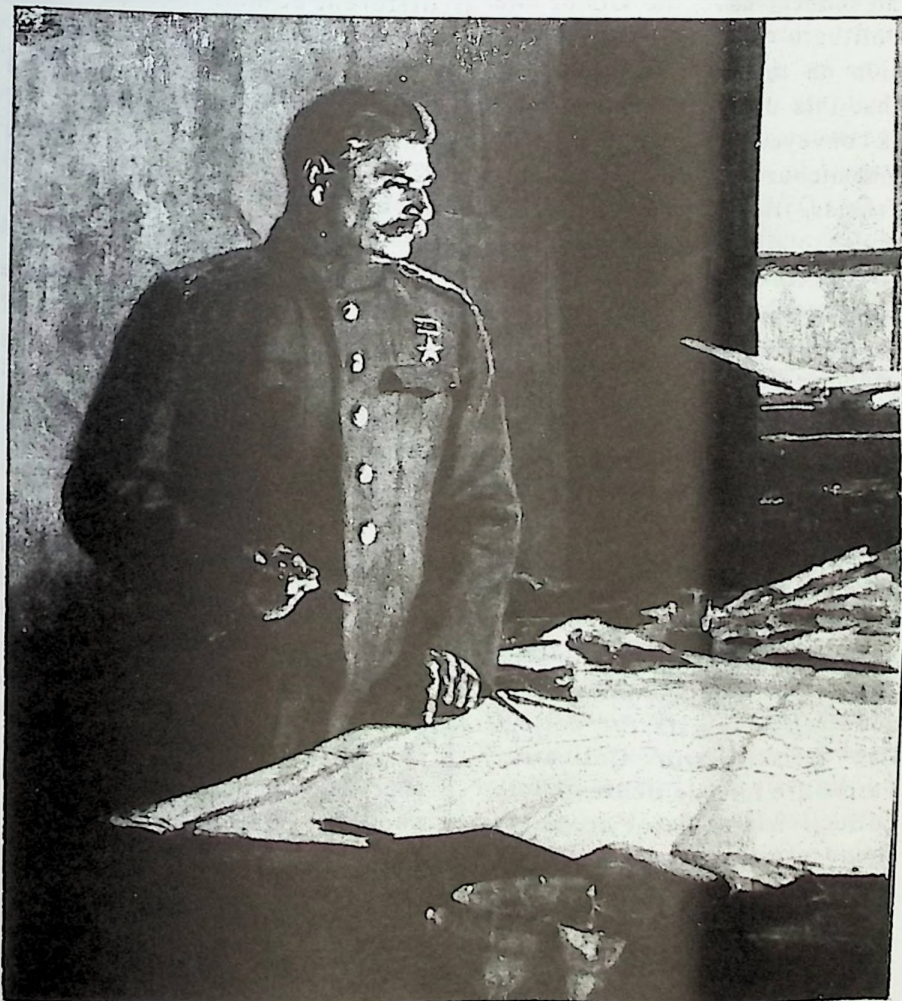
to the 120th Anniversary of Stalin's birth, this was the last speech at the CC CPSU before Stalin died.

*This text is being published for the very first time in the Soviet Union by the newspaper "Glasnost", the Central organ of the Union of Communist Parties-CPSU. We have translated it word for word, so that our readers can see the thinking and Stalin's proposals to the Central Committee and the critical remarks aimed at the two CC members, V.M. Molotov and also A.I. Mikoyan.*

"Yes, we did hold the Congress of our party. It went very well, and many of you might now think that, amongst us there exists full harmony and unity. But we have not this

harmony and unity of thought. Some of you are even opposed and do not like our decision.

They say, why do we need an enlarged Central Committee. But isn't it self-evident that we need to get new blood and new strength into the CC CPSU? We are getting older and shall sooner or later die, but we must think into whose hands we shall give this torch of our great undertaking, who will carry it onward and reach the goal of communism? For this we need younger people with more energy, dedicated comrades and political leaders. And what does it mean to bring up a dedicated, devoted political leader of the State? It needs ten, no, fifteen years so that we would be able to bring up a state leader, able to carry on this torch



But just to wish for this to happen is not enough. To bring up such new cadres needs time and involvement in the day to day of governing of the state, learning in practical matters which encompass the whole gamut of state apparatus, plans and ideological concepts to carry on to a higher plateau of building a Socialist society, and that comrades must be able to recognize and struggle all sorts of opportunistic tendencies. He must be a Leninist worker, taught by our party its history, tactics, plans and future of the Soviet Union as envisaged by Lenin.

Is it not self evident that we must lift up the importance and the role of our party and its party committees? Can we afford not to follow the desire of Lenin to improve the work of the party constantly? All this needs a flow of younger blood into the leadership, especially in the CC CPSU. And this we followed as Lenin always suggested. In this way even the membership of our party has grown.

The question is asked as to why we relieved some well known comrades from their posts in the party and state apparatus? What can be said about this? We replaced comrades Molotov, Kaganovich, Voroshilov and others and they were elected to new, less demanding posts, but no less important posts. The work of a Minister is extremely hard work, demanding strength, stamina and new thinking to new problems. Why did we put in their place younger and more qualified, energetic comrades? They are younger comrades, have more energy plus strength. We are old Bolsheviks shall not be here forever. We must support and help them.

The replaced comrades, the old Bosheviks are in very important new positions, where their expertise, dedication and respect is beyond question. They are all now our Deputy chairpersons of the Council of Ministers of USSR. Thus, even I do not know how many deputy Ministers we have.

We must, as Communists be self-critical and also critical of others.

There has been criticism of comrade Molotov and Mikoyan by the Central Committee.

Comrade Molotov - the most dedicated to our cause. He shall give his life for the cause of the party. But we cannot overlook his weakness in certain aspect of his work. Comrade Molotov is our Minister of Foreign Affairs, finding himself at a "slippery" Diplomatic Reception, gave assurance to a British diplomat that the capitalists can start to publish bourgeois newspapers in our country. Why? Was that the place to give such an assurance, without the knowledge of the CC CPSU? Is it not self-evident that the bourgeoisie is our class enemy and to promote bourgeois newspaper amongst our party people besides doing harm, shall not bring us any benefit. If this was allowed to transpire, we can foresee circumstances where the attacks against Socialism and the CPSU would be started. first very subtly then overtly. This is the first political mistake of comrade V.M. Molotov.

What about the incorrect suggestion by Molotov to give the Crimea to Soviet Jews? This is a flagrant mistake of comrade Molotov. Why was this even proposed? On what grounds did comrade Molotov make this proposal? We have

a Jewish Autonomous Republic. What else is yet needed? There are many other minority nations that have now their own Autonomous Regions and also Autonomous Republics...is this not enough now? Or is this meant not to trust the Constitution of the USSR and its policy on nationalities? Comrade Molotov is not appointed by anyone to be a lawyer for pursuing territorial pretensions on the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics! This is the second mistake of our esteemed comrade V.I. Molotov! Thus, in this respect comrade Molotov is not correct in his proclamations as a member of the Politburo. The CC CPSU has categorically defeated his suggestion.

Comrade Molotov has such deep respect for his wife, that no sooner have the CC or the Politburo made very many decision on this or that question, that this decision immediately is conveyed to Molotov's wife Zhemtchuzhina and all of her friends. Her friends, as is well known to all of you here are not to be trusted, as former situations have shown. It is of course not the way that a member of the CPSU-CC-Politburo should behave.

Now regarding comrade Mikoyan. He is categorically against and thus he agitates against any taxes for the Soviet peasants. What is it that is not clear to our esteemed comrade A.I. Mikoyan?

**Farmer Deputy** - We have good relations with the collective farmers. Our Collective Farms are forever dedicated to collectivization. Our crops are abundant and all our Collective Farms should give taxes to the state as the workers do. Therefore we do not agree with the suggestion - put forward by

comradew Mikoyan.

**MIKOYAN** - coming to the speakers tribune started to defend his collective farm policies.

**STALIN** - Well comrade Mikoyan, you are lost in your own policies and you are now trying to get the members of the CC to be lost with you. Are you still unclear?

**MOLOTOV** - coming to the speakers tribune completely admits his mistakes before the CC, but he stated that he is and will always be a faithful desciple of Stalin.

**STALIN** - (interrupting Molotov) This is nonsense. I have no students at all. We are all students of the great Lenin.

Stalin suggested that they continue the agenda point by point and elect comrades into different committees of state.

With no Politburo, there is now elected a Presidium of the CC CPSU in the enlarged CC and in the Secretariat of the CC CPSU - altogether 36 members.

In the new list of those elected are all members of the old Politburo - except that of comrade A.A. Andreev, who, as everyone knows now is unfortunately completely deaf and thus cannot function.

**VOICE FROM THE FLOOR** - We need to elect comrade Stalin as the General Secretary of CC CPSU and Chairman of the Council of Ministers of USSR.

**STALIN** - No! I am asking that you relieve me of the two posts!

**MALENKOV** - coming to the tribune: Comrades! We should all unanimously ask comrade Stalin, our leader and our teacher, to be again the General Secretary of the CC CPSU. ■



**GALINA  
SAVCHENKO**



## **TABACHNIK IN UKRAINE, BEREZOVSKY-IN RUSSIA WON THE ELECTIONS...**

*"All kinds of heaven, breaking and falling apart within itself, degrading itself, and all cities and homes falling apart from within, shall not stand..."*

*(Matthew, 12: 25)*

Today we only can feel sorry, that in that Belovezh Abyss, there was not found even one person with a bit of culture or even a decent person, who would have spoken this bible proverb to these Judas's of the CPSU, who in their drunken stupor here in this forest on December 8, 1991 adopted the death sentence to the mightiest country of workers - the Soviet Union.

The imperialist demands of the West, for the dismemberment of the USSR, carried out by "our" Judas's under the direction of the USA and NATO, gave us their market economy corpse - this process completely dismantled our economy, culture, science and spiritual life.

The constant chatter about "partnership and cooperation" by the West is just a cover-up as to what Imperialism did in Asia and Africa - the tactics of neo-colonialism - at first it was the traders and missionaries, then came soldiers, and then the riches started to flow out of our country for money that found their resting place

in other foreign hands.

Now our country is gasping for air from these colonial masters, our people are being brainwashed from morning till night by this constantly question: "will the IMF and World Bank give us the dollars or not?" and "what will Clinton or the old lady Albright say?"

Even the CIA is working night and day, sweating over the important question of whether the people of former USSR will unite in a new Union and will they not again become a mighty state that stands against the policies of American Imperialism and American domination of the world?

While "our" present leaders are coming out of their skins, determined that all of our people shall be brought to such a state of hunger and devastation while promoting through pornography in the media that now there is growing an epidemic of Aids. They are desperately promoting the coming day when they can welcome Yankee troops and NATO tanks - because they all know for certain, that a time is coming that they all have to depend on NATO troops in order to save them from the wrath of the people.

No, Kuchma in Ukraine did not come to power, but the Zionists such as Rabinovich, Tabachnik, Pinchuk, Surkis, Volkov and others who are now the real masters in the country with their amassed ill-gotten riches.

In Russia the Zionists (with Western backing) are on the war path against the struggling Slavs. We are bombarded with Western prepared propaganda daily over the media about the greatness of Chubais and Sobchak...they are nothing more than puppets of Mr. Putin, or-

ganized by the extremely rabid anti-Communists and present day Judas' (formerly in CC CPSU) such as Vladimir Yakovlev, the present Mayor of Leningrad and Chubais.

The influence and Western backing for Berezovsky and his ownership of the mass media, including the biggest TV station in Russia (ORT) and his henchmen like the following: Flarkovsky, Sheremet, Vernitsky, plus Dorenk, Leontev Svanidzy), they all are brainwashing daily the people of Russia as to who to vote for, falsifying and promoting ratings of all those, who long ago should have been sentenced and, behind bars.

The coming of fierce storms of hate and revolutionary upheavals against the gangs of the Kuchmas', Shushkewiches, Gorbachev's and Yeltsin's is not stoppable! The future generation shall not forgive Yeltsin, Shushkewich and Krawchuk their *Belovezh Sin*. They shall give credit and honor to people like Lukashenko, President of Byelorussian Republic who is determined to unite the Slavs into one mighty state of Russia, Byelorussia and also Ukraine. The present signing of unity between Russia and Byelorussia - this is the first step towards the resurrection of our Motherland - the USSR.

*Signed by members of the  
ACP(b) of Ukraine and  
"Movement for USSR" in  
Ukraine*

Galina Savchenko, Valentin  
Pushkarev, Vitaly and Nikolai  
Blinov, Lylia Mazurkewich,  
Liudmila and Alexei Snitkin,  
Vladimir Medeluc

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# Under the Masonic Cover!

**M**asons are multiplying their ranks in former Soviet Union and forming new Lodges wherever the present bourgeois government wants them, since they are mostly composed of the present day Mafiosi structures and reaching to the highest ranks of the State apparatus.

Below we speak only about the lodge that is very active (but publicly unknown) in the Ukraine, in the City of Odessa.

This is taken from the newspaper "Russian Home" which serves the hundreds of thousands of Russian people living in Ukraine who are undergoing great discrimination because they speak Russian and are called "Moskali" by the Ukrainian nationalists and their adherents.

There existed and exists all over the world secret religious sects, secret political societies - but the Masons have nothing to do with any or all of them?!? Masons are not involved in religion or politics, according to Peter Naidis, of the First Masonic Lodge in Ukraine, called "Khiram" who is their leader!?

Yes, the Masons are secretly oriented, but somehow there were allowed some observers here in Sevastopol and hence this story

At this opening ceremony there was present the top Mason from Italy, Juliano De Bernardo. He is already very well known for his pro-American and Imperialist sympathies. He was one of those who was accused and tried in Italy for his connections to the Sicilian Mafia. He then said that they (*The Masonic Order*) has established 8 Lodges in Sicily into which only members of the Mafia Family are allowed to join.

Let us go back to Italy and the events in 1982 when the Italian Government was nearly brought down due to the infiltration and attempt to have the overthrow of the Italian Government, and the Lodge P2 became a common word amongst all the police forces of the world. The leader, the top Mason, was Licho Dzhelli who admitted his tie-in with the CIA.

Then why is the First Lodge being established in Ukraine?

There is already historical data and documentation that even Catherine II knew and took steps to liquidate the Masonic lodges that were inside Tsarist Russia. Even in Lenin's time after the revolution, steps had to be taken in order to liquidate these Fifth Column.

Those Masons hid under the mantle of as "Russian Patriots" and it is enough to recall that in the Ukraine, Masons were headed by no one else but by Semeon Petlura.



Here are the newly-baked Masons, headed by Valerie Zaporoshan (center) Dean of the Odessa Medical University.



The ceremony of the Masonic Lodge, Odessa "Khiram". Most of the members were former party-carrying communists in government posts.

# Towards a Balkanized

# Russia

From LALKAR journal

**Contributed by Jef Bossuyt, Workers Party of Belgium (PTB).**

On October 7 the Chechen president Maskhadov sent a letter to the new Nato secretary-general George Robertson. The president of the rebellious Russian republic called upon him "to intervene in accordance with the new world order established by Nato" <sup>(1)</sup>.

Today 118,000 Chechens are fleeing from a war that started already 277 years ago. In 1722 czar Peter the Great incorporated Daghestan into the Russian empire. Ever since the region of Chechnya has been used as a crowbar to force a way into Russia from the south and to invade the country.

In 1918 the 'White' general Denikin occupied Chechnya. He formed part of an international coalition trying to undo the 1917 Bolshevik revolution. During the intervention English and French war ships crossed the Black Sea and troops disembarked in the Caucasian harbours of Sukhumi and Novorossiysk. They were repelled and the Red Army acclaimed as victors in Chechnya in 1920 <sup>(2)</sup>.

In 1942 the German Nazis occupied part of Chechnya. Many Chechens collaborated and joined German volunteer units, fighting the Red Army <sup>(3)</sup>. The Chechens were relocated to other parts of the Soviet Union to prevent a second front from attacking in the rear. In the fifties these people returned to Chechnya.

In 1989 the American press demanded the Soviet Union be dissolved and

opened up to the free market and western multinationals. The first republics to secede were Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania. The 'Popular Fronts' that organised the secession received help from a general of Chechen origin, Diokhar Dudaev. In August 1991 Dudaev supported Yeltsin's coup d'état and the end of the Soviet Union. In December 1991 he proclaimed the independence of Chechnya and designated himself as its president. Since the Soviet Union has been dissolved, the western powers have set out to break up the Russian state in order to secure their control on Eurasia. The strategist of the United States of America, Zbigniew Brzezinski, phrased it this way: "A more open Russian confederation, consisting of a European Russia, a Siberian republic, and a republic in the Far East, would speed up its development. Each of these three constituents would also be more capable of developing its own creative potential, that has been suppressed for centuries by Moscow's laden bureaucracy of" <sup>(4)</sup>

Chechnya no longer recognised the authority of Moscow and appropriated the petroleum transported through its territory. In December 1994 the Russian troops invaded the region. A bloody war made 70,000 victims, in particular during the Russian aerial bombardments, till the last Russian soldiers left Chechnya in 1996. In April 1996 a Russian missile hit Diokhar Dudaev, while he was placing a satellite phone call. Elected as the new president in 1997, Aslan Maskhadov signed an armistice

with the Russian general Lebed. In 1998 a group of Chechen warlords led by Shamil Basayev demanded president Maskhadov to resign, because of his reconciliatory position towards Moscow.

In August 1999 the war lords Shamil, Basayev and Khattab invaded the neighbouring Russian republic of Daghestan. They murdered police officers, hoisted the green flag of the 'Islamic republic' and advanced on the capital Makhachkala. In the Russian cities of Moscow, Buynaksk and Volgodonsk bomb outrages killed 292 civilians in September. Russia imputed the bomb attacks to the Chechens and replied with mass retaliatory bombardments on Chechen villages as well as on the capital of Grozny. In the beginning of October the Russian army invaded the north and occupied a third of the Chechen territory. On 7 October Maskhadov sent a letter to Nato secretary-general George Robertson. He asked him "to intervene in the settlement of the relations between the Chechen republic and Russia, in accordance with the norms of international law and the new world order established by Nato" <sup>(5)</sup>.

### A Holy War for Oil

The two thousand soldiers mustered by Shamil Basayev to invade Daghestan were remarkably professionally trained, supplied, and armed. They had at their disposal Stinger-2 rockets, reserved by Nato for its most loyal member states. With these rockets they destroyed three helicopters in front of the TV cameras. During the invasion in Chechnya they used them to bring down

a Sukhoi-25 warplane as well as a Sukhoi-25 bomber, one of the best in the world. It recalls the period when the CIA overtly supplied Stingers to the Afghan resistance opposing the Soviet troops. The money appears to come from the pro-western regimes of the Arab oil countries. General Khattab originates from Jordan, where he organised King Hussein's Chechen body-guard. The invasion has allegedly been sponsored with 20 million dollars from Jordan <sup>(6)</sup>. According to the Italian newspaper *La Repubblica*, one of the financiers of Shamil Basayev's troops is the Saudi oil billionaire Bin Laden. "His favourite residence is Afghanistan. However, his contacts with the Chechen warlords date from 1997. He offered money to Khattab in exchange for the training of his followers in the Chechen guerrilla camps. Driven by his project of establishing a unified Muslim state in the Caucasus, he has invested 25 million in the operation of Basayev and Khattab. In February the World Front of the Jihad was raised in Pakistan with the help of Bin Laden. It intends to unify the main fundamentalist currents. It supports the armed rebellions in Tadjikistan, Uzbekistan, Daghestan, and Chechnya." <sup>(6)</sup>

In Afghanistan Bin Laden fulfilled the role of ally for the United States against the Russians. Meanwhile however he became a nuisance and was chased out ... to Chechnya.

"His position", *La Repubblica* writes, "has become more and more difficult in Afghanistan. The US have decided to use every means, including diplomatic, to exert pressure on Pakistan and force the Taliban to extradite him. The Afghan soil became too hot for him and he would have chosen Chechnya as a safer haven. The Russians

have no say in the matter and the US won't bombard him as it is Russian territory."<sup>(6)</sup> -

The Chechen warlords declared their objective to be "to establish a Muslim state and to chase the Russians out of the Caucasus". This objective perfectly fits in with the aims of the American and European oil multinationals. They want to control the oilfields and oil transport in the Caucasus and therefore eliminate pipelines on Russian territory. All oil would then have to be transported through Georgia or Turkey, two states controlled by the US. For the Arab oil countries the war is the ideal means to weaken their Azerbaijani rival, whose export routes are being threatened.

### The US and the Strategy of Terror

In the magazine *Military Review*<sup>(6)</sup> the American major Raymond C. Finch describes the use of terrorists in the military strategy of the United States.

"The future war", Finch writes, "is most likely not the son of Desert Storm [the war against Iraq], rather it will be the stepchild of Somalia and Chechnya. In Somalia, despite overwhelming superiority in firepower and technology, a group of lightly-armed 'rebels' effectively forced the US military out of the country. For the time being at least, the Chechens, under the courageous leadership of Shamil Basayev, have won their independence and freedom.

"In August 1991 Basayev was in Moscow, and, armed with a couple of hand grenades, went to help defend Yeltsin in the Russian Parliament. In 1992 he hijacked a passenger plane in the nearby city of Mineralnye Vody demanding the Russians lift the state of emergency or the plane would be blown up.

In 1995, concealed in two trucks, Basayev and about 150 handpicked fighters entered Russian territory. His intent was to reach Moscow and unleash something of the terror the residents of Chechnya have been exposed to for the past six months. He hoped to force the Russian leaders to the negotiating table. In Budennovsk, a city 120 km north of the Chechen border, the local police stopped him. Reaching the hospital, they sealed the exits. There were 1500 patients in the hospital. He positioned hostages along the windows to discourage the Russians from shooting. Over a hundred of the hostages were killed when special forces attempted to storm the hospital. To insure safe passage, Basayev demanded that a number of hostages accompany the Chechens back to Chechnya. It took some time for the Russians to assemble six buses. The convoy entered into Chechnya, hostages were released and Chechens began to celebrate.

"Conventional military prowess is no match against rebel forces, led by skilled and committed leaders. The notion that the battlefield is isolated and that fighting is restricted to those who wear uniforms is absurd. As we move into the 21st century, the structure of the game appears to be changing. In a football game the uniformed players only compete against an opposing team. Soldiers fight other soldiers. Now some of these players have moved up into the stands, wreaking all sorts of havoc.

"The military appears to insist upon maintaining the notional divide between military and criminal operations. But it must develop the necessary doctrinal concepts to handle a wider variety of villains and challenges."

The conclusion of the American Major Finch reaches

is that "the methods Basayev has employed are cruel and vicious, and have often been in violation of recognised laws of warfare. At the same time, however, his actions, when cast in the light of Chechen independence, are courageous and praiseworthy."<sup>(6)</sup> Thus it is brazenly admitted that support to terrorists like Bin Laden or Shamil Basayev poses no problem, in so far as they take action against the adversaries of America.

In a second stage, as soon as the dirty work has been completed, the terrorists have to give way to an intervention of Nato 'peace-keeping forces'. The terrorists are put aside, although it's not always plain sailing. Major Finch explains: "Finally, the US must be wary with whom it shares its military skills and secrets. Basayev illustrates the problems that can develop when legitimate governments elect to provide military training and equipment to dubious allies. Today's free-

dom fighters might be transformed into tomorrow's terrorists."

This is the same attitude with respect to terror that the US assumed in Kosovo. Until the end of 1998 they declared - rightly - that the Kosovar Liberation Army (KLA) was a terrorist organisation, a drugs gang. Nonetheless the US decided to support the KLA since their terror was in the interest of the West. The increasing violence between Kosovars and Serbs gave Nato its pretext to bombard Yugoslavia and invade and occupy Kosovo.

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### BELIEVE IT OR NOT!

#### Havel asked Albright to succeed him: Time

Washington. A U.S. magazine reported yesterday that Czech-born U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright was considering a run for the presidency of the Czech Republic, but her spokesman discounted the possibility.

Time magazine, citing unnamed sources, said in its latest edition that Czech President Vaclav Havel told Ms. Albright 18 months ago he wanted her to replace him.

Ms. Albright has not rejected the idea but told Mr. Havel she will not make a decision until she leaves office in January, Time said.

This news dispatch by Reuters is unbelievable that such an affront to the Czech people and also to the US people can even be considered! What would US people say if the head of the former USSR would be invited by Clinton to come and be president of the USA?

*We suggest instead that Madam Albright and Vaclav Havel just shack up together and go away on a never-ending honeymoon!* ■

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## KOSOVO TODAY

By Alice Mahon, MP  
Chair, Committee for Peace in the Balkans

I visited Kosovo last Autumn (1999) as part of a delegation organized by the North Atlantic Assembly Civilian Affairs Committee. My own conclusion then was that Kosovo is being ethnically cleansed of all minorities and that the KLA is deeply implicated in this.

This view is reinforced by a growing body of evidence from sources such as Amnesty International, whose latest report at the end of December 1999 said that the violence against Serbs, Romanies (Gypsies), Muslim Slavs and moderate Albanians was still rapidly increasing and pointed to a complete failure by the United Nations mission to protect human rights. Amnesty is concerned that the UN mission and UN troops appear to be reluctant to take steps to bring the KLA to justice.

The report of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe on human rights violations in Kosovo, which was also published in December of 1999, confirms since the UN peace keepers entered the

#### GOOD TO REMEMBER

- \*The bigger the truth, the bigger the slander.
- \*Philosophers have explained the world long enough. The thing is to change it! - Karl Marx
- \*It is much easier to be critical than to be correct - B. Disraeli

province (Kosovo) on June 12, 1999 there has been a systematic campaign of rapid ethnic cleansing.

The report says: "Kosovo Serbs, Roma, Muslim Slavs and others have been targeted by elements of the Kosovar Albanian population for expulsion, harassment, intimidation, house-burning, abduction and death." It highlights two horrific trends: "the targeting of vulnerable, elderly Kosovo Serbs and the increasing participation of juveniles in human rights violations, underlining the growing intolerance that has emerged within the Kosovo Albanian community."

The report contains many witness statements concerning the KLA involvement in the violence, both before and after the demilitarization deadline of September 19, 1999, including most recently by the members of the nascent Kosovo Protection Corps (TMK). The OSCE concludes that despite denials by the KLA leadership that it is not involved in today's violence: "it seems clear that the deep extent of KLA and now the TMK involvement is of such a nature and scope that the question of explicit or tacit involvement by the leadership requires close examination by the international community."

The UNHCR, the refugee agency of the UN, says that over 250,000 people have been driven out since June of 1999. The Yugoslav Foreign Ministry estimates the figure at more than 350,000. The majority are Serbs. But the Roma (Gypsies) Jews, Turks and others have also been ethnically cleansed on a massive scale.

Historian Paul Polansky who lived amongst the Roma in Kosovo between July and November (1999), has clearly documented horrific discrimination against the Romany people by the UN, NATO and all major aid agencies. After

calling attention to a lack of medical facilities, also food and security, he was threatened with expulsion by the very agency which invited him there - the UNHCR.

Prior to NATO's war, Polansky points out, Roma were living in all integrated settlements. Now they are forcibly being killed or also ethnically cleansed "because of the colour of their skin."

Cedomir Prncevic, president of the Jewish community in Pristina was driven out by the

KLA. When about two dozen KLA fighters broke into his family's apartment, he says: "My mother, who is 80 years old, suffered a heart attack because it reminded her of 1943 when Hitler's SS units broke into her apartment in the same way."

Prncevic showed a British commander his credentials that he is the head of the Pristina Jewish community there--- but the British officer said only: "forget it, it's currently irrelevant!"

It is a bitter irony that while the rest of Yugoslavia remains genuinely a multi-ethnic society, in Kosovo where the KLA still presides, the ongoing attempt to create an ethnically pure state by terror is proceeding apace.

#### COMMENT

*Fascism in Germany or now in Kosovo is the very same, the only difference now is that the NATO Western "democracies" are very openly supporting this ethnic cleansing!*

## REVOLUTION IS ALIVE!

This beautiful poster is circulating in Latvia which is on the verge of Fascism. The situation is boiling over into protests and demand for "Complete victory! Liberation USSR from the bourgeois oppression." Thanks to newspaper "Molniya", Moscow.



FROM

ANG BAYAN

CC of the Communist Party of the Philippines

## The enslavement of workers in China

The current economic conditions of workers in China is worsening. Neo-liberal policies attendant to monopoly capitalist globalization are bludgeoning Chinese industry and agriculture, further pegging workers' wages at very low levels. State enterprises are being privatized. Chinese Industry has become export orientated even as the state has been frantically kowtowing before foreigners to attract investments and loans.

This is one of the facets of capitalist restoration in China. Revisionists call it "socialism with clear Chinese characteristics". In fact, it is a very clear distortion of the theory and practice of scientific socialism. It is the impoverishment of most Chinese workers and the suppression of their rights.

When the revisionist regime

opened up all of China to foreign investments, all the Chinese workers were dealt a heavy blow.

*Here are just some facts as to the real situation in China:*

\*In Shanghai, China's center of commerce, workers get paid only \$0.90 per hour, the lowest wage in all of Asia. This is done in order to have foreign investors gain the top maximum profit.

\*The rate of unemployment in China is 33% or 16.4 million people as of year 1998. It is estimated that over 3-4 million workers lose their job each year.

\*About 24,000,000 Chinese people shall be jobless within the next 15 years, because of over 300,000 state enterprises have been shut down and foreign enterprises are made to flourish in their place.

\*About 300,000,000 people in the countryside are losing their jobs all due to privatization of land and abolishing of agricultural communes.

\*In 1995 (according to Chinese official statistical figures), 61% of those Chinese workers who have work, must work 6 to 6 1/2 days per week, and more than one-third are forced to work overtime without any pay.

\*Because of no protection in most of these foreign-owned

firms, way over 60,000 workers die in factories due to unsafe working conditions while some factories lock the doors and thus hundreds of workers get burned alive, such as what happened in the well-known Zhili Toy Factory in Shenzhen.

\* Chinese government is now the chief implementor of the contractual system. In Shanghai alone, over 98% of all the workers in state enterprises are contractual.

\* Strikes are forbidden and in most provinces outlawed by the Chinese Communist Party. The workers are no longer allowed to have any say in organizing production at all, because the latter is premised once more on the extraction of the surplus value created by workers and all this is geared towards foreign markets.

\* Millions of Chinese are now migrant workers, going into all countries of the world, looking for any work. Thus thousands die in many suffocating circumstances and hundreds are caught monthly in countries such as Canada, USA, Australia etc. ■

## MASSIVE REPRESSION OF STUDENTS IN MEXICO

Over 900 students are detained by the Mexican Federal Pre-

ventive Police (PFP) when they invaded the University City Campus in Mexico City. This is in clear violation of the Mexican Constitution. The Rector of the University instigated this strike on February 4th.

As is well known, after more than 5 months of the student strike, the conflict got bogged down due to intransigence of the government and its persistence in preparing violent repercussions against all the students who protested the privatization of the schools.

More than 900 students have been arrested in the two large actions, many of them minors who have been jailed for political reasons. Among the detained are many members of Revolutionary Youth of Mexico.

The Communist Party of Mexico (M-L) condemns this new escalation of repression and maintains that the one truly guilty of the prolongation of the strike is the government itself. The use of violence does not resolve the problem itself, since the academic life cannot be renewed while the jails hold a thousand students.

The Rector Juan Ramon De la Fuente has assumed a fascist role as the instrument of the General Direction of National Security, which is a branch of the Interior Ministry. It is a fact that the PFP is paramilitary group that is outside of the Mexican Political Constitution and therefore should be disbanded.

We call upon international organizations to show their support.

*No to privatization of education!*

*Freedom to political student prisoners!*

*Dissolution of the anti-constitutional PFP!*

Communist Party of Mexico (M-L) ■

## HELP IS NEEDED

NSC needs some readers who speak or know someone who can read Nepalese. We receive a newspaper from Nepal "Workers Weekly" and we would like to publish some articles from this newspaper.

**CAN YOU HELP US?**



## BOOK REVIEWS

### RESTORATION OF CAPITALISM IN RUSSIA

*Analyses of the book written by A.M.Yeremin called "In the Maze of the Restoration of Capitalism"...*

The on-going discrediting of the building of Socialism in the USSR today is a full time occupation, and this occupation is lavishly supported by the present regime. There are countless authors, scores upon scores of on-going books that overfill all the book shelves in libraries and in book stores. All of these books are strictly devoted to praise the market economy of capitalism and debunk the planned socialist economy.

In this atmosphere, any book that is written in order to tell the truth and analyze the present situation finds it very hard going. It is this sort of publication, written now by Professor, Doctor of Economic Sciences Albert M. Eremin that sheds analytical light into the labyrinth of untruths.

For all those who want to understand the events of the past years during which the Soviet working class became a slave for capitalism, shall find his book extremely interesting. We hope that this interest shall find its rewards in making the book widely read.

In his book, the author goes very thoroughly and very analytically with facts as to how did the USSR become a capitalist state. The author vividly tears to shreds the modern theory of market socialism, but he goes deeply into its beginning and also as to who promoted this "theory".

As a dedicated Marxist, E. Eremin bases himself on the economic production processes

under socialism. "Marxism has opened the path to the liquidation of private capitalist production and exploitation. The socialist production had proven itself capable to have brought up the Soviet Union into the top echelons of industrial nations in a very, very short time. Starting with 1951 the theories started to be promoted by these reformers that went completely against Marxism-Leninism and eventually led to the liquidation of socialism.

The question that is asked now is whether there was socialism built in the USSR? This question is asked all over the world by both friends and enemies. The answer is absolute... **Socialism was built in the USSR!** At the end of 1930's (*factually in 20 years*) as a result of the heroic dedication of the Soviet working class, we went from capitalism into socialism. The socialism in our country had sunk very deep roots. This heroic Soviet effort showed the whole world what socialism can accomplish.

The ongoing propaganda was that socialism did not care at all about the welfare of the people... the author shows emphatically that: "this was the most humane system for the masses (page17) because it liquidated the exploitation of man by man, eliminated crisis, unemployment, belief of people in tomorrow, the institution of the best health care system in the world, education for all, and it took great care of the future generation of Soviet youth growing up."(Page 17).

The author calls this period *a social-economic miracle*. The author takes us step by step to the liquidation of the Soviet Union and Socialism, starting with the Gorbachev so-called "perestroika" and ending up in a complete devastation of what the Soviet people had accomplished. The author tells us that the problems were not in the

theory and practice of socialism, but it was started, promoted, instigated and pushed from the top political institutions of the country, the catchword was... "market socialism" the idealism of the political elite"(page 44).

As soon as the economic situation was dismantled by the top leadership of the CPSU, the road was now set for instituting capitalism. The final chapter in this book "*Results of the restoration of capitalism in Russia*" shows that inside of 10 years the reformers at the top of the country made the country sink deeper and deeper into degradation in all spheres of economy, culture and political understanding and is now practically a criminal society.

This is the content of this excellent book. The question remains: what kind of lessons will we all garner from it? The author also deals very emphatically on this important question. He states that the future of Russia and other former republics is the road back to socialism. He also sees the class struggles intensifying and these struggles shall overcome the external and internal reaction.

#### COMMENT

*We hope that eventually this book shall be translated and published into English, so that readers of NSC would be able to avail themselves of these very important analyses.*

*We receive many questions since the event of "perestroika-destroika" came on the scene. One of the most pertinent and often asked questions is this: "Now that many books are coming out every month as to what went or did not go wrong, who is and who is not to blame: the nagging question is, where were all these authors during the time that the disintegration of the USSR was taking place since 1953? Where were there voices then?"* ■



**THE PROBLEM OF**

**RELIGION**

**IN THE AGE OF  
IMPERIALISM**

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"Religion is the opiate of the masses", goes the famous quote of Karl Marx, by which it is meant that religion is used in much the same manner as opium or other narcotics by the bourgeoisie to anesthetize the workers to their exploitation and oppression. Religion teaches workers that life is hard and full of suffering but that there will be redress for hardship and suffering if the worker submits peacefully to his or her lot. The redress may be eternity in heaven, as promised by Christianity and Islam or Good Karma and a better position in one's next life as promised by Hinduism and Buddhism. This use of religion did not originate with capitalism but was widely practiced to control serfs during feudalism and to control slaves during the slaveholding society. The priest, pastor, imam, and brahmin have historically been the tools of class oppression and control of the lower classes. A large part of the task of radicalizing the oppressed has been to expose the bankruptcy of religious thinking. Once the workers and peasants learn that this is the only life they have, reshaping that life and throwing off their chains become imperative.

In the age of imperialism, the highest stage of capital-

ism, contradictions in the wealth of nations become as important as contradictions of wealth between classes. In the age of imperialism, not only do bosses and land owners enrich themselves by exploiting workers and peasants, but a few powerful industrialized nations enrich themselves at the expense of the rest of the world. These countries are the countries of Western Europe, the USA, Canada, Japan, Australia and a few small countries elsewhere. The remaining countries, which are exploited, are known as the Third World. The workers in the Third World suffer the double oppression of both class and nation. The workers in imperialist countries often, but not always, enjoy a position of privilege, enjoying higher wages than their Third World counterparts and enjoy cheap goods imported from the Third World countries which would have cost much more if produced in the imperialist countries.

**The decline of religion in the Imperialist countries**

Many of our Northstar Compass readers in the imperialist countries, and in their experience, religion is not a very important issue in society, and for this reason they make the error of concluding that the problem of religion being used as the opiate of the masses is no longer a significant issue. In most of the imperialist

countries it is not. The workers for the most part have privileged lives, and the effects of always having enough to eat, having a house or apartment, having shorter working hours than the rest of the world, having a car effectively tends to deaden class consciousness and the urge to class struggle. For them religion is superfluous. It is not needed to control them. Religion in these countries are somewhat withering away. In Japan religion hardly matters at all. In Sweden and the United Kingdom, the arcane custom of state-established churches continues but few people attend these churches. In Italy the vast majority of the population is nominally Catholic, but church attendance is extremely low, and the government has long since stopped listening to Catholic teachings regarding abortion, divorce, birth control, and other social issues.

The USA is an important exception to this trend, as it contains large groups of oppressed nationalities who have living standards significantly lower than those of whites and who therefore have some tendency towards class and national consciousness. Among the oppressed nationalities in the USA religion continues to be a powerful force to discourage militancy. Blacks are taught to revere Martin Luther King, a Christian who taught pacifism in the face of oppression. Among whites in the USA, religion is used to stir up racism and reaction to keep the oppressed nationalities in "their place". The military of the USA plays the part of the main military force of imperialism, and reactionary religious people often promote imperialism. Oral Roberts, Pat Robertson, Jim and Tammy Baker and Billy Graham and many other fundamentalist Christians preach reaction to

the American people.

Israel is also an important exception to this trend, as its *raison d'être* in Zionist ideology is as the successor to the Biblical homeland of the Jewish people. While there are strong trends towards secularism among the Ashkenazim, as among other people of imperialist countries, the identity with the Jewish faith cannot be abandoned. Otherwise the ideological justification for stealing Arab land and oppressing and exploiting Arabs disappears and is repulsed by naked racism, which is all Zionism really is.

### Religion in the Third World: Divide and Rule

In the third world countries, religion continues to play its classic role of encouraging workers to accept their lot, but is also used by the imperialist and the comprador bourgeoisie to turn workers and peasants against each other. It is used in conjunction with nationalism, racism and tribalism to encourage oppressed people to fight other oppressed people instead of fighting the imperialists. Under British rule, all the people of India, regardless of religion, had an interest in throwing out the British and establishing independence. The British succeeded in turning Hindus and Muslims against each other so that they could not fight for liberation as effectively. Even when the British finally left India, the country could not hold itself together because of the divisions sown by imperialists, and then followed partition and war was the result. This warfare benefited no one but the imperialists, as it kept both India and Pakistan weak and divided. Many nations in Western Africa are also

plagued by strife between Christians and Muslims, as are Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines. It is obvious that a secular materialist outlook would be a tremendous benefit in preventing third world conflicts.

### The special status of Judaism

Judaism differs from most religions because it is based on exclusivity rather than proselytizing. Most of its adherents, particularly the overt Zionists, contend that Judaism is a nationality. Karl Marx ("On the Jewish Question") and Joseph Stalin ("On the Nationalities Question") have both demonstrated that this is not the case. Jews live in many, many countries of the world, and generally conform to the cultures of those countries in all aspects other than religion. A Jewish person living, let us say in Toronto who speaks English and partakes of Canadian culture can hardly be said to be the same nationality as a Jewish person living in Baghdad who speaks Arabic and partakes of the Iraqi culture. As a concept of race, a Jewish person from Poland is not the same race as the Jewish person living and born in Ethiopia. The same goes for any nationality or race that are born and live in different countries.

In addition to this and the fascist manner in which Palestinians are treated by Zionism now, there was actually a fascist movement among the Jewish settlers in Palestine during 1930s, one of its prominent members Menachim Begin, later became Prime Minister of Israel.

Bourgeoisie, no matter what nationality, race or country or religion is a segment of society which serves imperialism though it tries to cover itself

in different disguises. Fighting against the bourgeoisie is what counts and what will bring freedom to mankind and in this way we are all internationalists!

### The special status of Christianity

With the exception of Israel and Japan, the imperialist powers are also Christian countries, and since both Israel and Japan are relatively recent arrivals to the imperialist power structure, colonialism was mostly done by Christians, and proselytizing of Christianity was often used as a tool to convince natives to accept their status as oppressed and conquered. The missionaries were as important as the soldiers. Proselytizing had varying degrees of success in different colonized areas. Christianity spread over almost the entire population of Latin America but had only a few converts in India.

In Latin America and other areas where the success of proselytizing was total, religious affiliation is not a significant issue. Our allies and our enemies in that region are almost always Catholic, although Marxist-Leninists are there, as everywhere, atheist as a rule. In regions in which the success of proselytizing was limited, where there is a significant Christian minority but the majority is of another faith, the Christian population will also tend to be pro-imperialist, and the ministers or priests will serve as a role as purveyors of imperialist propaganda. During the war in Vietnam, for example, Catholics tended to support the Saigon government, while Buddhists tended to support the National Liberation Front and the Hanoi government. Even

today Catholics in Vietnam and China engage in a great deal of counter revolutionary agitation.

Where Christian missionaries are still active, their role is almost always extremely reactionary. An increasing trend for small sects of Christianity to send missionaries into areas whose inhabitants are members of rival Christian sect. In Latin America there is an increasing pattern of Mormons and small Protestant sects sending missionaries to convert people who are Catholics. Since many Catholics in Latin America have accepted liberation theology, it is in the interest of the imperialists to promote forms of Christianity that have not been radicalized as an alternative.

**WORLD PROTESTANT  
SECTS ARE NOW  
TRYING TO REVIVE  
RELIGION IN RUSSIA  
AND UKRAINE!**

In the Soviet Union, particularly now in Russia and Ukraine, which has historically been Orthodox, these Protestant sects are attempting to revive interest in religion amongst the people. Seventy years of Socialism and atheistic education have greatly diminished religious beliefs in the USSR, and the imperialists know that if the peoples of the Soviet Union are to accept their role as victims of imperialist exploitation, religion will be necessary. Fortunately this aspect of socialism does not seem to have suffered severely from the upheavals of the past decade, and the peoples of the Soviet Union are showing little interest in these proselytizers.

While any religion is potentially the tool of reaction,

Christianity has been consistently the tool of imperialism. The wide variety of contradictory messages found in the Bible can be used to justify the most abject pacifism among the oppressed and the most bloodthirsty massacres by the oppressor.

**Liberation Theology:  
Friend or Foe?**

Liberation theology is an attempt to synthesize religion with revolutionary ideology (sometimes Marxism, sometimes progressive third-world nationalism). Liberation theology is usually associated with Latin American Catholics, including the Sandanistas and many adherents of the FMLN, but it also includes Islamic groups such as Hamas and Hezbollah which fight Zionism and American imperialism. The usual line of the liberation theologian is that God hates injustice and that to struggle against injustice is doing God's will. We should not infer from this state of affairs that religion has anything progressive to offer. We must understand what causes liberation theology. Religion does not cause liberation theology. Oppression does. People do not become liberation theologians because they are religious but because they are oppressed. Workers and peasants that accept liberation theology do so because they are advanced enough to know that they are oppressed and exploited and to want to overcome this exploitation and oppression but are not advanced enough to recognize religion as false and to think completely in a materialistic manner.

It would be criminally sectarian of us to refuse to work with people who are genuinely anti-capitalist or genuinely anti-imperialist simply because they are religious. We must recognize those who are willing to struggle as our allies.

At the same time we must recognize the pitfalls of non-materialistic thinking and struggle with these allies to encourage them to throw away their religious baggage. One obvious danger is the use of mystical thinking as a substitute for tactics. Planning an uprising or campaign to coincide with some holy day without regard to the tactical situation can be self-defeating. Another very serious danger is that religion confuses people regarding who is their enemy and who is their friend. Many Latin American Catholics refused to recognize that the Vatican was controlled by extremely reactionary elements and looked to Vatican for leadership. Many Islamic groups that have done excellent work against Zionism and American imperialism sided against the Soviet Union during the war in Afghanistan simply because its government was atheistic. Another very serious danger is the taint of pacifism. We don't have to worry that much with the Islamic groups, but the sort of Christianity that is taught to the workers is full of turning of the other cheek, and as a consequence Christian liberation theology often degenerates into pacifism.

Sometimes this is accidental, but more often it is a result of deliberate sabotage by the bourgeoisie. Often pacifists are introduced into militant movements for the purpose of neutralizing it. Martin Luther King was a perfect example. This attitude also led to the Sandinistas giving up power without a fight.

**False Religious Wars in  
Imperialist propaganda**

When there is a war somewhere in the world between an oppressed people and the imperialists, the imperialists know that the greatest danger for their cause is that other people may act in solidarity

with the people that they are trying to oppress. If the war is perceived as being what it is - a struggle against imperialism - it is more likely that people will act in solidarity than if it is perceived as something that is irrelevant to them. For this reason many wars are portrayed by the media as a conflict between two ethnic or religious groups, people of different ethnic or religious groups are not likely to show solidarity with either side, as it does not seem to be something that is of any relevance to them. Even if one is of a religious persuasion of one of the combatant sides, it is widely held (correctly) that fighting over religion is a very stupid and backward thing to do, and solidarity is not likely to be forthcoming.

The struggle in Ireland is not about religion and never has been. England sent Scottish settlers to Ireland to act as privileged class to help control the country during the 16th and 17th centuries. As Scotland has been through the Reformation, these settlers were of course Protestant, and a convenient way of cementing their control was to pass and enforce very oppressive laws against Catholicism. The purpose, however, was to exploit Ireland, not to make Ireland a Protestant country. Throughout the centuries, there have been many rebellions against colonial rule of Ireland, and although Catholics have been prominent in these rebellions, there have been Protestants who have struggled for the liberation of Ireland, including Wolfe Tone and Charles Parnell. In modern times the Irish Republican Army, an organization of both Catholics and Protestants, has fought to remove British from the Six Counties. This is war against imperialism, not a crusade against Protestantism. The imperialists do want any workers in other countries to know that

even in the 20 century coming to a close, Britain is still exploiting Ireland and maintaining a colonial occupation, so the imperialist media have cleverly portrayed the fighting as a religious war between Catholics and Protestants and have claimed that the British soldiers are only there to keep the peace. In many countries, including Canada, the USA and even England itself, Catholics and Protestants live side by side as neighbors and friends and would never dream of harming one another because of their religious differences. When such people hear this line on television, they cannot but be repulsed that the people of Ireland would fight each other over religion, and they show no solidarity with the struggle to remove the British. If these people knew the truth, however, they might be troubled that the British are maintaining a colonial occupation and might demand that their governments put pressure on the British government to end it. In this way the phony religious war achieves its propaganda purpose.

The civil war in Yugoslavia is not about religion and never has been. There have been Muslims, Serbian Orthodox, and Catholics on both sides. People in more prosperous and advanced northwestern part of Yugoslavia tend to favor trying to integrate with the Western European economy and becoming capitalist (and most of the people in this region are Catholic or Muslim), while people in the less prosperous and more backward southeast of Yugoslavia know that capitalism can have no benefits for them and wish to preserve socialism (and most of these people are Serbians and Orthodox). People might be inclined to show solidarity towards country that is being carved up by NATO for no other reason than to force

capitalism down its throat, but it is perceived as a case of internal ethnic and religious bickering, and NATO is portrayed as neutral and unbiased peacekeeper, the use NATO force against the people of Yugoslavia becomes justified to the rest of the world.

The struggle against Zionism has never been about religion. The struggle is portrayed as being the result of Muslim hatred for the Jewish people. That many of the Arabs are oppressed by Israel are Christians is usually not mentioned in media reports. There is no history of Muslim hatred or persecution of Jews. During the Middle Ages the Muslim world had none of the pogroms characteristic of Christian Europe even though it had a large Jewish population. With the Christian reconquest of Spain in the 15th century and the introduction of the Inquisition, the Jews left Spain on the same boats as the Muslims. Today there are large Jewish minorities in Egypt, Syria, Iraq, Yemen, and these groups are not persecuted in any way. The cause of opposition to the Ashkanazi invaders is not their religion but their invasion. The 1948 war displaced hundreds of thousands of Arabs, and many others were deliberately massacred by the Zionist government. The 1967 land grab and the continued use of Israel as an unsinkable aircraft carrier to serve the American imperialists have also caused opposition. Those Arabs unable or unwilling to leave Palestine must endure apartheid conditions.

We must struggle against religion wherever we find it, while working with religious anti-capitalists and also anti-imperialists. Once the cloud of religion is removed from the eyes of the worker, the path of revolution can clearly be seen!

## SALT & PEPPER ON WRY

By: Frank Ray Davis

### BOTTLE BIZ HURTING TOO:

Boris Yeltsin's resignation caused him much pain, he said. That'd put him in a minority of one, except for the booze-makers. Who else could give their product so much prime-time exposure on world television?

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### POPE AND MEXICO:

The Pope's representative in Mexico said the next millennium will be a very religious one. Considering the hundreds of thousands murdered by religious zealots in the last millennium, his prediction was hardly by way of saying Happy New Year.

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### "MORE DEMOCRACY":

in the upcoming elections, demands Mexico's top churchman. If the hierarchy discovers what democracy is, they'll sure cancel that order.

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### TOUGH COMPETITION:

Mexico ranks No. 58th in corruption in the world, 53rd in a fair distribution of wealth among its people, 12th in piling up dividends for coupon-clippers, 3rd in pirating software, and *FIRST* in its control of the Colombian cocaine trade. *Oh well, you can't be first in everything.*

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### TO COW 'EM WOW 'EM:

The Pope says that people's suffering and their sicknesses are a "mystery". Karl Marx demystified the first one 100 plus years ago, and any scientist

this side of pseudo could set him straight on the second. The real mystery is why the obvious should be twisted into a mystery in the first place.

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### IN SICKNESS & IN HEALTH:

Health-management corporations deliver "managed care"? It is at best mis-managed, and they could care le\$\$!

## LETTERS

FROM  
KIEV  
UKRAINE

I would like to thank NSC reader comrade Clifford E. Roe from Cheshire, England for subscribing this journal for me, a journal that is absolutely necessary for our Motherland-the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

I appeal to the very large Ukrainian Diaspora living in many countries of the world, whose dollars are flowing into Ukraine, into the pockets of traitors such as Krawchuk, Kuchma, Plush and their ilk: "Do you know that today in the Ukraine there are way over one million neglected children? Your capital that flows into Ukraine helps also this tragedy".

Galina Savchenko

FROM  
VICTORIAVILLE  
QUEBEC, CANADA

Having just returned from a week of conference in Socialist Cuba with Canadian, Quebecois Christians and Cuban geographers trying to help end the outright kidnapping by the United States government of the child, Elian Gonzalez, all reported emphatically that one was always physically safe every where in Cuba, unlike

the United States where criminals, especially in the Police Departments, regularly riddle perfectly innocent citizens in the streets. Everyone, Black or white, rich or poor, is safe in socialist Cuba.

Compared especially to the United States, Cuba is materially poor yet spiritually rich. What will happen to the little boy Elian Gonzales, in the Hell hole of Mafia violence and the drugs in "Little Havana" if he is not rescued?

Dr. William Bunge

FROM  
HOVE, EAST SUSSEX  
ENGLAND

Dear friends:

Northstar Compass is one of the highlights in my periodical reading matter. I often duplicate quite a few articles each time and send all of them out to friends. The last NSC Supplement by Sousa was excellent. I've also sent you a video called "Outlaw War - Kosovo" which exposes the criminals of NATO and of our own Tony Blair.

Albert G. Williams

*We're going to reproduce the video and promote it in future NSC because it's an excellent expose.*

FROM  
HAVANA  
CUBA - Via Fax

Dear readers of NSC

If only you could be here with me in Havana! The people have such a revolutionary spirit that they have not had since the early days of the revolution. Nothing is clear to the Latino heart as their child. Even Fidel has been taken by surprise at the outpouring of revolutionary fervor of the Cuban people.

Television here in Havana is such a spectacle that Holly-

wood couldn't begin to match. It's like the greatest of Russian films of Eisenstein, as the Battleship Potemkin, with all the masses in movement. Who could ever forget this historic movement when all the people have taken the road in their struggle for their own child and for all the children of the world. It is evident that nothing can stop them.

Martha Acevedo  
NSC reader in Cuba ■

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FROM  
**SCHWERIN**  
GERMANY

Dear comrades:

We wish you much success in our common struggles for solidarity and a new socialist society worldwide.  
**ROT FRONT!**

Communist Party of Germany ■

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FROM  
**VLADIKAVKAZ**  
RUSSIA

Dear comrades:

We are informing you that due to a great shortage of finances, our Youth newspaper "Red Youth" has only managed to come out a couple of times during 1999.

We have a request, (if that is possible) looking at the present terrible employment and economic situation here in Russia for most of the young people, could you find work for one or two of our Soviet comrades in Canada, thus this will help us to gain finances in order to be able to help us do our revolutionary work. We hope to hear from you soon.

**V.B.Babanov**  
Editorial Board of  
"Krasnaya Molodezh"

*We certainly understand your situation in the present Yeltsin's-Putin's Russia, and we are proud of the efforts that you are putting into publishing the very necessary progressive youth revolutionary newspaper.*

*We ourselves are in the midst of a NSC financial campaign, trying to keep publishing. As far as inviting two of your young comrades to Canada to work, you must understand that this is a very complicated task, because there is also unemployment here in Canada, plus the red tape is such that this process could take years to fulfill.*

*The alternative is to fight for unity amongst all the communist parties and the numerous youth organizations and then proceed to overthrow the present regime. Unfortunately we cannot help you at this time! ■*

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FROM  
**SAN GABRIEL, CA.**  
USA

Dear comrades:

First of all I would like to congratulate Michael Lucas, the Editor of Northstar Compassin being awarded the Stalin Medal. It's a great honor for NSC, since the name of Stalin shall live on forever in the hearts and minds of all dedicated Communists.

I know, having lived in Yugoslavia during those years of war, that all the Yugoslav and Albanian people, in spite of the heroic and tremendous partisan movements in both countries, would never have been able to liberate themselves without the help of the Soviet Red Army!

But in the USA the constant attacks against Stalin makes a

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person sick...it is obvious that they are not attacking Stalin per say...they are viciously attacking Stalin for his ideas, his Marxism-Leninism and his not betrayal of the Communist cause!

Much has been written about Tito and also Yugoslavia. I am convinced that Tito was one of the people on whom Western reaction counted very much to dismember, disorientate the progressive movement all over the world. How many thousands of dedicated Communists and former partisans in Yugoslavia were killed, put into concentration camps and the opportunistic line of Tito prevailed.

Opportunists have won temporarily the day now, but, the world revolutionary movement is gaining strength, becoming bolder and eventually the day is not far off when again the red flag and the name of Stalin shall be put into historical perspective as one of the greatest leaders that the world has ever seen. Even bitter and vicious Stalin's enemies had to admit this.

Pero Nikov ■

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FROM  
**PHEONIX, ARIZONA**  
USA

Dear comrades:

I would like to respond to the comments made by Barry Lituchy in the Feb. issue of NSC (Vol.8- #7, page 39). I have recently had the chance to read the book published by NSC "The Lie of the Lenin Testament" and find that it makes a very good case that this document may have been a forgery or that, if genuine, it may have been based on misinformation fed to V.I. Lenin by Krupskaya during his illness. I would urge comrade Lituchy to read this book before dismissing these claims.

Even if we assume that the

testament is genuine and was made while V.I. Lenin was fully informed of the relevant events and in full possession of his faculties, we should not regard it as diminishing in any way Stalin's role in history or his revolutionary character or as any kind of vindication of Trotsky or Trotskyism. In the testimony, Lenin does not accuse Stalin of being counter-revolutionary or even incompetent or of having committed any crime against the people, only of being "rude". This is in fact the only basis on which Lenin's recommendation that Stalin be removed from party leadership is made.

Stalin's response to this accusation was to admit it. He said: "*This is quite true. Yes, comrades, I am rude to those who grossly and perfidiously wreck and split the Party. I have not concealed this and do not conceal it now.*" (The lie, page 36). Courtesy ceases to be a virtue when dealing with counterrevolutionaries, and I think that all of us on the left have at times been less than courteous with the right wing and with phony leftists.

It should be very clear to any thinking person that mere rudeness is not grounds for removing a dedicated revolutionary leader from leadership, and that if V.I. Lenin indeed thought so, he was wrong. It would be a gross vulgarization of Communism to say that a party leader has some kind of divine right to choose his successor or that if he recommends someone to take over upon his death or recommends that someone be removed from leadership he is under no obligation to justify this or that recommendation. That would make the Central Committee nothing more but a rubber stamp body and make democratic centralism a mere empty phrase to mask latter-day feudalism.

Lenin and Stalin were great revolutionary leaders but also mortal human beings, not some atheistic substitute for Jesus Christ. They made errors, just like anyone else makes errors, and their words must not be taken as gospel without question but subject to scientific analyses.

The rehabilitation of Stalin is not to establish some sort of cult of personality or deification, as all the class enemies has falsely accused Stalin and his supporters of doing. The rehabilitation of J.V. Stalin is the rehabilitation of the revolutionary Soviet socialism of the 1924 to 1953 period. It is the rehabilitation of the first worker's state to put revolutionary ideas into practice and show the practical application of socialism---a practical application that had transformed the Soviet Union from the most backward country in Europe to the strongest industrial power in Europe and also second in the world only to the USA in less than a generation. It is also a very practical application that allowed the Soviet Union to withstand the military onslaught of German fascism and to continue in economic progress despite the terrible losses inflicted upon the country during the Great Patriotic War.

We cannot ever afford anti-Stalinism to be a "gray area", as Lituchy recommends. Anti-Stalinism is renunciation of the achievements of the revolution. It is also in effect, stating: "What happened after 1924 was a mistake, not socialist progress." By saying that, we are telling the workers to seek some other path to socialism when we have now already found the true path. To give in to all the bourgeois lies that the purges destroyed the army or that millions were worked to death in the gulags etc. would be to do great disservice to the

workers and help the class enemy. We must not give in to this very poisonous propaganda simply because most people now believe that Stalin killed 20 million plus people, or that all these lies are the truth. We must teach critical thinking to all and show how the bourgeoisie will spread any falsehood in order to keep workers from the true path of revolution.

It is the surrender to anti-Stalinism that is the path to complete surrender to American imperialism. If we really repudiate Stalinism, we are left with the false path of Trotskyism, anarcho-syndicalism, social-democracy, reformism, or open capitulation.

Lituchy also clearly misunderstands fascism if he now believes that the USA is currently under such a fascist regime. Fascism, as clearly defined by G. Dimitrov, is the openly terrorist dictatorship of the most reactionary elements of the bourgeoisie. The USA is certainly a dictatorship of the most reactionary of the bourgeoisie, but within the borders of USA the regime is not yet openly terrorist, nor is there an immediate danger of this. The USA sponsors fascism abroad but retains bourgeois labor aristocracy here, whose exploitation is diminished by surplus value extracted from the third world. The danger of real fascism will only come to the USA when a structural crisis ends the privileged status of the American workers. This will also be an opportunity for revolution, so it is our duty to prepare for this coming crisis by promoting the correct line among the people.

Comradely yours  
Kevin Walsh

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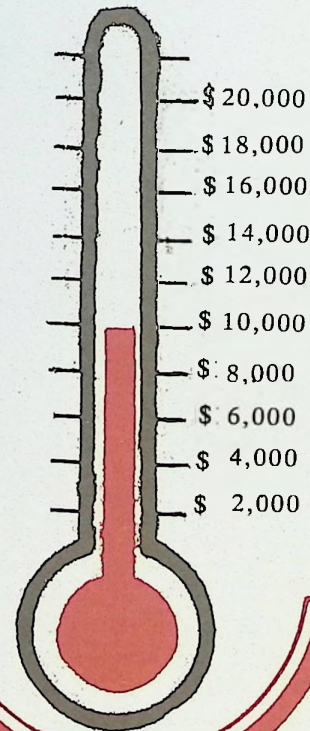
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