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EDITORIAL

AN OPEN LETTER TO "VILLAGE LIFE"

Dear Editors:

We recently agreed willingly to a request from two of your reporters - Andrei Balabanov and Gennady Charodeev - to grant them an interview at Northstar Compass. Our hospitable reception has been abused by them and yourselves. This is a small thing. But the associated slanders are not. The Shorter Oxford English Dictionary (Oxford 1973) defines this as: "The dissemination of false statements ... In order to defame or injure ... Calumny; defamation". In plain English, it can simply be called lies. Even in capitalist law, this has implications.

It was only due to one member of the Editorial Board who brought to our attention this "article" which appeared in a Canadian newspaper, published by the new immigrants from former Soviet Union in Toronto, called "Beseda" (Conversation). Our Canadian Friends of Soviet People or the publication Northstar Compass has absolutely no dealings with "Beseda" and it surprises us that this so-called "interview" would appear in this newspaper.

The series of provocational articles such as the one printed below, plus acts of personal attacks and break-ins into our premises is meant to act as scare tactics, to make Northstar Compass leave its path of presenting the truth of the international struggles that are being waged by working class against Imperialism both internationally and nationally.

This concerted attack against the work of Canadian Friends of Soviet People and Northstar Compass is not going to deter us from our dedication to do what our mandate is: to strive to present to our readers the information that CANNOT find its place in the daily media.

It is also of note that these "visitors" who said that they represent "Village Life" in Moscow and that promised to exchange publication with us, never fulfilled their promise, but deemed it expedient to have the newspaper of the "New Russians" in Toronto, Canada publish it!

We will not dignify your "report" – really gutter sniping – with a long waste of our time. We must however bring to the attention of "Village Life" and our own readers, some of the factual errors of your "report". We cannot imagine who, but you might even have some readers! Perhaps they would like to know that your "report" is a fiction? Some of these lies, and the facts by which to correct those lies, follow:

LIE #1: The "report" alleges your

reporters were "uninvited".

FACT: They requested and received an invitation.

LIE #2: You allege that Lucas greeted the "reporters" as "Comrades".

FACT: Long experience teaches our editors not to lavish un-earned praise. Michael Lucas did NOT address the visitors as "Comrades".

LIE #3: You allege your "reporters" had no chance to "look around".

FACT: Michael Lucas, a good host, showed your "reporters" around.

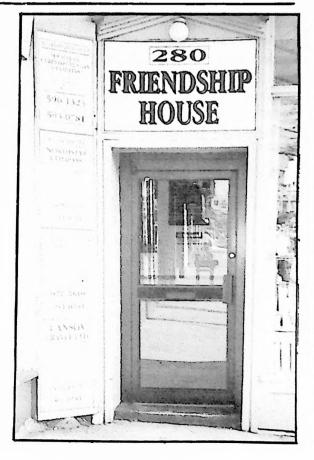
LIE #4: You allege the Friendship House is "inconspicuous ... stands by itself".

FACT: We proudly advertise our existence and its mission on the front door, and the office is in a block of shop buildings in down-town Toronto.

LIE #5: You allege that an office portrait of Stalin is titled, "Our Father".

FACT: We are indeed open about the world historical role of Stalin; the picture in question is

- "Inconspicuous ... stands by itself"
- Overhead Sign
- Friendship House
- Left Side Signs
- Society of Carpatho-Russian Canadians
- the building belongs to this organization.
- Northstar Compass
- Sign describes what the journal is all about.
- Canadian Friends of Soviet People
- Sign describes what we do, our aims and services we offer to the general public and our members.
- CANSOV Travel Ltd.
- Sign offers information on tours to many countries of the world for friendship and understanding.





captioned "La Nostra Lotta", being the title of one of the Italian groups who support our work. This means, for the benefit of non-Italian speakers, "Our Struggle". Some advice: we suggest your "reporters" learn to spell and consult language dictionaries.

LIE #6: You allege we hold "illegal meetings yearly".

FACT: Our meetings are more frequent! And they are far from illegal. An advantage of bourgeois democracy is the opportunity to counter propaganda of the capitalist gutter press (which we assume you have joined). Such meetings – at the moment in Canada – are legal.

LIE #7: You allege that CSIS cannot penetrate Northstar Compass.

FACT: We can only smile at your naivete! We do not believe your "reporters" really spoke to CSIS, or that they have really "reported" the discussion accurately if they did. Do you really think CSIS has so little power in a capitalist state? Our readers know better. We add again, all our work in any case is open and legal. Our membership list is our own business and not your "reporters'." We suggest they acquire a book on journalistic ethics,

or perhaps your better trained junior reporters could brief them?

LIE #8: You allege we are linked to the Communist Party of Canada, and have received funds as revealed by "The Toronto Star".

FACT: We should be so lucky! The reality is that we have only monies generously donated by our readers of 61 countries. We are a fully independent organization with NO links to the CPC.

There are so many lies, and then there are the innuendoes! Our plain reality is that we are too busy to dignify your pathetic "report" with more time and space. We must however remind our readers – and even you – of two politically based realities.

Firstly, your article correctly pointed out that we have been subject to many ignorant and many politically motivated attacks over the years. Your recent squib is a tiny example. The real question is this: "Why is a small journal like Northstar Compass so frequently attacked?" The answer is not too difficult! Although we are a small, and poorly financed paper, our weapon of truthful reporting is heard and appreciated! That is why

with us. That is why our correspondents include only those who sincerely desire social change. That is why Zyuganov does not correspond with us, nor reply to our long standing and open yet civil-phrased critique of his support for capitalism. The issue is Truth in journalism. This is all a "subtlety" that perhaps you cannot understand.

Could it have been coincidental that after this attack against us took place in the press, the Friendship House where the offices of Canadian Friends of Soviet People and Northstar Compass are situated, on December 31, 1996 – our offices were again broken into?

Secondly, Former Ambassador Yakovlev is quite correct to say that he excluded Lucas from the Russian Embassy. He carefully omits to point out however that prior to that, for years, he had hosted and met Lucas on many social occasions at the Embassy. But Yakovlev is only a rat. Rats follow the Piper. When the Piper Gorbachev demanded his bureaucrats to go openly capitalist with him, finally eschewing the pretence at being "communists" once and for all, then the rat Yakovlev

Interior of Office – Thousands of books, brochures, art books, maps, catalogues, Soviet travel brochures. The "guests" didn't see anything except the picture of J.V. Stalin.



chose to go with the Piper! This is really a political and moral question: one of those who stand firm by their principles as Northstar and Lucas have done; and of those who are rats have none but the highest available price, like Yakovlev. Again, we do not expect your "reporters" to understand these subtleties.

To end, any further scurrilous gutter slanders will be more vigorously dealt with – in the courts, if need be. Let your readers understand we are not intimidated. Our own readers know our mettle, and know that we will continue singing one song: that the people of the former USSR have been betrayed by their leaders and deserve – and will obtain – social justice and a better life.

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 Canadian Friends of Soviet People

In the Hallway – Hundreds of names of friends of Soviet people who regularly donate financial help. This is "Honour Board".



Below, we reprint the article from the newspaper (Beseda" in which our organization and publication was slandered.

CANADIAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP GROWS AS BEFORE

USSR IS NONE EXISTENT ALREADY 5 YEARS, BUT ON THE SHORES OF ONTARIO, THEY DO NOT BELIEVE THIS

Former Soviet Ambassador to Canada, after listening from us the name of Michael Lukach (Lucas), immediately remembered this reactive, "with Lenin's screwing up of eyes old person", and started to laugh. "Yes, it transpired – repeated Alexander Yakovlev - I gave a command to my former staff at the Embassy to forever close the doors of the Embassy to Lukach and his likeminded spies-agents. He was always here, he always looked around. He wanted that we should employ him as a spy. He was afraid to be left behind", was that it?

In the centre of Toronto, on one of the cosiest streets in the city – Queen Street – amongst many

Chinese restaurants and other stores, is standing not a very high old building, standing alone by itself. Together with an entrance to a book store, you cannot immediately recognize the sign or the door where it's written: "Canadian Friends of Soviet People". Its continuous president, Michael Vasilievich Lukach (Lucas), looks very suspicious at everyone, who in the last few years comes from Russia, for a long time, was listening to us through the video security camera, two uninvited guests. Wavering in his mind whether to let us in or not, he said through the video-microphone in a very heavy accented Russian: "Welcome Comrades". All his fears were dispersed after we announced ourselves as correspondents of a Moscow Communist press.

He is practically 70 years, but this "dedicated friend" of our country, which already for a long time is non-existent on any map of the world, looks cheerful, much younger than his age. Michael Vasilievich told us that he was born near Uzhgorod in the village of Upper Apple village ... part of former Czechoslovakia but very near the border. Its people called themselves "Carpatho-Russians".

Medals in Recognition of Friendship – Display of 37 medals that were given to Canada-USSR Association from many countries in recognition of their work for friendship. Among them is a Friendship Medal from USSR given to Michael Lucas.



These people live in Canada long before the Second War years.

He did not give us a chance to look around, but immediately started to heap abuse and blame on the Ontario government which allows anti-communists and extremists to try and "put a wedge to the friendship between Canadian and Soviet people".

• In Canada, the friendship society with USSR was born in 1918 and there were many attempts to liquidate our work. We were threatened, we were fire bombed and we were many times provoked. When the South Korean airplane was shot down, a "Boeing", in the far east, there was a huge demonstration of anti-Soviet elements around the Friendship House on Queen Street windows were broken and police were on the scene, trying to disperse the crowds. I had to flee the offices. A few years before, a Polish immigrant, from amongst those who supported "Solidarnost", with a cry - "I shall kill you, you communist!" - attacked me one Saturday night at an affair held in the hall - blood flowed, besides splintering the musical instruments that I was playing on. The worth of only one violin I played on – \$8,000.

After that, the police were called. Of course, they could not have helped then – the violin was already splintered, not to ever be played again. During the court case, Lukach was amazed that the Judge stated that: "This Polak is not a provocateur, but an anti-communist immigrant – a political refugee", and he was sentenced not to come around the Friendship House less than 500 metres, while the beaten up Lukach was compensated with \$10 as a fee given to a witness.

The President practically began to cry. And besides all this, one night, robbers got into the premises by breaking a window, scattered all the archival materials over the floor, newspapers, and somehow they cut the Canadian flag into tatters while leaving the Soviet flag intact. But they consumed the Canadian whiskey which they got from the fridge. Paintings and photographs of the Kremlin in Moscow, portrait of Stalin which had as its description in Italian, "Our Father", these elements also decided not to take. But the membership list was taken of members of "Friends of Soviet People".

• All this is the work of the secret service of Canada. They used to follow us before, now they act more boldly, having the names of our members in their hands.

Secrets of "Madrid Doors" in this old man is ample. He, as an example, refused to divulge the names of his colleagues, some who are known in Canada, who are in the leadership of the organization — Council and Editorial Board — he only stated that they were all "Ivan-Ivanoviches".

After, we were able to get out of him some names of Canadians. It looks that in Toronto and its surroundings, there are hundreds of people who keep on being friends with Soviet Union. Among them are some people of means, some donating to Michael Lukach thousands of dollars in order to help the journal "Northstar Compass" and in the upkeep of his building.

Who are these people? For a long time, the support came from the well known in Canada multi-millionaire Edward Mervish. More than 80% of the membership is Anglo Saxon speaking. They love the never-to-be-forgotten Soviet reality? Or this is a case for psychiatrists? But these members during even on rainy evenings as before, come to Queen Street West to again sweeten themselves up with voice-over or captions in English of films such as "Lenin in October". Every year, they

hold illegal meetings, celebrating the November Day of Revolution, with samovars, songs with accordion accompaniment, plays and singing "Moscow Nights". For these small gems of happiness, "friends" of our communist history pay \$20.00 per year.

Michael Vasilievich complained: we have financial problems always. To pay rent for the offices and all, we have just barely, but to organize a serious event such as a trip to "Soviet Union" or organize an exhibition about the growth of Soviet Uzbekistan is impossible. The journal "Northstar Compass" is being sent to 34 countries, and the costs of postage stamps in Canada are high.

• To this day, they say in Canada that under our roof there was working the Soviet Secret Service, and that I was the agent trying to sign up for Liublianka its agents - said indignant president. KGB is financing us? Not that I know! We lived on the dedication and financial help of Canadians, sympathizers of Moscow. Former friendship society, "Canada-USSR Association", had 42 branches across Canada - thousands of dollars in membership supported the work. We even then were not extravagant but to cover the costs of singer Zukina or poet Evtushenko, we did accomplish that. At that time, these artists made money from us, while now, if they come to Canada, they more than likely, would spit in our face."

Former Ambassador Yakovlev stated in "Izvestia" newspaper that money to upkeep Lukach and his people were split away from the budget of the Communist Party of Canada. But these monies were given to them through "secret channels" from Old Square in Moscow. Part of this sum went towards the expenses of "Friends of Soviet People".

Categorically stating that the main Canadian Secret Service was following and looking after this "red president" from Queen Street West, one of the Canadian agents of CSIS, did admit more or less, that the interest in the "Friends of Soviet People" is very much on their minds, but not in a political sense, but in a financial sense. Receiving from Moscow immense sums of money, communists, which means Lukach also, were going against Canadian laws, since all financial donations from any source must be declared.

The Secret Service of Canada was trying through all technological methods to find out this giving of money, but they could not uncover the channels through which this money was delivered to Lukach. This is the work of "professionals" – the secret Canadian agent told us.

In 1992, the newspaper "Toronto Star" publicized documents from Russian archives showing that only in the period of 1978 to 1989, the Central Committee of CPSU gave Canadian communists about two million American dollars.

The indefatigable character of Michael Vasilievich is propelling him to go to Moscow to his friends. But the former head of Union of Soviet Friendship Societies (now RAMSIR) Tereshkova will not give him her arm under any circumstances. Gennady Zyuganov

6 MORE COUNTRIES NOW REQUESTED NSC!

Since January issue, we had requests and subscribers for NSC from: Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Chile, Martinique and Benin (Africa).

Total countries where NSC is now read is 61!

- Editorial Committee

also does not want to have anything to do with him. He thinks that Nina Andreeva will help, with whom he corresponds. But he also has a dream: to formulate an anti-Yeltsin International and be its leader-president in Canada. But how will this be financed? Well, here is a problem: Russian Embassy which many times has refused him a visa, looks as if they remember the long ago warning of Alexander Yakovlev: "From him you must save other people".

Gennady Charodeev
 Andrei Balabanov

Associated Press - Hektor Pustina

NEWS DIGEST COMMENT

AGAIN AND AGAIN, USA, CIA ARE INVOLVED!

First, it was Poland; Hungary; German Democratic Republic; Czechoslovakia; Yugoslavia; Rumania; Bulgaria; Albania; Mongolia – all former peoples democracies and socialist – then finally, the Soviet



Union. It all points to a coordinating methodology, same script and directors, only the location is different.

Take a look at previous page photograph in Albania. Young people, wearing Western fashion of dress and somehow the Associated Press photographer just happened to be there, just happened to photograph only this West-oriented young person with a sign in English, "Albania belongs to us". Was this sign for the benefit of Albanian speaking people? Or was this a staged performance for Western consumption, to show the Americans that Albanians are all Englishspeaking and want the West to liberate them?

Let us present this scenario: A demonstration is held in Canada or USA during the existence, yet of USSR and the signs held by protesters were all in Russian, Polish, Hungarian or Slovak? Would that make sense?

These demonstrations, the so-called "spontaneous uprisings", are well arranged, lots of Western dollars flowing around, lots of paid journalists (or agents-provocateurs) in the crowds giving advice, handing out leaflets, money, booze, narcotics and all other Western cultural goodies!

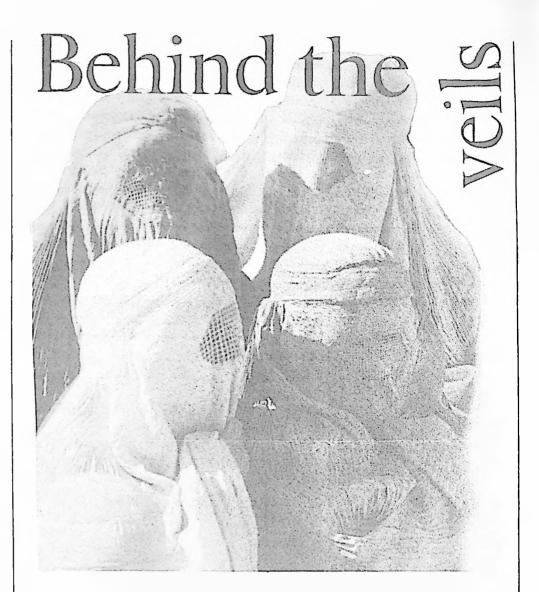
Whom do the people who control the media think they are fooling?

Unfortunately, sad to say, people do get fooled by these well-scripted scenarios. It's the age of the big lie!

NOTHING IS SPONTANEOUS IN LIFE!

HAVE YOU RENEWED
YOUR SUB?

DID YOU DONATE TO SUSTAINING FUND?



AFGHANISTAN TODAY!

The saying which states that a picture is worth a thousand words is very appropriate as you look at this photograph of present day Afghanistan.

This is the "New Afghanistan" that USA supports, that US Imperialism built, helped, nurtured and spent billions of dollars to put into the helm of Afghanistan government. Of course, there was help from Pakistan, Turkey, England, France and other "freedom loving Western democracies".

When Soviet Union and its army went to help Afghanistan, having a treaty with the government, recognized by United Nations Organization – the West went berserk with outrage. Brzhezinsky, former US government big wig – a fanatic anti-socialist, anti-communist and we believe an anti-American people bigot – had himself photographed with a rifle pointing in the direction of Kabul (capital of Afghanistan) ... of course, nowhere near the fighting. After all, he was the organizer, why should he put his life on the line – let the poor people kill themselves, while he was sipping champagne!

Take a look at this photo again!

This is what the West supports! This is the kind of life that women are subjected to!

Islamic Fundamentalism is being promoted by Imperialism as a tool to subjugate people all over. Religious fundamentalism or fanaticism is nothing short of

fascism ... no more and no less!

The Taleban rule in Afghanistan and spreading in other countries, is a dangerous beginning which leads to dark ages rule.

Where is the outcry from the Churches? Women's groups? Where is the United Nations big wigs?

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Did you know that banks have received, by a law of the federal government, the terrible power to create brand new money, out of nothing, every time they make a loan? Thus, every time a bank writes down the amount of the loan in the account of the borrower, it is a new creation of money; it is just as if the bank had started a printing press and printed for itself as many dollar bills. At present, the Canadian Government only creates 5% of all new money in the country, while they, the chartered banks, create - at no cost to themselves - 95% of all the country's money, by a mere stroke of their pen; but these private banks write down all this new money as a debt on the backs of the Canadian people and as an asset to themselves. Therefore, the more we build up the country, the deeper in debt we go.

Of this, we can conclude that we do not owe the national debt that will soon reach \$600 billion, and we must erase it, since it is the result of a robbery, a trickery, a swindle; we only have to stop paying it. If the Bank of Canada was the only one to create money in the country, and if it created as much money as the value of all the goods and services offered to the Canadians, the citizens would no longer be choked to death by all kinds of taxes, but instead, each one of the 26 million Canadians would receive an \$800 monthly dividend, no matter if he has other incomes or not, and this \$800 would be new money created by the Bank of Canada, without a debt towards anybody.

Two quotations are given here to prove our views:

In the spring of 1939, Graham Towers, while he was governor of the Bank of Canada, asserted in front of the Government's Committee on Banking and Commerce: "Each and every time a bank makes a loan (or purchases securities) new bank credit is created – new deposits – brand new money." And then on three occasions: "It is a common error to believe that banks lend the money of their depositors. They do not do that at all."

And, on June 2, 1982, the Toronto Globe & Mail published an article that stated:

"In 1981, the [Canadian] banks as a whole made loans 32 times in excess of their combined capital" and "some banks lend amounts equal to 40 times their capital."

And what's worse, the banks want you to pay interest on the money they lent to you, and that they lend to governments. The banks have never created the money representing the interest, and they will never create it either. It is obvious that the way banks create money is a blatant swindle.

Jean-Pierre Richard
 St. Rougemont, Quebec

By the year 2000, 2 out of 3 Americans could be illiterate.

It's true.
Today, 75 million adults...
about one American in three,
can't read adequately. And by
the year 2000, U.S. News &
World Report envisions an
America with a literacy rate of
only 30%.

Opinions expressed by writers to NSC are not necessarily those of the publication.

FEATURE ANALYSIS





BRITAIN TODAY

Although the budget was presented by Kenneth Clarke on Tuesday November 26th, it was not until well into December that the full extent of its many deceptions were realised. Central to the Tory Party strategy was the reduction of the "basic" income tax band from 24 pence in the pound to 23 pence in the pound. This band is called the "basic" band although there is a lower band of 20 pence in the pound, which remains unaltered, as does the higher band at 40 pence in the pound.

An analysis published in the "Guardian" newspaper indicated that a single person earning £20,000 a year would be £5 a month better off, after taking into account all the other budget tax changes as well.

£20,000 a year, however, is well above the average income and the penny off the "basic" rate means nothing at all to the 1.35 millions on low pay who do not rise above the lower 20 pence band. Add to which it is estimated that there are seven million adults in Britain who are too poor to pay any income tax at all. So, no relief for the poorest 8.35 millions, though they will still have to pay Value Added Tax (VAT) on almost everything they buy, on some of which, insurance for instance,

VAT has now been increased – to help pay for the reduction in tax for middle-class voters in the run-up to the election.

In his budget speech, Kenneth Clarke said he was allowing 3.4 percent more for the police; 3.6 percent more for education; and 4.2 percent more for the fire services, all of which are undermanned. But the money for this will not be provided by the government. What Kenneth Clarke really meant was that he was allowing local authorities to spend these extra amount and that local councils will be expected to find the money. The government would be contributing £35.77 billion to local authority spending, which was anticipated to reach £46.66 billion. The difference of £9.9 billion, £600 million more than last year, will have to be raised by increases in local Council Taxes and/or by cuts in much-needed social services.

By describing changes in war pensions, in his speech, as "a simplification of procedures", Kenneth Clarke disguised the fact that he would be saving £50 million a year by blocking any increase in pensions for growing hearing loss due to war services. This could affect 10,000 war veterans every year. His argument was that as the years went by, hearing loss would become more marked anyway due to advancing age. But medical evidence showed that loss of hearing due to the noise of warfare could increase more rapidly than by advancing age alone. Said Jonathan Hazell, head of medical research at the Royal National Institute for Deaf People: "You could have the hearing of somebody of 50 or 60 at the age of 25." And this, less than a month after disabled war pensioners had limped or been pushed in wheelchairs past the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday.

The homeless will also be badly hit by the budget. The cut of £350 million from the Housing Corporation's building programme represents a loss of 27,000 homes that would otherwise have been built in Britain next year. And the extra tax on cars and lorries will mean increased prices for all the goods they carry. There will even be an increase in the cost of a licence to view the eternal parliamentary wrangles and debates on television.

So, for the people of Britain, there will be plenty to get agitated about in 1997!

The New Communist Party is against indirect taxation, such as VAT and excise taxes, because in proportion to people's incomes, these bear more heavily on the working class and even upon those who are unable to work by reason of unemployment, sickness or old age. It believes that the wealthy should bear the main burden of taxation; that this should be direct; and that the higher bands of income tax, abolished by the late Thatcher government, should be restored.

VAT runs at 17.5 percent on most purchases and some services. Once it has been instituted, it cannot be taken off without breaching European Union regulations – although it can be reduced to 5 percent. The Labour Party has promised to reduce VAT on fuel (gas and electricity) from 8.5 percent to 5 percent if it wins the coming General Election, but not to raise taxes for the very wealthy, except for the so-called "Windfall Tax" on the obscene profits.

A really progressive government would immediately reduce VAT on everything to 5 percent and make up the loss by increasing income tax in the restored higher bands – pending withdrawal from the European Union and the abolition of VAT entirely.

ITEMS FROM ABROAD

From: Lutsk, UKRAINE

Having found out the news about an attack against Northstar Compass, Canadian Friends of Soviet People and on you personally by correspondents Charodeev and Balabanov, I'm stating my solidarity with you friends and I'm very perturbed by these unwarranted accusations. I certainly am informing my friends here in order for them to take action against these attacks. I feel that these kinds of attacks are to be handled by law courts of Canada and people of that calibre should receive what the law demands.

Even a cursory glance at the article, you can see its underhanded and provocative essence.

Firstly, the article contains many falsehoods. As an example, the friendship association unites people who are friends of Soviet people, and not of Soviet Union. This is a cardinal difference that any lawyer can verify. If our country now is divided and splintered, its people so far are not, and will not be split. I, as one of those people, am very proud that I belong to a multinational Soviet people. I'm terribly hurt by the reactionary tone of this published libelous article.

Secondly, this material is meant to be insulting, and the provocative lies are aimed at Michael Lucas and all members of the Canadian Friends of Soviet People.

Thirdly, by seriously reading this article, the lies and innuendoes, you can understand how hard it is to work for you people, who promote friendship between people, in countries who are called Western "democracies".

Yes, unfortunately, Soviet Union does not appear on contemporary maps of the world. It was temporarily dismembered with the help of our Gorbachevs, Yakovlevs, Yeltsins, Shushkeviches and Krawchuks. But the Soviet people existed and shall always exist. Soviet way of thinking will go on! Our people did not sell out our Motherland. We are continuing our struggles.

Allow me in this, your days of sadness, to take your hand in mine and sincerely embrace you and kiss all of the friends of Northstar Compass.

With deep felt respect and wishes,
 Professor Vladimir Herasymchuk
 Lutsk, Ukraine

ON THE SHORES OF LAKE ONTARIO, THEY DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THERE'S NO MORE USSR, THEY'RE CORRECT!

This is just wishful thinking of the contemporary followers of traitors like Mazepa, Bandera and Vlasov that there's no longer a Soviet Union. These remnants as Charodeev and Balabanov¹, are

WAS NORTHSTAR COMPASS RIGHT ON THE MARK?

Of course we were! We stated that the actor waiting in the wings to enter centre stage was General Lebed!

In a news dispatch from Washington that interestingly did NOT get picked up by the daily media was the following:

LEBED IN WASHINGTON!

"General Lebed, former Security Council Secretary, met with Senators William Roth and Robert Smith in Washington on January 20, 1997. Roth, who is also president of the North Atlantic Assembly which groups together legislators from all 16 NATO countries, characterized Lebed's position on NATO expansion as somewhat flexible. He said that Lebed suggested that Russia "voluntarily isolated itself" with its current stance on NATO expansion. On the same day, Lebed attended U.S. President Clinton's inauguration ceremony.

Major Russian television networks either ignored or gave unfavorable coverage to this visit. Lebed told NTV that he was "modestly" representing Russia at the inauguration, since the president, prime minister, and chief of staff were not present."

(OMRI Daily Digest)

Now, anyone with two brain cells between the ears knows fully well that NO ONE just happens to be present in an official capacity at the President of USA inauguration without a specific U.S. government's request! No one meets with heads of NATO Assembly without an invitation that is concurred by Yeltsin or Chernomyrdin!

Every head of State or their Deputies were present at this event, except from Russia! Lebed was there officially, with the connivance of USA Government, NATO, Pentagon and powers behind the scenes in Moscow!

Yes, General (Pinochet) Lebed is already getting his cue to come from the wings onto the centre stage!

And ... what is the tie-in between Lebed, Rutskoi and Yeltsin?

capable only to smear and muddy in blood and dirt our understanding of "communism" and "democracy", content to sleep and eat during the hours of tremendous hardships for the people. Only in Ukraine during 1996 there took place over 4,700 murders, while the advisors, both internal and foreign around president Kuchma of Ukraine, are determined to drag Ukraine into NATO against the wishes of its people.

For us, Soviet people, sons and grandsons and grand daughters of Lenin and Stalin, Zhukov and Karbyshev, USSR was, is and always will be. From 2,278 people surveyed not too long ago in the Kozankov district by the committee of the Communist Party of Ukraine (Nikolaev Region), 2,263 (that is, 99.4%) replied that they want the resurrection of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. Only 15 people of the total interviewed (that is, 0.6%) were against.2 Therefore, Misters ... do not hurry to delete USSR from any map of the world!

Today, our Motherland is again being defended by Soviet comrades as they did during the Great Patriotic War. With five medals of highest decorations for "Personal Bravery", the German Reich (Admiral Canaris) decorated the "German" secret service agent "Saturn" – our Soviet legendary secret service agent Alexander Ivanovich Kozlov. About this unprecedented heroism and dedication to the Soviet Union and socialism, the film industry of USSR during 1960s made films, such as "Road to 'Saturn'" and "End of 'Saturn'". At that time, Alexander Ivanovich was only 22 years old. For many years after the end of the war, he worked in building roads all over the USSR.

"We were very proud of the strength of our Motherland – said Alexander Ivanovich – its future and its socialist path, which was going forward. We were truly proud, and much dependent on this proudness and dedication. Only a fool or an opportunist can believe otherwise or act otherwise ... Today, we are hurt for what happened to our



Soviet Patriot

A. Kozlov in uniform of an officer of
German Secret Service (1944)

country and the hardships for the people. Tragic is the feeling of all patriots, because we do not choose our Motherland, a person has only one Motherland."³

And we shall be certain of that – we will resurrect our great and

mighty land, which is called Soviet Union, which defeated fascism which in turn was supported and financed by dollars from USA and other capitalist countries.

We shall remember and honour the real friends of Soviet people, living on the shores of Ontario and other countries. These friends were the FIRST abroad who arose to defend our Motherland – Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

THE DISMEMBERMENT OF USSR-THIS IS A HISTORICAL STEP BACKWARDS. IF WE DO NOT DEFEND THE SOVIET UNION, WORLD CIVILIZATION WILL PERISH!

- Galina Savchenko
 Member, CC AUP[B]
 Chairperson,
 "Movement for USSR"
- 1. G. Charodeev, A. Balebanov correspondents-anti-Sovieteers from newspaper "Village Life".
- 2. "Workers Nikolaevshina", December 1996, No. 20.

3. "Kuban News", July 24, 1995.

From Newspaper: "YEDINSTVO", Orel, Russia INFORMATIONAL REPORT

December 29, 1996 in Leningrad, there took place an official meeting of Nina Andreeva, General Secretary of the All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks and Victor Anpilov of "Workers Russia" Movement.

There was a constructive exchange of opinions and meeting of minds regarding the situation in the communist and workers movements in Russia and other former Soviet Republics.

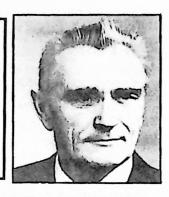
There was reached an agreement about coordinating of

joint undertakings between AUCPB and "Workers Russia" Movement in all cities, towns and villages.

It was agreed that it is absolutely necessary for the leaders of both AUCPB and "Workers Russia" to meet on a regular basis in order to jointly struggle for socialism and the resurrection of the Soviet Union.

OUR COMMENT: We wish this effort success and we hope that in the very near future, all other progressive, patriotic and communist parties and movements will also take steps for unifying their activities against the enemies!

PROFESSOR VLADIMIR Herasymchuk



LIFE AS MEANS OF POLITICS

On November 17th. "independent" Ukraine celebrated the Day of Agricultural farmer. The congratulatory speeches of present governmental leaders during that day were promoted with high praises. But in actual fact, the present situation in the agricultural sector reminds one of conditions during the height of the Great Patriotic War or the destruction found after the war was finished. All was in ruins after 4 years of bloodshed. In spite of the "future seekers" or the capitalist "prophets", inside of 5 years, Soviet people rebuilt the industry and agriculture ruined by war. After that, Ukraine agricultural sector moved rapidly upwards and Ukraine became one of the leading agricultural countries in the world. But the present press media did not bother to present these tremendous feats of construction.

But, during the present bourgeois-nationalistic "freedom", these elements were given unlimited rights to the mafiosi structures in their robbery of the gains of the working class. In the first five years of this "independence", the grain production fell off by more than twice, meat, 2-3 times less. The workers production in agriculture is catastrophically low. The dynamics in the production of wheat and meat in Ukraine is shown in the table

below, which is taken from the newspaper "Tovarish", organ of the Socialist Party. The statistics herein could be a bit different than previously published by newspaper "Tovarish", since that time, the situation has worsened.

do not look at the situation realistically, which question is the most important in my election program ... land should belong to the people that work on it, and I will do all in my power if I should be elected President that the land

DYNAMICS OF PRODUCTION OF GRAIN AND MEAT IN UKRAINE

INDEX	1940	1950	1960	1970	. 1980	1990	1995 (p	1996 prediction)
Wheat (millions)	26.4	20.4	21.8	36.4	41.5	51.0	33.9	25.0
• per capita ki.	639	558	520	773	883	985	666	495
• meat (millions)	1.13	1.31	2.07	2.85	3.50	4.36	2.56	1.9
• per capita kl.	27.4	35.8	49.4	60.5	70.3	84.1	50.2	37.6

Do the present rulers see the dangerous fall in production and the effect that this will have? Of course they do! When present president Kuchma was a people's deputy and a candidate for the President of Ukraine, he stated in June of 1994 the following: "I fully understand speaking to representatives of leaders of collective and state farms - that it is only through hard work of the farmers that the village is still intact, and also the state as a whole. And I know that it is becoming harder and harder to live due to the present government's policies, and we cannot allow a catastrophic situation to develop. From the government's TV and press, there's a constant barrage of demagogic lies, which goes against reality. They're trying to convince all the world that things are in good shape, everything is fine in the agricultural sector." ("Tovarish" newspaper, November 15, 1996)

How concrete and truthfully Kuchma stated the situation then. He predicted this catastrophe. He continued: "Regarding myself, the press and TV are under control of Krawchuk (former President). They lie about the agrarian question, they

will not be allowed to be sold or bought or that the land should not be bought at outrageously under-valued price and then sold for a profit to go into private pockets. I am against this situation categorically and I would not allow the dismemberment of the collective and state farms ... Therefore, I guarantee that in case I should be elected President, the state will guarantee that this shall not be done and that the state organs shall give all the help in machinery, oil, techniques and fertilizers, will guarantee that the state will purchase the products of the collective and state farms."

O, gods! Please help us to find THAT Kuchma that spoke in June of 1994, who threatened that he would do short shrift with the growing mafia! It's a fact now, that whatever Kuchma said at that time was a lie. As the above table of facts show, the production of wheat and meat in the country has fallen off by at least 1/4. The farms are going bankrupt, no new machinery or technology or fertilizers. The land is being bought by mafiosi elements. The financial situation of the remaining farms is catastrophic. Majority of the

collective and state farms declared bankruptcy. The pay in the agricultural collectives now is just symbolic.

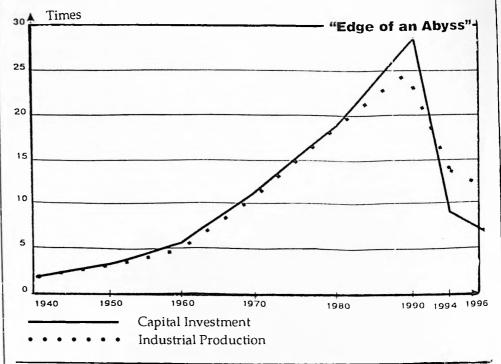
The production of the so-called "private farms" is even worse than the other sectors. The plan is to sell off the land to private and foreign investors. Because of Kuchma policies, the agricultural production has fallen to such a low point that Ukraine has to import food.

About today's situation in this "independent" Ukraine is the following fact. During the Currency Reform, when the so-called coupons were being exchanged for the new money "grivny", only 40% of the population came to exchange their coupons. The rest, as was noted by Lazarenko, Prime Minister of Ukraine, did not have any coupons to exchange for grivny!

What is the government doing about this situation? Kuchma stated that the unpaid wages will be put into the bank books of those that did not get paid, much later. He promised that from October 1, he would make certain that all of the back pay was paid, without any delay. But we are now in the New Year 1997 – and the situation remains the same, as critical as it was before, only worse. It is a fact that again, people heard outright LIES!

... And under an accompaniment of liars, a complete robbery of the people is taking place. During 1995 from Ukraine, over 200,000 head of cattle were taken out. What do the ordinary farmers have from this? Absolutely nothing! This is happening when there is constant fall off of cattle breeding in the country. In 1991, on the collective, there were over 25 million head of cattle, but at the beginning of 1996, there were only 17 million. As one of the "family member" of Kuchma stated before [Gorbachev], "the process went ahead" ...

DYNAMICS OF PRODUCTIVITY OF RUSSIAN REPUBLIC ECONOMY FROM 1940–1996



Ending this article, I would like to appeal to our foreign readers. Dear friends! We fully understand that in your daily life, there are more than enough problems. We also understand that these problems could only be solved by socialism. This was shown by the experience of our Socialist Motherland. Nevertheless, can this happen - let's say in USA, France or Germany or Canada - where the workers for many many months would not get paid? What would the workers of your country do? Would your government be able to survive and hold on to their governmental posts? ... But our presidents are alive, living and proceeding to do their evil deeds. Our people are complaining, but they still persevere. Our people have got accustomed, that the Soviet State will look after them in all aspects. But unfortunately, our people still did not realize that the present State is another state ... full of liars at the helm ...

But the wheel of history keeps on turning ahead. This wheel,

sooner than later, will throw off these tyrants and liars. Rule of the world will definitely become Free Labour and Free Man.

SHELLENBERG ABOUT THE CONSPIRACY OF TUKHACHEVSKY

In the present situation of masked anti-communism and attacks, organized by those that find themselves at present at the helm of government, the so-called "democrats" are in the midst of a hysterical campaign aimed at the communists and Soviet people. Today's press is over-filled with all sorts of fantasies, falsehoods, falsified documents, pseudo-witnesses called upon to besmirch the glorious path of Soviet people. The main role is being played by the rehabilitation of those that were tried and sentenced by the Soviet Union for their anti-state activities. We, of course,

understand that during 1930s in USSR, there was taking place a sharp class struggle. During those times, even in the organs of control of the State, there were many instances when the Trotskyites, Bukharinites, other like-minded anti-state elements did great harm. Therefore, unfortunately in jails, there were sometimes innocent workers and patriots, Bolsheviks, due to the hidden elements inside the security organs who did all in their power to get the dedicated Bolsheviks jailed, executed and thus eliminate these comrades from exposing the evil deeds of the traitors. Of course, these elements should be rehabilitated. As an example, many Soviet citizens were proven correct, let out of jails where they were put by Yezhov and his cohorts. In 1939, from jails and camps let out 327,400 people were let out. Each case was looked upon and dwelt into in order to let out the innocent victims of these anti-state provocateurs who were caught, jailed and then sentenced to their well-deserved punishment. But the present elements try to gain points in their anti-communist hysteria.

I am no lawyer. To concretize all facts after 60 years is practically impossible. I want to just give some examples after we read through the memoirs of a certain SS General (German), who was in charge of former German Political Intelligence and counter-intelligence section of the SS, General Walter Shellenberg. I am sure that the reader of Northstar Compass will not expect any good words, appreciation or sympathy of this General towards communism or to Stalin. This excerpt is about Marshal Tukhachevsky, who was tried, sentenced to be shot in 1937 for being a spy for the benefit of Germany.

In those memoirs, it is shown that in Germany, there existed two

opposed political groupings. They had different attitudes and plans for attacking and dismembering the Soviet Union. From 1923 between the Reichstag and Red Army, there took place military exchanges of information. German industrialists had in their minds the joint actions and cooperation between the so-called civilized nations against Bolshevism. At this time, these two groups united as if of one mind, their strategic aim was – liquidate the USSR.

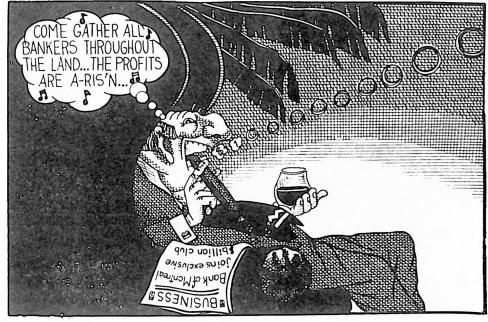
General Shellenberg was actively seeking his like-minded conspirators in Moscow. Shellenberg wrote that Heinrich, who was the organizer and leader of the dreaded SD, received information that Marshal of Soviet Union, Tukhachevsky, together with German General Staff, is planning a coup against Stalin's regime. About this, Hitler was informed.

What did Hitler think and do? The author of these memoirs wrote that in front of Hitler, there was a dilemma: to unite with Western powers or to go against them – that is, to support Tukhachevsky about

his readiness to start action against Stalin. Of course, German Reich was very much interested in the overthrow of the Soviet state. This of course meant that according to Shellenberg, COMPLETE LIQUIDATION OF RUSSIA AS A WORLD STATE. Then why is it that Hitler did not support Tukhachevsky in his plans to liquidate Stalin and the USSR?

"Defeat was the worry," wrote Shellenberg - "could have at that early time got Germany into war with the USSR." The Reich at that time was not yet ready for war with the Soviet Union. Thus, Hitler decided to go against Tukhachevsky. His [Hitler] decision, wrote the former General, was to support Stalin and not Tukhachevsky and those German generals who supported Tukhachevsky. This was the most important decision made during those days. This of course forced Germany and USSR to become partners and signing of the nonaggression pact. Therefore, Hitler attacked the West, who were his backers, his confidants and his

HOW SWEET IT IS! While unemployment grows, education, health care and other services gained by truggles of the working class are eliminated, the Banks are raking in tremendous profits in capitalist countries at the expense of the working class. Monopoly capitalism must be eliminated! Halifax Herald, Dec. 1996 – Thanks to Vic Ratsma.



political friends, but he felt that the West was weaker and an easier prize – would not fight the German conquerors, as facts pointed out, with few exceptions.

German General Staff, whose who were certain of great danger for Germany if they prematurely attacked the USSR, according to the book by Shellenberg, put into plan a scheme initiated by Heinrich who sent two groups to secretly go into the secret archives of the General Staff to cooperate with Tukhachevsky and the officers of the Red Army. In order to cover their deeds, the archives were burned – the two groups left undetected.

This information of planned attack against Stalin was given to Moscow in the middle of May 1937. On June 4, Tukhachevsky was arrested, tried and executed.

Of course, it is hard to verify or to believe everything Shellenberg wrote in his memoirs. People should look at all of these facts and information as a whole. It would be more than unusual to have this SS General try to cooperate and defend Bolsheviks! It is a fact, that the "fifth column" which was responsible for the disintegration of the USSR together with foreign help, got its start not only from Gorbachev, and not only from Krushchev, but much earlier. In pre-war years, it is a great feat of Socialism that these elements were liquidated. But in today's situation and time, the seeds of traitors sprouted again. The cornfield of life asks for help. We are certain and we believe time is not far off, when our people will again give birth to happiness, joy and freedom to work.

YOU HAVE AN OPINION ABOUT NSC? WRITE!

A REPORT:

THE INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR MODERN COMMUNIST DOCTRINE DEVELOPMENT

PRESS RELEASE
of the Central Committee of the
International Centre of
Development of Contemporary
Communist Doctrine

On November 8-10, the first international conference on "Class Approach in the Contemporary Communist Movement" was held in Moscow. The conference was organized by the International Centre on the Development of the Contemporary Communist Doctrine.

Representatives of 32 Russian organizations of Communist orientation, as well as the Communists from Byelorussia, Georgia, Uzbekistan, Ukraine participated in the discussion of the issues of the Marxist theory of Classes and Class Struggle. Also attending were the Communists from Germany, India, Italy, Spain, Kurdistan, Turkey, Yugoslavia and South Korea.

The academics from the Russian Scientists of the Socialist Orientation, from the Federation of Scholars of the Communist Orientation of the Universities and Research Institutes, from the School of Logic and History, Fetisov's Group, Tehertaev's Group and others also attended.

The Communists and Communist organizations from Brazil, Canada, New Zealand and Philippines sent papers to the conference.

All in all, 40 papers were presented to the conference and 15 participants spoke at the plenary meetings.

Participants of the conference were greeted by a member of the Russian Parliament, the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the "Labour's Russia" movement, member of the Central Committee of the Russian Communist Worker's Party, Vladimir Grigoriev. It was also greeted by the representatives of Georgia, Uzbekistan, the Ukraine, Northern Osetia, Germany, India, Italy, Kurdistan, Turkey, Yugoslavia and others.

The messages of greetings were sent by the deputy of the State Duma (the Parliament) of the Russian Federation, member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation, Teymuras Avaliany, by Communist Parties of Britain, Belgium, Canada, Norway, New Zealand, Philippines, Japan, by individual members of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation from various regions of Russia.

The majority of the participants in the conference spoke of the importance of class approach as a method of scientific analyses of public phenomena and historic events in the struggle for the creation of the classless Communist society. They condemned the revisionist essence of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union in the post-Stalinist period which abandoned the class positions and thereby contributed to the defeat of nearly all Communist Parties by the Right-wing opportunists and social-reformists. This caused major damage to the World Communist Movement.

The participants in the conference confirmed their commitment to the Marxist-Leninist teaching that the class struggle of the exploited masses against the exploiters serves as a mechanism of development of class society into a classless society while the contemporary working class armed with the Marxist-Leninist

theory should play the vanguard role.

Many speakers called for the intensification of the ideological struggle against the revision of the revolutionary essence of Marxism, against the concepts of Class co-operation and Class harmony advanced by the bourgeois, reformist and opportunist parties.

The participants spoke of the need to form a united Communist party of a Bolshevik type based on the Marxist-Leninist platform.

The conference adopted the attached resolution as well as the appeals in support of political prisoners held in jails by repressive regimes of Turkey, Latvia and Lithuania.

RESOLUTION

"Class Approach in the Contemporary Communist Movement"

We, the participants of the International Conference "Class Approach in the Contemporary Communist Movement", representatives of social associations, unwaveringly upholding the basic principles of Marxism-Leninism, having discussed questions of the theory of class struggle, have reached a general opinion that the method of class approach - that is, the analysis of social events, historical events, behaviour and activities of people from class position - is decisive for social associations which call themselves communist.

The attempts to refute this method from the side of the rightist forces and socio-reformist currents inside the communist movement have wrought enormous harm to the general forward movement for the establishment of communist relations and must receive the determined ideological rebuff from communists.

Revision of Marxism in this

matter, ignoring the method of class evaluation of social events always has led and leads to the deformation of social consciousness, the appearance of cosmopolitism, chauvinism, nationalism and open fascism, or leads to dead-end for the enormous masses of people, who are deceived by anti-Communist propaganda.

The participants of the conference confirm their adherence to the understanding of Marxist science that the mechanism for the forward development of class-divided society is class struggle, in which the role of moving and directing force is played by the contemporary working class armed with the Marxist-Leninist ideology.

The participants of the

conference recognize the necessity of struggle against concepts of class collaboration and agreement between exploiters and exploited, systematically disseminated by bourgeois, reformist and opportunist parties.

The participants of the conference ardently confirm their adherence to the principles of Marxism listed below and only on their basis see the possibility of uniting genuine revolutionary in essence communist movement:

• Unreservedly recognizing the Marxism-Leninism as the truly scientific teaching on the ways of construction of new communist civilization, unwavering defence of it from revisionism and opportunism

Demonstrations, pickets, protests, meetings, strikes are taking place all over the former Soviet Union! In every former Soviet Republic, people are beginning to organize towards the all-important unity of communist, socialist and patriotic forces. More and more pictures of Stalin appear in the hands of demonstrators.



and at the same time its development by taking into account the objectively changing conditions.

- Unbiased evaluation and defending from attacks the heritage of Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin and their successors.
- Sharp struggle against the deviations from the revolutionary essence of Marxism.
- Recognition of the objective inevitability of the revolutionary dictatorship of the proletariat in the transition from capitalism to communism.
- Full and unconditional recognition of the right of nation to self-determination up to the point of secession on the understanding of Marx, Lenin and Stalin.
- Fully rejects and determinably struggles against discrimination on the grounds of gender, race and nationality.
- Necessity of disseminating the dialectical materialism, political economy and historical materialism as well as the revolutionary practice of Marxism in the working class in opposition to philosophy-idealist conceptions.

We reiterate the necessity of the abolition of classes under socialism in the process of communism construction along with the abolition of commodity production and exchange.

"Workers of the world, unite!"

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS and Organizations which have sent Contributions

- Russian Communist Workers Party
- All Union Communist Party (Bolshevik)
- Union of Communist Parties CPSU
- Russian Communist Party CPSU
- Russian Party of Communists
- Communist Party of Russian Federation
- Russian Worker's and Peasantry Party

- Proletariat Communist Party of USSR
- Union of Communists
- •Leninist-Stalinist Bolshevik Party
- International Worker's Party
- Marxist Worker's Party
- Marxist Platform
- · Bolshevik Platform in CPSU
- Leninist Platform in Communist Movement
- All-Union Leninist Young Communist League
- Russian Young Communist League
- All-Union Communist Revolutionary Worker's Bolshevik Guards
- The Youth Department of CPRF
- United Toiler's Front
- Union of National Resistance
- Executive Council of the Congress of the Soviet Citizens
- Union of Officers
- Union of Soviet Officers
- Union of Officers for the Soviet Motherland
- Union of Left-wing Forces
- Left Russia
- Labour Moscow
- Labour Capital
- Revolutionary Worker's Movement
- Russian Council of Workers
- "Zatshita-Centre" Trade-Union
- Russian Scientists of the Social Orientation
- School of History and Logic
- Fetisov Group
- Tchartaev Group
- Federation of Scholars of the Communist Orientation of Universities and Research Institutes
- Communist Party of Germany
- Revolutionary Democracy (India)
- International Centre for the Formation of Modern Communist Doctrine (Spain)
- International Committee for the Restoration of the Soviet Union (Spain)
- Organizzazione per il Partito Comunista del proletariato d'Italia
- Comitato di Solidarieta con i comunisti russi PKK (Kurdistan)

- Marxist-Leninist Communist Party of Turkey
- CP of Yugoslavia
- School of History and Logic (South Korea)
- PCR (Brazil)
- Alliance Marxists-Leninist (Canada)
- Communist Party of the Philippines
- Canadian Friends of Soviet People
- New Zealand Marxist-Leninist Collective (Communist Party of New Zealand Reconstruction Collective)
- New Communist Party of Britain
- Communist League (Britain)
- Association of Communist Workers (Britain)
- Communist Party of Japan (Left)
- Arbeidens kommunistparti (Norway)
- Coordinacion Communiste pour le renouveau revolutionnaire du PCF (France)

In December 1996, the below listed participants at the International Conference of Marxist-Leninist Parties and Organizations which was held in Dominican Republic, gave their support for the resolutions of the Moscow Conference:

- CP of Albania
- CP of Benin
- Revolutionary CP of Volta (Burkina Faso)
- CP of Colombia (M-L)
- CPML of Ecuador
- Communist Organization October of Spain
- Communist Workers Party of France
- CP of Mexico (ML)
- Marxist Organisation Revolutiona of Norway
- Communist Workers Party of Dominican Republic
- Communist Workers Party of Tunisia
- Revolutionary CP of Turkey
- Bandera Roja (Venezuela)

RESOLUTION ON TURKEY

The fascist regime of Turkish ruling classes in the service of US and Western European imperialists has been waging an undeclared war against workers and peoples of Turkey and Northern Kurdistan for years. Forceful evacuation of more than 2,000 villages, transformation of Kurdish cities and towns into military barracks and burning of forests in Northern Kurdistan massacres of Kurdish peasants and workers, extra-judicial killings and summary executions of communist and revolutionary militants, of Kurdish guerillas, widespread disappearances, beating and killing of revolutionary political prisoners systematic torture and massacres directed against all revolutionary and progressive sections of the population are the ugly features of Turkish reaction. Kurdish and Turkish workers and peoples, however, do not surrender in the face of this fascist and militarist onslaught. On the contrary, they are fighting bravely against the white

terror of the regime on all fronts, and are dealing heavy blows at it.

The International Conference on "Class Analysis in the Modern Communist Movement" condemns the atrocities of Turkish fascist regime and its imperialist masters against Kurdish and Turkish workers and toilers in general and thousands of communist, anti-fascist and national liberation freedom captives in particular. It calls on workers and peoples the world over to protest against this regime of butchers, torturers and hangmen, and to support the struggles of communist, revolutionary and national liberation forces for democracy, national liberation, revolution and socialism.

STOP POLITICAL PERSECUTION IN LITHUANIA JOINT STATEMENT

We, participants in the International Conference "The Class Approach in the Contemporary Communist Movement", express our deep concern over the political trial of the leaders of the Communist Party of

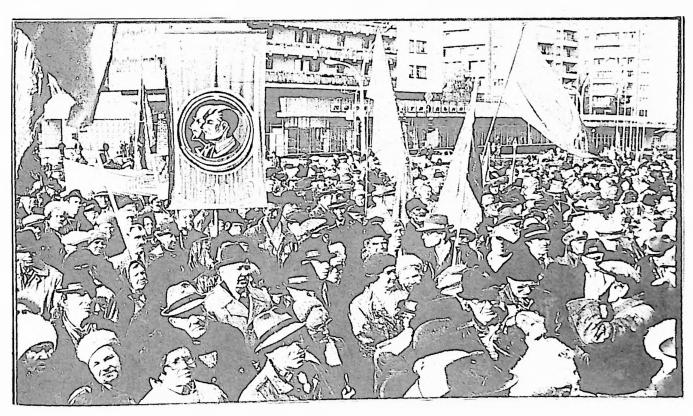
Lithuania (PCL) which starts on November 12 in Vilnius – the capital of Lithuania.

The 6 persons standing trial including the 1st Secretary of the Central Committee of the CPL.

M. Burokjavitchjus are accused of their role in the events on January 13, 1991 in Vilnius. But they were acting fully within the laws of the USSR of which Lithuania was part until September, 1991. They were also acting on the instructions on the then USSR President, M. Gorbachev who bears full responsibility for the developments in 1991.

Therefore, this trial should be regarded as a clear example of an attempt by Lithuanian authorities to harass and suppress political opposition. Mr. V. Landsbergis, the leader of the Right forces which have won the recent parliamentary elections in Lithuania has already called them criminals. This kind of political atmosphere is not conducive to impartial, objective and fair trial.

Cde. M. Burokiavitchjus as well as his co-trialist cde., J. Ermalavitchjus



were kidnapped from a neighbouring country in January 1994 and held in detention without court trial for nearly three years in violation of Lithuanian and international laws.

They are accused of state treason which by Lithuanian laws might lead to death penalty. We believe that this case should become subject of investigation by the international human rights organizations.

We resolutely condemn the persecution of political opponents by the present Lithuanian regime.

We appeal to the UN Human Rights Commission, to the Council of Europe, to the Commission on Human Rights of the Organization on Security and Cooperation in Europe, to the UNESCO Committee on Conventions and Recommendations and other international and national governmental organizations and NGOs to start monitoring the above mentioned trial because there are serious reasons to believe that the court will act under a strong political pressure and will not be able to act objectively.

We are calling on the parties and organizations which have representatives in their respective parliaments to raise this issue with them and through them with the parliament of the Republic of Lithuania.

We are confirming that we shall join the broad international solidarity campaign with cde., M. Burokjavitchjus and other political trialists in Lithuania.

From Newspaper: "FOR USSR" Moscow

"An American scientist Rene in his research paper alleges that his countrymen (Americans) did not land on the Moon as was announced to the whole world – (the walk on the Moon), that it was a simulation performed on earth in a scientific pavilion. According to his and other scientists' calculations, in order to stay alive on the Moon from the Sun's radiation, you should be surrounded by a wall (or clothing) that is solid lead measuring not less than 80 centimetres in width.

Eleven American astronauts, who did not agree on this falsification, for one reason or another, inside of one year, they all died!"

If this is true, it reminds one of the witnesses or participants in the assassination of former President Kennedy – every single witness died under mysterious circumstances.

WAR IN CHECHNIYA IS IN THE INTEREST OF USA

"... Conflict in Chechniya is needed by us, because it could be utilized for our geopolitical weakening of Russia."

William Safire
 Political observer in USA
 newspaper New York Times

" ... Events in Chechniya must be looked upon as a break-up, not of the Soviet Union, but of Russia now. The great events of 1989-1991 prepared the ground for the second break-up, the results of which should leave Russia proper with only a small piece."

Joe Klein
 Political observer of USA
 Newsweek magazine

From Newspaper:
"VOICE OF A COMMUNIST"
Moscow

WHERE IS CPRF GOING – GREAT SECRET?

(Communist Party of Russian Federation)

"Communists today are also for privatization."

All fractions in the Russian Duma (Parliament) agreed upon

privatization – even the Communist fraction (Zyuganov), who always wanted to nationalize private enterprises.

In the present Russian Duma, there was never a case where all of the many parties agreed unanimously, but in a vote on privatization, everyone agreed without hardly any opposition. Facts are facts – inside of two weeks, the law was formulated, debated, agreed upon. The spokesman for the CPRF gleefully stated that this "privatization" bill was "very good and exemplary piece of legislature, so that we communists agreed upon it."

"Commercial Daily", November 23, 1996

INFORMATION FROM USA SOURCES

"We are of course aware that the leadership of the CPRF cooperates with the present regime and agreed with Yeltsin to replace Lebed, also to appoint Rybkin and Chernomyrdin. This shows that the communist block and the national-patriotic front are part and parcel of the government establishment ..."

"Izvestia", November 10, 1996

"BIG BUSINESS AS A FEEDING TROUGH FOR PARLIAMENTARY OPPOSITION"

"Right from the start of its establishment, the CPRF (Communist Party of Russian Federation) stated that Russian big business interests is to them a holy cow that can be milked. Even in 1993, Zyuganov stated that communists must unite with business interests. Different forms of ownership must be the basis of our program. This marrying of private and state businesses is based on the former Dictator Pinochet of Chile format. CPRF is a right-wing social democratic party

with a very strong nationalist tinge. The financial support to CPRF is the "Russian-American University" sponsored and funded by multibillionaire Soros. Leadership role in the CC of CPRF are extremely rich businessmen as G. Khodorev, N.N. Daniliuk, a banking tycoon, Kazarev, etc., etc.

The composition of CPRF Duma fraction is thus: 64 businessmen, 76 leaders of enterprises and leaders of CPRF and only 27 workers from industry."

"Workers Movement", No. 4, 1996

"PREDAWN FIRES"

Dear reader:

In last issue of NSC, we had an interesting article from the new newspaper "Predawn Fires"

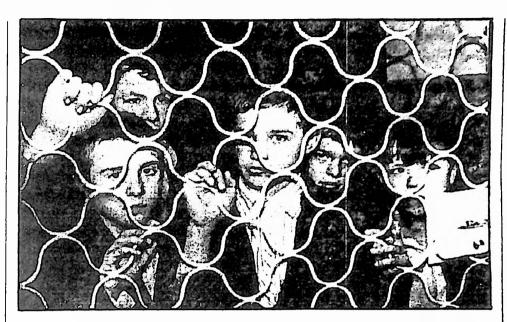


(Dosvitni Ohni) organ of the Progressive Socialist Party of Ukraine. Below, we publish the masthead of this newspaper!

From Newspaper: "BITTER TRUTH" Ukraine

LOST YOUTH IN "INDEPENDENT" UKRAINE!

If you have enough strength to look into these children's eyes behind bars – look at them! Very young offenders are multiplying with every month. Their blame is that society has abandoned them, that they have no family, that they



were hungry and had to steal in order to subsist.

All the terrible plight of the present system in Ukraine is self evident first of all on the youngest, the weak and unprotected members of our society.

This is the price that we pay in building and supporting this terrible capitalism.

With no shelter, with no home, they are now not even noticed or the state tries to forget them.

But, look again – in train stations, in under passes, abandoned buildings – and you shall see a picture of terrible situations, even worse than in films that are frightful.



Look into these faces! They're the product of present day capitalism in former USSR.

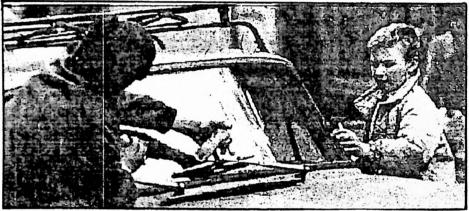


Exploitation of the invalids and deformed is amongst us, those that stand behind their exploitation. Even these youngsters forced to beg on the streets and pay protection money to the mafia.

Even though some might find temporary work on the streets, instead of a planned youth life, they form the essence of a life that leads to stealing. How many of these children have lost their youth already?

This is the "market economy" that the West supports in former USSR!





From Newspaper: "IDEAS AND PEOPLE" Moscow

This newspaper, far from being "left-wing", nevertheless has an excellent analysis of over 10,000 words which looks into the present problems of Russian from a political, economic, cultural and pragmatic point of view.

It's titled: "SUCCESSES OF DEVELOPMENT OF FEUDALISM IN RUSSIA" by Igor Gundarov. This headline should give you an idea right away as to the essence of this well researched and documented article.

Here are just a few snips of information that our readers will find interesting!

• Gorbachev, Yeltsin, Gaidar and all other leaders of former USSR stated when they dismembered the Soviet Union (this finalized by Yeltsin on November 3, 1991), because socialism cannot and could not produce enough goods for the benefit of all the people, therefore, "reforms" were needed to establish a market economy.

• The propaganda was that Russia will become a developed "civilized capitalist" country. From that time on, more and more questions are being asked, even by the people that were taken in by this "manna from heaven" – as to "What kind of society are we building?"

Even the architects of this "civilized capitalism" now state that "This is not what we thought we're going to build!"

• Russia today is building (or has practically built) a step backwards towards feudalism, where people were practically slaves to the "lord", "bankers", "landowners", "crooked privateers", etc. The economy is in such a state of

disarray that there is no possibility for it to develop into "modern capitalist system".

• Facts are given of the terrible economic hardships, hunger, sickness due to lack of medicines, health services and lack of proper food nourishments.

The one fact that will illustrate this graphically is that pregnant women give birth to retarded, deformed and malnourished children due to the hardships of food ... this grew in the last year by a staggering 5 times!

- Besides chronic unemployment, the method of enrichment of the present ruling class is that they withhold payment to millions of workers for 3-4-5 months on end, thus making the working class even worse off than it was under feudalism.
- In this "reformed Russia (feudalism), the ruling class was able to accumulate such phenomenal wealth in 1-2 years that they could buy outright a Seaway Port, Industrial giants such as ZIL, etc. This is a criminal class that developed capitalist countries could only envy, since in no other country is such wealth able to be taken away from the people in such a short time!
- The situation at the present moment is so regressive for the 150 million population of Russia, that there is no guarantee that this regress towards the first stages of feudalism will be stopped without a revolutionary upheaval.

Below, we publish a graph that will show the dynamics of growth of capital investments by Soviet Union-socialism and the manufacturing sector which grew in proportion to investment, until 1990 when it took such a drastic drop that it reached the backward feudal stages of development.

DEAR READER: This complete

article should be translated and published by NSC. We cannot do this unless the Dr. A.J. Thut's Sustaining Fund is reached.

We are close to \$9,500 in debt which we had to borrow in order to pay our bills!

If you really appreciate and value what NSC is doing, please HELP!





From Newspaper: "MOLNIYA"
Moscow

HELP! LET'S ESTABLISH A SOVIET TELEVISION STATION

In accordance with the 5th Conference of "Workers Russia", a campaign for financial donations to the Fund for Soviet TV was opened in November 1996, to be concluded on November 7, 1997. The donations tto this Fund will be regularly published in Molniya, showing the gradual filling up of the 3 stars. Every star symbolizes a sum which is imperative to us to be able to establish a Soviet TV Station.

BOTTOM STAR: represents 500 million rubles – which will get us the modern technological computer print presses and typesetting machinery;

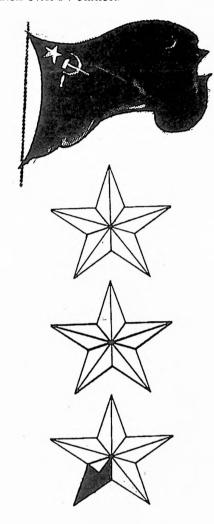
MIDDLE STAR: 25 billion rubles

– to establish a radio station
technology and a relay of radio
tramsmitters across the country;

TOP STAR: 250 billion rubles

is enough to establish the central TV studios and technical staff.

If – let us suppose – every person that voted for the communists in the last elections will give only 10,000 rubles, our Soviet people will have their own TV station.



Party meeting of Soviet district of Moscow of the Russian Communist Workers Party[B] have already given the TV Fund 150,000 rubles and appealed to all Soviet communists to do likewise.

Many individual comrades have given to this fund. Others will follow.

By November 7 of 1996, we have already gathered in over 25 million rubles.

LET US MAKE CERTAIN THAT THE 3 STARS BECOME RED ALL OVER!

 Chairman of Executive Committee Workers Russia Victor Anpilov

Any donations should be sent to NSC and we shall pass them on through proper channels.

FELIX Gorelik



NO! TO CAPITALISM!

HOW LUGANSK CELEBRATED THE 79TH ANNIVERSARY OF GREAT OCTOBER

The temperature of and the feelings of workers of Lugansk more and more are beginning to boil over. One of the biggest and important industrial centres of Ukraine was paralyzed. factories, due to the present market economy, are working only 9.5%-10% capacity. Majority of workers and engineers did not get paid for work done for many months; they, in actual fact, are the new slave labour. Hospitals and clinics are closing down, as well as children's kindergartens. All sections of the population are unemployed, including doctors, engineers. Teachers are forced to become small goods traders in the market in order to feed their families, while at the same time, the mafiosi have taken into their hands the authority in the city. At its head is the Mayor and his friends - heads of gangsters, building for themselves practically castles, taking over stores,

restaurants, storage facilities, factories, while travelling through the city with their "Mercedes". This is why the anger of the workers is beginning to boil over.

On October 23, a very large mass meeting took place, organized by the All Ukrainian Trade Union of Workers – culminating with a tremendous November 7th holiday – the Great October Revolution.

On a warm November 7th, Lugansk citizens gathered in their thousands in Central Square around the monument to V.I. Lenin. Thousands of demonstrators and onlookers welcomed with applause the contingent from the heroichistorical industrial complex carrying the name of October Revolution – the most militant and organized collective, carrying on the great traditions of the workers of Gartman, the renowned centre of revolutionary activities.

Red flags and red slogans made this a very festive occasion, but the message on these red signs read: "NO! TO CAPITALISM!"; "To save Ukraine and return it to the road of Socialism, this is our goal! - City Committee, Communist Party of Ukraine."; "Down with the present regime, which cannot guarantee the people or society as a whole a decent standard of living and responsible for killing off its own citizens!"; "We do not need a president, killing off its citizens!"; "People, workers! We shall defend the ideals of Great October, socialism and say 'NO' to fascism!"; "People of USSR! Let us unite in one front to resurrect the Soviet Union!"; "Civilized France honours heroes of the Paris Commune. Who are those who try to erase the memory of the Great October Revolution?"; "To Lenin, to October, to Socialism, we workers say thank you!".

Whole families marched, grandfathers, fathers, mothers, children and grandchildren,

including a veteran of the war Manakov, together with his 3 granddaughters, carrying a singular sign: "President Krawchuk, Kuchma and all you cronies! You were responsible for eliminating our pension. Return it to us! We are hungry!".

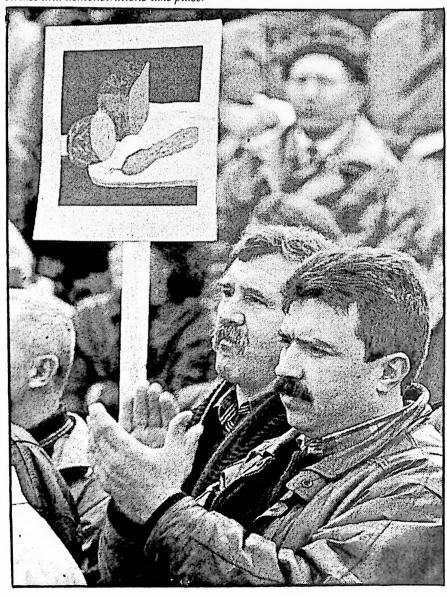
Grandchildren carried signs: "Give us back our childhood, we are hungry Messrs!"; "You have taken away our pensions which we worked for with our sweat and blood. People and God will never forgive you!" were signs by veterans of labour.

Oh, if only the voices of the

people would reach the ears of these "reformers"! They would understand that they are sitting on a powder keg and playing with fire! Speeches, comradeship, demands, solidarity, they were putting the nails into the coffins of these present rulers.

Our strength is in unity, in solidarity – spoke a worker Gerbatkov – "How long will we persevere, die and see our children go hungry?". The secretary of the City committee of Communist Party of Ukraine, Afanasev spoke words of former dissident Zinoviev:

Labour strikes, labour unity is becoming self evident in all of the major cities where strikes and demonstrations take place.



"Believing in idiotism has devastated the Soviet people, which voluntarily threw away all former victories and accomplishments, rights, and put upon themselves the voke of capitalism!". Secretary of District committee of CPU, chairman of district All Ukrainian Union of Workers, miner S. Schegolev read the leaflet issued by infamous RUKH which stated the admission that: "Ukraine, while an integral part of USSR, was in the first place in Europe in many economic spheres. Because of the 'reforms', we now are in last place in Europe!".

Chairman and communist Daynenko replied: "The only 'success' we have is that we are in first place as far as unemployment is concerned, in crime and in deaths! But the ideals of the Great October live in the hearts and minds of the working class!".

With great feelings, the words of other speakers were listened to – the speaker from the Socialist Party Sulimenko, a worker from car repair industry Kherunzhego, leader of the Communists from "OR" Maramzina, communists Gladkov and Vikuleva. I heard, while standing side by side with the people as they voiced their agreement with the speakers: "That is correct, we need a planned economy! Without socialism, there is no other path!".

Great applause greeted the ceremony of giving out Komsomol membership cards to those that joined this important youth organization – our future. An ovation was given to the Komsomol poetess Yanu Osadche as she was given a medal from the President of Supreme Soviet of USSR: "For deep and patriotic dedication to the Soviet Motherland, its heroic people, Yanu was named an Honorary Citizen of our Motherland."

To conclude this meetingdemonstration, the columns en masse went to the square where a monument to Klement Voroshilov is standing – flowers and wreaths were laid and speeches were made in honour of this legendary hero of the Soviet people, since he worked here in this city and became the Commissar of Defense and then Marshall of the USSR.

Yes, the participants of this meeting showed their anger against the present regime, demanding of Kuchma to return to building socialism. But we must look truth in the eye: from 1 1/2 million citizens of Lugansk, only a small percentage of its citizens showed their anger, demanded a return to socialism, cursing Kuchma and the present regime.

Where were the rest? They are suffering from unemployment, condemning Kuchma, but still, they remain in limbo of desperation and paralyzed by moral disbelief as to what has happened and what is happening to them - so far, they're not capable yet to take part in organized protests. Drastic changes come daily and gathering speed. But time is ripening when these people will come out of their self-imposed shell and take their places in the swelling masses of workers who know that only through struggles shall they be able to return to socialism.

ITEMS FROM UKRAINE

Sent to Northstar Compass by Vladimir Herasymchuk, Lutsk, Ukraine

HUGE DEMONSTRATIONS HELD

Huge demonstrations were held in Kiev, Kharkov and every city and town in Ukraine during the November 7th, Great Revolution, in spite of provocations, libelous



Constant demonstrations are held all over Ukraine.

attacks in the mass media. Although the present Ukrainian government recognized November 7th as a Holiday, they call it as "Holiday of Dark Past". They renamed the Museum of V.I. Lenin to "Ukrainian Home" and the Square of Lenin Komsomol to "European", etc., etc.

These rulers can change the names, but they cannot change the ideals!

In Ivano-Frankivsk, Chernivtsi, Lviv, Lutsk, Kharkiv and all other main cities and towns, the cooperation between all the left wing parties was paramount and the unity question is getting closer and closer to realization.

CHAOS IN AGRICULTURE

The problem of the agricultural sector of Ukraine is in horrific state and no matter what kind of proposals are made, by the Socialist Party of Ukraine, by the Agrarian Party of Ukraine or other "democrats", the situation on the land is beyond despair.

The dismemberment of the collective and state farms, the selling and buying of land has crippled the whole agricultural sector of Ukraine so that now Ukraine has to import potatoes from Egypt!?

Just take a look at these photographs! This is the "independent" Ukraine where conditions are such as could be seen in Third World countries or even worse.



This is some of the present day "farmers of Ukraine! From industrialized collective farm to "private farms" is like going back to pre-revolutionary Russia or Ukraine.

Ukraine was the bread basket of the Soviet Union, Europe and exported wheat and other agricultural products. Now, they are the dumping ground for capitalist exploitation.

Photographs from newspapers "Communist" and "Tovarish"

THIS IS HOW VETERANS LIVE NOW IN "INDEPENDENT" UKRAINE!

What are these veterans thinking about now? Are they asking themselves – why did they fight against fascism? Is this their reward?

They fought to save these modern "democratic patriots" who had free schooling, medical care, university, jobs and professions! Is this what the West is supporting? Is this where we should be sinking our dollars to help the present Ukrainian rulers throw these heroes out into the streets to beg and die of hunger?



This is what they fought for? These veterans are forced now to beg on the streets of cities and towns! The present leadership of former Soviet Union now discriminates against these heroes!

TEACHERS DEMONSTRATE!

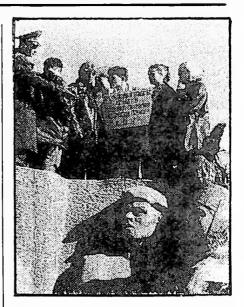
Teachers of Kiev in their thousands demonstrated against the government for lack of pay for months and months on end.

They met on the Dnieper near the monument to Friendship. Teachers not only demanded their back pay, their jobs, but demanded that the government not cancel free meals for the students, because of the harsh economic conditions, many children go hungry each day. Teachers in the present "democratic Ukraine" are looked upon as unnecessary and should be paid the lowest wage possible!

Photograph from "Trud" newspaper - Ukraine

RIVER TRAFFIC IN MOSCOW AT A STAND STILL

Barge and boat workers struck all along Moscow River port, blocking with barges the whole river network, demanding that they get paid their back wages. After being



Teachers in Kiev went on strike.

promised again and again, this time, their patience overflowed and they tied up Moscow.

Photograph from newspapers "Trud"

OUR COMMENT:

The present mafiosi-infested governments in both Ukraine and Russia are playing a game, of taking



money from one pocket and putting it into another.

Crises are on the horizon. Strikes, work stoppages, hunger strikes are a common occurrence now. The lesson is very simple: Unless the workers' demands do not combine economic demands with political demands, the

present powers that be will always be, using one section of the working class against another – thus, dividing and ruling at the same time.

The weaknesses of the present "Independent Trade Unions" is that they either overlook this cardinal truth, or are there for the purpose of paying lip

service to the demands of the workers while behind the workers' back, they are cooperating with the present mafia government!

Eventually, the working class will see through this smokescreen!

Ken Biggs POSTWARK PRAHA



In order to uplift our people intellectually and morally, we want to give them access to all the great cultural foundations of the past and open the doors wide to the attainment of knowledge and appreciation of true contemporary artistic beauty. This was one of the aspirations of Klement Gotwald, the first democratically elected communist president of Czechoslovakia, the centenary of whose birthday was celebrated on November 22 at Prague's Olsany cemetery as reported by "Postmark Praha" in its December issue.

On November 13, General Klaus Nauman, the German boss of NATO's military, was to meet with the Czech parliament's defense and security committee. Only one member of the committee was present, communist deputy Vojtech Filip, who explained to the general why his party opposes Czech membership in his military alliance. Two red-faced right wing committee members arrived just prior to the meeting's termination.

"Postmark Praha" further reports good progress on the Communist Party of Bohemia and Moravia (KSCM) plans to open a home page on the Internet. Various other Communist Parties have expressed interest in this project.

In its report on the Senate elections held in November, the paper points out the disenchantment of the Czech electorate as expressed by no less than 65% of eligible voters who refused to vote in the first round

and the 70% that did not participate in the final vote. In spite of this, KSCM received 14.3% of the vote, or 393,494 votes which unfortunately translated into only two seats due to the first-past-the-post voting system. Elected were Ladislav Drly and Antonin Petras.

The senatorial campaign of Prime Minister Kalus' party consisted of claims that the cares of ordinary citizens were also his, while the Social Democrats professed to defend the interests of these citizens. To which, the voters responded by asking what is an ordinary citizen and how do you defend simultaneously, interests that are diametrically opposed to each other. President Havel lent his support to the concept that the senate would prevent the possibility of a "dictatorship of parliament" as charged by the government coalition. How can a freely elected parliament be a dictatorship, asks "Postmark

Praha".

In other news, both the Social Democratic deputy prime minister Josef Lux and the ODA deputy prime minister Jan Kalvoda allege that they were under surveillance by the Security Information Service of the Czech Republic (BIS). This raises the question: who is running BIS and from where? Miroslav Grebenicek, chair of KSCM, defended his father Alois Grebenicek in the Moravian weekly, "Slovacke Noviny" against charges levelled against him by Vaclav Benda, a member of prime minister's Klaus' ODS and admirer of Chilean fascist, General Pinochet. The Czech and German governments will initial the recently published Czech-German joint declaration on December 20th. Miroslav Grebenicek, leader of KSCM, said the declaration exceeds the party's worst fears, and he called the Klaus government one of national betrayal. KSCM and other opponents are organizing protests to oppose the measure. In addition to the KSCM and the far right Republican Party, the measure is opposed by the Pensioners Party (SJZ), Clubs of the Czech Borderlands, the Association of Freed Political Prisoners, the Czech Union of Freedom Fighters, the Circle of Czech Citizens Expelled from the Borderlands in 1938 and the humanist organization, Free Thought. Aside from lending credence to various lies designed to legitimize the Nazi rape of Czechoslovakia in 1938, the document is expected to give Sudeten Germans Czech citizenship, enabling them to reclaim property lost after the war.

"Postmark Praha" will publish a pamphlet on the attempts of Allen Dulles, director of the US Intelligence Agency (CIA) to overthrow socialism in Czechoslovakia in the 1960s. Operation Splinter Factor, as it was called, was to involve top party and government leaders in a supposed

vast US-organized espionage conspiracy.

On the youth front, a preparatory committee has been set up in Prague for next year's youth and student festival in Cuba. 35,000 Czech children attended this year's 750 summer camps courtesy of the Pioneer Children's organization. Litovel grammar school paid tribute to its former student Jan Opletal killed 57 years ago in anti-Nazi student demonstrations in Prague – the commemoration took place on November 14th.

On the labour front, 27,000 civilian army employees, 100,000 rail workers, 240,000 teachers, 12,000 power workers and 30,000 North Moravian coal miners announced they will be taking militant action in the new year up to and including strikes. 2,000 of the army's civilian employees will be terminated as of March 31st, due to poor economic growth. The rail workers have authorized their leadership to take strike action. The school workers union has voted for a strike alert and rotating strike action. The power workers in 17 power stations and heating plants are now on strike alert.

CZECH GOVERNMENT IN DANGER OF COLLAPSE

The government of the Czech Republic could fall in the foreseeable future, possibly this year, said Vaclav Exner, Communist MP and vice president of the party at his weekly press conference, as reported by "Postmark Praha". The MP further commented that the present administration is of little value to all its constituents and as such, would represent no loss to any one should it be defeated.

The right wing coalition government of this country is badly split, facing an ever-widening

trade gap, with balance of payments and budgetary deficits. Adding to its problems is the fact that prime minister Kalus' (ODS) party has lost its dominant position within the ruling coalition as a result of this poor showing in the recent Senate elections - a fact which is challenging the ODS's hegemony. The Civic Democratic Alliance (ODA), a right wing member of the coalition, is making ever greater demands on the government as a price for its continued support. Adding to the administration's problems is the forced resignation of deputy premier and minister of justice Jan Kalvoda, having been found to have used the academic title JUDr (Doctor of Jurisprudence) without entitlement along with three other members of parliament, two from the ruling coalition and one social democrat. The one positive achievement of the government to date has been its success in getting its budget passed by parliament with all its cuts to social spending with the help of two Social Democrat MPs.

For its part, the Communist Party is mobilizing for a mass demonstration outside parliament during discussion of the Czech-German joint declaration aimed at reversing the post-war European Settlement, as embodied in the Potsdam agreement. Three Communist Parliamentarians along with a leading member of the Pensioners Party SJZ are collecting signatures on a petition, demanding a national debate or referendum on this issue before its signing scheduled for January 20th when Chancellor Kohl is due in Prague to sign this so-called declaration.

"Postmark Praha" is offering a free copy of its January monthly bulletin to all Northstar Compass readers. The issue will also contain a four-page pull-out supplement published in solidarity with victims of "conqueror's justice" in both Germanys, east and west, along with supplements on various other matters and campaigns. Readers are asked to write to "Postmark Praha" at the address below.

"Postmark Praha" Box 42 182 00 Prague 8 Czech Republic

Compiled by George Hess



By: Frank Ray Davis

TO BE MORE PRECISE: The "market" economy really should be described as "market-basket", since the deluded nations that swallow it end up as basket cases.

WISE UP, CITIZEN: Since the USA bombed Iraq (with taxpayer-bought bombs) crude-oil prices, soon felt at the gas pumps, have shot up 1/3. How's that for kicking yourself in the butt, Friend Taxpayer?

KEEP OUTSIDERS OUT: "Iraq President Saddam Hussein" declares the N.Y. Times, "cannot be allowed to determine the availability or price of oil". Of course not. That's the job of profiteer oil corporations!

WOULD YOU BELIEVE ... A Mexican deputy actually stated, "Obedience to the authorities ... is obedience to God." P.S., He said it in 1996 A.D.

YOU HAVE AN OPINION ABOUT NSC? WRITE!

FRIENDSHIP NEWS

IN MEMORIAM

BOB JAGGARD

Those of us who had the fortune to have known Bob would all agree that if there ever was one comrade that did so much for labour in Hamilton and other parts of Canada, it was Bob Jaggard. He was tireless in his struggles for the working movement, for the progressive movement and for international workers' struggle and solidarity.

Bob was also involved in the Canada-USSR Association and the peace movement which struggled for sanity, peace and disarmament during the terrible years of the Cold War.



His dedication to labour in Hamilton was noted and if not appreciated by the powers that be, nevertheless they could not ignore Bob's tenacity, perseverance and dedication. He did not take a back seat in the struggles. He was always at the front of the struggles.

Bob Jaggard passed away on March 15, 1994.

Hamilton workers, municipal functionaries have noted Bob's lifelong dedication to Hamilton, and have started a "Robert Allan Jaggard Archives" and a booklet on his life is being published which future generations will have the opportunity to realize that Bob Jaggard was making history for them in Hamilton.

On this occasion, we would like to express our best wishes to Patricia Jaggard, a professional nurse who is very heavily involved in making certain that Bob's legacy lives on.

We urge all of our readers in whatever way they can to help make certain that the book is published and that the "Robert Allan Jaggard Archives" be a living monument to his dedication to the working class and socialism.

- Editorial Committee

We would like to congratulate Patricia Jaggard for receiving the prestigious "Spectator Newspaper Community Service Award for Science and Medicine"! Bob certainly would have been proud.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Evan Mihalcean living in St. Paul, Alberta, a dedicated reader of NSC, celebrated his 98th Birthday!

We all wish him the best of health!

- Editorial Board

U.S. COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP

In an extensive overview and future proposals as to the work of US Council for International Friendship, Roy M. Kaufman, the Executive Director, sent a circular memorandum to all of their branches in the USA and also to us here in Canada.

Below, we would like to present some points of interest to the readers of Northstar Compass.



ROY KAUFMAN
American Council for
International Friendship

- Kaufman reviews the economic situation in the USA, the world, Free Trade, NAFTA, political control by governments, USA's foreign policy unchanged since 1898, US industrial-military complex, etc.
- Elimination of wars precludes that the world must get rid of nationalism and religious prejudices. The future looks bleak unless mankind can find the answers.
- Media control by governments makes it easier to influence the people and thus easier to control and force corporate policies throughout the world.
- A silver lining is appearing on the horizon and the USA Friendship Society has now established interchanges between Russia and

USA, Pakistan and other countries. Trade union demonstrations are taking place in USA itself. Exposure of CIA role in other countries' overthrow is becoming more and more public knowledge.

They have an invitation to China with trade union delegation exchanges.

- USCIF has lost branches across USA in the last four years, but they feel that the truth will eventually come through.
- Volgograd trade union federation and the USCIF have signed a protocol of agreement to exchange delegations and cooperation.

We would like to thank Roy Kaufman for sending us his very extensive report, and we wish our sister organization success in their endeavour to re-establish the links that were cut off after the counter-revolutionary success in former Soviet Union.

We also hope that in the near future, our cooperation will also improve for the benefit of friendship and the resurrection of the Soviet Union, and that our abandoned Annual Canada-USA and Soviet Union Festivals of Friendship will again be revived as they were from 1983 to 1987.

LETTERS FROM ABROAD

From: TURKEY

Dear Friends:

I had been thinking of writing a short letter to you for a long time, about the unfair treatment accorded to the May-July death fast and hunger strike in Turkish dungeons by Northstar Compass. But I simply

haven't been able to do so until now, mainly due to my heavy work load. Although this great struggle ended on July 28, about four months ago, I still want to state my criticism about your approach. After all, one should bear in mind that violence against revolutionary prisoners is becoming more and more an enduring feature of Turkish fascist regime. This was tragically corroborated by the further massacre of 10 PKK ("Workers' Party of Kurdistan") fighters in Diyarbakir Prison, on September 24, 1996.

I believe you'd received the pamphlet "Glory to Martyrs!" comprising various documents on death fast and hugner strike. That was prepared and sent to you in August 1996. Now, I have in front of me August/September, October and November issues of NSC. On page 6 of August/September issue, we have a small item entitled "Letter of Protest Sent to Turkey" and that's all! Objectively speaking, one has to admit that, here, we have had a heroic struggle pitting the revolutionary will and determination of more than 1,500 political captives against a bloodthirsty fascist regime at the service of US and Western European imperialists. These imprisoned revolutionary militants, who have nothing but their will, belief and determination, join their forces and fight an exemplary political struggle and compel Turkish state to negotiate with them and therefore, score a political victory over it before the eyes of the whole world, at the cost of 12 martyrs and tens and tens of physically and mentally crippled. And you almost do not bother to mention it.

You may not know or imagine, what it is like to fight against hunger for 69 – yes, for 69 days – where the hunger strikers die day by day, hour by hour and minute by

minute. And I do not blame you for that. But allow me to remind you that it is an extremely hard task. which requires great perseverence and a very strong will. It is only dedicated communists revolutionaries unafraid of death who can possess such qualities. You unfortunately have not perceived the militant revolutionary message of this glorious action. That's the reason why this action did not even deserve a one page article and a determined call for solidarity and in NSC! If one looks through the pages of NSC, he will see that less or much less important events, news items, comments and even letters take more or much more space than the May-July action of political captives in Turkey. I believe that we all should have a sense of revolutionary justice or fairness. And NSC has violated this sense of revolutionary justice in the treatment of this event.

Comradely, J. Scheriff

Dear Comrades of the Turkish MLCP:

We reply to your note. Firstly, we do accept your fraternal criticism. We should have written a little more than we actually did. We did as your note says, discuss the issue, but this was done too briefly. Having accepted your criticism however, we would point out a further consideration. This is the mandate of the Northstar Compass. Being primarily a journal for dissemination of news about Marxist-Leninist activities in the former USSR, we are deluged with materials as it is. It is in fact a testimony, both to the LACK of other non-sectarian journals, and to our own modest success. But our main purpose remains to promote friendship with the comrades in the former USSR. The legitimate complaint you give against us must be tempered with this in mind. In fact, the correct venue for such more detailed articles, such as the heroic struggle of the Turkish comrades, is an international journal. This type of journal should hava a mandate far broader than that of Northstar Compass. It is our sincere hope that International Struggle Marxist-Leninist will be one of those new journals, that will allow more detailed discussion of the many problems facing our comrades the world over.

We hope you accept our fraternal apology, and our explanation of some of the editorial difficulties that we face.

 With Fraternal Greetings to All Our Turkish Comrades, Editorial Board

From: MEXICO - CIS Institute of Friendship

Dear Mr. Lucas:

Writing to you is Migel Arriaga Spria, in charge of the Library of our Institute. We decided to write to you in Russian since we have a huge favour to ask of you.

The Library of our Institute receives Northstar Compass on a regular basis since its inception – that is, from August of 1992 until the present. Now, we have decided to collect all copies, put them into Volume Books. But unfortunately, we are missing the following numbers:

- Volume 3, No. 4, 1994
- Volume 4, No. 9, 1995
- Volume 5, No. 1-2, 1996

We greet you with the New Year.

Sincerely,Migel Spria

The missing copies are on their way to you and many thanks for having them available in your library.

From: Sweden

Comrades:

Our best wishes to you for the New Year! And many thanks for your kind reply to our letter.

I was very pleased to glance

through Northstar Compass and read some very interesting articles there. You don't mention the possibility to subscribe to it, but I suppose that is possible. (Or, if we can do it on an exchange basis, since you indicate that you have capacity to translate into English from our "exotic" language ... I will arrange that you receive our party paper, "Proletären Weekly".)

About the two books you have published, I have read them both and find them of interest and value. So, we would like to order 20 of each for a start.

I enclose a cheque drawn on Northstar Compass/M. Lucas for \$500 U.S. Hope it's OK and that it covers postage. If not, please inform me and I will send you the remaining.

I also enclose a few pamphlets recently published by our party.

With Communist Greetings,
 Teddy-John Frank
 Communist Party of Sweden ML(r)
 International Secretary

We are very glad to have contacts and our future cooperation which, we feel, shall be beneficial to both sides in our common struggles for socialism, peace and the resurrection of the Soviet Union.

The two books are on their way to you and we shall get some materials from your publications in Swedish translated. Again, welcome to our growing family of readers.

From: LENINGRAD

To: President

Canadian Friends of Soviet People and Northstar Compass

Dear Comrade Lukach:

I thank you very sincerely for publishing an obituary about Vladimir Ivanovich Klushin. I'm sending you 3 cassettes (audio) the first issue of our Moscow Audio newspaper AUCPB – "VOICE OF MOSCOW". You can utilize them according to your wishes; you can copy them and use them as you wish to Russian speaking people.

Please accept my sincere best wishes with the New Year to you and your comrades. Health and happiness and success in your noble work.

Nina Andreeva
 General Secretary AUCPB

From: POLAND

Dear Comrades!

Many thanks for your NSC. I read each issue with interest and rely on its articles in order for myself and our comrades to more deeply understand the process and movements in former USSR.

Sending you the last two numbers of our "Brzask" (Daybreak).

Wishing you success and greet you!

Jaroslaw Dabrowski
 Union of Polish Communists
 "Proletariat"

In the next issues, we shall translate from Polish some of the very interesting materials from your journal.

From: JAPAN

Dear Comrades:

New Year Greetings!

We are very glad to have received your "Northstar Compass" Nos. 8, 9, 10, 11 as we asked. We are very sorry for being very late to write to you. We are sending you our English international bulletin "The People's Star" on a regular basis. Enclosed, please kindly find some recent issues of it. We would like to exchange it with your "Northstar Compass" from now on.

Truly Yours,
 The International Department

of the Communist Party of Japan (Left)

Your newspaper is very interesting and we shall quote from it from time to time. Certainly, we would like to exchange our publications and thus together strive for international solidarity and unity with the Soviet people and the working class of the world.

From: Rio De Janeiro, BRAZIL

Dear Friends:

We have sent you \$200.00 towards the Dr. A.J. Thut's Sustaining Fund – coming from myself and Mario Dias de Alencar, an avid reader of Northstar Compass. Please let us know as soon as you've received them.

Yours,Pedro Castilho

We certainly are extremely thankful for your donation from far away Brazil, where we have many readers of NSC. It's this international solidarity that helps NSC meet its goal and keep on publishing.

On behalf of Dr. A.J. Thut, we thank you sincerely.

From: ITALY

Dear Friends:

To all of you at NSC my best wishes, may you all enjoy a happy New Year, and may the cause we are engaged and striving for, make further steps in its advancement towards a better world for the working people.

Keep up the good work!

– Mario Jannuzzi

Your wishes we all hope will come true. Together, we shall strive for them!

From Newspaper: "BORBA" (Struggle) Organ of the All Union Soviet Workers Party Moscow

Dear Friends in NSC!

We thank you very much for the NSC which we find extremely interesting and useful.

In my next letter to you, I will write about the latest news as to what Zhirinovsky is up to and his LDPR Party. If you will publish it, I will try to give our comment on this dangerous development.

With Comradely Greetings,
 Vitaly Gavrilov
 Novgorod

We certainly would like to interchange and correspond with your newspaper. Let us together proceed to struggle for Soviet Union and Socialism!

Below are some items (in condensed form) that were included in the newspaper, plus minutes of the joint meeting of communist and socialist forces that took place in Moscow in October.

• An analysis of the present situation in Russia where powers are struggling for position to replace Yeltsin, since even after heart surgery, Yeltsin will not be a force as he was before. Criticism is also levelled at the leadership of Zyuganov and the CPRF (Communist Party of Russian Federation). There are splits taking place inside the RCWP CPRF, the (Russian Communist Workers Party), formation of a new party, splits inside the AUCPB (All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks).

This points out the fact that the present Russian governmental leadership was capable of sowing discord among the communist opposition forces.

- Meetings and protests take place in Russia, demanding the end to the war in Chechnia, since both sides are in the hands and manipulated by Western oil interests and has nothing at all to do with Russian sovereignty or Chechnia's, since both people are suffering and want to live together in peace.
- It is noted in the newspaper that Zyuganov did NOT actually want to win the past presidential elections ... he wanted and wants to be the junior partner to Yeltsin and thus establish a two-party system with Zyuganov heading the "loyal opposition".
- In the information contained in the Minutes of Conference of the Socialist and Communist forces, the concise speeches of all representatives of different left wing forces present at this important gathering is given. It is not (unfortunately) possible for NSC to print the whole document, but we would like to make the following comment.

OUR COMMENT:

Reading the whole 10-page document, you gather an impression that every speaker at this gathering, representing different left forces – from communists to socialists, to agrarians and to dedicated patriots – is for SOCIALISM!

Yet, if you analyze their speeches, you can sense that there is a current that is somehow self-defeating in that no one in concrete terms proposes what has to be done in ACTUAL FACT — most speakers just state well known phrases, well known facts and we find not too many of these comrades actually agree with each other!

It is close to 10 years since "perestroika" started! Surely, there was enough time to analyze, re-analyze the causes and mistakes, tactics, slogans, etc., etc.!

We read of more and more break-ups of patriotic forces, more and more expulsions from some parties, more and more recriminations, more and more individualism in leadership. Everyone agrees that there is an ENEMY that must be defeated and not one speaker defended the status quo!

We get letters from former Soviet Union rank and file communists, socialists. They make a statement which is so valid that it's frightening: "If the communists cannot agree among themselves and establish a united front during this dangerous time for our Motherland, how can they convince the working class that they will be able to govern when they take over the government?"

Maybe some of the present parties and their leadership that regularly read Northstar Compass can write us so that our reades in 56 countries of the world would know their thoughts on the question of unity!

The cause of Soviet comrades is the cause of the working class of the world! \Box

From: MARXIST PLATFORM Moscow

Dear Comrades!

The Social-Political movement "Marxist Platform", the Editorial Board of newspaper "Moment of Truth", the journal "Enlightenment" and the Council of Information Centre belatedly congratulate Northstar Compass with the 79th Anniversary of the Great October Revolution and wishes all of the readers success in the struggle for socialism. During this 79th Anniversary, "Marxist Platform" printed and distributed thousands of Anniversary Postcards in honour of this great event. We are the only ones that in 5 years have done this, dedicated also to the 2nd Anniversary of the foundation of "Roskomsojuz" (Russian Communist Union).

We are sending you the last two

issues of "Marxist Platform" and a detailed report of the proceedings of the 2nd Congress of Roskomsojuz. This was a meeting of communist and socialist forces, but the official name will be chosen at the Coordination Council in near future. Our "Marxist Platform" is a member of this movement.

We read your journal with much interest and translate some of your articles for our press, but as always, it is time and finances. We hope that the joint cooperation between the communist and socialist forces here will go a long way to bring our cohesion and unity together.

With Communist Greetings,
 V.F. Isaichikov
 Editor and Co-Chairman and
 Member of Council of Left
 Information Centre

Below, we publish the two postcards issued for the two anniversaries, plus the masthead of the newspaper "Moment of Truth".



Пролетарии всех стран, соединяйтес



We certainly wish this new cooperation movement much success. Time is running fast and the urgency of joint actions against the present regime is absolutely the order of the day. Time has come to be counted: WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON, FRIEND, WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON?

From: Sevastopol, UKRAINE

Dear Comrades:

Thanking you very much for your materials that you have sent me. I hope that my materials of historical-archival nature will lead you to publish a Second Volume of "Secret Documents".

I and all the Editorial Board of our NSC hope that 1997 will be a year where our optimism will prevail, and that we shall celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the Great October Revolution and the 5th Anniversary of our journal!

I feel very optimistic and as I mentioned before in my letters, but not to concentrate on Yeltsin alone. Today, there is no Yeltsin, although he is alive, but he has absolutely no influence not even on his own future, which means that today's regime

never changed its policies. Let us concentrate on today's world that now is going through a process that reminds one of the time of the fall of the Roman Empire.

I feel that in the next three years (1997–1999), we are going to witness and be part of a collosal upheaval and catastrophes far surpassing the period we lived through (1950–1991) and the changes that took place. The only pessimism that might affect an individual is for his or her own safety during these coming upheavals. These coming revolutionary events will finally show humanity the right road towards the future.

- Yours,

Konstantin Kolontaev

As always, your predictions and analyses are correct. We also hope that financially, we shall be able to publish a second volume of "Secret Documents"!

Member of the NSC Editorial Committee from Sevastapol, Ukraine, Konstantin Kolontaev sent us this print of a painting "Defenders of Sevastapol" during the Great Patriotic War with this inscription: "Present day Soviets will fight as our predecessors of Sevastapol to resurrect the Soviet Union."

From: Bolshevik Platform of Ukraine

Dear Comrades:

We're sending you an article, first one for 1997 in a very condensed form as per your advice.

We would like you to understand our thoughts about NSC:

- 1. The publication of NSC and containing some of our articles, gives a revolutionary effect to NSC.
- 2. Helps our patriots to resurrect the Soviet Union and upholds revolutionary spirit throughout the world.
- 3. NSC helps to revolutionize the Soviet Bolshevik press, which (unfortunately) is following the tail end of World's Revolutionary Movement.
- 4. Our articles are aimed at practical solutions for revolutionary partisans and underground fighters inside USSR and does not pretend to be for academic-revolutionaries.

ROT FRONT! EYES FRONT!

Thank you for your comradely greetings. New Year's greetings to you personally and the Editorial Board of NSC, and to all Revolutionaries, underground fighters of all continents.



1977 – This is the year of the 80th Anniversary of the Great October Revolution.

1997 – A year of the 60th Anniversary of the death in battle (with world's Imperialism) of the legendary revolutionary, partisan, Internationalist: General Lukach (Mate Zalka) April 23, 1886 – November 6, 1937).

1997 – This is the 30th Anniversary of the death in battle (with world Imperialism) of the legendary revolutionary, partisan and Internationalist – Ernesto Che Guevara April 4, 1896 – June 11, 1967).

GLORY TO THEM AND MAY THEY ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED - THEY GAVE THEIR LIVES ON THE ALTAR OF WORLD REVOLUTION!

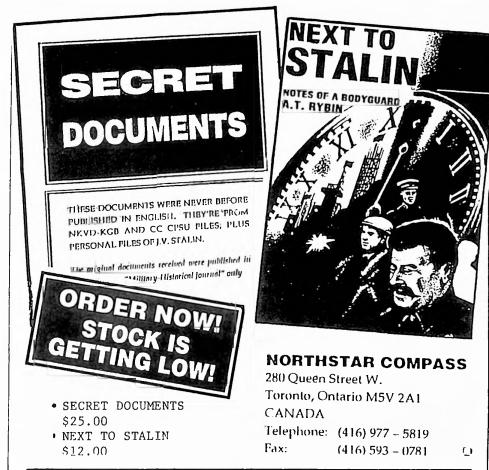
ALL EYES FRONT – ON ALL CONTINENTS!

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT!

In March of 1953, great Stalin died (more to the point, he was murdered). His body was still warm, when Nikita Krushchev (No. 1 agent of world Imperialism), together with a group of traitors inside the CPSU, undertook a physical, political and moral liquidation of Bolsheviks-Stalinists (of all shades) in the USSR and people's democracies.

This was the beginning of the gigantic (prolonged now for over 40 years and involving in their orbit many thousands of members of the revolutionary CPSU) – they accomplished the crime of the century.

BUT! Soviet people were not able to persevere Krushchev's dictatorship and his traitorous undertaking. Bloody reprisals were perpetrated against people's wrath in Tbilisi (1956), Temir-Tau (1959), Novocherkass (1962) and others –



these were the last people's uprisings under the slogans of:

FOR THE MOTHERLAND! FOR STALIN!

From the CPSU, there were expelled (many were killed) hundreds of thousands of BOLSHEVIKS-STALINISTS (whose places were filled with hidden and known enemies of Soviet people).

CHARGE 1: CPSU had deliberately sold its leader and helped to start the process of a counter-revolution world wide.

CHARGE 2: CPSU unlawfully sold off the Soviet people (forcing on the Communist movement a policy of opportunism).

CHOU EN LAI (1898-1976): Premier of China and its Foreign Minister, once made this statement: "USSR (under Krushchev) and USA are sleeping in the same bed, but they have different dreams."

To elaborate on this thought, you can freely state (but with certain reservations as pertains the situation at present) that WORLD IMPERIALISM today (with the help of Russian quislings) is promoting and leading on the former territory of USSR its devil's work. The Soviet people are the victims of this policy in millions, while these killers, collaborators have a free hand.

BUT! The terrible sentence at their trial will be executed by the Soviet people – it's not behind the mountains, it's getting closer!

For the crime of the century – the penalty shall be carried out!

Even in the coming years, Soviet collaborationists will realize the death sentence (carried out by the Soviet people, who have learned how to deal with traitors as shown by 1,000 years of history as to what happens to traitors who sell their

country and its people).

EYES FRONT! TRAITORS SHALL BE SENTENCED TO DEATH!

Bolshevik Platform of Ukraine
 S.P. Belyh

NEWS FROM U.S. FRIENDS OF NORTHSTAR COMPASS

From: Staten Island, N.Y.

Dear Michael:

Enclosed is my check for \$60.00 towards an associate membership in NSC. This is in addition to the \$40.00 I recently sent you.

Let me mention at this time that I have considered the thoughtful criticism of Comrade Joaquin Pedroso to my letter to NSC regarding the U.S. elections. Although I still have a problem with the "lesser of two evils" notion, and maybe I am not courageous enough to take a definite stand either way, I was, however, not aware – at the time I wrote the letter – of the article written in the October issue of Time Magazine in connection with President Clinton's vicious policy regarding Cuba.

Some time ago, I wrote a letter to New York City's Mayor Giuliani (reprinted by NSC), attacking him for considering his wife's anti-Cuban views when he so viciously verbally attacked President Fidel Castro and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat during their visit to NYC in 1995 to attend the 50th Anniversary of the U.N. It would seem that I should write the same letter to President Clinton.

Time Magazine details the fiercely anti-Cuba activities of a powerful so-called Miami "core group" which includes Maria Victoria Arias, a Miami lawyer

married to Rugh Rodham, the First Lady's brother. The article goes on to tell of the core group's strong ties to President Clinton and their powerful influence in matters of U.S./Cuba relations.

In both instances, policy-making decisions in the U.S. are being influenced by the spousal views of elected leaders. In the case of President Clinton, it is even more alarming because foreign policy decisions are being dictated by his wife's family. I refer in particular to the February 1996 Brothers to the Rescue plane shot down in Cuban waters when, after much pressure by the core group for Clinton to respond militarily, Clinton considered "punishing Cuba with a cruisemissile attack or air strikes". It was only because he was dissuaded by his Joint Chiefs Chairman that this military action never took place.

In light of this latest ugly Clinton/anti-Cuba conspiracy revelation, I would like, at this time, to withdraw my very naive statement to NSC that Clinton would be a kinder U.S. President to Cuba than Dole would.

Comradely,
 Lois Singer

It is very heartening that NSC acts as a conduit for readers in exchanging opinions, analyses in our quest for unity against U.S. sponsored aggression all over the world.

From: Albuquerque, NM., USA

Dear Friends:

I certainly will continue to support and add to the Dr. Thut's Sustaining Fund of Northstar Compass and other informative projects in support of the reviving Soviet People!

Enclosed please find \$400 cheque to enlarge and strengthen your publications.

Please send me your two books plus video "Russian Secrets" and video "Cuba Against The Odds".

- William C. Rohn

Your generous donation will certainly go a long way towards achieving goals that all of our readers in 61 countries have come to expect from us. Your name will certainly be proudly placed on our Honour Board at the centre – Friendship House.

From: South Bend, In., USA

Dear NSC Staff:

Even though I'm unable to contribute to the Sustaining Fund as I would like to, but I'm renewing early, ordering the two books plus a little donation.

Please help some of the Soviet youth groups that write to NSC.

In solidarity with the struggle,
 Lee Gloster

Your wish will be fulfilled as others that requested us to help the young people in former Soviet Union who are in the struggle for socialism.

From: New York, USA

Dear Friends:

Sending you my renewal until 1998 for Northstar Compass.

I enjoyed "Secret Documents" and "Next To Stalin". I'm hoping to get more new buyers for these books.

I've enclosed my pamphlet "A New Communist Manifesto" for your attention.

Yours in Struggle,
 Bernard Livingston

After reading your pamphlet, it is imperative that Northstar Compass issue it completely as a Supplement! It is great, very easy flowing style, so much so that I could not have put it down after I started to read it. Yes ... we are going to publish it as a Supplement!

WHY? Anyone that is characterized as we print below must be doing something great and telling the truth!

"This Livingston fellow might be a lawyer, professional photographer and writer, but there's a red aroma about the man and we want no part of him ..."

- U.S. Army Intelligence
- Michael Lucas Editor, NSC

LETTERS

From: Thunder Bay, Ont.

Dear Friends:

Enclosed please find a \$250.00 donation to the NSC Sustaining Fund from the Slovak Benefit Society of Thunder Bay. Another \$50 is from me towards the publication. Best regards!

- Victor Tomcko

Again, you and the Slovak organization see the need to support NSC as a gleam of light shining and telling the truth about the struggles of the working people. Slovak organization's name will be on our Honour Board.

From: Edmonton, ALTA.

The book "Next To Stalin" is good. I enjoyed it.

While you are doing a job on explaining the situation in former Soviet Union, you don't spend enough time explaining the actions of the Bureaucrats who set back the struggle for social justice and the experiment of socialism.

- Wm. Doskoch

In the next few issues that is exactly what NSC will concentrate on, since we have received materials that pertain to this sell out by these "party nomeklatura" that wormed themselves inside the CPSU.

From:

Association of Ukrainian Candians Branch 16 Welland, Ont.

Dear Frineds:

Enclosing a cheque for \$100 towards the Dr. A.J. Thut's NSC Sustaining Fund.

- Mike Mussat

We thank the AUUC for their kind donation and we hope that this example will be followed by others who believe in peace and socialism.

From: Kitimat, B.C.

Dear Friends in Northstar Compass:

Enclosed please find \$200.00 towards Dr. A.J. Thut's Sustaining Fund. Also, could you send me "Secret Documents" and "Next To Stalin"?

- S. Ribeiro

From Kitimat, your donation and your dedication is very much appreciated. Your name again will be placed on our Honour Board.

From: Enderby, B.C.

Dear Editor:

Enclosed am sending you, \$200.00 towards the Sustaining Fund for NSC plus materials that you surely shall be interested in. Also, please tell me whether NSC would publish my book, an autobiography about my life in Canada and that I went through that are not in any textbooks for our young generation to learn from.

- Wm. Charney

The Editorial Board is very thankful for your generous donation plus excellent materials that are dynamite and we shall utilize them in future issues of Northstar Compass.

In a separate letter, we informed you about your forthcoming book and the role of NSC in its publication.

From: Westbank, B.C.

Very informative and analytical letters come from our dear reader Olga Krimtschenko, plus newspaper-magazine clippings that we save and shall utilize in the future. We just list a few points from the letter.

- NSC must always show our Soviet friends that there are hidden moles inside their communist parties ala Gorbachev, who are bought as was "Gorby". Remember ... divide and rule, that's the game!
- Zaire tragedy is nothing more than planned genocide perpetrated by the West, selling arms and grabbing the natural resources.
- Now the truth comes put about shells with radiation which the U.S. soldiers handled in Iraq is haunting the American White House!
- Interpol is nothing now but an arm of CIA, in the service of U.S. Imperialism.
- Of course, the propaganda about the Katyn massacre of Polish officers is still being cranked out. It was the Germans plus Ukrainian nationalists who executed this dastardly deed. I know, I have relatives who knew and who lived at that time.

- Olga Krimtschenko

From: Delta, B.C.

Speaking about E.S.P., I just thought about you people one day and in the mail inside of two hours, a letter arrived!

I am not feeling well health-wise and economically, I'm not in a very good shape, since I lost my job after 42 years, while paying into the Unemployment Insurance, I'm told that I cannot collect and I'm still not 65 years of age in order to collect my old age pension!

I fear the way things are going in the world, and from time to time, I

read over the archival materials from the Canada-USSR Association Conferences. Gosh, it certainly brings back memories. Wishing you people success and good health. I miss my old friends and comrades, but the memories, they give me are warm feeling and I feel much better.

Best of Luck,
 Brian Wilson

We all wish you health, Brian, you were one of the solid building blocks on which the work of the Canada-USSR Association stood and now it's the Canadian Friends of Soviet People. Your hundreds of friends wish you well, Brian!

May your health improve and keep on struggling for your rights, after working for 42 years!

BOOK REVIEWS

PEACE AND THE COLD WAR

Exposé of how Britain and American aggressive attacks on socialism started.
288 pages Price \$18.00

Some people have the idea that the "Cold War" was started by the Soviet Union and that since the collapse of socialism in that country the "Cold War" has come to an end. Nothing could be further from the truth. Those of you who have read my "War of Liberation" will know that the "Cold War" was started covertly by Churchill and his friends well before the end of the Second World War and that it can be dated back at least to the accession to power of Harry S. Truman as President of the USA after the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt on the 12th April, 1945.

Nor has the "Cold War" ended yet. While the vultures of Anglo-American imperialism are picking over the bones of the collapsed socialist countries and savaging the suffering bodies of their peoples, the aggressors are now targeting the remaining socialist countries, as well as any other anti-imperialist states that dare to take an independent line in this troubled world.

It has to be realised that the propaganda levelled against the Soviet Union and the rest of the socialist countries has been directed, not so much

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ERNIE TRORY — Member of Northstar Compass Editorial Board Living in England.

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against any particular country or group of countries as against the working class of the whole world.

What we are now witnessing, in fact, is not so much the collapse of socialism as the collapse of capitalism. The reversion of the Soviet Union and of the other former socialist countries in Europe to a market economy is proving every day that capitalism no longer works. It has outlived its usefulness and needs to be replaced by a more equitable system of society wherein working people are able to secure the full fruits of their labour and control their own destinies.

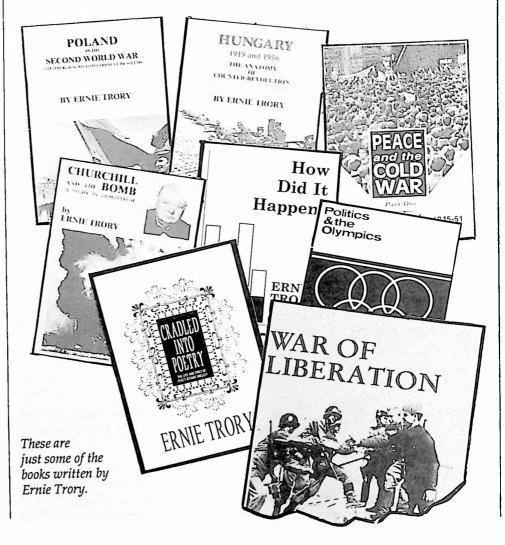
The collapse of the Soviet Union and the erstwhile socialist countries of central and eastern Europe can be traced not to the socialist content of their government but to the concessions to capitalism that were made in increasing measure, both internally and externally, after the death of Stalin.

HOW DID IT HAPPEN?

The Dialectics of Counter-Revolution 84 pages Price \$10.00

Trory outlines the root causes of the debacle that transpired in the former USSR, analysing from a Marxist point of view all the current, outward and hidden, that went towards this disintegration. His delving into the programme and consequences of the 20th, 21st and 22nd Congress of the CPSU are very enlightening. (Michael Lucas in Northstar Compass – Canada)

Many readers will already have seen "The Social Wage", which Ernie Trory



wrote in 1992. His latest work takes off where the other one ends, and pulls no punches in its conclusions. Written in the author's easy style, it takes the debate a notch further on – and deserves to be read. (Andy Brooks in the New Worker)

"The people of the Soviet Union and the former socialist countries of Europe will soon find out, if they have not already done so, that capitalism will not work the second time round," writes Ernie Trory ... He is quite certain that socialism will come again, even if it is difficult to know how soon.

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Ernie Trory's work is not well known to many Canadians, but should be. His writing is mainly historical and "Poland in the Second World War" is a valuable, though brief, introduction to the early background of Poland's recent problems. He treats of such key topics as British-Soviet relations during the war, the role of the London-based government-in-exile, the Katyn murders, the Warsaw uprising, the formation of the Polish Provisional Government, and the settlement of Poland's post-war borders. Trory does a good job in raising the reader's awareness of the imperialist nature of British policies towards Poland and of the treacherous activities of the Polish government-inexile. (DL in the Canadian Tribune)

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