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EDITORIAL

DISCUSSION

RUSSIAN VETERANS COMMITTEE

Dear friends:

The Russian Veterans Committee with gratitude is receiving Northstar Compass magazine and we're actively utilizing this journal in our work.

We support the calling of an International Congress, but it's a pity because of financial difficulties we cannot send our delegation to take part in this important gathering.

We would greatly appreciate receiving NSC regularly here in Moscow.

Wishing you the best of this year.

Sincerely yours
V.T.Litovchenko
Chief of the Department of
Foreign Relations

FROM
MEXICO CITY
MEXICO

Dear comrades:

Regarding the Spanish section for Northstar Compass, we are ready to help you in its production. Also, we wish to send one or two comrades to the World Congress.

Reading the excellent #5 issue of Northstar Compass, I agree that the most important task now is to make certain that we succeed at the World Congress! We are therefore proposing that all of the delegates have the opportunity to express their views related to the international communist movement. We, on our part certainly would like to inform the

ON THE WORLD CONGRESS

delegates as to what is happening here in Mexico (*not for discussion but just as information only*) and to help set up the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People.

Dr. Mario Rivera Ortiz



SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR THE WORLD CONGRESS

I would like to suggest that one of the slogans on the walls of our forthcoming World Congress should be "Evil is short-lived, while virtue and good live on for ever!" This is the slogan of our Association of Friendship of the People of Georgia. If this could be done in some other foreign languages, including Georgian...it would set the mood.

Here I would like to produce some background to support my idea. The poet Shota Rustaveli is no stranger to the literary world in many lands. (*Here Helen list well known literary giants from*

many countries, who considered Rustaveli as the greatest poetical genius of the Georgia people.) Neither was Rustaveli a stranger to all of the people of the Soviet Union. His works, especially his "*The Knight in the Panther's Skin*" is translated into 76 languages of the world. His poems are directed towards universal harmony and humanism and provide all people with inspiration.

I also like to point out that special conditions have been prevailing for centuries in multinational Georgia where all Orthodox Georgians, Slavs, Catholics, Armenian Gregorians, Jews and Muslims have always lived in an atmosphere of mutual tolerance.

I tend to think that it is also important for our World Congress to remember that Georgia is the birthplace of Joseph Stalin who laid the foundations to the unique and mighty socialist state - the Soviet Union. And it is him who dedicated his whole life to the struggle against evil and to the struggle for good.

In view of this, this slogan would express the general mood which is to prevail at our World Congress and it should be also regarded as a great joint tribute of high respect to this great political figure. Could we get this slogan in 3 to 5 languages for the Congress?

How do we handle that different points of views that will be forthcoming from the Soviet dele-



gation? I definitely feel that each of the representatives from ex-USSR should remember that he or she represents the Soviet Union, though former at present, the State of Joseph Stalin and that means that each of us that come from former Soviet Union should try and represent our great Motherland at this international level. As you informed us that there shall be close to 90 delegates in total, while from former USSR there might be only about 11... it would be ridiculous if we, as former Soviet Union representatives started debating our ideological differences here. There is enough of space and territory to debate our differences on the territory of former USSR. This is our own problem and we should solve them here at home.

This Congress is not a Congress of Communist Parties. Any decision will be passed by a majority of votes. The 15-20 minutes set for Soviet speakers should be used to try seriously and clearly to inform delegates about the work that we all carry out and propose sensible ideas as to how to strengthen the world united front. Any debates about the ideological struggles inside the movements here would be out of place. It would be extremely difficult for the delegates to make correct conclusions without having all of the details spelled out. Various views can be expressed of course, and taken into consideration by the delegates, but no recriminations and attacks must be allowed, as this would have a negative effect on our striving for a United Front.

As to how we should elect the International Council, I feel that smaller delegations represented should elect amongst themselves their representative. The opinion of the Organizing Committee and of the Editorial Board plus the chairman should be taken into consideration. I feel that it is essential (*if at all possible*) for all members of the International Council to know English, to avoid problems, costs of translations and documentation, which will

become much more intensive as the International Council starts its work.

In my opinion, I would prefer to have true Marxists-Leninists in the International Council who really want to resurrect the Soviet Union and the world socialist system of the type that was practiced and lived under V.J.Lenin and J.V.Stalin. I absolutely insist that each nominee for the International Council be given serious consideration as there are some Marxist-Leninist parties which are in fact far from being that.

The request that members of the Organizing Committee try to be in Toronto a couple of days before the start of the Congress is needed in order to discuss last minute details. I hope that you will let the members of the Organizing Committee know the details of this get together, visa and all other pertinent information. Very shortly I shall write my opinion as to what this World Congress should accomplish.

FROM
WORKERS PARTY OF BELGIUM

Dear comrades:

We are honoured by the invitation to participate in the forthcoming World Congress in September of this year plus the proposal by the Organizing Committee for comrade Ludo Martens, Chairman of our Central Committee to give a Congress Report. Please inform us about the topic to be covered. As the author of "*Another View of Stalin*" he is prepared to clarify even further this important theme, or another that you might suggest.

Comrade Martens is staying now in the Democratic Republic of Congo, but since the situation is very unpredictable there now, we might have to send another delegate. Since I am responsible for the Soviet Section in our WPB, I would then represent him at this Congress. Comrade Martens will do everything possible to be per-

sonally present at this important event.

We truly hope that this World Congress will be very fruitful and stimulate the rebuilding of the Soviet Union, the main support of the international workers' movement.

On behalf of the International
Section of WPB
Jef Bossuyt

MARXIST VIEW
WEST BENGAL, INDIA

Dear comrades:

To us, Northstar Compass serves as a window to the working class movements taking place all over the world and we follow with an avid interest each and every article. Some of your articles form topics for extended discussions amongst our comrades, through which we try to feel the pulse of the working class movement and also the course of such movements. In view of their specific relevance, some of the NSC articles are translated into Bengali and are published in our "*Shramik Karha*", which is our Bengali monthly newspaper for the working class.

Your articles help us to carry on ideological struggles amongst all of the communist revolutionary groups and individuals here in India. In fact, we intend to publish a collection of such NSC articles, and shall seek your permission to do so.

Our *Marxist View* journal is in a process of organizing a Seminar of Solidarity with the working class movements in former USSR during this month of March. We feel that the reports published in NSC shall help us a lot in this venture. We also seek your support and suggestions as to how to make this Seminar productive and meaningful.

We hope that you shall give us your comments on our Marxist View publication.

Sincerely yours
Ashok Toy
Editor

COMMENT

We certainly shall cooperate with you comrades in every way possible, including a review of your Marxist View publication very shortly. We also would appreciate to have a delegate come to the World Congress, September 21-22-23, 2001 in Toronto, Canada.

FROM

RCWP

Dear comrades:

I greet you on the successful Mini-Conference which you held and which shall act as a study for the forthcoming World Congress. Now it is self-evident for all those skeptics and revisionists, thanks to the dedicated and brave comrades of the Organizing Committee and Board of Northstar Compass, the Congress is Toronto in September will take place! It's a fact! And it will be a lively get together with delegates from 47 countries of the world.

By getting acquainted with the minutes of the Mini-Conference I would like to add that the position of the Organizing Committee on the question of forming a united front of friends of Soviet people at the present moment is the most constructive proposal. After the temporary demise of the Soviet Union and the world socialist system headed by USSR, with the total rule by imperialism over the world and its media propaganda, the only alternative to counteract this imperialist propaganda is to promote the ideals of socialism, the unity of dedicated peoples organizations and parties. Of course the main force in this united front will be communists, dedicated to the teachings of Marx-Lenin-Stalin.

Now, before the Congress takes place, we must make certain that at this major event, that all ideas that are dedicated to solidarity with Soviet people will be realized. The Soviet people, who over 70 years were in the vanguard of progress and civilization, and they made a grandiose breakthrough towards the future, but now it is in need of solidarity and help.

In my view, the World Congress should adopt a Declaration in which in very concrete and understandable terms should be included:

1. The present epoch that we are living through, is an epoch of transition from capitalism to socialism, started by the Great October Socialist Revolution.

2. In the USSR as a result of the heroic dedication of the working class and peasants, working intelligencia and all of the Soviet people, there was built a socialist society, where the aspirations of the people came into life.

3. Many countries of Eastern Europe, Asia and Cuba had successful socialist revolutions and gained immense progress.

4. The revisionist policies of the CPSU after 1953, starting with the 20th Congress, inserted the so-called cult of personality of Stalin, and also the following revisionist policies of Eastern European countries, thus bringing on the counter-revolutionary bourgeois system in these former socialist countries.

5. Congress should support and show solidarity with the communist and workers parties in China, Vietnam, North Korea, Cuba and Laos.

6. Congress should show solidarity with the peoples who under imperialism are struggling against capitalism for a better life and socialism.

7. Congress should show solidarity with all political prisoners which are incarcerated under fascist regimes.

8. Congress should show its solidarity with the Soviet people, of former USSR, which are under

capitalist exploitation.

Between now and the Congress all parties, organizations, movements and periodicals that have signed the *Call* must give the Congress all publicity possible in their mass media, help to gather finances for the trip of the delegates and help the Organizing Committee in their expenses for such a mass undertaking.

In this there must be more initiative shown in cities, towns and localities. And what will be of outmost importance - the publication and dissemination widely of all the decisions that shall be made by the World Congress, that it might go towards future actions and undertakings. The Organizational Committee has done a real noble job in this sphere. I feel that the work of our Congress will help with the dissemination of information about the situation in the West, about the workers and communist movements, about the press, literature and arts. It would be also beneficial if forms of co-operation of a commercial venture would be found in order to finance the work of the forthcoming International Council.

Vladimir Chechentsev
Russian Communist Workers
Party. Member of the Organizing
Committee

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FROM
IRKUTSK
RUSSIA

WHAT I REALLY WANT TO SEE HAPPEN AT THE CONGRESS

Dear Editors of NSC:

I receive time from time your magazine from a friend in Moscow with whom I went to University in Moscow and studied English and, with whom we traveled to Canada as members of the USSR-Canada Society. The dedicated friends we met from the Canada-USSR Association still live in my heart after oh so many years.

When my friend in Moscow sent me some back copies of NSC and I read through them, recognizing the names of its leading comrades, I was amazed that they still are as active and dedicated to the Soviet Union as ever before! What a tremendous uplift to me personally, for I really thought that after the demise of the USSR and also of the Union of Soviet Friendship Society with Foreign Countries, I did really think that our dear friends in Canada would abandon the ship! Was I ever wrong, and how ashamed I am that thoughts like that would even cross my mind!

But...the hurt and yes, shame that I cannot see here in Russia any of the names who were former leaders of the Union of Soviet Friendship Societies (SSOD) who were active before in friendship...people like Valentina Tereshkova, Valery Chibisenkov, Yuri Kulishev, Chilingarov and many others! Where are they? Did all those speeches they made there in Canada to friends of Soviet people, were they just a mask? We agitated the friends of Soviet people and now we ourselves have given up! What shame are we living with!!!

Reading in NSC that you are going to hold a World Congress for Friendship and Solidarity with

Soviet People and that you expect close to 11 delegates from Russia, Ukraine, Byelorussia, Armenia, Georgia and maybe even Azerbaijan...and ...because I cannot go there myself, being on the low totem pole of "important" people that will be going from here, may I make some suggestions? After all, I dearly admire and love our foreign Soviet friends who stood their ground!

1. When the leaders of the communist parties from former Soviet Union come and take part in this Congress, I would ask them to take a look at all the faces that are there and that are such sincere and dedicated friends of Soviet people...and ask yourselves as to what do these comrades really want from us?

Is it only pretty and correct Marxist-Leninist speeches? Is it to be arguments or recriminations against each other?

2. Is this first World Congress to be just another get together of friends and then decide to meet again in a couple of years to discuss many burning questions, while reactionary forces at home here and imperialism go on their merry way to completely take over mankind!?

Since I shall not be there unfortunately, may I dear friends present my thoughts as to what this World Congress **REALLY** wants to accomplish?

The adoption of the Congress Declaration that will be signed by all the delegates, including the ones from my Motherland which might read as follows:

(a) We the delegates of this World Congress agree to strive to the best of our abilities to help resurrect the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics that will be a mighty deterrent to world imperialism headed by United States of America.

(b) We as delegates shall strive to help the Soviet people to rebuild socialism in their country as they

the Soviet people themselves choose as to what kind of socialism there shall be.

(c) This World Congress understands that the only possible way that the Soviet Union shall be reborn and socialism built is when there shall take place a unity between all of the present communist parties and movements that now exist, united by the principles of Marxism-Leninism and the dictatorship of the proletariat.

(d) Since this World Congress is not a communist party forum and that in order that the International Council that is proposed to be elected at this World Congress to carry on the future tasks, the Congress asks that all of the Soviet representatives that are gathered here, make a commitment that they will reestablish inside ex-USSR the Union of Soviet Friendship Societies with Foreign Countries which shall be a partner in cooperation with the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People.

Dear friends: I cry that I cannot afford the finances to come to this important Congress since the demise of the USSR. The next best thing is this letter which I sincerely hope shall find its place on the valuable pages of NSC.

Yours truly

Valentina A. Simonovna ■

FROM
PRAGUE
CZECH REPUBLIC

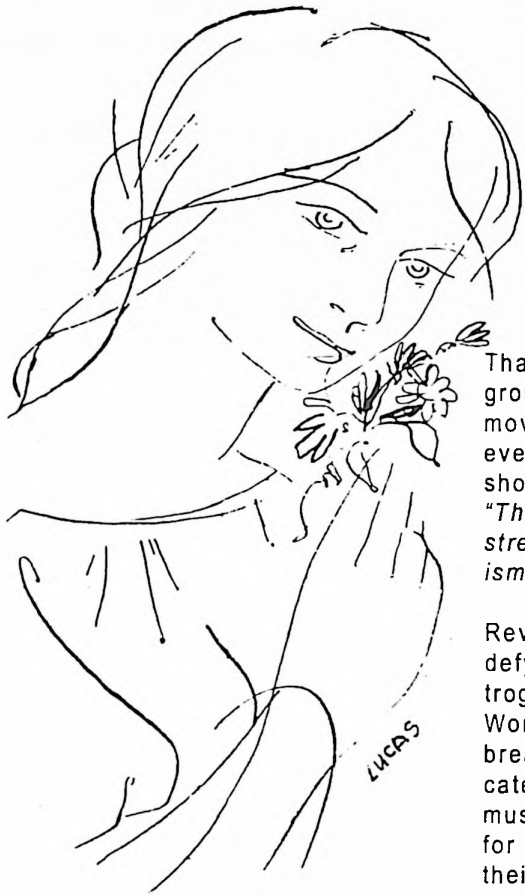
Regarding the World Congress, I feel that there should be some kind of Marxist-Leninist representation from the CPRF, as it is one of the most influential parties in Russia claiming to be "communist"

I wish that I could come but my priority must be to make certain that Postmark Praha gets to be republished again in September.

Ken Biggs
Editor of PP ■

GUEST EDITORIAL

MARCH 8TH INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



We have received greetings for the International Women's Day from Australia, from "The Democratic Socialist Party" which we publish below.

Dear comrades:

We are pleased to send you our greetings and our best wishes for your activities on this important event.

For our Party this is an important event on which to forge stronger links between all those struggling for the liberation of women around the world. It is a day with a proud history for the socialist movement - a history of internationalism, solidarity and struggle.

It was in the 1910 International Conference of Socialist Working Women held in Copenhagen that the German Marxist leader Clara Zetkin first raised the idea of organizing an International Working Women's Day to mark the important victories of women workers in the United States and to provide a focus for all women around the world to organize public actions in order to win the right to vote.

That conference broke vital new ground for the world socialist movement with its decision that every year, in every country, they should march under the slogan: "The vote for women will unite our strength in the struggle for socialism."

The sparking of the February Revolution in Russia by women defying the law to march in Petrograd on the International Women's Day in 1917, demanding bread and an end to war, vindicated the decision that women must be mobilized in the struggle for socialism, and that it is in their interest as the oppressed sex to do so constantly. Those early marches marked the beginning of women's central role in leading the struggle for socialism.

The first IWD rally was held in Australia in 1928, also organized by the communist women through their Militant Women's Movement. It demanded an eight-hour day, equal pay for equal work, paid annual leave and a living wage for the unemployed.

These demands in Australia have yet to be met for the overwhelming majority of women, and under the current neo-liberal offensive by Australia's capitalist rulers, they are becoming further out of reach for most women.

For the moment the women's liberation movement in our country is, after a decade of cooperation and demobilization by social democracy, followed by the assault of neo-liberalism, small, disorganized and easily diverted by the latest fads in feminism. However, the DSP and Resistance are working consistently among women students, trade unionists and all other campaigners, and through our newspaper "Green Left Weekly" and our public fo-

rums and classes, to rebuild a broad, campaigning women's liberation movement that can not only repel the escalating attacks on the mass of Australian women, but, through making alliances with other oppressed people in struggle, play the central role that it must in rebuilding a mass working class movement in Australia.

Our aim now is to revive the great tradition on the International Women's Day: a day of political struggle for women's liberation and for socialism, for without women's liberation there can be no socialism and without socialism women cannot be liberated.

In that common, worldwide struggle for an end to all oppression, we extend our solidarity to all of your comrades and campaigns.

Comradely

Lisa Macdonald
Democratic Socialist Political
Party



**We need your financial
help to hold the Congress!**

NATO CHIEF WANTS CLOSER TIES WITH RUSSIA

NATO Secretary-General George Robertson after visiting Moscow last month said that agreement was reached for Western alliance to deepen its ties with Russia. *"Russia realizes that NATO is here to stay and we need to have modus vivendi with each other."*

NATO also signed an agreement with Putin to open a NATO Information Office in Moscow. George Robertson also stated that Russia has no problems about what happened in Yugoslavia since Russian and NATO troops are together there as peacekeepers. At the same time the new U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell said that there is no chance that NATO troops will be withdrawn from the Balkans.

NATO also issued a statement that the NATO Summit is to be held in 2002 and go on with the plans for NATO's enlargement into Eastern Europe. Putin on the other hand issued a statement stating...*"not to undermine our closer relations with NATO by going too quickly into Eastern Europe..."*

GEORGIA BANS AIRSPACE TO RUSSIAN PLANES

Georgia has barred its air space to all Russian aircraft over the unpaid debt to a private company that owns the Georgian airport. The relations between the two have deteriorated badly in recent months.

Russia still has 4 military bases in Georgia but must evacuate two of them quickly to make room for NATO bases since Georgia is itching to get into NATO quickly.

U.S. GIVES ARMS TO UZBEKISTAN

U.S. has given Uzbekistan

arms and communication equipment plus 75 high frequency transmitters that are valued over three million dollars worth. This agreement was put through by former U.S. Secretary of State, Madeline Albright, according to Abdusattor Karimkulov, deputy head of Uzbek Security.

Albright made also deals with Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, as a first step towards ensnaring these former Soviet Union republics into NATO. This is also in cooperation with Turkey which wants these states to be part of an Islamic Federation.

BYELORUSSIA DENOUNCES LITHUANIAN RESISTANCE SEMINAR

Byelorussian government last month denounced a Lithuanian sponsored seminar for opposition politicians in Byelorussia in order to teach them how to destabilize Byelorussia and also to obstruct its presidential elections due this coming September.

This seminar was held in Vilnius, Lithuania and 40 members of the Byelorussian opposition of parties. It was organized by the U.S. Albert Einstein Institute and headed by former Lithuanian Defense Minister Audriud Butkevicius.

Bitkevicius said that the seminar is aimed at President Lukashenko of Byelorussia and it shall teach these opposition groups how to struggle against totalitarianism. He went on to say that this seminar is to be a social, political and psychological methodology geared by this U.S. think-tank which is aimed to get rid of Lukashenko and ensnare Byelorussia into NATO.

SHEVERNADZE VISITS TURKEY

At the two day high-level meeting in Turkey, Shevernadze,

(*Georgian President*) thanked Turkey (NATO member) for the yearly \$13 million help for its defense. This visit is meant to further cement the oil pipeline cooperation, meant to have the pipeline circumvent Russia and flow directly into Turkey and to the West. Someone is footing the over \$4 billion investment for this oil pipeline. This pipeline will be completed in 2004 and it will carry over 350 million barrels of oil per year.

This deal plus others is seen as giving the United States a major economic and political foothold in the Caucasus and thus isolate Russia and take away the oil from these former Soviet Republics which were built up during Soviet times. This new pipeline would also cut out Iran from the oil-transportation route to Europe from Central Asia.

Shevernadze said that Georgia and Turkey have common strategic interests.

ARMENIA

George Robertson of USA visited Armenia and had reached an agreement to set up an *"Armenian Battalion"* which would participate inside of NATO and utilized for their *"Partnership for Peace."* Behind all this is the tactic to restart the conflicts between Armenia and Georgia over the Djavakhetia region inhabited by Armenians.

BUSH AND DEFENSE SHIELD

President Bush stated that *"I'm going to fulfill that campaign promise to set up the world defense shield!"*

Of course China and Russia are making statements to the contrary and show opposition to this madness.

We have a suggestion to Igor Ivanov, the Russian Foreign Min-

ister: "Tell Bush that since Russia is now a capitalist partner, happily trying to build and "improve" capitalism, who is this Defense Shield against?"

MARKETS & POTATOES

More than one hundred years ago (1890's) Nadezda Krupskaya was talking to (wife of V.I. Lenin) women, and giving lectures on what the meaning of Markets is and how they work. The Bolsheviks at that time explained exactly how markets inside capitalism work and what must be done to eliminate this disease.

Imagine what these women comrades would think today if they were in Prince Edward Island province of Canada. Would they believe that the big farm trucks, front-end loaders- dumping Grade 1 potatoes by tons and shredding them into tiny pieces in order not to lower the price of potatoes or to give them to poor families or even to the starving populations in Africa.

The problem again and again of "markets" which are controlled by the same capitalist class who, in order to get higher profits are supporting the drive to faster introduce genetically modified potatoes.

PEI farmers did not want to destroy all of the potatoes, but the Markets demanded that they do. All profits come first before healing the poor people or the hungry.

Protesters demand president step down

UKRAINE Several thousand Ukrainians marched through the capital Kiev yesterday, calling for President Leonid Kuchma to resign in a scandal over the apparent murder of a journalist.

Waving Ukrainian flags, and chanting "Kuchma out! Kuchma out!" the protesters gathered in the city's main street. Kuchma denies involvement in the journalist's disappearance. (Reuters)

SPECIAL FOR NORTHSTAR COMPASS

COLD WAR BRAINWASHING IS GOING STRONG!

By M.N.Suter

On February 10, the Canadian cable television channel "The History Channel" aired the American Hollywood made film "Missing in Action". This is one of the worst, most violent, right wing and racist Hollywood "Rambo" type movie ever made.

The premise of this Cold War movie is the "hero" played by Chuck Norris who returns to Vietnam to liberate his former soldier buddies, who are being held captive and being tortured by the Vietnamese, years after the war. Of course, before he goes to Vietnam he has to fight corrupt U.S. government officials, who deny that any prisoners exist. When he arrives in Vietnam (armed to the teeth and with a private army of mercenaries) the bloodfest begins. He then goes on a rampage, blowing up buildings and vehicles and murdering virtually every Vietnamese in sight.

The Vietnamese are portrayed as evil, bloodthirsty, torturers and killers. The American "prisoners" are of course portrayed as noble "freedom loving fighters" who only wanted to bring "American style democracy" to Vietnam. Of course these evil Communists, Vietnamese deserve everything they get! The movie dredges up every possible racist and cold war stereotype to vilify and demonize Vietnam and its people.

The movie in itself is bad enough, but what makes it worse, is that it was shown on "The History Channel" which is mandated and licensed by the Canadian Radio and Television Commission (CRTC) to air documentaries that portray the "real" historic events. This film has no basis in history! It has nothing to do with the real

Vietnam war and the genocide perpetrated by the USA armed forces. This gives the viewers who are not familiar with the Vietnam War that, either this did happen, or that it could or even should happen!

This Hollywood film promotes hatred, violence and racism towards all the Vietnamese people, their government and their officials, and it acts as a platform for the American and also Canadian ultraright to popularize their Fascist views. This is outrageous and purposely shown film is just Cold War fascist propaganda.

I urge that everyone protests this outrage to the CRTC in Canada at "info@crtc.gc.ca" or telephone direct, toll free in Canada (877)249-2782.

COMMENT

NSC and CFSP have protested this McCarthy-type propaganda film. We urge our readers to do the same.

We also wonder whether the Putin government of Russia will buy the rights to this film and show it over the Russian TV channels?

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AN EXPOSE OF MURDER By FELIX GORELIK

WHO KILLED GENERAL ROKHLIN?

In July of 1998, Russia was shocked at the news of the death of the legendary General Rokhlin. It was his army corps that took by storm the "Castle of Dudaev" in Grozny, Chechniya. When the General refused all the medals from Yeltsin's regime, he was satisfied with the love and respect of all of his troops whom he saved from death due to the terrible policy of Yeltsin's regime at that time. Yeltsin, an opportunist in every way, utilized Rokhlin's name in his election strategy: he was the first candidate from the "governing party" and he became the Chairman of the Defense Committee in the Russian Duma. But in a very short while, after seeing the manipulations going on in the Duma and in the top echelons of power, he became a bitter critic of all of Yeltsin's policies and then he organized and headed the "Movement to support the Army".

During a hot summer evening he was found dead, shot in the head while sleeping in his dacha outside of Moscow. Who was or were the killers during this hot summer night? The very next day they caught the perpetrator: it was no other, they said, then his wife Tamara Rokhlin - because of a family quarrel: General Rokhlin came to the dacha for his psychologically sick son's birthday late! She said that she could not take such tardiness and killed him!

Can anyone believe this official version that, after being married for over 30 years, the husband who supported her, the daughter and the sick son, that the wife in a cold blooded manner, with a gun in her hand, fired off a shot downstairs into the wall, then went upstairs to where her husband was sleeping and shot him in the head?

But where was the General's

security? The members of the Security Guard were sleeping peacefully and did not hear the two shots supposedly fired by his wife. The wife, supposedly went to wake up the Security guards and told them this story as to how she shot her husband.

Tamara was arrested and was immediately charged with his murder. After two years of investigation and jail, against all evidence gathered she was sentenced to jail for 8 years. We are certain that she will not live to finish her 8 year sentence, since, as did happen in the USA after president John Kennedy and his brother Robert were also assassinated, all the witnesses in a few years were found murdered or died very mysteriously...no witnesses were left alive.

Tamara tried to defend herself in court by stating that that night there were men who came into the house, wearing black masks and they killed her husband. They then demanded that she take the full blame, otherwise her son and daughter will be killed. It is now a known fact that she was injected with some drugs and then forced to a confession. The press reported that at the dacha of Rokhlin for months after there was investigation and searching. Then they discovered a few recent corpses - these were obviously the bodies of the assassins who themselves were murdered.

Tamara Rokhlin is held in a jail cell which measures only 11 sq. meters, crowded together with 14 other women. She has internal bleeding and is not treated or visited by a doctor. It is a sure thing that she will be held there until she dies...since she is the last witness to the death of her husband, General Rokhlin.

According to the latest figures

from the Russian Justice Ministry, there are over 60,000 people killed each year in Russia alone by criminal, political and Mafiosi contract killings!

Case closed!

During the funeral for General Rokhlin, there were many demonstrations and there were cries of "Yeltsin, the killer!" I am absolutely certain that this was carried out on the orders of Yeltsin and his clique! To just point out a few facts that bring us to this conclusion. During 1998 the destruction of USSR reached its critical stage. It was only a month before Russia would crash economically and financially...it was bankrupt!

The striking miners, who before were sure supporters of Yeltsin, sent hundreds of delegates to the White House in Moscow where Duma was sitting. They not only demanded back payment of wages, but also demanded the resignation of Yeltsin. The strikers threatened to have a country-wide economic and political strike. General Rokhlin supported these strikers and their demands. Plans were made that during the week of July 20th from all corners of USSR there were to gather thousands of officers in Moscow and surround the Kremlin, plus all workers from arms industries to demand the resignation of Yeltsin. It was a well known fact as to what kind of prestige and authority General Rokhlin had in the armed forces. The Russian officers also for months did not get paid wages to support their families and saw in General Rokhlin their defender. Yeltsin was not certain whether the Russian Army would not follow General Rokhlin. General Rokhlin now really became the leader of the opposition.

This courageous man, who de-

fended Afghanistan against imperialist intrigues was a dedicated patriot of the Motherland. In front of his eyes the army became disarmed, the Soviet arms industry was being liquidated at the insistence of the West. He came to the conclusion that the present regime became outright traitors to the country and were fulfilling the wishes of the West. No amount of millions or billions of dollars shall save these traitors from the wrath of the people.

In order to save their skins a little longer they are dismantling every defensive system that the USSR had. They destroyed the ballistic rockets, those which could act as a deterrent against attack from Imperialism. We have now no navy, the army is not functioning as an army capable to defend the country. The West can now do whatever they want, from east, west or south. The plan of American imperialism goes further...in order to weaken any cohesion left inside former Soviet Union, they instigated and succeeded in splintering all the former republics and territories from Russia.

A question was asked of General Rohklin as to whether Yeltsin knows as to what is happening in Russia? Rohklin said: *"He has crumbled so much of USSR that he will be asked by people eventually : How much in lives did 1993 cost the Soviet people? You are one of the architects of the disintegration of the USSR, Privatization. Who will save him? The Army? He does not believe that the Russian Army will save him. Police? But he does not believe in their loyalty either. Will the West help him? The West is letting Yeltsin sink or swim. As you can see, the crash is coming. The main aim of our movement is to lift the yoke off the backs of Russian people...put on by the present regime!"*

Unfortunately, Rohklin's wait for this to happen did not come. Yeltsin at that time stated: *"We shall do away with all of the Rohklinites!"*. And he did just do that! Not the Army, not the people

rose up at this murder in a countrywide political action. Yeltsin, seeing the mood and his position, went on a very tactical maneuver in order to save his skin. He gave over the "state" to his protégé - Putin.

Putin was presented to the people as a "patriot", defender of the army, the economy and to save the regime which was like a sinking ship.

Putin put through a willing Russian Duma parliament a law which absolved Yeltsin and his leadership from any actions in

court for all their deeds. He absolved them of all the crimes! The assassination of General Rohklin was also hushed up and the witnesses were all done away with, while Tamara, Rohklin's wife is in jail until such time as she also will be done away with...dying in her sleep. Rohklin could have played a key role in liberating the country as was done in 1612 by Czar Pozharsky together with Kuzma Minin when they liberated the city of Moscow from interventionists. *General Rohklin could also have done this!*

SIT CLOSER, MY DEAR COMRADE

By Nikolay Palkin
Saratov, Russia

With thanks to Katy Swonarov

Sit closer, my dear comrade,
There's much to think about.
Let's sit, around this table
We'll fill up our frontline glasses.

Time does its own work,
While over us black crows cry,
And we are now less and less,
Who fought for the Motherland.

How many roads did we travel.
How many boots we wore out.
How many fires of war winds
Have taken our dear comrades.

Sit closer, my dear comrade,
There's much to think about.
Let's sit around this table.
And top-up our last frontline drink



US "Democracy"
exposed!

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LESSONS OF THE 2000 US PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

By RAY O LIGHT

Almost the entire post World War Two period, at least the last 50 years, has been characterized by the efforts of revisionists in the communist and workers parties throughout the world (*whether in state power or not*) to establish a rapprochement with United States imperialism. This reformist defeatist plaque has also afflicted revolutionary nationalist forces fighting for liberation of their nations that are oppressed by imperialism, headed by US imperialism. To justify this treachery to the world's oppressed and exploited peoples, there has been a worldwide effort to prettify US imperialism. This tremendous effort to promote "American Exceptionalism" has been sponsored by their stooges, the revisionists and other sellout leaders among the international working class and among the anti-imperialist movements of the colonial and dependent peoples of the world. This has involved a wholesale revision of the teachings of Lenin on impe-

rialism and its inevitable drive to war, the nature of the state, etc.

With the temporary demise of the socialist camp, US imperialism has stepped up its political momentum and used its global media monopoly to wrap itself in the banner of "democracy", of political pluralism, of free elections. However, the 2000 US Presidential Election and the general US election provided ample exposure of the big lie of "American Exceptionalism" and the bankruptcy of revisionism. It underscored the continuing validity of Leninism, i.e. Marxism in the era of imperialism and the unfolding proletarian revolution.

LESSON #1:

With all the talk of the "precious" right to vote, millions of working people in the USA are systematically deprived of this "human right".

First of all, before even dealing with the USA, the vast majority of the peoples of the world, including

those most directly affected by US government policing the US World Empire (*such as the peoples of Iraq, Kosovo and Colombia*) had no vote in the US election. Secondly, within USA multinational state, the huge number of mainly Latino "legal" (non-citizen) and "illegal" immigrants who do so much of the work, had no right to vote. (*Estimates of 10.5 million documented and 5.5 million undocumented immigrants live in the USA (Montelibre Monthly, Nov. 2000).*)

Thirdly, on top of that, the people of the colony of Puerto Rico had no vote either. Thirdly, huge numbers of Afro-American people, especially the men, have been permanently disenfranchised in many states by disproportionate unequal sentencing to felony convictions. More than one in eight were so disenfranchised because of a previous or current felony conviction. In addition, in Florida, and elsewhere, the Afro-American people's right to vote was disproportionately thwarted on this basis as well as by police roadblocks, discourteous and high-handed treatment by election officials as well as police, much

larger numbers of defective voting machines etc. (*Shades of the Segregationist US South of the post Reconstruction era up to the 1960's!*) In addition, defective voting machines underscore the disproportionate exclusion of all the have-nots in USA society (*Black, brown, white, Asian and native American*) from the voting process.

LESSON #2

With all the talk of freedom of choice, there are no fundamental differences between Bush and Gore.

Among the many fundamental issues that unite Gore and Bush are the following: the role of US state as the global policeman on behalf of the international capitalism; on the international trade-support for WTO, World Bank, IMF; domestically, the enthusiastic funding of Star Wars military spending; a great nation chauvinist and anti-Communist "*hardball*" approach to the Elian Gonzalez affair; the plundering of Social Security; opposition to universal health care and the wholesale dismantling of the social safety net.

During the eight years of the Clinton-Gore Administration, despite the boom in the US economy, the gap between the rich and the poor continued to rise and the numbers of working poor increased tremendously as millions were forcibly removed from the welfare rolls. Every single year there was a substantial increase in the number of people in the USA who have no health care insurance at all. In addition, the unionization rate continued to fall...threatening the very existence of organized labor in the USA. Furthermore, as US imperialist military expert Ellior Vohen points out, "*the country's armed services are extraordinarily busy.*" Cohen points out, "*They wage a low-level war in Iraq (barely no-*

ticed in the newspapers until lately), patrol the streets of Kosovo, cruise the South China Sea, and train peacekeepers for Sierra Leon and anti-narcotics commandos in Colombia." (p.55, Foreign Affairs, Nov. Dec. 2000). In fact, Gore and Vice Presidential candidate Lieberman were two of the twelve Democratic Senators who had "*crossed over*" to support previous Republican President George Bush in his virtual imperialist war against the people of Iraq ten years earlier.

Yet, despite this vicious record, the revisionists of the CPUSA along with the AFL-CIO hierarchy (*'The labor lieutenants of the capitalist class'*), and most of the Afro-American social democratic and bourgeois misleadership, and along with the leadership of the petty-bourgeois feminist and environmentalist movements, they all remained loyal to the Democrats and to the two-party (*one class*) monopolist controlled US political system.

During the Presidential campaign between Bush and Gore, much was made of the fact that Gore seemed phony, alienated, unreal. Labor Party advocate Bill Onasch, in an insightful article, explained the reason for Gore's bad acting job:

"Gore was always on the cutting edge within the Clinton Administration on issues such as destroying the social safety net, privatization, and promoting policies of globalization. He carried his untold millions in hard and soft contributions from corporate sources.

"But Gore ran into a spring of bad luck. Social polarization, and the determination of the labor, feminist, civil rights, and environmental movement leaderships to maintain their commitment to the two-party system, thrust Gore into the unsought and uncomfortable role of a populist.

"Instead of crowing about the success of Free Trade, taking pride in the unparalleled growth in the stock market, and promising more "reinventing government" - removing government services and the workers who performed them - as he would have liked to do, poor Gore had to talk about saving Social Security and Medicare, and promise to make the right appointments to the Supreme Court. While he could get plenty of money from the rich, he had to hustle votes through the mass organizations of the working class." (The American Political System Reviewed)

Along with the massive pro Gore campaign waged by the misleadership of the CPUSA revisionist in conjunction with the AFL-CIO hierarchy and much of the Black Bourgeoisie, and the Bush Republican millions on "*the other side*", it took hundreds of millions of dollars in campaign advertising by the Republicans and Democrats as well as the free propaganda controlled by the monopolist controlled mass media to convince the less than half of the eligible voters who voted for Bush/Gore "*Republicrat*" duopoly to come out and vote at all!

LESSON #3

There are no fundamental differences between the Republican and Democratic Parties. TOGETHER, as tweedledum and tweedlrdee, they loyally represent the rule of monopoly capitalism and imperialism in the USA.

The biggest exposure of this fact emerged from the stalemate in the Presidential vote of November 7th. While the demand for "*counting all the votes*" was being raised by the Democrats in Florida, focusing on exceptional votes that numbered in the hundreds (including "*chads*) of all types), the disenfranchisement of Afro-

American voters there that involved tens of thousands of votes, only Jesse Jackson and a small number of other "left" democrats among the Afro-American population rose up and mobilized around this disenfranchisement that has its roots in the betrayal of Reconstruction following the close of Presidential Election on 1876. In exchange for pulling the Union troops out of the South at that time, Republican Rutherford B. Hayes was then elected as President despite the fact that Democrat Samuel Tilden had received the majority of the popular vote. That deal for Presidency doomed Florida among other Southern States to domination by Klu Klux Klan rule. Contemporary white supremacist political power in Florida is still conditioned by the 1876 "deal" and it largely determined the way 2000 Presidential Election was decided in Florida!!! Yet Gore and the Democrats were strangely silent on this vital question of Afro-American disenfranchisement.

The most dramatic illustration of this occurred at the January 6th, 2001 joint meeting of the US House and Senate which officially and legally anointed George W. Bush as the next US President. This Joint Session had to review and approve the electoral college vote for the Presidency on a state by state basis. One by one, about a dozen members of the Congressional Black Caucus (*joined by several other Congress people, including Patsy Mink of the stolen island nation of Hawaii*) raised an official protest of the Florida electoral vote - attempting to expose the Republican theft of the Florida vote and with it the US Presidency! It was none other than Vice President Al Gore as the presiding officer in the Senate who suppressed the Black representatives on the "Constitutional" basis that not one Senator had signed any of these motions of

protest. Had even one Democratic Senator signed, there would have been a two hour debate in which the theft of the Presidency could have been thoroughly exposed and even perhaps the outcome changed. Congressman Jesse Jackson Jr. finally said in frustration that not even one of the 50 Democratic Senators would join their resistance. The deal was in! Gore had helped keep the Democratic Senators in line. Support for the system was the priority. The election was just a game being played on the masses of the people.

Especially the Afro-American people, who had been the most loyal and supportive voting bloc for Gore, should not forget Gore's desertion of them as they were systematically disenfranchised in Florida and elsewhere. Nor should the Congressional Black Caucus forget that, in that historic Joint Session on January 6th, as they defended democracy for *all*, they were abandoned by Gore and every Senate Democrat, as well as almost all their House colleagues! The Democratic Party is a dead-end for all the oppressed and exploited!!!

Immediately after the inauguration, President George W. Bush nominated John Ashcroft to be US Attorney General. Again the sham opposition of all the Democratic Senators was in evidence. Forty-

two Democrats voted against Ashcroft. But if they really wanted to stop his nomination forty-one votes were needed to filibuster and force G.W. Bush to nominate someone else. Even more revealing is the fact that Ashcroft, who was projected in the mass media as righteous Christian ideologue, being persecuted for his religious beliefs by the "left", was never challenged at his confirmation hearings. Neither the \$50 thousand dollars pay-off he got from Schering-Plough, the maker of the super profitable allergy drug Claritin, in exchange for his sponsorship of last year's bill extending their patent, nor the \$1.7 million dollars he got for his opposition to the oil, chemical, and paper companies in exchange for his opposition to expensive environmental protection legislation was raised. Texas populist Jim Hightower has pointed out that this is because the Senate Democrats are feeding from the same corporate trough.

LESSON #4

In the USA, national elections do not guarantee that the working people will have their interests represented by the elected representatives; precisely the opposite is the case. The elections are a vehicle for the enforcement of the rule of the top 1% of the US population.

This is how it is done. The monopoly capitalists control both these US parties. Very often they back both the Republican and Democratic candidates for the same office. And once they have an incumbent, they "ride" him like a saddlehorse. As the *Hightower Lowdown* (January 2001) pointed out, "The startling statistic of Election 2000: 99% of US congressional incumbents were re-elected. Less than 5% were even seriously challenged in the election, thanks mostly to the huge money advantage they enjoy."

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The connection between monopoly representation and US national elections is also obvious from the incredible amount of money that is spent on the election campaigns, compared with the anticipated (*legal*) pay and benefits that US Congress people and Presidents receive. For example, John Corzine used \$65 million dollars to purchase the Senate seat in New Jersey. Assuming that he serves the full six year term, Corzine will be rewarded with only about one million and a half dollars in pay, maybe two million with benefits added. What could motivate such an expenditure by a businessman other than the corrupt connection between US monopoly ruling class and their political puppets in Washington, D.C.?!

In the election for President, the Republican war chest for Governor George W. Bush was so large even *before* the primary season had begun, that he refused the federal matching funds because they would have restricted his funding! Bush raised and spent more money than any other candidate in US history. What will the US ruling class get in return? If the people allow it, there will be the total abolition of the inheritance tax - an enormous boondoggle that the rich only need for a short window of opportunity every generation or so.

A member of the US Congress who wants to speak for the people and oppose and expose the corrupt handling over of huge sums of money to the military-industrial complex and other elements of Corporate America, will surely be dumped out of Congress. They will be kicked out of the capitalist paradise, they will have their keys to the country club taken away and the doors locked against them. On top of that, any skeletons in their closet will be trumpeted by the monopolist controlled media. The result of their ethical

anti-corporate effort will be public humiliation and disgrace. Thus, the US monopoly capitalists and imperialists, the US ruling class, use these "democratic" elections to ensure that THEIR interests will be represented.

LESSON #5:

In the USA, the mass media is not used to inform and educate the people on what the political issues are. The highly touted US "free press" issued precisely the opposite way. It uses the threat of scandal to keep public figures in lockstep with the interests of its monopoly capitalist owners and their ruling class friends. Personal scandal is substituted for political knowledge.

In the name of "free speech" and the "right of the people to know", the US mass media exposes scandal to bury legitimate and significant news that virtually affects all the people. (*With its world-wide domination of the airways (CNN et al.) in this period the role of US mass media as a faithful and effective promoter of US imperialism must not be underestimated.*)

(*During the Clinton Presidency, the Whitewater Scandal was used in the interests of the US insurance companies and banks to get the Clintons and others to back off health care reform. At crucial moments Clinton-Monica Lewinsky scandal details were revealed and used to push important news events into oblivion. This occurred, for example, on the eve of the Pope's visit to Cuba when, in an unprecedented move, all three US networks nightly news show anchors were to broadcast from Cuba - giving the ignorant and brainwashed US citizens some real knowledge of Cuba. Again, on the eve of the Report of the Clinton-sponsored Civil Rights Commission on the status of the Afro-American people in today's USA,*

the US media used this scandal to permanently bury this report.)

In the aftermath of the November 7th, 2000 presidential election deadlock, the mass media made a concerted effort to get Gore to be a "graceful" instead of a "sore loser". As Gore Vidal wrote in the *Nation*: "Gore was accused of trying to steal an election he had won." (January 8-15, 2001) Once Gore conceded, the media treated him almost reverentially for his "grace and nobility". But thousands of Afro-Americans and Haitians, as well as elderly Jewish people whose votes had gone to anti-Semitic Buchanan(!), were not ready to give up their rights so easily. Their spokesman was Jesse Jackson. A day or two before he was to lead a massive counter inaugural protest in Florida's capital, Tallahassee, Jackson was compelled by the media to expose his own sex scandal and to announce that he was dropping out of politics for the time being. Four days later, a few days after the Presidential inauguration, Jackson was back in business. But the anti-inaugural protest had been decapitated by the well-timed scandal.

LESSON #6:

The famous "checks and balances" found in US Constitutional Government are not checks on the limits of power of one of the branches by the others; in reality, they are a check on the ability of the people of the USA to mount any serious challenge to monopoly capitalist rule. The US Constitution is not a democratic but an anti-democratic document.

In effect, Bush and Vice President Cheney won the election by a 5-4 vote of the 9 judges of the US Supreme Court. These judges are appointed for life by the sitting President to fill vacancies as they occur. Seven of the current nine were appointed by Republican

Presidents, including several by George W's father, who had previously served as the head of the US CIA. In stopping the vote count in Florida and then a few days later rendering a decision, in the name of "political stability", that completely contradicted their general state's rights bias, the USA Supreme Court showed this is nothing more than a *unelected, unaccountable, permanent prop of the monopoly capitalist and imperialist bourgeois system.*

Justice John Paul Stevens, disgusted by the naked power move made by his fellow Republican Supreme Court justices, stated: "*Although we may never know with complete certainty the identity of the winner of this year's Presidential election; the identity of the loser is perfectly clear. It is the Nation's confidence in the judge as an impartial guardian of the rule of law.*"

The Electoral College which most people both inside and outside the USA never knew existed is a *safety valve for the monopolists against the people.* After the victory of the Revolutionary War for Independence, the new US government had been set up under the Articles of Confederation. Under the Articles, several rebellions against the new ruling class had already taken place. The so-called Founding Fathers (including a large Slaveowner minority) implemented the Constitution, including the electoral college, precisely to keep the "one man-one vote" principle from taking root in the USA. In the 2000 election, the existence of the electoral college allowed the Florida legislature, Florida Governor Jeb Bush, George' brother(!) and his Secretary of State Katherine Harris, the Florida Supreme Court and others to try to substitute their will for the will of the people. Finally, the US Supreme Court, the most undemocratic

branch of the US government, trumped them all,

ESSON #7:

The Ralph Nader-Green Party was worthy of critical support in order to try to smash the "two party" system through which the monopolists have exercised a stranglehold on political power almost uninterruptedly since 1876.

Nader did an increasingly effective job as the campaign unfolded, exposing how Gore and the Democrats were no alternative to the Republican Bush. Had the Nader campaign been supported by the revisionists, Trotskyites, social democratic trade unionists, Afro-American community activists, etc. he and the Green Party would have broken through the 5% threshold for significant federal funding. While this would not have been the political solution, it would represent a blow to US imperialist's virtually unchallenged and unquestioned political agenda in the USA.

It must be remembered, however, that Nader and the Green Party are national chauvinists to the core (like the Green/Social Democratic coalition government in Germany and the Blair government in England, the strongest European pro-NATO and pro-US imperialist representatives in the brutal unprovoked war on Yugoslavia.) Nader never dissociated himself from the pro-Nazi Buchanan. No serious appeal was made to the Afro-American community to challenge Gore for their support, though a real effort was made to reach out to organized labor on the basis of exposure of Gore's anti-labor on globalization - with some initial interest on the part of UAW and Teamster leadership - among others.

In classical Trotskyite fashion, in pursuit of their narrow sectarian aims, Workers World Party siphoned off voters and activists

who could have energized Nader campaign. But the betrayal of the CPUSA revisionists was the greatest of all. At a time when tremendous energies were expended to mobilize the union members and Afro-American people tied to the "dead-end street" of Gore and the Democrats and thereby gave the strongest support to the political system of US imperialism. The blood of people from Colombia to Iraq to Indonesia to the Balkans is on their hands!

CONCLUSION:

While, *tactically*, the proletarian revolutionary movement in all lands, including within the USA must continue to seek and find useful participation in the electoral struggle depending upon time, conditions and place; the *strategic* teachings of comrade Lenin with regard to the role of elections under monopoly capitalism and imperialism still today resonates with ever greater vitality in the aftermath of the US Presidential Election of 2000. In his immortal work on *The State and Revolution*, Lenin taught that:

"...Engels is most definite in calling universal suffrage an instrument of bourgeois rule. Universal suffrage, he says...is 'gauge of the maturity of the working class. It cannot and never will be anything more in the present-day state.'

"...The petty-bourgeois democrats...expect just this 'more' from universal suffrage. They themselves share and instill into the minds of the people the false notion that universal suffrage 'in the modern state' is really capable of ascertaining the will of the majority of the toilers and of securing its realization."

While left opportunists in the USA such as the Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP) believe that the mass disillusionment with

US electoral politics (evidenced by the fact that half the eligible voters are not going to the polls) is a sign that the system is in big trouble; but in reality, paralysis, cynicism and apathy are not the ingredients for building proletarian power sufficient to challenge the power of the bourgeois state. With regard to the electoral struggle, in opposition to such

"left" opportunist and adventurist posturing as well as to right opportunist tailing to the imperialist bourgeoisie and to Trotskyite sectarianism, the genuine Leninists need to help develop a mass Afro-American, Latino and Labor Party with which under Marxist-Leninist leadership the workers and the oppressed masses can learn through their own experi-

ence the limitations of bourgeois democracy and the need to fight for victorious national and social revolution by whatever means necessary.

Just as Lenin stood on the shoulders of Engels, so we must stand on the shoulders of Lenin and go forward to victory of the world proletarian revolution. ■

NEWS FROM THE SOVIET UNION

FROM NEWSPAPER
MOLNIYA
RUSSIA

CENTURY OF A RED TIDE

An appeal was made by Victor Anpilov of "Trudovaya Rossia" to form a one united Communist Party of the Soviet Union. Time has come to stop splitting and forming small entities. We must unite around the CPSU. This was the appeal made by Victor Anpilov on December 30th, 2000 at a mass gathering to celebrate the 77th Anniversary of the proclamation of the USSR.

This event was chaired by Oleg Shenin leader of the UCP-CPSU and it was proposed to call a CPSU Congress meeting of leaders on March 17th, which is the 10th Anniversary of the All Union Referendum for saving the USSR. April 22, 2001 should be the time to invite all the leaders of the Communist Parties and agree on the mechanism to follow and to set the Unity Congress.

The masses of people that were present at this event stood up in ovation for this proposal of the rebirth of the USSR

Let the present leaders of USA and imperialism know that the people of the world believe that the Soviet Communists shall heed the peoples hopes that the first ever state of workers and peasants shall be reborn again.

Those that think that the unity of Russia, Byelorussia and even Yugoslavia and some other Slavic countries will be existing without communism, should really have their heads read. This would be a road towards capitalism, not socialism. It will be under the same bourgeois Mafiosi as it is now.

The Communists of Russia openly state that they will build **SOCIALISM** in the country of Lenin and Stalin, they will rebuild the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and they shall liberate the people from the domination of capitalism and imperialism!

Year 2001 shall be the year of the Unified CPSU and it will be the Century of the Red Tide! ■

SPECIAL FOR NORTHSTAR COMPASS

CPUSA Delegate reports on the 7th Congress of the CPRF

We have received an anonymous document which tells about the CPRF Congress that was held in Moscow last December 2-3, 2000. This report was delivered to the CPUSA National Board by its delegate on January 6, 2001. It is very interesting since it confirms the internal struggles inside the communist movements.

"Unfortunately these observations comprise a limited view of events at the CPRF Congress. The Congress was a wonderful experience and I am deeply appreciative of being accorded the honor to represent our party.

There were 401 delegates

which included 25% workers and peasants (a basic weakness) and 20 nationalities. The few number of women present was not even noted, and this reflects a persistent glaring weakness.

In addition there were 1,500 guests, some 117 foreign delegates representing 82 parties from 39 countries (including the former Soviet Republics). Several countries were represented by more than one communist or workers party. The Congress was chaired by Anatoly Lukyanov.

POLITICAL CONTENT

The Russian working class and people are struggling through a disastrous and a many-sided cri-

sis brought on by the imposition of capitalism. About 70% of the population live at or below the poverty line. There are high rates of unemployment and underemployment. Many workers are still paid months in arrears, pensions have been cut or eliminated, and people face starvation in some areas.

There is crisis in education, health care, alcoholism, TB, Aids and drug abuse are of epidemic proportions.

In his opening report, Gennady Zyuganov said IMF policies being advanced by Putin government were worse than Yeltsin's. Eighty per cent of state enterprises have now been privatized. The state enterprises were literally looted by foreign capital and former government officials.

The Putin government has launched a frontal attack on the labor movement with a campaign to impose a new labor code, dictates by the IMF. It would replace the old labor code of 1967. It is a horrific law that would essentially destroy the labor movement by ending all collective bargaining, lengthening the work week to 56 hours, permitting child labor, and allow firings of labor militants.

The big IMF loans that rescued Russia from collapse are coming due and paying them off will require drastic social cuts.

The CPRF has the largest faction in the Russian Duma with 109 deputies. In 1997 they drew 35 million votes but later their share of the votes decreased to 30% along with fewer deputies. Thus the CPRF has lost its majority in the Russian Duma.

The CPRF also has a majority of shares in a governing coalition in 40 of the 88 regional and territorial Dumas.

STATE OF THE PARTY

The Party competes unfairly against the private mass media monopolies. It also faces anti-Communist slander. This helps to explain why most of the trade union movement is now dominated by class collaborationist forces.

The Congress atmosphere was upbeat, the finances have been stabilized. The Party has 400,000 members but previously had 500,000 members two years ago. There is growth now.

New regional and district offices have been opened now and the CPRF has 17,000 party clubs, but the aim is to involve these clubs into the struggle. In Moscow where the party before had one million members, it now has only



GENNADY ZYUGANOV

26,000 who have rejoined the CPRF back.

There are steps being taken to confederate the CPRF with Byelorussian and also the Ukrainian parties that reflects the efforts to federate the three countries. It was only later that I learned that an effort was being made to establish a new political center that would be in direct competition with the existing movements of CPSU. This had obviously angered those in the CPSU and created a new problem of unity among the communist forces.

GROWING SENTIMENT FOR SOCIALISM

In his report Zyuganov noted that the CPRF has "a guarded position towards Putin", supporting his positive steps and criticizing his reactionary policies. But it is clear that the regime is plowing ahead with the capitalist reforms.

Putin is a master demagogue and there are very wide spread illusions about him.

According to Zyuganov, Putin doesn't share the rabid anti-communism of Boris Yeltsin. Putin confronts the tremendous growth in sentiment for a return to socialism.

Putin sent a message of greetings to the Congress and afterward met Zyuganov privately.

REBUILDING AMONG THE WORKING CLASS

The main discussion at the Congress was based on a political document drafted by the CC of CPRF, which was called "The Immediate Tasks of the CPRF", which had been circulated before the Congress. This reflects a new level of political thinking. It projects a class line and sees the crisis in capitalism, recognizes the role of imperialism and its relation to Putin. It says that the only solution to the crisis is socialism.

The congress advanced a program of trade union activities, including fighting for a new strengthened labor code. It called for a multi-pronged strategy to meet the crisis facing the working class.

First plan is to restore political rule of the people by forming a coalition government of "popular trust" with workers, peasants, the intelligencia and small businesses to win power.

A TURNING POINT CONGRESS?

The discussion from the floor was sharply critical of the CPRF and of Zyuganov and the party's level of activity and tactics. The delegate from the Communist Party of India (Marxist) said it was the most critical discussion he had heard dating back to Soviet times.

The biggest criticism was that the CPRF was not opposing Putin's government more vigorously. Many delegates felt that the Party was relying too heavily on parliamentarism and not enough on mobilizing the people. Much more emphasis must be put

towards a mass struggle in the trade unions as in electing deputies.

There was very little discussion about mass struggles, especially those led by the Party, which is a source of very great frustration for most of the international party delegates. It seems that most delegates took for granted that the CPRF is involved in mass demonstrations.

There was no mention of the struggles being waged by workers in Siberia, where tens of thousands are without heat and face freezing temperatures. Zyuganov unfortunately never even mentioned the question of mobilizing to defeat Putin's Labor Code in his opening report. There is also the appeal by the CPRF to Russian nationalism, without a clear recognition that within Russia there are many nationalities.

There were some whiffs of anti-Semitism at the Congress, including from Zyuganov. He and others singled out the Jewish oligarchs (*domestic elite capitalists*) by name. This was responded to vigorously by some delegates for greater sensitivity toward various nationalities.

There were also appeals by the leadership for developing relationships with religious movements and recognizing the existence of a large and diverse religious population.

There were also criticisms that there was not enough discussion as to why socialism failed, that the CPRF has not developed a new vision of socialism, and this is the reason for the loss of votes. I must add that the scale of damage done by the setback is underestimated, with all of its ramifications, for the entire world, for all the parties, including our own CPUSA.

Problems at the congress surfaced with Zyuganov's recent visit to Iraq and an agreement that the

CPRF struck with Hussein's ruling Bath Socialist Party, over the strenuous protest from the Iraqi Communist Party.

THE CPRF AND THE FEDERAL DUMA

A major problem concerns how the Party carries out its work in the state Duma. The CPRF CC is essentially the Party Duma. The first secretaries of the Party nationally and from all the regions double as Duma deputies. Many feel that this hampers the ability of the Party to strengthen itself. Are they, the (CPRF) repeating the same mistake of merging the Party with the State?

Many delegates remarked privately that the CPRF Duma deputies seem to enjoy the perks that come with the office, it makes them feel that they are part of the state power. For example, each Duma CPRF deputy has a limo. Some felt that this contributes to the hesitancy to be more confrontational with the present capitalist regime of Putin. This certainly is not a very good image to the general public.

There was much discussion about the CPRF leadership to establish the "*Russia Movement*", and it seems by many as an opportunistic effort to reach out to the Right nationalist forces.

There seems to be a general weakness in the relations of the CPRF with the youth. The Kom-somol is just getting on its feet. But the youth are by and large at the mercy of the capitalist propaganda.

At the informal meeting after the Congress, delegates spoke and called for a greater level of unity of the international communist movement. These were especially the messages from delegates from China, Hungary, Vietnam, North Korea, Cuba and Ukrainian Communist parties.

CONCLUSION

This experience has had a big impact on my thinking towards the CPUSA's international work and contacts. Sometimes it takes an experience like this to shake us

out of our complacency.

Our international CPUSA department is too small to deal with the scale of work. The communist world-wide movement is being transformed in response to corporate globalization. Unprecedented opportunities to build world communist and working class unity exist.

The whole world movement has been going through a very difficult and challenging period, beginning with the setbacks to socialism and the new era of globalization. This experience has profoundly affected most of the parties.

We need to be more flexible in dealing with the situations where more than one party exists. This reflects an unsettled situation in many countries. For a prime example, closer to home... there are now three communist parties in Mexico.

I think that the CPUSA has to be better prepared going to these international meetings. There is much more expected from us, as the leading capitalist and imperialist country. Somehow we have gotten away from the many international solidarity campaigns that were the hallmark of our work before. There is not much to point to aside from the Cuba solidarity campaigns and the idea of exchange of trade unionists with China. This is a weakness in our work that needs correcting and I think that it would add fresh energy to the entire peace and solidarity movement.

COMMENT

An excellent analyses by the CPUSA delegate to the CPRF Congress in Moscow last year. Yes, the need to get involved in all "international solidarity campaigns" is needed by ALL communist and workers parties. That is why we invite ALL Communist and Workers parties, if not as delegates, then as observers to the World Congress in order to elect an International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People

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On the occasion of the 32nd Anniversary of the founding of your organization in the USA, we would like to salute the struggle of the people of Palestine. The people of Palestine, in their new Intifada, are carrying out a heroic struggle against Israeli Zionism, the main tool of U.S. imperialism in the Middle East. We wish the Palestinian people success in their fight for an independent state in Palestine, and for the right to return to their homeland.

We would like to take this occasion to invite you to participate in the World Congress for Friendship and Solidarity with Soviet People, which take place on September 21-22-23, 2001 in Toronto, Canada. As an organization and publication supporting the re-establishment of the Soviet Union as a socialist state, we also know that a renewed socialist Soviet Union would provide proletarian internationalist assistance to the struggle of the Palestinian people.

*Canadian Friends of Soviet People,
Northstar Compass journal, Organizing
Committee for an International
Council for Friendship and Solidarity
with Soviet People*

FROM NEWSPAPER
"FOR DICTATORSHIP OF THE
PROLETARIAT"
DONETSK, UKRAINE

In an extensive article on the question of Unity amongst the different communist parties, the author, T.V. Yakubovska, member of AUCPB ends her article with the following:

"At the Conference of the AUCPB of the North Caucasus there took place serious discussions about a better and more effective propaganda for the policies of Bolshevization of the Communist movements. A dedicated Coordinating Committee was elected in order to analyze this situation and come up with a concrete plan for its implementation.

One such action is to yearly organize meetings of friendship on the border between Ukraine and Russia, together with all communist parties both in Ukraine and in Russia. Much has been learned and successes achieved in these unifying actions.

The struggle for the rebirth of the Soviet Union is the first and one of the most important tasks that stands before the AUCPB. We already for 9 years live daily with this question of unity. This question is important but at the same time illusive. Some parties bring up this question of "unity" in order to try and make certain that this unity does not take place. It also is the aim unfortunately of many leaders of these parties to try and siphon off members from each other and thus keep

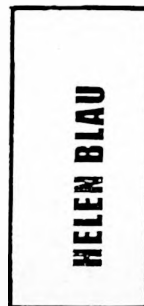
the pot boiling in useless debates and discussions, all the time, the fires are stocked with discontent by some of these opportunistic leaders.

This points out the danger of some of these leaders asking for "unity" while they are in essence opportunists, speculators, trying to conquer members for the sake of membership, or they are not fully developed Marxists. They do not seem to understand that history proves that unification does not come mechanically, by only someone's wishes, but by the will of the masses of people, with fully developed revolutionary zeal to accomplish the task of overthrowing the present bourgeois regimes.

Today, we in the AUCPB are seeing a large influx of new members, they are joining us even without any unified conferences. They themselves are analyzing correctly the present situation, looking and comparing the programs of each party. They are joining the AUCPB not because of any "unified conference" decision, but because they have become convinced of the correct policy of the AUCPB. This is a logic step in the unity process which is taking shape. ■

TRUTH WILL OUT

On The Party and Political Rehabilitation of J.V. Stalin



HELEN BLAU



J.V. Stalin's destiny is inscribed in history. Even the political opponents considered him to be a great leader. So it is an unfair trick of fate that the subject-matter of J.V. Stalin's personality

and his historical role was under a ban during the many years after Stalin's death. Numerous attempts have continuously been made lately to diminish considerably the great services rendered by J.V. Stalin to his country. *But truth will out.* And it is not by chance that at present, under the influence of the present events and developments in the former USSR, more and more people and more and more often refer to J.V. Stalin. You might get an objection at this point, contending that this belongs to people who have experienced the Great Patriotic War and the post-

war difficulties. No, my dear readers! I assure you that here belong also the people of a much younger generation who have now experienced the destructive consequences of the disintegration of the Soviet Union, young left-patriots, who realize perfectly well what fascism is.

Various views about J.V. Stalin were expressed both through articles and letters printed in NSC journal and through other local and international mass media. Of course it is the people's right to think the way they do. But it is also the Soviet people's right to decide which of the Soviet leaders is a great hero and which is a criminal. I do not keep to the idea that all people will be unanimous in their estimation of Stalin's phenomena. But I do hope that many people will at least take up a more unbiased position on a question of J.V. Stalin's activity.

Dear readers:

May I suggest that you should acquaint yourself with a Resolution of the V(XXXII) Congress of the United Communist Party of Georgia. (*Printed in the Georgian newspaper Communist #1, January 5-18, 2001, page 1*)

IT IS NOW 48 YEARS SINCE J.V. STALIN PASSED AWAY.

Whatever cock-and-bull stories were thought out by all the anti-Stalinists regardless of the historical truth in order to slander J.V. Stalin.

There is hardly any honest person at present who does not understand that the XX Congress of the CPSU (*Communist Party of the Soviet Union*) went down in history as a tragic stage in the development of the Soviet Union. It is as the XX Congress that the efforts of N.S. Krushchov and his milieu, that the course of world socialism was given the heaviest blow and as it has become vivid to the whole progressive humanity, it was a treacherous one. It seemed as if that blow was aimed at the personality of J.V. Stalin. In fact, it was aimed at the USSR that under Stalin's leadership became a united, mighty and invin-

cible socialist country.

At present no one doubts the slanderers, fiercely hating Stalin, the Soviet power and socialism, are as a rule the very children or grandchildren of white émigrés, Mensheviks, Trotskyites, the former traitors to the Motherland. Among the anti-Stalinists there unfortunately turned out to be some communists and even some Communist Parties that admit, though even with some reserve, J.V. Stalin's "errors".

The communists of Georgia are completely in agreement and sure that anti-Stalinism is the disgrace of the XXth Century, and anti-Stalinism in Georgia is a double disgrace for the Georgian nation.

Stalin pursued a policy in the interests of the absolute majority of the people, the people believed Stalin and actively supported his policies.



Stalin's humanism as humanism of a political figure lies in the fact that he brought the peoples of the former Tsarist Russia and first of all Russia itself, back to the way of their traditional development under the conditions of social reorganization, united socialism and patriotism, revived the greatness of the country as a state. The socialism that was built under Stalin's leadership will remain the historical memory of mankind as a great and unique phenomenon. Stalin put the practical tasks before the country, its people and always achieved their fulfillment.

Yes, Stalin was strict and in case of need even cruel to the enemies, but now that is justified by the course of history. Other-

wise it would have been impossible to even preserve the socialist state. Slander and fiction on the subject matter of "Stalinist" repression that have developed into the genocide of all the people of the USSR are carried out now by anti-popular regimes firmly established within the space of the former USSR.

Everything was being done by Stalin in the interests of the majority of the population. That particular period and epoch called for a Stalin. The decisions taken by him were the only expedient ones.

Time has come when Communist Parties must wholly concentrate on Stalin's achievements in the sphere of home and foreign policy which, as the whole of mankind has made sure of now, was faultless and all-triumphant.

Stalin never lost any great deed, led it to the logical completion and achieved the aim that had been set.

Stalin twice resurrected the country out of ruins in the shortest period of time. If Stalin had not been an outstanding organizer, leader and a military leader i.e. as the recognized national leader, we could have never smashed the most powerful military machine - fascist Germany!

Stalin was an outstanding statesman and put the task of meeting at most the constantly rising material and cultural needs of the entire society. He left behind real socialism. Stalin did more for the people of the USSR, especially of Russia, than any other statesman.

Stalin, Stalin's ideas practically realized have cemented power for the multinational state.

The communists of Georgia express their solidarity and every possible support to the Communist Parties and public organizations that consider the following to be the indispensable condition for the victory of the communist and progressive patriotic movement over the anti-Soviet, anti-Socialist and anti-popular regimes within the post-Soviet space: not to accept, to deny fully the slanderous propositions of the so-

called legal documents of the CPSU, including documents of the XX Congress and the subsequent ones which refer to the estimation of the personality and activity of J.V.Stalin - the great revolutionary, the closest compatriot of V.I.Lenin, the creator and leader of the socialist state, the organizer of the victory of USSR over fascism, the true national leader.

The Georgian Communists are certain that it is impossible under the present outmost very strained ideological and political struggle to defend the honor and dignity of the Soviet people and their creation - the Soviet socialist structure - without admitting that all of the slanderous estimation of J.V.Stalin's personality and his role, of the history of the USSR and the subsequent Congress of the CPSU as deeply erroneous, slanderous and openly hostile.

The V Congress of the United Communist Party of Georgia resolves:

1.To declare slanderous and evidently hostile the documents of the CPSU, starting with the report made by N.S.Krushchev at the closed session of the XX Congress, which contain the slanderous lies of J.V.Stalin's personality and his role.

2.To completely annul all the decisions adopted at all the levels which slander J.V.Stalin's activity and which are in fact very anti-Communist.

3. N.S.Krushchov and his followers, including M.S.Gorbachev, A.N.Yakovlev, E.A.Shevernadze that found themselves in the leadership of the CPSU, should never have been recognized as communists by the Georgian Marxists-Leninists. Moreover, the true communists have considered them rabid anti-communists, anti-Soviet that made their way to the CPSU membership for the sole purpose of breaking up the USSR and the CPSU, what they are impudently flaunting now before their Western masters.

The V Congress of the UCP of Georgia declares M.S.Gorbachev, A.N.Yakovlev, E.A.Shevernadze and their followers that broke up

the USSR, the first socialist state in the world, thus causing inconceivable calamity to the peoples, to the working people of the Soviet Union, as well as to the countries of the socialist commonwealth, and to the whole world, as criminals with all the ensuing consequences.

4. This V Congress to address all other Communist Parties and first of all those that are members of the Union of Communist Parties-CPSU (UCP-CPSU) to support this Resolution of the United Communist Party of Georgia.

Adopted on December 27, 2000 ■

FROM NEWSPAPER

MOLNIYA
RUSSIA

COMMUNISTS OF DON REGION FOR CPSU

This is an Appeal by Communists of Rostov-On-Don Region of Russia to leaders of the communist parties:

**AUCPB-Nina Andreeva,* CPSU
Lenin-Stalin-Victor Anpilov, *CPRF
Gennady Zyuganov, *RCP-Kruchkov,
*RPR- M.Popov, *RCP-CPSU -
A.Prigarin, *RCWP-V.Tiulkin,* DPR-
O.Shein and *CPU-Oleg Shenin.*

Dear comrades!

Ten years of bourgeois reforms have brought our Motherland industrial might to a standstill, have disarmed us completely and have made our country a colony of the USA.

There are wars going on the territory of Russia and other republics of USSR, people are dying and the people are becoming destitute.

Our class enemy is continuing to demolish all the workers gains brought on by socialism, cost of living as well as prices are rising, Russian Duma is allowing anti-peoples laws to be passed. These anti-peoples policies by the regime are covered up by patriotic rhetoric and they have utilized our slogans in order to fool us.

At this tragic time the communists are weak, dispersed, they cannot mount any meaningful offensive against the regime or the

reactionary forces which are becoming more and more entrenched. This cannot go any further.

We are appealing to you as leaders of the communist parties in Russia with a demand: sit together around a table and agree on a course of action to form a united Communist Party of the Soviet Union. In Russia there are judicial laws even now that can be utilized to form this much needed united party. The top Judicial Court of Russia stated that the act of liquidating the work of the CP of Russia was illegal. The Russian Duma had also rejected the Byelovezh Agreement.

When the united congress takes place, we suggest the following principles to be adopted:

1. Communist party does not fight for a state for their own leaders, but for the dictatorship of the proletariat, aimed at the liquidation of last remnants of exploitation of man by man and to build a classless society.

2. Communists stand up for the elimination of private property and ownership of the means of production, against the buying and selling of land and any form of privatization.

3. Again the world capitalist system and imperialism wants to rule the world, while we as communists strive for proletarian internationalism.

We, as communists are looking towards your leadership, not only here in Russia, but the whole working class of the world is looking to you for unity in their common struggles. Only a united Communist Party of the Soviet Union can lead the life and death struggle for the rebirth of our Soviet Motherland!

We support the latest initiative by Oleg Shenin and Victor Anpilov, proposing the calling of a Congress for the rebirth of the CPSU during March and April of this year. We support the idea of all parties having their conferences in order to pick the delegates towards this congress. ■

WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE RUSSIAN COMMUNIST MOVEMENT?

A fresh issue of Moscow monthly newspaper called "The Glasnost", organ of the UCP-CPSU, gives coverage to the inner struggles between the communist parties inside Soviet Union and explains this unfortunate phenomenon in the whole post-Soviet era.

It's now an open secret both in Russia and far beyond its borders that the top leaders of the CPRF are switching their positions from left to right. Below we publish Oleg Shenin's article contained in the "Glasnost" newspaper. Oleg Shenin was to have delivered this speech to the Plenary Session of the UCP-CPSU (*Union of Communist Parties-CPSU*). This Plenary Session did not take place, however. Here we publish just some fragments from his report:

"We expected first that our friendly criticism of the CPRF might meet a correct response of its leadership and that its comrades could amend their activities and could be loyal to Marxism-Leninism. But we didn't see this happening. That's why we are honestly saying that their serious mistakes are detrimental to our common cause of restoration of our socialist Motherland.

The ideological roots of differences in our whole movement - said Oleg Shenin --- are deep enough, and one can find them also in our past. Now it's quiet clear that after the death of Stalin there are no leaders capable of thinking creatively or originally, or now have come forward. Neither the new leaders have been able to solve large-scale tasks of historic significance on the Marxist-Leninist basis adequately.

There were a number of blunders in our Soviet foreign policy, too, after 1953. But the gross and

complete failure was allaying of a political course for the CPSU. Then having proclaimed the task to set up the "state of the entire people" and to build up the "Material and technical basis of communism within the next 20 years" Krushchev in fact gave up all of "the basic values Marxism-Leninism", teaching of the class struggle and the dictatorship of the proletariat. Krushchev distorted and vulgarized the very



O. Shenin, Leader of UCP-CPSU

Gennady
Zyuganov



Social
Democratic
Leader of
CPRF

essence of Communism. The next 20 years that were named by some people as a "stagnation period" was not altogether correct - the USSR managed to double its economic potential during that time...but it was indeed a stagnation in the development of Marxist-Leninist teaching.

This was seen in the lowering of the political activities by the bulk of the CPSU membership and at the same time the growth of the "shady" criminal bourgeoisie and the amalgamation of this strata of bourgeoisie with a certain portion of the party (CPSU) and state bureaucratic apparatus.

As a consequence, everything was ready for the advent of capitalism, subjectively and also objectively. The ascension of Gorbachev to power, who consciously took a course to capitalization of society, dramatically whipped up this process.

At the same time local parties in the Soviet Republics began to isolate themselves from the CPSU Party Center, while the poisonous tentacles of different forms of nationalism - the latter being completely incompatible with the Communist movement - started to spread out. Factions then started to appear within the CPSU.

We are all responsible both for the black deeds of the pseudo-communists of the 1980's and for those politicians of nowadays who - are mere populists - have just assumed the honorary name of "communists". We are obliged to wipe off these black stains on our Communist banner and by our activities to obtain again the trust of the people, its respect to a noble and lofty name - a Communist. We should also address these people who call themselves "communists" but who collaborate

with the ruling regime that is restoring capitalism in this country; we should address them and tell them to give up the name which is a burden to them, just call themselves social-democrats - that is the name which corresponds to their views and their dreams.

Oleg Shenin writes: "In the sphere of ideology we should get rid of the elements of opportunism and should come back to the classical principles of Marxism-Leninism. We should keep strictly to the Party discipline and to norms of Party comradeship, to follow the principles of democratic centralism and begin sacking those that reject it.

Unfortunately "communist multiparty picture" still exists and since we are not able to eradicate it as yet, and somehow we cannot reach unity in our actions, we should temporarily give up the principle "one republic (former Soviet Union republic) - one party" when we speak about the membership in the UCP-CPSU (Union of Communist Parties-CPSU).

What should be the decision of this Plenary Session? Which direction of development might we chose? It is not only the future of the UCP-CPSU and the future of communists and the working class movement that depends on this Plenary Session, but the very destiny of socialism our Motherland's destiny and the destiny of our people."

This was just a part of the speech that Oleg Shenin would have given to the Plenary Session. However the work of the Plenum was frustrated by CPRF-Zyuganov's Party. Instead of discussing the agenda of the Plenary Session, they put forward a proposal to sack Oleg Shenin as Chairman of the Council of UCP-CPSU, but they never got the support even though Gennady Zyuganov took the floor 7 times.

The CPRF leadership does not stop here, they are working on new splitting efforts and provocation's, trying to draw to their side other people from a number of parties by blackmailing, cheating and flattering themselves. ■

GLORY TO THE SOVIET LEGENDARY SECRET AGENT, ALEXANDER KOZLOV!

By GALINA SAVCHENKO

It took only one day for German fascists to take Denmark, 5 days to take Holland, 19 days for Belgium. The army of the bourgeois Poland was smashed in 35 days. The French Army defended itself for only 44 days. It was a

Our Hero, Alexander Kozlov was only 22 years old, when he joined the life and death struggle against fascism.

All through the Second World War the German Secret Service Center "SATURN" which trained and shipped German agents into the territory of the USSR from the city of Borisov, Kozlov as the Soviet agent inside the German Center was given the job as an instructor of German spies. As a "dedicated German spy" Kozlov received five medals and awards by non other then the Head of



A.I.Kolzlov (Left) with actor Mikhail Volkov who played the role of Kozlov in the film "Satiurn", Leningrad 1968.

bitter and costly defeat for the English expeditionary force which had to be evacuated quickly back to England from France.

Having defeated 180 divisions in all of Europe, Hitler's strategists were convinced that there is absolutely NO force in Europe left that can withstand the onslaught of its army. The German fascists knew all of the Soviet locations of bases, tanks, air force air fields and defense details through their spies and the fifth column traitors. They did not know only one thing - the dedication of the Soviet Soldier!

German spy network, Admiral Canaries.

While working in this spy center, Kozlov got all the names of German spies that were sent into the USSR, plus the internal Soviet traitors who were working for Germany. Alexander Kozlov made certain that the least capable spies were sent into the USSR, way behind the Red Army lines where they were easily picked up. After the war Kozlov was instrumental in rounding up all of the Fifth Columnist spies that were left behind by Germans when they retreated.

About his exploits there were two excellent films made, called "Beginning of Saturn" and "End of Saturn". This year is the 60th Anniversary of his feat while he is now 80 years old.

Dear Alexander Ivanovich!

It is not your fault that 50 years of destructive policies by all of the traitors of our Motherland have usurped power and have blackened your exploits and of all the Soviet people and, discredited the heroic Red Army. Now some former Soviet service men, hired by Sobchak, Chubais and the present regime, are willing to take off all the Ruby Red Stars over the Kremlin, while another traitor is rewriting the history of the Great Patriotic War in order to fit the traitorous policies of the present Putin regime.

It was about you and not of all these traitors that Peter The Great said: "Those that have given their oath to the country, must stand by this path until death." Yes, this was said by Peter the Great.

You Alexander Ivanovich fulfilled your Soviet sacred oath with honor: you were and you are a Soviet patriot. You defended the Soviet Union, our Motherland.

We thank fate that a hero like you, gave your best to the Motherland and have lived so that our generation will honor and know of your exploits.

**FELIX
GORELIK**



Restoration in society means to return back, to restore the old order, that was existing before the Russian revolution. In Russia and other states, that were formed on the territory of the USSR, this restoration is in full

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PERIOD OF "RESTORATION"

swing. The new stroke of this process was the adoption and concurrence of new Russian symbols. Russian Duma agreed to this package, which was proposed by Yeltsin - the Czars double-headed eagle and the Czar's tri-colour flag, which symbolized the return back to the monarchy and counterpoised it for be accepted

more easily, the music of Alexandrov, the former composer of music for the Soviet anthem. The movement "Union of Right Forces" and "Yabloko" - the representative of the most reactionary and powerful capitalist circles, threw up a smokescreen, saying that they "will not stand up for this hymn." Gennady Zyuganov and

his circle accepted this as their victory, as if it is a step forward towards the USSR. But this was nothing but a very clever ploy by Putin. Putin is much more clever than was Boris Yeltsin. Yeltsin governed with a very heavy ax, throwing away all those that did not agree with him or his masters...demolishing all that was Soviet and pushing the comprador class forward. Putin, as his pupil, works with more delicate and refined tools...sometimes as a fox, sometimes as weasel or a spider, and if needed as a wolf in order to accomplish that which was started by Yeltsin, the complete capitalization of the country. Yeltsin's prestige sank to the lowest depths possible, but he managed to accomplish the work that Western imperialism wanted.

Putin is very much interested to help the Russian internal bourgeoisie to achieve their dominance. But in order to accomplish this, he masked himself as a savior of the Russian national interests, to accomplish the impossible... to join together the wolves with the sheep - workers with their exploiters. In this maneuver the party "Unity" is fulfilling its given task. Putin proposed the music of the hymn of former Soviet Union. A clever maneuver, since over 80% of the population never wanted the Soviet hymn to be discarded in the first place. Clever, to be sure! It is the WORDS that give meaning to the music and the new words now that were accepted are contradictory to the music that was composed for these words! This is a slight-of-hand. It is just as if a buyer is giving the seller of a "doll" a packet of money, which turns out that the top and bottom is real money, while between the real money there is only plain paper!

With this maneuver, Putin got over 2/3 votes of the Duma members of parliament: which means that the Duma bought lock-stock-and-barrel the Czars symbols, which in fact means the complete restoration of capitalism. This is another example of opportunism

by CPRF, headed by Gennady Zyuganov, who went into this game of restoration of the Soviet Hymn knowing full well that Putin shall bring in the "new" words. The new words of course have nothing resembling Socialism or Lenin or Stalin, as is now known. This in essence was a complete capitulation by Zyuganov to the Putin regime, in fact it is agreeing with the restoration of capitalism!

Its only a mask that Putin puts on to the Russian public that he is fighting the oligarchs like Berezovsky or Gusinsky. Putin has the support of all of the present Russian bourgeoisie and their Western backers. Besides, pretending to be against these oligarchs is making Putin more popular because the people themselves feel how these multimillionaires are robbing their country and also the population. He is promoted as young, energetic, sportsman and talking without notes in front of him...in others words, the mass media, both inside and outside the country are promoting Putting as a Knight in Shining Armor, ready to battle all evil!

Together with all the trappings of the Czar, the power is being given to the Orthodox Church and all their former property is being returned, which amounts to millions of acres of land, churches, monasteries, buildings, schools, seminaries, nunneries and all the wealth that they had under the Czar! A place in the Government is being given to the Russian Orthodox Church representatives. The Putin government sanctioned that the bloody Czar Nikolai is now to be made a "Saint"! All steps by Putin and his Western advisors are planned to build a pyramid of authority - all aimed to take away all the gains that the Soviet people had.

With the agreement of the Russian Duma, Putin is showing through the new reactionary Labour Laws which gives the capitalists the complete right to extend the working day to 12 hours; trade unions have no rights. With this law in force, the dedicated Communists, not the present

Duma "pseudo communists", the slogan must be as was the slogan of the Bolsheviks: "No support for the Temporary Government"!

History should teach us a lesson. After the French Revolution at the end of XVIII century, there came a period of the "Bourbon Restoration". After the English bourgeois revolution in the middle of the XVII century - there was also the restoration of the Stuarts. Today, these present "restorers" are demolishing the monuments to Lenin, Stalin, Ortonokidze. History has already seen this many times. The leader of the revolution in England. Cromwell, had his body taken out of its grave and burnt. How did every "restoration" end? You can turn history back only for a while. But the flowing stream of history marches ever forward.

This present Russian "restoration" is also heading for a crash. Ten years of this restoration of capitalist "reforms" have devastated the country and the people. Reforms have produced just a small grouping of oligarchs but terrible economic tragedy for the majority of people. Let us take Ukraine as an example.

Here there is continuing a process of the restoration of the old, but as old as during the time of Czar's Russia, but in the image of the "Central Rada" that was formed in 1917, which lasted only a few months, and also in some form of Cossack state - the Zaporozh Sich of the XVII century. Kuchma is like the Hetman of the Cossack Sich, while Ukraine is under the symbol that was taken over by Stefan Bandera during the Second World War - as if it was a "Cossack Republic". This change now is self evident - instead of "tovarish" it is now "pan" or "Mr. and on almost most of the postage stamps we see pictures of a peasant plowing the field with a plow and other peasant motifs of old. Under these long ago symbols there is hidden capitalism.

In the village there is now appearing (as of old) latifundists and private farming. Here is a typical example. In the Poltava region, in

place of the State or Collective farm, there is now existing a mega individual farm encompassing over 17 thousand acres and owned by a latifundist who also bought up the sugar refinery and milk producing enterprise. He has private bodyguards day and night. He does not pay his workers in money but only in products, gives credit in his stores under a high percentage payment. Workers do not even know as to how much they should get paid, since they never see any money. Is this not the beginning of peasant slavery? Most collective farms are under the rule of shareholders but the peasants work as they had to work under the time of the Czar. The same things are happening in the industrial section. The industries, banks and farms are now in a few oligarchs hands, who are very tightly connected to the present Ukrainian government.

The oligarchs group is headed by Surkis and Medvedchuk, who is Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council. This group controls all of energy, metallurgy, oil and gas market, ship building, liqueur and

soft drink industry, confectionery manufacturing and sugar producing empire, plus many banks.

The other group is headed by the present son-in-law of President Kuchma, Pinchuk. He controls all of the turbine manufacturing, banks, energy suppliers, gas production and manufacturing enterprises.

But what did the Ukrainian people receive from all of these "reforms" which gave birth to these oligarchs?

The following table shows the exact picture:

	1990	2000
State Budget of Ukraine (in billions of US \$)	56	5.5
Middle income per month in \$	323	30
Average pension per month in \$	156	12
Cost of higher education in \$	0	2000
Cost of medical service	0	1000-10000

This is based on the minimum standard of living adopted in 1990 - 270 Driven (\$47 US) per month

Can a regime like this exist long after making the lives of people destitute for the sake of a handful of oligarchs?

Today the masses are organizing and demonstrating. But as Karl Marx wrote: "Standard of living governs your understanding"! This present nationalistic Kuchma's Ukrainian state is hated more and more, because it is making life unbearable for the people. I also see, that amongst present youth, the US pop culture is still ruling their understanding, but a new generation is coming up who will be fighters, who will take up the Red Flag and carry it onward towards the complete elimination of all these "restorers-reformers"!

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that most Ambassadors and Embassy staff frequent to eat. Secondly, according to diplomatic protocol, especially for Soviet representative such as an Ambassador, no Ambassador goes out without an assistant, interpreter or a chauffeur. The job of the Security Officer is to make certain that the Ambassador is always with the people mentioned. The security officer made certain that he was not seen, saw that Yakovlev was very nervous and often looked around the restaurant.

When this meeting of Yakovlev ended, the Soviet security officer made certain to see as to who this foreigner is and followed him to his residence, and after noting the address and the car license plate number, this Soviet security officer started the process of finding out as to who this "foreigner" was that met Ambassador Yakovlev under these very suspicious circumstances?

He sent his report to his superiors in Moscow. The reply came back that the foreigner is a

FROM NEWSPAPER
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KGB - THE MID-WIFE OF TREACHERY

I would like to tell the readers about one important segment of history, giving an accurate picture of an American agent, former Ambassador Alexander Yakovlev and also of V.A. Kruchkov, who was a middle apparatchik in the CPSU and KGB, and he has remained even now a middle apparatchik, unable to become a Soviet state figure.

As is known, "Academician" Yakovlev was the Ambassador of USSR to Canada and remained at this post for 12 years. A Security Officer of the Soviet Embassy,

doing his assigned job was in the center of Ottawa (*capital of Canada where most Embassies are situated - Editor*). Coming back to the Soviet Embassy early one evening, he decided to drop into a restaurant to have something to eat before going back to the 'USSR Embassy.

He was surprised and shaken up to see in this average and small restaurant Ambassador Yakovlev together with an unknown to him foreigner.

First of all, this restaurant was not up to standard to the ones

citizen of USA, was a high ranking officer of the CIA. After receiving this information, the security officer sent them the detailed news about this clandestine meeting of Ambassador Yakovlev with the high ranking CIA officer...and suggested that the KGB center in Moscow start a complete investigation of Yakovlev by the central KGB, since this is a serious situation for the Soviet State.

But the reply to this professional and patriotic security officer, doing his assigned job was the following: he was recalled back to Moscow, where at the meeting with Kruchkov of the KGB

he was examined by a psychiatrist, accused of insubordination, mixing into affairs that are not his responsibilities and other accusations followed. He was then demoted in rank and seniority and sent out of Moscow to the province of Volgograd.

It is now a fact that Yakovlev was recruited into the CIA in early 1960's, when he went to the USA as a post graduate student and leader of a group of 4 students, amongst whom was another traitor - Oleg Kalugin.

B. Turbanov

With thanks to Galina Savchenko, Kiev ■

against these bourgeois pseudo-reforms, for the resurrection of the Soviet state and socialism.

Now, can we call Capitalism "democratic"?

In order for the readers of NSC to make their own judgment, I would like to bring forward just some facts from the contemporary history of the West and also of the East.

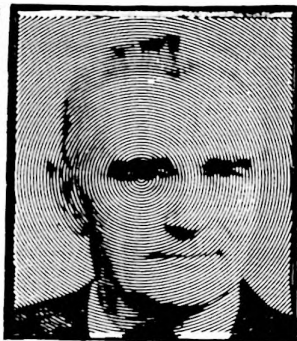
Just to go momentarily to the past, the reader can be very certain that force, fascism, was always and will be the method of a bourgeois democracy. This terminology is correct, since it is the dictatorship of capital, unbridled freedom to rob and kill. The real democracy is the full development of every person, the liberation of workers from exploitation, this is guaranteed only by the dictatorship of the proletariat and socialism... Here are just some facts...

1. World imperialism in the XX century started two world wars. In the First world war there perished about 10 million people, in the Second World there perished over 50 millions. From 1945 to 2000 there were 150 wars. The loss of life was over 10 million people.
2. During the American aggression in Vietnam, the loss of life was over 3 million Vietnamese (1955-75) while 60,000 Americans died.
3. In 1991 USA attacked Iraq. This was a blitzkrieg started on the night of December 17, 1998 when the joint American-British war planes went on 280 bombing missions and dropped so many bombs that the country was devastated and thousands of lives lost. The bombing is still continuing now.

4. The temporary disintegration of the USSR and socialism, when the regimes of Gorbachev and Yeltsin established a vile dictatorship. Here are just some examples:

* There was an anti-constitutional change of government of USSR in 1991. Unconstitutional banning of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. The Belovezh Agreement of three traitors to dismember the whole of USSR without the vote

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Brown patch of light in a red haze

The problem of unity of the revolutionary movements in these present contemporary times has now produced a different meaning. The governing regime gives all that is necessary to disperse and break-up the left, democratic movement, trying to steer it in the direction of so-called "reforms", which means to follow and accept the bourgeois-mafiosi rebirth of all the economic forms of life of the country. One of the most favorite methods to fool the already fooled people is to manipulate the meaning of words and terminology. This question now is evident that all present leaders of all former socialist republics are losing authority amongst the working class. That is why they decided to cover their Brown patch of light in a Red haze. They then started to call themselves "democrats". At the same time, to the most democratic system of former Soviet Union, they attached the name "totalitarian". This is sheer fabrication and also manipulation of

words. The West propagates and promotes this falsehood but, it's also found unfortunately in some of the so-called "left" press. Unbelievable position for these "left-wingers"...

Of course, the muddle and splits between the "left" and the "right" has its own history. Many NSC should remember that on the eve of 1998-90 years with the growth of rabid anti-communism and Gorbachevism, the Western and our internal press were calling the most reactionaries "left-wingers" - all these too were undermining the Soviet Union. This was a tactical maneuver of the Browns, meant to fool the people. But with time all became clear enough. The former "left" became the reactionary right wing. The most dedicated Communists, Bolsheviks are the vanguard of the democratic forces, the left movement. The question of utmost importance is now before this vanguard, how to consolidate the working class in their struggles

or will of the people.

*The bloody shootings of workers in Moscow on February 23rd and on June 22, 1992 and on May 1, 1993...thousands wounded.

*The anti-constitutional change of government in Russia September 23, 1993.

* The bloody massacre at the Ostantkino TV tower in Moscow on October 3, 1993. The cannon and tank bombardment of the Supreme Soviet building with the elected deputies inside. Thousands of people killed.

Oh yes, why does the so-called "world humanity"?! keep quiet? Or

is this the highest form of bourgeois "democracy?"

5. During the crises of the establishing the "independent" Ukraine which is nothing but a robber state, all personal savings by the citizens of Ukraine were siphoned out for the use of the present Mafiosi Ukrainian structures. Because of this and the economic plight of the people, Ukraine's population has decreased now by 3-4 million people. Is this real "democracy"?

Is this not too costly?

6. In spite of the proclamations by the present government that

Ukraine is a "democratic" regime because of the Krawchuk-Kuchma "reforms", the world media has called president Kuchma as one of the main enemies of Ukrainian press. Also, journalists are now under physical terror and murder. Even the bourgeois press hints that President Kuchma was involved in a murder of one journalist.

7. Oh yes, the mechanism that was used to falsify the "last election", or that last "referendum" in Ukraine. I think that this mechanism is well known all over the world...therefore I would like to



Holding a day of protest against present Kuchma regime.

Zhitomir region protest by the Union of Women.

Here is how Ukrainian working women are celebrating International Women's Day!

Gathering wood in order to cook and have heat!



just list one popular anecdote that is used in our country.

- Yes, in spite of everything, American democracy has one flaw - said one Ukrainian to another. - the Presidential elections were held in America - but to consider the victory, look at all the time it took to count the ballots...

- Yes, this is correct, - said the friend who was listening, - In this regard the Americans can learn a lot from us Ukrainians. When we were voting for president Kuchma, the results of the election were already known long before...

Opportunism under the cloak of "left" phraseology

As an example, when the apologists for the bourgeoisie are hiding under "left" phraseology, this can lead to yet another party in the Ukraine - the so-called The "All Ukrainian Union of the Left" - "Truthfulness". On December 2, 2000 there was formed in the Volyn region of Ukraine just such a party. How did its leader Ivan Chizh explain this formation?...he said that this is to build socialism, but not according to Karl Marx, but only in the image of "Europeanism"(?!) Mr. Chizh also added, that his party should not

be considered at all as opposing the present Kuchma regime. This party will cooperate with the government. Lets then ask: what is so "left" in this party and what is its purpose?

This left phraseology as many others is meant only to evolve a net around the population and thus help to divide and rule by the present bourgeoisie.

This is not to be confused with the Ukrainian newspaper called also "Truthfulness" which is a progressive newspaper defending the rights of the people and whose articles many times have appeared on the pages of NSC

How can we separate the real left parties from opportunistic movements?

Let us always remember that in any society its not the name that counts but the actual program and work that denotes the essence of the party or movement. Mostly these so-called "left" parties are using the label "left" to fool the people. How can you call a party communist if its program has absolutely nothing in common with Marxism-Leninism?

You cannot talk about a socialist revolution and at the same

time promote anti-Stalinism. Otherwise, all polemics about socialism or communism, or a socialist revolution is just empty air, and demagogic. Left parties which are really dedicated to socialism must break away and go far away from revisionism that came out of the XX Congress of the CPSU. If the international communist movement does not heed this truth, they shall find themselves in the company of all former revisionists like Bukharin, Krushchev, Gorbachev and Co..

One more axiom. All through history, in the center of development and political understanding of this or that society, was the question of ownership of property and of the means of production. This is a very important political question for any party or mass movement. Regarding all of the left forces, this, as is stated in the "Communist Manifesto" of Marx and Engels, "communists can state their program and theory only in one way: the elimination of private ownership of the means of production". Everyone else that calls themselves either a social-democrat or a socialist, or even a communist - are nothing but opportunists!

HANDS OFF BYELORUSSIA!

By GALINA SAVCHENKO, VALENTIN PUSHKAREV
"MOVEMENT FOR USSR" UKRAINE - ACP(b)



The mass media of this "friendly country" Ukraine is daily and viciously attacking the leadership of Byelorussia now as it always did Yugoslavia, while it is supporting Byelorussian nationalists-separatists.

This present Ukrainian media does not tell us or show us how

all of the factories and industries of Byelorussia are working steadily, or how the collective farms, children's kindergartens, how the workers get paid on time, how hard President Lukashenko is working for the benefit of the Byelorussian people.

All news from Byelorussia in our mass media is pictured as extremely negative.

If 10 separatists in Byelorussia come into a street, our media spends more than 30 minutes with them. The dialogue is only with separatists, no opposing views are allowed to be aired on TV and bemoaning the fact that

as to why there is no upcoming leader in Byelorussia that could replace President Lukashenko.

Film after film is shown about the results of the Chernobyl disaster, showing some previous deserted Byelorussian villages that were evacuated.. presenting this scene as if it is today. To these Ukrainian TV and news media, it seems that Byelorussia is at the "end and a backward civilization", and the election of Lukashenko as - "adventurism".

Shut up, you information killers! We know why Byelorussian president to you is is an "eye sore" for you and the West.

It is President Lukashenko who

proclaimed to the whole world: *"I am not going to allow the tanks of NATO to set foot on the territory of Byelorussia!"* It was he, who, appearing in front of the Russian Duma deputies put all of them to shame for kneeling before the demands of the IMF.

Yes, Lukashenko is fighting and is an enemy of corruption. He does not beg for hand-outs from the West, he has the support of his people. *"Father"* is the word that the Byelorussian people call Lukashenko, while we Ukrainians condemn and despise the amoral policies of president Kuchma - the godfather of the Mafiosi and an enemy of our people.

Ukraine was blooming as a poppy head during Soviet times, but today it is dying due to the policies of Kuchma and his regime. Ukraine now is a third world country.

***Under the command of IMF to disarm-** President Kuchma disarmed Ukraine.

***Under the command of IMF to break up all the collective and state farms** - Kuchma de-collectivized all the farms..

***Under the command of IMF to raise the prices on communal services** - Kuchma raised the prices.

***Under the command of IMF to close all Chernobyl reactors** - Kuchma closed all reactors which has a disastrous effect on the economy of Ukraine and thus threw unto the street over 15,000 highly qualified specialists and their families, under the command of the *"goodwill speech"* by president Clinton of USA.

Half of Ukraine is now without light or heat, while the Ukrainian media trumpets daily that we are *"a European country"* and how lucky we shall be when we join the European Union...

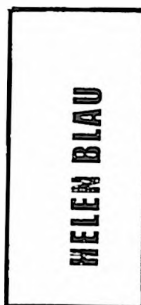
When Slobodan Milosevic told NATO and also IMF **"NO!"** our mass media shouted about the *"Serbian nationalism"*, falsifying all news items about Milosevic, but not a word about the daily bombing and thousands of deaths and ruin that NATO unleashed against Yugoslavia.

They do not tell us that over 70% of Rumanians voted for a socialist president Iliesku...our media immediately called these results *"falsification"*.

Our press does not report about the progress that Byelorussia is making in spite of the political and economic blockade by the West, but the speech of Lukashenko irritates them no end!

We are asking the Byelorussian people to **"Be Vigilant!"** The Third Millennium shall see an upsurge of liberation of all peoples.

We are not going to allow the CIA, IMF or NATO to lord it over us on this planet!



Nothing Ventured, Nothing Gained

The political and social situation in Georgia is getting worse and worse. More and more people are joining the decisive actions of protest against the present system of power and against the regime. These actions are gaining strength throughout the country. The Union of the People's Patriotic Forces of Georgia have lately considerably stepped-up its work and is stirring the masses to greater activity.

On the initiative of our UPPFG, a meeting was held at the Russian Federation Embassy in Tbilisi on December 28, 2000.

The participants of the meeting appealed to Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation Mr. Gudev Vladimir Victorovich. The Appeal was given to Mr. Gudev V.V. It is as follows:

Mr. Gudev Vladimir Victorovich
Ambassador Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary

Dear Vladimir Viktorovich
Gudev:

We, the participants of the meeting consider that the existence of the united sovereign Georgia developing in a civilized way is possible only under the mutually beneficial and close cooperation with Russia. That is why we demonstrated and continue to demand that the President and the Parliament of Georgia immediately change the policy of confrontation to a policy of establishing peace and stability in the whole of the Caucasus.

We are against Georgia joining NATO. We are against the military bases of the Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation to be withdrawn from the Georgian territory, for it would mean a final breakdown of Georgia.

We are against the gangster and all of the terrorist formations using our Georgian territory against the Russian Federation.

We are determined to follow the path of friendship and brotherhood with the Russian Federation which was paved by the great ancestors of the Georgian people long ago and, we count on the understanding and sympathy on the part of the authorities of the peoples of the Russian Federation.

We assure you, Mr. Ambassador, that we, as the participants of the meeting at the Embassy of the Russian Federation, express the sentiments of the majority of the population of Georgia and ask you to inform the responsible authority in your country about it.

Adopted unanimously by the participants of the meeting at the Russian Embassy on December 28, 2000.

The Appeal was printed in the Georgian newspaper "Communist - 1, 2001" of January 5-18, page 7.

**THE BUSH, POWELL
ASHCROFT AXIS AND
THE DEMOCRATS**

By DAVE SILVER

The liberal Ted Kennedy, whose staff said he was considering a filibuster on President Bush's Attorney General nominee, John Ashcroft, will forget about such militant action and instead, he took time out to tell the press that he agreed with 80% of the President's plans to improve education. After that, Mr. Lieberman chimed in that Bush's plans for education was 99% on target, but he has some misgivings about vouchers. Joe Lieberman is smart enough not to alienate the American Federation of Teachers and many other professional educators, which were at the heart of the large liberal support for Gore-Lieberman team.

The "moderate" Secretary of State Colin Powell, and the architect of the genocide committed against Iraq and other "low intensity" world conflicts, assures the professional diplomat union, the American Foreign Service Association, that indeed he will be the "leader and manager of this Department" and not just a for-

eign policy advisor to the President. Secretary of State Powell's first action was to put up the portrait of former U.S. General George C. Marshall, whose "Plan" provided U.S. imperialism's anti-Communist blueprint and support for the Greek fascist junta under the guise of rebuilding war devastated Europe.

Guiding this "Moderate" were his mentors in the Foreign Policy Association, such as the war criminal Henry Kissinger and the media pimp for the ruling class, former Times magazine Columnist Leslie Gelb. To complete the stamp of approval for the new Bush foreign policy, Powell went to his earliest mentor, Frank Carlucci, Reagan's Defense Secretary.

Moving to the more fascist fringe, we find Ashcroft identification with the Confederate flag and Pentecostal arrogance towards other beliefs. This makes it easily predictable what this chief law enforcement officer will do on issues such as affirmative action, the right to choose, civil rights etc. etc.

Liberal Democrat Feingold of Wisconsin makes it known from his seat at the Senate Judiciary Committee, that the new President has a right to choose his

Cabinet without any interference because of ideology. The Democrat of Georgia, Senator Zell Miller, not only vigorously supports Ashcroft, but will co-sponsor Bush's 1.6 trillion dollar tax cut for the wealthy.

Liberals have historically felt more comfortable with the Right than the Left. This follows logically from their belief that bourgeois democracy is the best system that meets the needs of the vast majority of people. The choice is very clear - we must reject the Liberal often racist and anti-Communist path or feed the dangerous illusion that the Democratic Party whether "reformed" or "independent" can be a People's Party and become part of the solution rather than part of the problem.

COMMENT

And yet., there are still some progressive parties who want to put all their eggs in the Democratic "basket". Is there a difference? Of course not! ■

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**FRENCH IMPERIALIST
INTRIGUES IN UPPER VOLTA**

BY RAFAEL MARTINEZ



Declaration of the Revolutionary Communist Party of Upper Volta and also the Workers' Communist Party of France on the intrigues of French Imperialism against Upper Volta, called Burkina Faso.

For twenty months, Upper Volta, called Burkina Faso has been shaken by a profound revo-

lutionary crisis that developed after the assassination of the patriotic journalist Norbert Zongo and his three companions on December 13, 1988 at Sapouy. This is a crisis of the imperialist system of neo-colonial domination set up by French imperialism and its local allies with the formal independence of the 1960's. It re-

veals the total bankruptcy of this system, which means misery, famine, illiteracy, epidemics and endemic for the people of Upper Volta, in a word, an obstacle to the independence and economic and social progress of Upper Volta.

French imperialism, the real enemy of the people and in particular the people of Upper Volta and France, is trying to stifle the present popular movement by all means, including open interference in the internal political affairs of the country. Since the beginning of the crisis French imperialism has given massive support in armaments, logistics, training of the forces of repression and constant political support to the regime of Blaise Compaore to allow him to crush the people in revolt. Ambassador of France Portiche intends to particularly encourage and accompany Burkina Faso to democracy!

Clearly, for French imperialism, the people of Upper Volta, as well as the other peoples of Africa, are not yet ready for "democracy" as Jacques Chirac had declared during one of his recent trips to the Ivory Coast. To emphasize the racist character of this position, the French Ambassador decorated Somin Sapouy and Djibril Bassolet, who are the spearheads of Blaise Compaore in repressing the movement.

The attitude of French imperialism to this crisis is the same as was to all their former colonies

in French-speaking Africa. French imperialism has never tolerated any democratic movement. The democratic movements in 1940s and 1960s for independence were drowned in blood in Cameroon, in Madagascar; in French West Africa, many patriots were repressed and assassinated (the massacre in Dimbokro in 1950). French imperialism today does not shrink from using any means to preserve its zones of influence, the condition sine qua for remaining a world power.

French imperialism, which is losing ground, as an imperialist power is one of the most aggressive against the peoples, especially in its colonies and neo-colonies: this was shown in the genocide in Rwanda committed by the regime Juvreenai Habyarimana with the complicity of the socialist government of Francois Mitterand, the situation in Zaire (now the Democratic Republic of the Congo) where it supported Mobutu until his final downfall, the massacres of the reactionary civil war in Brazzaville between Sassou and Lissouba clans. This is also the case today in the Ivory Coast where French imperialism is openly interfering in its internal political affairs to try and save its neo-colonial domination. France has set up all sorts of military and economic agreements - it is meant to surround the dominated countries in order to shield them from the influence of other imperialist powers (US, Britain, Germany and Japan) and particularly

to crush the struggles of the peoples. This French policy is also shown in the European Union, which is a grouping of monopolies and imperialist powers that have a strong presence on the African continent.

The Revolutionary Communist Party of Upper Volta (PVRV) and the Workers Communist Party of France (PCOF) respectively salute and support the popular movement that has been developing in Upper Volta (Burkina Faso) for twenty months.

The struggles of the working class and peoples of Upper Volta and France are in the fight against a common enemy, international imperialism, particularly French imperialism.

The bonds between our parties, which date back to their formation, are being daily reinforced through the common struggles of our two peoples and parties for the revolution and scientific socialism. These struggles of our two peoples and parties contribute to international solidarity and proletarian internationalism indispensable for the victory of the proletariat and peoples against capitalism.

The Workers' Communist Party of France and the Revolutionary Communist Party of Upper Volta congratulate and encourage the working class and the people of Upper Volta in their heroic struggles against the Mafia and criminal government the 4th Republic of Blaise Compaore and its imperialist allies, French imperialism. ■

CZECH GOVERNMENT'S CONSPIRACY AGAINST CUBA

BY MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF CUBA-JAN.23,2001

The Government the Czech Republic, as part of its ongoing campaign to cast doubt on the charges made by Cuba, continues to maintain that Cuba's accusations against two Czech citizens caught in the act of promoting

subversion within our country are false.

Acting out of ignorance, prejudice or ill intent, representatives of some other countries have voiced uninformed opinions whose content and nature are

damaging to the people and the Government of the Republic of Cuba.

What is the real story?

On January 12 of this year, authorities from the Cuban Immigration Division in Ciego de Avila, arrested Czech citizens Ivan Pilip and Jan Bubenik. Although they entered Cuba as tourists, they violated the status following instructions from the U.S. based counterrevolutionary organization Freedom House to hold conspiratorial meetings with members of

small subversive groups in that province.

The involvement of Freedom House in the most recent Cuban program set up by the U.S. Government, under section 109 of the Helms-Burton Act adopted in 1996 to destabilize our Revolution through the promotion of intergal subversion, began in 1998 with the "Transition Project", which received generous financing from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), to the tune of 500,000 dollars. This was followed by a further 275,000 dollars in 1999, which was doubled to 500,000 dollars in the year 2000. The first program gave rise to the establishment of an anti-Cuban organization called "Center for a Free Cuba", headed by the CIA agent and former "Freedom House Cuban Project" director Frank Calzon. The Center has already received over a million dollars from USAID for the same purposes.

USAID publicly acknowledged in June of 2000 that Freedom House had organized a visit to Cuba by four Czech journalists, four members of parliament, two economists and an academic from Eastern Europe, all of whom were trained in subversive tactics and paid with U.S. government funds. This is exactly what they have just done with Ivan Pilip and Jan Bubenik, as we have been able to confirm.

Ivan Pilip was formerly Minister of Finance in the Czech Republic, and is currently a deputy in the Czech Government of President Havel. As for Jan Bubenik, he is a member of the so-called "Czech Pro-Democracy Foundation" and was one of the leaders of the anti-socialist movement existing in Czechoslovakia.



Here the extensive analyses of this article goes into detail, step-by-step as to what the Czech Embassy and its employees were doing in Cuba...the Czech Embassy acted as the active center for counterrevolutionary activities with tie-in to groups in Cuba and the Cuban organizations in the USA, such as the reactionary Cuban-American National Foundation and the CIA.

The Czech Government was assigned the task by USA to sponsor a loathsome draft resolution in the UN Commission on Human Rights in Geneva. The present Czech Government has maintained an openly very hostile stance towards Cuba. The Czech Republic earned itself the questionable honour of being the first former socialist country to adopt this traitorous line in its foreign policy.

Also in December of 1990, and obviously in coordination with the United States, the Government of what then still called Czechoslovakia decided to suspend its rep-

resentation of Cuba's interests in Washington which it had for 39 years, beginning in January of 1961, when the United States severed relations with Cuba as a prelude to the mercenary invasion of the Bay of Pigs, which took place three months later, on April 17 of that year.

Since that time the Czech diplomats were observed as having constant dealings with dissidents and countless trips to Miami, USA and back and forth, bringing money, equipment, computers and other means of setting up coded messages between USA and the dissidents in Cuba.

Exploiting their diplomatic immunity, the Czech representatives brought in printed propaganda, tape recorders, communications equipment and large amounts of cash.

Actually, as of the end of year 2000 and early 2001, Czech diplomats have been courting allies around the world and since Havel took power in the Czech republic, that country was transformed into a docile instrument of U.S. imperialism in its vendetta against Cuba.

We have irrefutable proof of the claims made in this report on the behavior of the aforementioned Czech diplomats and the two Czech citizens, Ivan Pilip and Jan Bubenik, currently under arrest.

It should be made clear that no self-respecting country could tolerate actions that impinge upon its sovereignty, that violates its laws, and that threaten its security, integrity and independence.

Let no one be misled into believing that Cuba can be intimidated! Let nobody make the mistake of questioning our truth or putting our determination to the test!

FEATURE ANALYSES

POINT OF VIEW ON THE ARTICLE

"CHINA: POINT OF RETURN"

BY DAVE SILVER

In his analysis "China: Point of Return", published by NSC and written by Konstantin Kolontsev, who makes some valid criticisms of the leadership of the Communist Party of China (CPC) during various periods of the 20th century, but I feel that Konstantin

Kolontaev goes too far in dismissing the CPC as composed of only "left wing nationalists" rather than as Chinese dedicated Marxists-Leninists. Strictly speaking, all Marxists-Leninists are indeed internationalists and not nationalists. This does not mean that nationalism is automatically reactionary and that all nationalists are our enemies.

We Marxist-Leninists must recognize that at this stage of struggle against imperialism it is the main enemy of progress and revolution and that fighting imperialism must be our highest priority. Any third world nationalists fighting imperialism will be our allies. For most of his life Mao Zedong understood this and acted upon it. CPC worked with the Koumitang before 1927 and for a time during the Second World War. Pro-imperialist elements, led by Chiang Kaishek took control of the Koumitang in 1927, but they were not "right wing nationalists". They were nationalists in name only, but were pro-imperialist in deeds.

Kolontsev's claim that the CPC did nothing to fight the Japanese during Second World War and were somehow responsible for the danger Japan posed to the Soviet East are simply falsehoods and should not be published in NSC. The CPC was still weak from the Long March and did all they could to fight the Japanese. The Koumitang refused to fight the Japanese and embezzled all aid they were given for that purpose.

It is clear that the political line of the CPC was degenerating. Although the CPC criticized

Krushchev and Brezhnev revisionism and hegemonism was warranted, it was criminal leftism by the CPC to claim that the Soviet Union has become a social-imperialist and to use this as an excuse to make alliances with the real imperialists, the USA. But it would be very wrong to characterize this as Chinese nationalism.

There is now a major struggle going on within the Communist Party of China and who are in positions of leadership within the CPC and want the complete restoration of capitalism and the complete capitulation of China to the imperialists.

There are still some principled genuine Communists in the CPC who want China to return to a solid socialist economy. These two forces struggled within the CPSU also before 1992 and also in the CPC before 1991 and since then.

There is a third force which is gaining ground within the CPC. These people are pro-capitalist and have personal ambitions to become members of the new bourgeoisie, but seeing what happened in former USSR and other Eastern European countries, causes them to hesitate. These people know that foreign exploitation has taken over and that Imperialism is looting these countries and they fear that they will be left out and might be themselves exploited. The Marxist-Leninist forces must make alliances with these elements but they will not become "left nationalists", rather they will join in a useful revolutionary alliance similar to that which brought

about the 1949 Chinese Revolution.

In analyzing southeastern Asia, we must realize that the CPC and the CPSU undergone political degeneration, and also that since the death of Ho Chi Minh and 1976 national unification, this degeneration has also increasingly affected the Communist Party of Vietnam. This can be seen by the opening the Vietnamese gates to Transnational Corporations and the exploitation of Vietnamese workers. The invasion of Kampuchea was progressive and the role of Pol Pot and the Khmer Rouge was reactionary, as does Kolontsev in mindlessly promoting the figure of 3 millions.

While Mao's ideology certainly degenerated late in his life, we must not condemn Mao thought during these periods in which it was clearly revolutionary. We must also recognize that the Chinese Revolution was a socialist revolution, not mere nationalism.

COMMENT

We have abridged the article for space reasons, but Kevin Walsh skirted the issue of why China stopped ALL shipments of war materials from the USSR to Vietnam during that horrific war and why did China invade Vietnam and also the USSR? Also...was it not revisionism inside the CPSU that, together with imperialism that helped to dismantle the Soviet Union? Revisionism is the tool of attack from within and is just as dangerous (if not more so) than imperialism! We cannot be foolish to such an extent that we separate the two!

OPEN FORUM

As we have left the 20th century, much of what we have achieved and what we really are in the "first world" can be directly linked to the revolutionary militant spirit of the working class in

CANADIAN LABOUR MOVEMENT TODAY

By WILL LAMBERT

Eastern Europe and in the Soviet Union.

In the Canadian working class the decade of the 1990's has

past. This decade, like no other, saw fierce assaults by the Corporate Agenda. Trade unions in Canada responded largely by ac-

commodating this capitalist onslaught. The unionization rate among the entire workforce was thirty percent (2 and one half million workers.)

This rate is now declining...not to a very dramatic extent but to roughly 27%. During this time the working class experienced reduced wages and benefits and many negotiated a two tier wage structure or lengthy "stepping" of wages. These internal negotiations have sent an unkind message to all workers entering the workplace. The growth of anti-unionism was an evolution we suffered from and I would argue, growing from the temporary collapse of the Soviet Union.

The younger generation and many of those joining unions have been neglected. The mass media message, particularly the print media, has fostered an individualistic mindset in many workers. Unions have not seen their role as a counter-culture to capitalism so that union members can become the motor-force for union's decay. Rot from the inside is the desired aim of all bosses and counterrevolutionaries alike.

In order that a Communist Party has a relevant presence, its program and clearly understood aims must be now established. A union must have a view of the kind of economy and society it wishes to influence and help create. The Canadian Labour Congress (CLC) is the national umbrella for most trade unions, its policy subscribes to a mixed economy model. This model went out of style in the early 1970's, when the post-war boom ceased to be viable. Canada's labour movement has only now awakened to the fact that we cannot re-create this period. The post-war period allowed a liberalized allowance and concessions to the Canadian working class that many trade unions mis-intepreted as a static arrangement.

This fact is showing itself through a variety of ways...(i.e. by retracting all traces of the welfare state, (social wage), social democratic identity crisis, anti-

labour legislation, creating a 60-hour week, removing democratic input on government legislation, forced labour for the jobless in receipt of social assistance, gutting tenants rights for landlords, advancing trade agreements that cripple bourgeois democratic intervention, and many other examples as well.)

Radical politics of the right have now moved from Corporist boosting now to economic and social planks of fascism in Canada. The left, the labour movement, the revolutionary movement in Canada is crawling. We do see workers rising up in direct struggle against imminent job losses. In Canada this is called plant occupations. Plant occupation is when workers take over almost always draws incredible support. The militant spirit penetrates throughout the entire class and shows us all the sheer might and potential. Where you may ask is the Communist Party of Canada, to explain the means of production and offer longer term analysis and show leadership? At best they may follow such uprisings with a scant article or an editorial comment, but little else.

The tangible example's of plant closures cause workers to immediately scrape away the mass

media capitalist ethos and arrive at a collectivist grasp.

The demands of workers may be to replace one absent owner with another. It may be as meek as to try and secure somewhat better severance pay. This dire situation opens up wide the gross limitation of the market economy with the attending unstable reliance on private ownership. Here is where the Communist Party of Canada must be. Canadian workers' actions seemingly plead for such a vanguard party. The vision and the aim of socialism with common ownership is the alternative that must be advanced.

So much of what is said here is at the heart of the split in the Canadian labour movement, the (CAW) Canadian Auto Workers, that represent many workers both within and outside of the auto industry, with more than 250,000 members, has been expelled from the Canadian Labour Congress (CLC). This split has been described in many ways, but the stark refusal of the CAW to accept mindless class collaboration has made them seem to be as much an enemy, or perhaps in some cases more so, than the capitalists. The split is a historic change that is of unfortunate necessity due to the class collaboration of various U.S. based international unions.

The re-invention of the Canadian labour movement is a turning point in the class struggle of the organized working class and this opens up to many required anti-capitalist revolutionary possibilities. This development is further seen by the Communist Party of Canada as a somewhat frightful event. Communists largely built the labour movement here in the depth of deprivation and poverty. They were leaders to the extent that they could never be repaid. Today they are a miserable conservative conformist followers. The Communist Party of Canada must come under a fierce re-invention as the labour movement here. If they do, they will become a mass party. And this must happen!

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Editorial and Organizing Committee member

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FROM
PROLETARIAT

POLAND
Dear comrades:

We greet all of you on behalf of the Union of Polish Communists and to wish all of the readers success for 2001 in our common socialist undertaking. Your minutes of the Mini Conference that you sent us was very informative and is a great step towards the World Congress to which we shall send a delegation.

Victor Zbigniew

Chairman of the Union of Polish Communists "Proletariat".

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FROM
KRASNOYARSK
RUSSIA

Dear comrades:

I am back in Krasnoyarsk and am letting NSC readers know that we have established the *"Union of Radical Left and the National Patriotic Forces of Krasnoyarsk Region"* which includes, in addition to the Stalin Bloc, all organizations that are in opposition to the present regime and system. The **Red Wing** of this Union consists of the Stalin Bloc (and its components - all regional organizations of the Union of Soviet Officers, the *Molodaya Gvardiya* and Labour Party), All Union Communist

Party of Bolsheviks (both parties - *Andreeva's and Lapin's*), Russian Communist and Workers Party, the Labour Krasnoyarsk and Labour Minusuinsk movements. The **White Wing** of our coalition is represented by the Union of Slavic and Cossack People in the Krasnoyarsk Region.

We are trying to create an alternative to the CPRF and its collaborationist politics; our activists understand that this party, although powerful in its potential, has become an integral part of this bandit capitalist regime and, therefore, is not really interested in any kind of revolutionary changes. Just to mention one of Zyuganov's pet phrase *"we have reached the limit of revolutions"*, says a lot! This of course does not exclude the possibility of cooperation with certain local CPRF branches.

Last year we have organized a number of public actions, such as the following:

*Meeting dedicated to those who defended the White House in Moscow, September-October 1993
*73rd Anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution, which was separate from CPRF and its supporters

*21st Stalin's Birthday

There are other actions being planned in the near future.

Of course, this is not enough - as on the periphery of Moscow, we have to wait what our leaders in Moscow decide. On the other hand, as Victor Anpilov points out to us many times, we should not wait for directives from the Center, but unify our forces here. The first step we have done! What is next?

What do you comrades abroad think?

Sincerely yours
Eugene A. Goncharov

COMMENT

We wish you comrades success. That is the way to go! Unify all the forces possible. We hope that you'll send a delegate to our World Congress in September of this year.

FROM
ATHENS
GREECE

After visiting Toronto and the Friendship House I tried to write an article for NSC about the political situation here, concerning a chain of laws being enacted that practically aborts the hard-won eight hour working day, public insurance, health and other workers benefits. I will soon send it to you comrades.

The issues of NSC that our party receives are very helpful in our daily discussions with people where I work, especially in my neighborhood where we distribute our party paper door to door. We are very busy now with demonstrations, meetings and activities amongst the working class.

Stella Giasourideou
A/synechia
Revolutionary Marxist Organization

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FROM
BUDAPEST
HUNGARY

Dear Michael, Editor of NSC

As a relative of yours living in Hungary, sharing your uncle General Lukach and my brother, may I wish all of you health and success in your progressive work.

As you know Mate Zalka was a very popular writer and an internationalist military leader, who while in the Soviet Union adopted that name. While in Spain, heading one of the International Brigades, he did change his name again to Pal Lukach (*it was necessary because of the critical political situation there at that time*).

As you know, I participated also in the Spanish Civil War as a pilot and did not know that General Lukach was Mate Zalka, my own brother and your uncle. After finding out, we were together in May of 1937 at the Spanish front at Guadalajara. After the Spanish

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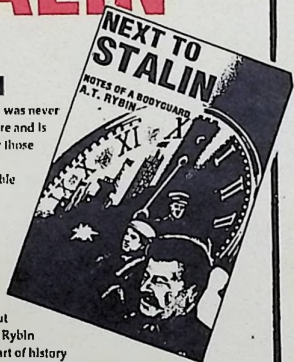
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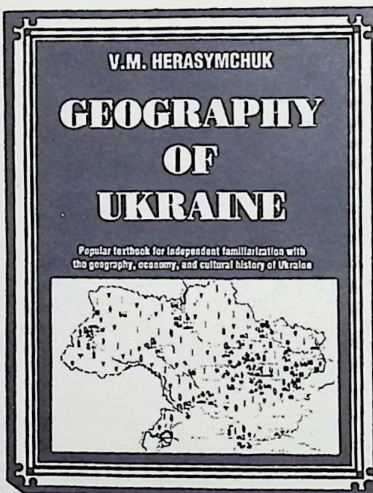
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