



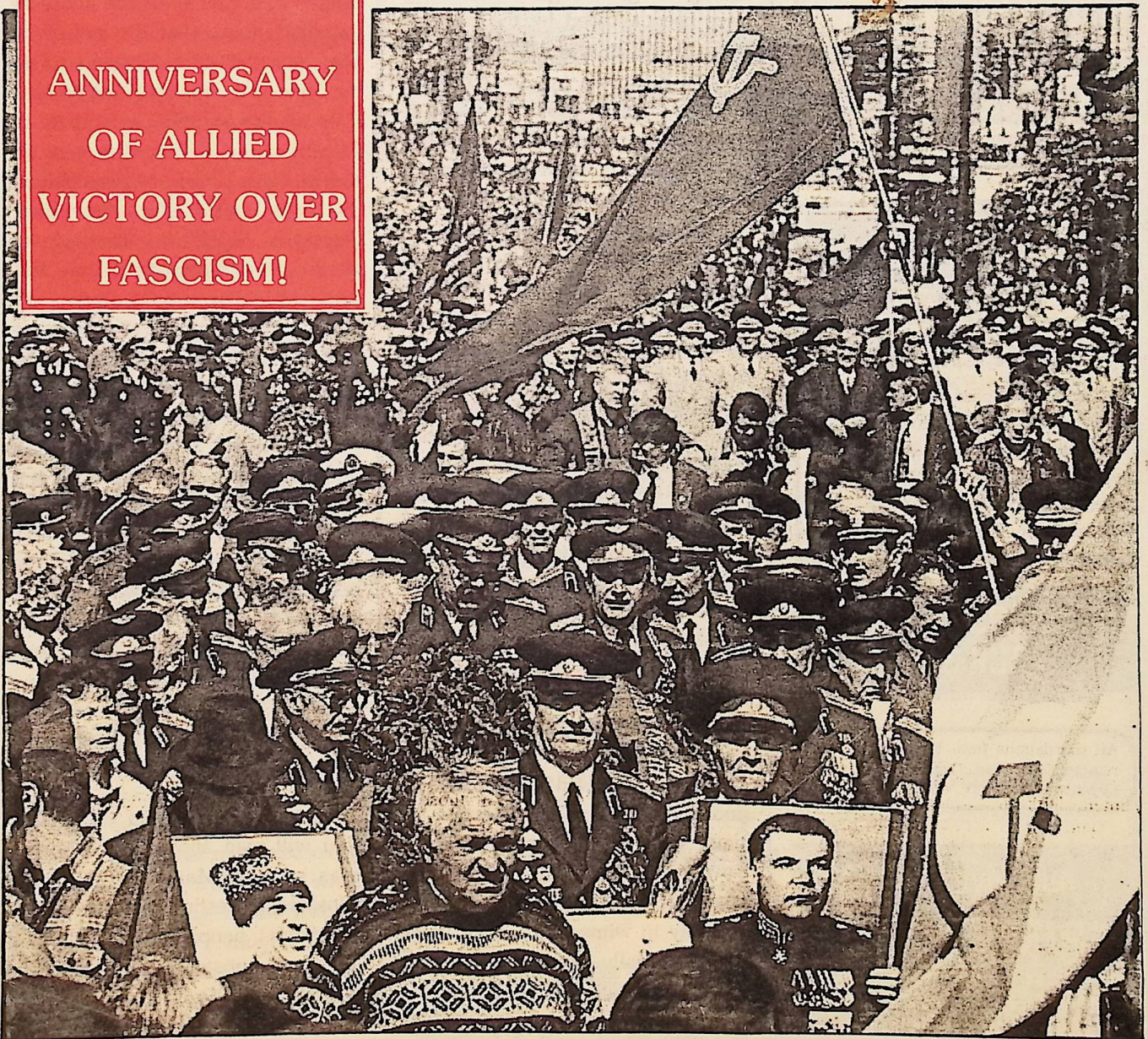
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**TO OUR SOVIET FRIENDS:
ARISE, YOU
MIGHTY LAND!**

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF WORLD WAR II IS OVER, BUT WHAT LIES AHEAD?

People all over the world commemorated this great event in many different ways, but no matter how this Victory Day was marked, everyone paid respect to the over 50,000,000 people that perished during this great tragedy that could have been avoided by the powers that were ruling at that time.

We published our thoughts on that war in the last issue of NSC and this issue also contains facts that are not well known or publicized by the present powers that are in charge.

We cannot but be disturbed by the events that took place in the former Soviet Union on this Anniversary, but we are overjoyed that Soviet people staged counter-demonstrations in former USSR. Read the fax that was received from Moscow. Bill Doaris, our member and reader of NSC who was in Moscow and sent this report to Workers World and Northstar Compass!

After Yeltsin did everything to fulfill the demands of Western powers regarding the holding of the parade in Red Square on May 9th – by this, we mean the hand-picked veterans that marched – the toned-down meaning of this great victory by closing off 10 city blocks around the Kremlin and Red Square to traffic and pedestrians. Even after all of these steps were taken in order to bow to Clinton, Kohl and other Western leaders that came to Moscow to witness this affair, here is what actually transpired.

Leaders of Britain, France, Canada and Germany had bowed

out of the toned-down military parade! But you could see red flags flying in spite of the ban by the authorities.

The most galling remark that we have read in a long time was the report in the Toronto Star, May 9th, by Olivia Ward, Moscow Bureau, when she wrote: "Germans had an excuse (of bowing out of seeing the military parade – Editors). It was the enemy in 1945 and celebrating its own defeat could be embarrassing."!!!!???

REALLY!

By that remark, it portrays the feeling of the Western leaders gathered there, that the policy of Germany of 1941-1945 seems to be the same as the policy of the present Kohl regime in Germany! There is no other conclusion that can be drawn. This smacks of revanchism, this thinly veiled effort shows that Germany, with the backing of "Western democracies", has the same expansionist policies as Hitler had, in spite of the fact that Yeltsin and company have bent backwards to accommodate this rape of the Soviet people!

This article in the Star newspaper probably sums up the REAL fear of the Western Imperialist powers, when she wrote: "... and they are equally worried about the resurgence of Communism. As long as they can see no alternative to Yeltsin, they will keep on supporting his policies towards 'free and open society!'"

We could not have said it better ourselves!

In another part of this issue, you will read about the cable that was sent to Mayor Luzhkov of Moscow, protesting his edict to bar the Soviet people from holding a REAL demonstration on this 50th Anniversary. Protests of this kind were sent from all over the world!

One of the tragedies of the celebrations in the West, commemorating the 50th Anniversary is the obvious fact that the role of the Soviet Red Army and its people was practically ignored from capitalist media, celebrations, and other events that were held. It is as if a "command" was given from somewhere to minimize or not mention the tremendous sacrifices that were made by the Soviet Union! A person born after 1945 does not know about the loss of over 27,000,000 Soviet people in this carnage! Schools do not teach these facts, the media ignores it. Western leaders minimize it and the enemies of Socialism gleefully applaud these lies and fabrications!

There is an obvious purpose for this happening. The less the present and future generations know about the Soviet sacrifices in order to save mankind from fascism, the more safe capitalism feels. After all, if the young generation would be told in graphic terms that the loss of the Soviet people in World War Two was over 27,000,000 and equate that horrific fact with the present reality - it means that the loss was so horrendous as if the ENTIRE POPULATION OF CANADA WAS WIPED OFF THE FACE OF THE EARTH!

This would bring the stark reality home to everyone. This, they could relate to!

But facts are hard to swallow, hard to remedy the repercussions that might follow if all these facts were known.

It is very necessary at this time, especially on this 50th Anniversary, to make certain that more and more readers know the truth about what is really happening in the former Soviet Union. We must let our Soviet comrades know that we are with them, that their struggle is our struggle also!

It is unfortunate that among the progressive forces in the world, the germ of passivity, revisionism, anti-Sovietism was planted and now is bearing fruit in many ways. Somehow these people forget that in Unity there is Strength.

We pledge ourselves to struggle for the resurrection of the Soviet Union, for socialism and for international solidarity of workers of the world.

We owe it to our comrades who departed from this life in order that we may live and carry on the

struggle against reaction and enemies of the people. Reactionary forces are mounting an attack against the working class all over the world. They are backed morally, financially and by military force of the Western Imperialist powers, including the present reactionary-traitorous regime of Yeltsin in Russia and other former Soviet Republics.

NO PASARAN! FASCISM WILL NOT PASS!

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EDITORIAL

MOSCOW, May 9 – Bill Clinton joined Boris Yeltsin and other heads of state here today to mark the 50th Anniversary of the end of World War II in Europe. But the country that really defeated the Nazis was excluded from the ceremony. That country was the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, which was destroyed in 1991 after 50 years of "Cold War" by the US and other wealthy capitalist powers.

But the Soviet Union was present in the streets of Moscow and other former Soviet cities as hundreds of thousands of protesters turned the day into a giant rally for Communism.

In Moscow, over 300,000 people, young and old, women and men, from all the nationalities that comprised the Soviet Union, marched up Gorky Prospekt behind red Soviet flags and anti-capitalist banners.

Huge marches also took place in Leningrad, Minsk, Kiev, Sevastopol, Khabarovsk and other cities across the former Soviet Union. Elsewhere, the masses brought red flags to the "official" ceremonies and turned them into pro-Soviet demonstrations. In the Baltic Republics, where there were no official commemorations, tens of thousands went to World War II ceremonies with red flags. In Dushanbe, capital of Tajikistan, red flags flew at the official ceremony.

At the heavily guarded state event in Moscow's Red Square, Clinton, Helmut Kohl, John Majors and others prattled about Russia's capitalist "new democracy".

But just a few blocks away, a sea of people, led by war veterans, made it clear that the millions of Soviet people who died fighting

Hitler were defending socialism against capitalism. They chanted "Soviet Power" and "Soviet Union", and marched behind banners saying "Red Flag of Victory to the Kremlin". And they condemned Clinton, Kohl and Yeltsin as representing the same multinational banks and corporations that put Hitler in power in Germany.

The Moscow city government first tried to ban "unofficial" rallies from the center of the city. But when the militant Workers' Russia movement made clear it would not be intimidated, the state backed down.

The pro-Soviet march ended with a massive rally in Lubyanka Square chaired by former Soviet general Grigory Achalov and opened by General Varenikov, who had been imprisoned for trying to stop the dissolution of the USSR.

At the rally, Sazhi Umalatova, former Soviet deputy from Chechnya and chair of the Supreme Soviet, condemned Yeltsin and his Western backers for falsifying history. "They say it was purely a military victory, a victory of

Russia over Germany, but it was a victory of socialism over capitalism"

Viktor Anpilov of Workers' Russia and the Russian Communist Workers Party said, "We should not forget that our people won because every person was not fighting for his little piece of land but for a socialist society. Now that private property has been restored we are enslaved by the dictatorship of the International Monetary Fund."

At the march assembly point, Bill Doares gave a statement from Workers World Party. He pointed out that the biggest corporations in the US today – GM, Ford, General Electric, etc. – all had plants in Nazi Germany producing for Hitler's war machine and using concentration camp labor. "These are the same corporations Clinton represents today", he said. "But we are confident that the Soviet people, who raised the red flag of victory over the Reichstag, will defeat the new capitalist invaders, those who wear business suits, instead of grey uniforms."

Most of the speakers at the rally were veterans. In an especially

May 4, 1995

MAYOR LUZHKOV
Mayor of Moscow
Russia

We, the Canadian Friends of Soviet People and the publication Northstar Compass, protest your actions of refusing a Parade Permit to citizens of Moscow to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Great Patriotic War Victory on May 9th.

This action on behalf of your administration shows complete disregard for the over 27,000,000 Soviet people that perished for

the defense not only of the Soviet people but for all of humanity!

The so-called "Official Parade" on Red Square is meant only to please the foreign dignitaries who in fact are dictating the policies of the present Yeltsin's regime!

People of Russia will not forget or forgive this act!

On behalf of the participants gathered in Toronto to commemorate the Victory Day.

We are members of the Canadian Friends of Soviet People and readers of the publication Northstar Compass. □

moving demonstration, hundreds of World War II veterans took off victory medals they had been awarded by Yeltsin, and threw them on the ground.

On Sunday, May 7, Umalotova presented a Defender of Soviet Power medals to hundreds of veterans who had refused to accept Yeltsin's award.

Rosa Salmanova, a Jewish woman from Belarus who had served in the Red Army in World War II, told Workers World how her entire family had been murdered by the Nazis in the Minsk ghetto. The extermination squads, she said, were made up of 'Vlasovites' - Russian Nazis who fought for Hitler under a striped red, white and blue symbol of the Yeltsin regime, which Clinton says is "leading Russia down the path to democracy".

"The Soviet people will fight and fight till that flag is removed, and the red flag flies again", Salmanova said. □

NEWS DIGEST COMMENT

TORONTO STAR, April 5, 1995 **LAND OF LINCOLN**

While monuments to Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin are wrecked, defaced or torn down all over the former USSR, the "born again capitalist and Christian Yeltsin" has finally saw the 'light' and has insisted that a huge monument to Abraham Lincoln be erected in Gorky Park!

Yes ... when you sell yourselves to the highest bidder, who has you in his grasp and squeezing tightly

where it hurts ... you will do everything that the benefactor asks!

To everlasting shame, you cannot see ANY OTHER COUNTRY'S leaders stoop so low as Yeltsin and his traitors. It's not a question of Lincoln at all, it's the demand to replace anything that was Soviet, or even Russian, with American culture.

**ARISE YOU MIGHTY LAND!
GET RID OF THESE TRAITORS!**

GLOBE & MAIL, April 15, 1995 **THE GAMBLE IS BIG IN MOSCOW**

Late every night in an opulent nightclub, the filthy rich and just the plain rich gather to indulge in the spoils of new Russia. Emerging from stretch limousine (American), past a guard (Mafiosi - Editors) cradling a Kalashnikov rifle and

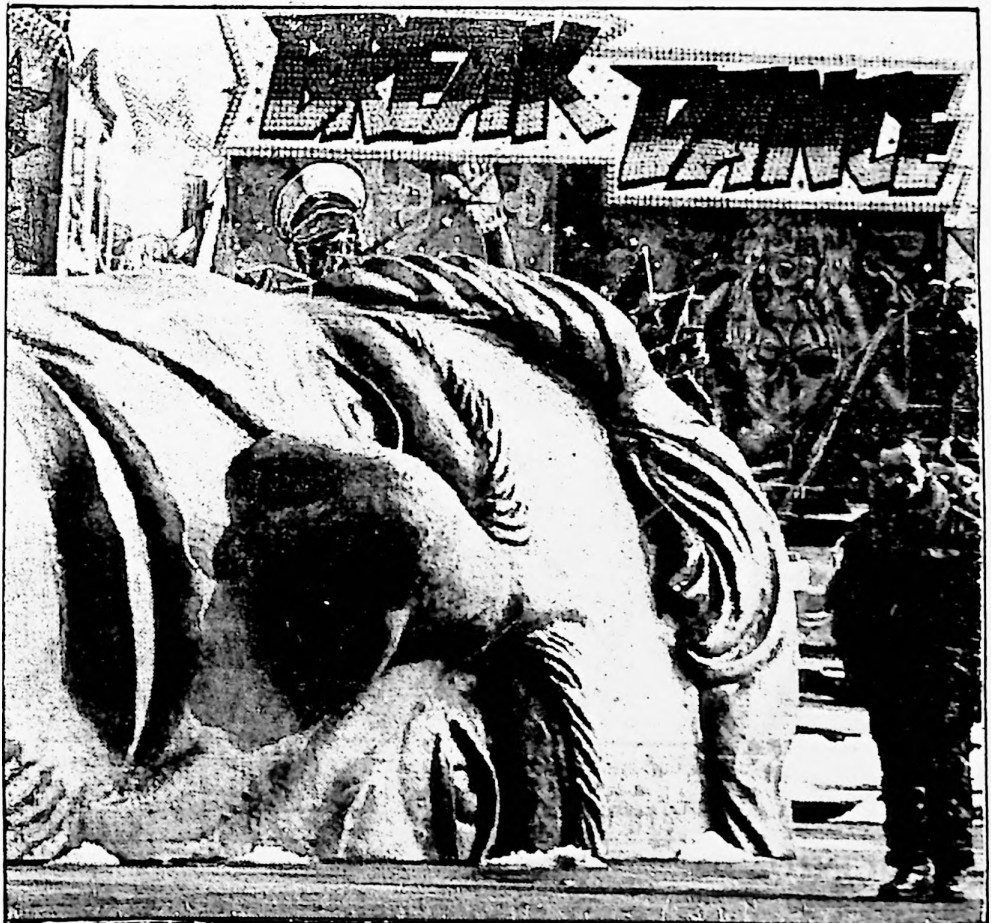
paying admission of \$165.00 American to enter ... they can indulge in cuisine that costs anywhere from \$330 or wine that starts at \$1,300 per bottle!

They can enjoy a \$6,850 a night prostitute. These are the "new Russians" that own their allegiance to Yeltsin and the International Monetary Fund. The young women come here, because after graduating from college, they cannot find jobs.

"There are people here that are so rich, it's beyond imagination, richer than the richest in Europe or even in America", said a waitress. "Can you believe it? ... What this country is coming to, I don't know."

Yes, all these "new rich" did not get rich by investing their own money, or having rich sugar-daddy's at all. These new parasites stole people's hard-earned property under the guidance of Yeltsin, his "Grey Cardinal" Yakovlev and their

A guard stands over Lincoln monument in Gorky Park.



overseas masters. Will these "newly rich" give up their lifestyle? ... of course not! Soviet people got rid of these parasites before and they'll do it again, even though their Western masters will do all in their power to save them.

NEW YORK TIMES, April 12, 1995

VIETNAM WAR "TERRIBLY WRONG"



ROBERT McNAMARA

As a defence secretary for two presidents – one of John F. Kennedy's "best and brightest" – Robert McNamara helped draw the United States deeply into the Vietnam War. Now, he admits: "We were terribly wrong."

Millions of lives were lost, terrible genocide was inflicted by the USA on Vietnamese people and others ... does Mr. McNamara think that this "admission" in his newly published book will erase the genocide that the US military has inflicted on the people?

Time will surely come when people like McNamara and others will certainly be tried as war criminals by humanity!

**DID YOU DONATE TO
SUSTAINING FUND?**

**From: NEW YORK TIMES,
CHICAGO TRIBUNE, TORONTO STAR,
GLOBE & MAIL**

TRAGEDY OF OKLAHOMA

The tragedy of the bombing of a Government building in Oklahoma City is something that the U.S. government should have expected. The death toll is reaching close to 200 people, with millions in damage and forthcoming law suits by relatives of the dead.

The right wing extremists were active and are active in practically every state of the USA. They are known, they are numerous, well financed and have easy access to uniforms, weapons, training and other logistical support. They are not an "underground group"! They are the Militia Groups, trained and supported by US Army veterans and other behind-the-scenes groupings and financiers.

A country cannot practice genocide all over the world under the guise of "democracy",

"liberation", "freedom", etc., etc., without this having an affect on its own population. This "American Culture" is exported to every country of the world! Just look at the TV programs, films and hate literature, racist practices in the USA itself, discrimination and military-industrial complex, which, in actual fact, is the ruling "government" of the USA!

The first news releases by the official press agencies of the USA (and this was picked up all over the world) was to the effect that "people, looking like middle eastern types, were seen leaving the building. The impressions was automatically given that it was "non-White-Arabs" that did this bombing. As things developed, it turned out that it was the "White" Americans, who call themselves "patriots", carry American flag ... it was these "Americans" who did this terrible deed. Even President Clinton made a comment (which is now denied by everyone at the White House)



JUST LIKE DAD: A member of Michigan Militia group includes his son, 13, at recent training session.

when he stated, "This cannot have been done by our Americans"!

For those people who still are under an impression that these acts are not inter-connected, better wake up before it is too late!

First, it was in Japan, then it was proven that there are connections between these Japanese and the mob in Russia, then it was the USA, Canada, and who knows where else, that is not reported?

A common thread runs through these acts. Reaction-fascism is organizing and they have "hidden backers" with plenty of finances.

A report in major newspapers by Bill Schiller European Bureau for the Toronto Star, wrote: "Violent racism spreading like wildfire across Europe".

"Gypsies in Austria are being killed, blown apart by bombs planted by right-wing extremists. There are killings of blacks in France, in Germany, attacks are on the rise against Jews, and this horror story goes on and on."

Right-wing governments have come into power in Germany, Austria, France, USA and other countries - this alone should point to the danger that humanity is facing.

What Western Powers have sown, now is ripening and they will reap a hurricane if people do not take a stand against all this. This is a byproduct of reactionary governmental policies, bowing to the dictates of the Transnational Corporate Power.

Trade Unions are under the gun, slave labour exists in the developed capitalist countries, although it's well hidden and not reported by the daily press, unless forced to by incidents of strikes, death or by law suits in court.

This was brought to the fore in the Toronto Star which reported in

a well-documented article called "The agony of working in Toronto's brutal slave markets". These sweat shops are where the new immigrants work, no language skills, no protection, the law does not care for them, they have hardly any recourse to the Government, since they are either illegal immigrants or exploited by their own people who own these businesses.

A Detroit-area militia member warned federal officials last January of a plot to bomb the national guard by renegade militia members

Progressives the world over have to realize very quickly as to what is happening, what is being organized for the future and what danger must be faced by humanity. We must be able to unite our forces against the reactionary-fascist movement that is being nurtured, fed, groomed and prepared against the very idea of socialism and progress.

For the moment, there is no longer the USSR to stand as a bulwark against the world imperialist powers. The enemy is the same, whether for the Soviets, Canadians, Americans or others!

TIME HAS COME FOR UNITY OF ACTION, BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE! □

KILLED CHILDREN IN OKLAHOMA CITY, USA

By: Sergey Galdar

Blood, blood everywhere! Little children, scared and shaking.

Four days later, there is talk about the wrath of God.

The bomb, this terrible, unimaginable bomb, made by fascists (who call themselves American patriots) by racists, simpletons - killed and maimed scores of adults and children in Oklahoma, but this has nothing to do with God, miracles, Jesus, Yehova or other deities.

This has to do with calculated murder, hate by man who only looks human but in reality, is an animal.

The people who perpetrated this crime are no better than Nero of Rome, Hitler or Himmler or any other would-be "world policeman"! These elements who are organized, armed and who call themselves "Christian Militia" or whatever name they utilize, are the product of the American policy that it practices all over the world. These elements are no different than the Ukrainian bandits-nationalists who butchered many innocent people or Israel's bandits who destroyed many Arab people and children. This act has nothing to do with God or any other religious deity.

The blood of Oklahoma tragedy is on the hands of the White supremacists, the product of US imperialism ... these are the pure SS militia of the United States of America.

There are thousands of these hate-mongers in practically every US State. Of course, the US Government knew about them! Of course, they knew that these units are armed, dangerous, trained by

veterans of Vietnam War and the National Guard of the USA!

As the saying goes, "you sow a wind and you'll reap a whirlwind".

If these fascists are not stopped now, then in the future, it will be too late. The policy of the US culture through movies, TV and other acts in the media is producing these elements. The question begs to be asked as to who supplies the millions of dollars for uniforms, vehicles, guns, ammunition and properties that these Militia Units possess?

Wake up, President Clinton! You created enough trouble even by supporting your "buddy" Yeltsin!

Time to take steps to get rid of this hate-mongering cancer that seems to be eating at the vitals of American people! □

"REFRESHING" EXPLOITATION OF THE WEALTH OF CENTRAL ASIA

By: Michael Ukas

The following information appeared in "The Globe and Mail" of April 3, 1995, in the section "Report on Business", under the heading, "Canadians Part of Central Asian Boom". It's not very often that big business confesses so frankly and in such gloating terms to shameless exploitation of its victims. The readers are told that the Republics of Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, which used to be the "backwater" of the Soviet Union, are now flourishing places of business. Let's see what the "good news" is all about, what sort of business transactions are being conducted, and whose interests are being advanced.

Mr. Werner Wenzel, a Calgary oil executive, is one of the regular foreign visitors to the capital of

Kazakhstan, Almaty, which, we learn, is emerging as Central Asia's financial centre. The object of these visitors is to negotiate deals for oil exploration and prospecting for minerals, including gold. Wenzel is happy to point out that both Kazakhstan and its neighbour, Kyrgyzstan, are prime sites for business because of their "visible wealth". Moreover, their governments actively encourage private involvement in their resource sectors and provide support for private foreign investments. Wenzel finds this "very refreshing".

Small wonder. Of course, it's "very refreshing". The Calgary-based oil companies, of which Wenzel is the president, are investing \$420 million in the oil project in Central Kazakhstan, and also have exploration rights at two other sites. The three oil fields have an estimated reserve of between 110 million and 140 million barrels. At full production, they plan to extract up to 36,000 barrels a day. Wenzel is also negotiating the possible purchase of several government oil companies which are soon to be privatized. He is sure he can't lose.

Another investor in Kyrgyzstan is Charles McMillan of Toronto, once an aide to former Prime Minister Brian Mulroney. He became an economic adviser to President Askar Akayev of Kyrgyzstan and helped him draft the country's first economic plan. Apas Jumagulov, the Prime Minister of the Republic, said that his government was committed to market reforms and is "prepared to create all kinds of good conditions for foreign investors". Among these "good conditions" are a five-year tax holiday and other concessions. Another advantage of prospecting for gold in Kyrgyzstan are the local workers that are hired. We are told that they are well-educated and eager to learn, and that

their wages are 10 percent of Canadian norms. This reminds one of the partnership between the Walrus and the Carpenter on the one hand, and the oysters on the other. It is clear who is being devoured and by whom. The analogy between Lewis Carroll's "Through the Looking Glass" and the developments in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan are, unfortunately, only too valid.

However, not everything in the two Central Asian Republics is agreeable to Canadians and other foreign investors. There are former Communists who aren't at all pleased with what their governments are doing, with the way they are introducing market reforms by giving orders from the top and selling out to foreign business interests. These Communists are saying that there is no need for foreign investors. They are right, of course. The Central Asian Republics do not need foreign investors. On the contrary, it is these foreign investors who crave the wealth of Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan. It is all so "refreshing". □

NEW YORK TIMES, April 26, 1995

POLISH PRIME MINISTER SEEKING NATO MEMBERSHIP NEXT YEAR

Prime Minister Jozeph Oleksy assured NATO bigwigs that Poland wants and must join NATO. Mr. Oleksy was a former member of the Polish Communist Central Committee, and former party ideological chief.

**HAVE YOU RENEWED
YOUR SUB?**

What can one say about turn-coats? Does Pan Oleksy, on this 50th Anniversary, realize or does not want to remember what his predecessor in Poland did in order to thwart the help of Soviet Union to Poland against the coming German onslaught? If the Polish government of Pilsudsky (which was in actual fact, a fascist government – Editors) would have acted differently, the war in Europe could have turned out differently or it could have been nipped in the bud.

Polish people will yet speak Mr. Oleksy ... but it won't be in your favour. □

**From:
NOVOYE RUSSKOYE SLOVO
New York, USA**

In a very long (one full page) article, this anti-Soviet newspaper published by former Soviet immigrants, there's an analysis of an article by Alexander Yakovlev, former Ambassador of USSR to Canada, the "Gray Cardinal" to Gorbachev and to Yeltsin ... former Ideological Chief of the CC CPSU. In one word, the most vile traitor, turn-coat and enemy of socialism, Soviet Union and other progressive movements who does the bidding of his across-the-ocean masters.

We're publishing here only one quote which shows you that when you slip into a gutter, you sink right to the bottom ... and that's where Alexander Yakovlev belongs and that's where history will place him – in the gutter of history!

"Only private enterprise, above all, can save us from a catastrophe.

The only saviour of humanity is liberalism – the only political force that can lift civilization up. This idea will not come quickly, we must first go through social-democracy, then to liberalism and onwards.



Again, I repeat that only private enterprise will save the workers. Without it, there will be only the lumpen elements. Lumpen proletariat does not need freedom, because freedom means responsibility.

The greatest danger now to Russia is communist-fascist dictatorship".

This is spoken by a former Ideological Chief of the CC CPSU! Can anyone even think that there is a difference between Judas and Yakovlev? □

**From:
PEOPLE'S WEEKLY WORLD
April 15, 1995**

Here, we reprint an article by Gregory Stefanovich which we feel needs no comment on our part, since facts speak for themselves – Editors.

**CROATIAN
GOVERNMENT
GLORIFIES NAZI PAST**

By: Gregory Stefanovich

United Nations peacekeeping troops in Croatia are to undergo a change in their mission. Currently, the presence of U.N. troops between Croatia and Serbian Krajina (Serb populated region of Croatia) has ensured relative peace. After talks

with U.S. Vice President Al Gore, Croatian President Franjo Tudjman won an agreement for the transfer of U.N. troops.

Under the new mandate, U.N. troops will patrol the borders between Serbian Krajina and Yugoslavia and Bosnia. The intent is to blockade Krajina. There will also be a significant reduction of U.N. troops separating Croatian and Serbian forces.

Serbian Krajina was established in 1991 following Croatian repression of its Serbian minority. This repression recalled the earlier pro-Nazi Croatian state, in which the fascist Ustashe exterminated one million Serbs, Jews and Gypsies. In 1991, Serbs were ousted from 10 towns and 183 villages, and over 300,000 Serbs were expelled from Croatia.

Helsinki Watch reported that "since 1991, the Croatian authorities have blown up or razed 10,000 houses, mostly of Serbs ... In some cases they dynamited homes with the families inside".

Parliamentary member Tomislav Mercep, who belongs to the ruling party, is a death squad leader. In Gospic, Mercep's death squad murdered several dozen Serbs. Mercep was also responsible for the murder of 150 Serbs in Karlovac, as well as a number of other mass killings.

Recently, a monument to anti-fascist fighters was blown up in Rijeka, and to date, over 3,000 anti-fascist memorials have been demolished in Croatia. A monument was erected in Zagreb this March, honoring German Nazi soldiers killed during World War II. Last year, Tudjman introduced a new currency, the kuna, the same name as that used by the Croatian pro-Nazi puppet state. □

LETTERS FROM ABROAD

SHIP OF FOOLS

By: Victor Anpilov
Newspaper "MOLNIYA"

The statement that Yeltsin made to the Deputies of two sections of the Duma, did nothing to make the privatization of the economy ideologically more palatable! With the events of the war in Chechniya, the market reforms became clear and evident even to the most ignorant person. Even the Pope Yakunin did not deem it expedient to praise the "great reformer" who imported into Russia foreign exploiters.

The forced capitalization

(market economy) is the death of Russia and therefore, the hysterical appeals as to the glory and bright future of capitalism no longer appeals to people as it did before! Nearly everyone knows that the plans for the "market economy" were drawn up and showed unto us by foreign bankers ... it was with only one aim in mind, to liquidate the USSR ... divide its territory, instigate nationalism and ethnic wars and to see that the country does not unite again.

Thanks to the anti-communist 5th column, the largest banks of USA, England, Israel, Germany, France, they were able to temporarily dismember the first socialist country in the world. Now their aim is to divide Russia into pieces.

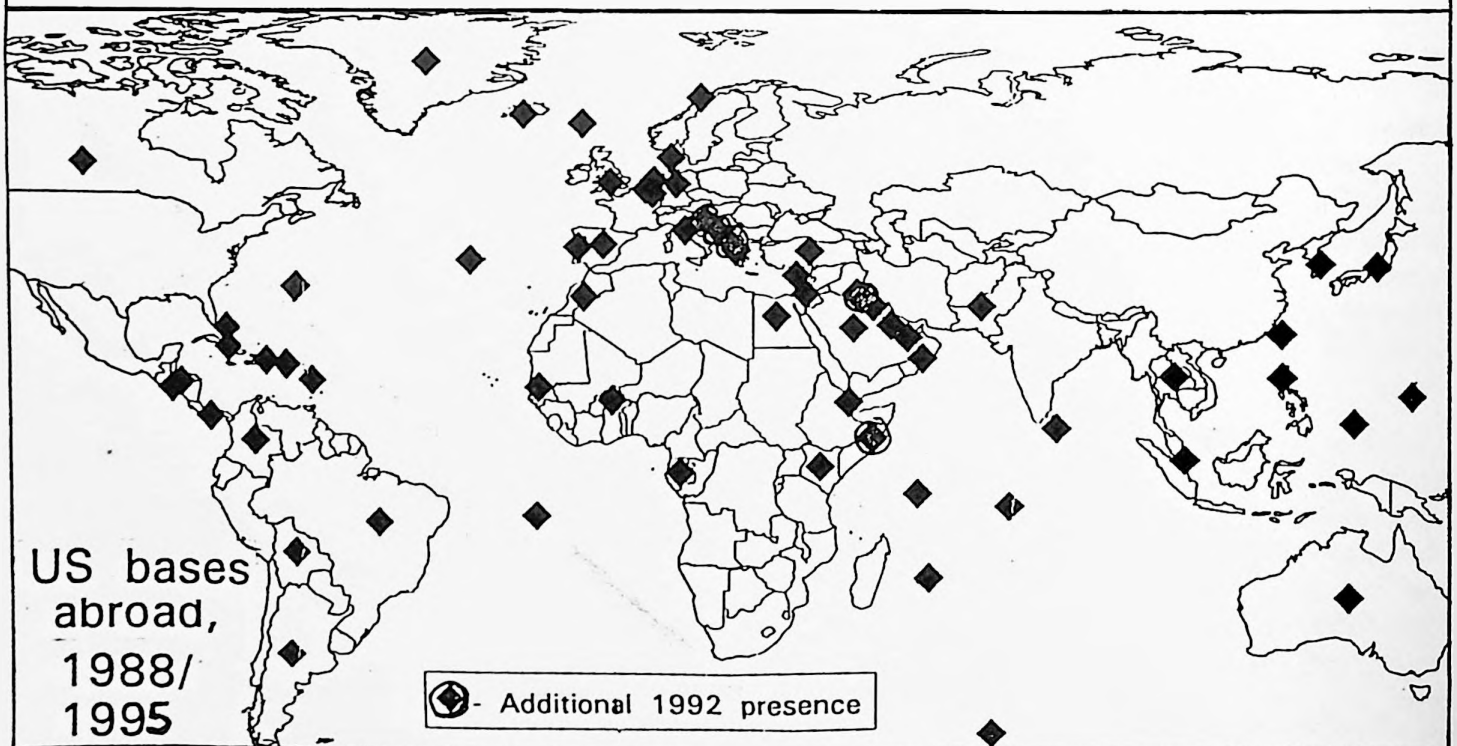
At the beginning, this hidden process started under Krushchev, then it came into the open under Gorbachev and gathered speed under Yeltsin ... they celebrated

their temporary victory before world Imperialism. All former Academicians who were members of the CC CPSU like Academic Abalkin and Aganbehyan, Shatalin and Arbatov, Zaslavskaya and Velikhov, Doctors of Science like Popova, Shmeleva, Lisicina, Gaydar, Yavlinski and many other scientists who were schooled, nurtured by the Soviet people and then overnight became the greatest promoters of Market Economy!

Our economy is in ruins, loss of population, sickness and other economic devastations, while these former "communists" over the TV screens keep on telling us that there is no other alternative to market economy and capitalism! We now have epidemics of diseases that the Soviet Union liquidated long ago - cholera, syphilis, TB, besides the uncontrollable Mafia, gangsterism, prostitution and other ills that the Soviet person did not even think

WHO WAS AND WHO IS A THREAT TO THE WORLD? WHERE DID THE USSR HAVE BASES? THIS IS THE MAP OF THE "NEW WORLD ORDER" - USA-CIA!

(John O'Loughlin, Boulder, Colorado, February 2, 1994) - Courtesy of our member, Dr. William Bunge, Quebec



existed.

But this market state is starting to eat itself. We drop bombs on Groszny, Chechniya. Every person now sees that the destruction and death struggles is not across the foreign mountains, it is in our own Motherland. These present rulers are trying to show their foreign bosses that they can build a "civilized market economy".

The International Bank is willing to give Yeltsin 12 billion dollars, just so that the market economy would proceed in Russia. With such a huge sum for the taking, the ruling class has split in two and both sides are willing to put the blame on any person. These leaders are willing and will sacrifice anyone, even if its their own, as long as the DOLLARS keep coming in!

Every hunt has its own huntsman. Against Yeltsin is the former member of the CPSU Politbureau, now the boss of Ostantkino, Academic Alexander Yakovlev (former Ambassador to Canada - Editors) ... he always goes to the highest bidder, first to Brezhnev, then to Chernenko, then to Andropov, then to Gorbachev and then to Yeltsin ... but now to the one that pays the most - Editors.

Therefore, it was not a surprise to the "Gray Cardinal (Yakovlev) when on February 14th a correspondent of the Ostantkino TV Michael Solncev was assassinated after he was putting questions to President of Findland Martti Akhtisaari, very pointed questions indeed:

"Would you, as President of Findland, be able to go into public drunk? Would you be able not to come to an agreed high-level meeting with foreigners at a reception? And how would you, as President of Findland, look upon utilizing force in order to settle the

internal problems?"

The replies of President of Findland to these questions were making mincemeat out of Yeltsin!

Therefore, the broadcaster Solncev was killed and a big demagogic funeral procession was arranged, which unfortunately fooled many people, since it was a direct assassination by elements fighting each other for Western millions! - Editors.

Yes, this hunting was organized very well. Yeltsin ran away scared, since his former partners are out for his scalp in order to save their own. He promised even more faithfully to carry on the market economy at a faster rate than before.

This ship of fools is for now having a ball. In front of Russia now there are only two roads: either voluntarily - into the noose, or to throw this command overboard.

THERE IS NO THIRD WAY! □

**From Newspaper:
"RED YOUTH"
(Krasnaya Molodezh)
Vladikavkaz**

Below, we publish photographs of the candidates in the elections to the local Soviets in North Ossetia (near Chechniya - Editors) who are running as members of Communist Youth Organization - "Red Youth".



• Konstantin Tlatov - 35 years old



• Venera Gacalova - 32 years old



• Shamil Ciklauri - 48 years old



• Alzira Khurumova - 32 years old



• Vladimir Gabanov - 34 years old

This is done specifically to show the lie of our media that only "old and grey" people are fighting for socialism and that the people who are demonstrating are all "Stalinists", the "old guard", etc., etc.

We wish them success in the elections and we hope to hear from them soon as to the results. □

NEWS FROM CZECH AND SLOVAK REPUBLICS

As we stated before, a very refreshing newsletter called "Postmark Praha" comes to our office and it contains very upbeat, updated and newsie information on what is going on in that former Czechoslovakia.

Of course, our so-called "free press" never ever publishes these news items, since their policy is that "everyone" is thrilled with "capitalism" and that there are no complaints!

Reaction and fascist movements are growing by leaps and bounds, including under the aegis of the new "Havel's democracy", or as the people used to say about President Havel's dress code, "Are you wearing Havlichki?".

We reprint a couple of items for our readers' interest and action:

1: The Communist Party of Czech Republic is under a great anti-communist hysteria and we appeal to our readers to send letters of solidarity to the address of its Chairman, Miroslav Grebenicek.

Below, we publish the article in this regard that appeared in "Postmark Praha".

2: We publish a photograph of the tremendous strikes that are shaking the Czech Republic. Unfortunately, there, those in the

progressive movement who think that "all is lost" – "There's no fight-back", etc., etc. Take a look at this photo and think again! – Editors. □

TAKE NOTE AND ACT!

The frenetic anti-communist campaign spearheaded by interior minister Jan Ruml and his aide Václav Benda – both former "dissidents" associated with "human rights" groups like Charter 77 and the Committee for the Defence of the Unjustly Prosecuted, right-wing fundamentalists, and in the case of Benda, a declared admirer of Chilean fascist Pinochet – reached new depths with the attempt this month to oust the KSCM from its headquarters building in Prague:

The KSCM has called on the international communist and workers movement for help. Diplomats from the embassies of the socialist countries in Prague have been briefed on this and other attacks on the party, which are aimed at crippling and liquidating the second strongest party in the Czech Republic as next year's election approaches and before it, the key 4th Congress. The fight for peace, democracy and socialism across the world will be all the poorer without the Czech

Communists and so, PP urges individual readers and local and national organizations to rush messages of solidarity to the KSCM at its Central Committee building.

Miroslav Grebenicek
Chair UV KSCM
Politických Veznu 9
111 21 Praha 8
CZECH REPUBLIC □

MAY DAY PROTESTS AROUND THE WORLD UNITES WORKERS

Newspapers reported that protests were held in many countries where workers were angry against the erosion of their dignity and living standards by the harsh economic austerity programs by their political leaders.

Here's just a summary of some of these protests:

- In the Korean Peoples Democratic Republic, tens of thousands marched, danced and praised the leadership of the country and its booming economy, in spite



of provocations by South Korea and the USA.

• Czech police, under orders of President Havel, armed with clubs and shields, dispersed the demonstrators. The demonstrators were young people who decried police brutality, racism and the Czech Republic's bid to join NATO. President Havel is in the midst of an hysterical anti-Communist campaign, expelling the world organization of Trade Unions and Students from Prague.

• In Cuba, top labour officials



Aerial view of tens of thousands of students marching through south Korean city of Taegu

MAY DAY IN MOSCOW: Thosands march for return of Socialism.



spoke at the rally attended by hundreds of thousands of Cubans, protesting the forthcoming U.S. bill that would tighten the economic blockade even more against Cuba.

• In Germany, city of Berlin, thousands protested against unemployment, living conditions, creeping fascism and the leadership of Kohl. They were beaten and dispersed by water cannon and tear gas for two nights running protests.

• Polish patriots who staged an anti-fascist rally in Warsaw were clashing with police and in the ensuing struggles, there were many arrests. Demonstrators picketed and threw bottles against the U.S. Embassy.

• May Day rallies in Sweden saw a break up of the united front, with the demonstrators attacking the austerity measures, budget cuts and loss of living standards.

It is a sad state of affairs that in Canada, the progressive movement or left political parties completely ignored this International Day of Solidarity!

- Editors

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From Newspaper:
"BOLSHEVIK"
Odessa, Ukraine

ARMY: YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW

Many readers and members, as well as people in all walks of life, could not understand how the Soviet Army that liberated Europe 50 years ago, that was the guarantor of peace would not be able, in the last 10 years, to make its stand in stopping the dismemberment of the Soviet Union and the break up of one of the mightiest force that the USSR has known. What were the reasons? Who started this process? Why did not the Soviet Army take a stand in order to save the Soviet Union?

This article below tries to answer some of these questions – Editors.

As is well known, the Red Army was organized February 23, 1918 in order to defend the victory of the Great October Revolution which started the country on a socialist path. Even though our country was in shambles, the young Red Army was able to give opposition and eventually defeat the remnants of the Tsarist Army. After that, the Red Army defeated the Germans and the Antante which invaded the young Soviet State. Why was this so? Was it because we had bigger-resources or man power? No! It was the dedication, the belief in the Revolution and the belief in communism. Tsarist Army went into battle with the cry of "God, Tsar and Fatherland" but they were not defending their best interests or a better life for their families.

Miracle did happen that poorly clothed, poorly armed young Red Army defeated 14 countries that

invaded the young Soviet State!

After the Civil War, there came upon us the Great Patriotic War, a most terrible calamity to have befallen our Motherland. The Western countries of Europe fell into dust under the tanks and planes of the Wermacht-France in 2 months, Polish gentry in two weeks. The ruling classes of these countries energetically gave up their countries. These leaders were in league with fascism in that they wanted once and for all to finish off communism and the USSR. These leaders were the ones that started the fires in Buchenwald and other death camps.

And it was only the Communists and the unity of Soviet people that took up arms and dealt the death blow to fascism. Now the Western historians are running all over themselves, saying that it was "Stalin who fed Hitler"! But it was your previous leaders of Europe and America that fed Hitler, that urged him "Eastward", that did everything possible in order for Germans to bleed dry together with USSR and then the West would walk in to pick up the spoils.

England was shaking on its own island, trying desperately to move Hitler eastward. Second Front was delayed and delayed ... hoping against hope that the Red Army would suffer a defeat. Western Ukrainian nationalists and Zionists alike praised Hitler for their own ends. There are documented proof published in their own newspapers that are available to any scholar or researcher to look at and study. Historical documents tell the truth, no matter how unpleasant it is.

And again, the USSR, not having the industrial potential of Western Europe again performed a miracle ... and our soldiers went all the way to Berlin and beyond,

helping to liquidate fascism with the help, late as it was, by the Western Allies.

Nowadays, the present apologists for Hitler, the modern "pseudo-democrats" write and cry that the USSR won the war because of Stalin's terror and because of the enormous losses by the Soviet people.

These people should remember that India in the course of this war (India was a colony of Britain) lost over 20,000,000 from starvation! British colonial Empire paid for the war, while we had to pick up the pieces ourselves. Yes, Stalin did help to close the German furnaces, stopped making lampshades out of human skins. Glory to him, because he was man of his time!

Here is an episode, available from documents and archives, that Western historians or our present "democrats" never want to make public. The war was near its end, Russian aviation was in the final stages of upgrading its bombers and fighters with rockets which can be fired from planes up to 70 km. Stalin telephoned the designers-constructors whether they recommend that the Soviet airforce be equipped with these devastating new rockets. The designers-constructors stated that the accuracy still is not perfect, that civilians can be also killed, not only military targets. These were rockets – the first to come into warfare. Stalin and his commanders decided not to use these effective long-range rockets! That is humanism!

While these countries who are teaching us now how to live – England and USA – bombed and liquidated the cities of Dresden and Hamburg, which had absolutely no military significance. More than 250,000 people were killed. Was this humanism?

Put into this category Vietnam, Laos, Korea, Hiroshima, Nagasaki and others. Americans were very effective in fighting civilians.

On the shoulders of Soviet Army was the brunt of the Second World War.

Then the question has to be asked: how can such an Army of victors, showing such heroism on the field of battle, give up its Motherland to the present temporary occupational clique? Very straightforwardly!

Truth is as straight as a stick. The Army was eroded and disseminated from within, and sold out, as all of us were sold out!

The beginning took place under Khrushchev – the top brass, which was replaced, reshuffled, demoted, liquidated, transferred or retired – began to distance itself from the common soldier “below”. Stagnation in the army spread, robbery is an epidemic, which is allowed to go on without any disciplinary actions being taken, like it would in any army; aging of officers corpse under the excuse “not enough of new recruits”. Political training is practically non-existent. The Afghanistan tragedy produced the use of narcotics in the Army which became an epidemic. The USSR was asked many times by the duly elected Afghanistan Republic for help under the Mutual Treaty that we had with that country, having lived in peace for over 100 years.

A special campaign is started by the so-called “intelligentsia” against our Soviet Army, calling for disbanding the Red Army altogether. False accusations that “children of leaders” are not fighting, like that of Stalin’s son – which is a well known fact that he was shot by the Germans even though Germans offered to give up Stalin’s son for their own Marshal. The moral of

the army became so low that they did not know or were not told as to who they are defending and for what reasons.

Then the process of “perestroika” started. Agents of influence from the West “theoretical intelligentsia section” started a massive campaign in order to undermine, discredit the Soviet Army through their radio broadcasts daily in close to 36 different languages, mass propaganda through the press that was subverted by the Gorbachev clique to support this anti-Army campaign. This campaign was well thought out, well planned like: “Tbilisi, Rust, South Korean Boeing episode when the plane was shot down (everyone now admits it was on a spying mission – Editors) and other events. Gorbachev starts the final process of eliminating any dedicated officers to Soviet rule. Moral terror is unleashed against new recruits and the recruits and the population are being isolated from each other. The edict by Gorbachev was that the “army has no place in politics”. These “Agents of Influence” show that they are still afraid about their own skins. Covertly they begin to promote, enhance the prestige of their “quiet Commanders” – as Dudayev as an example of Chechniya; part of the latest – newest armaments are taken off the lists and mothballed; other technical innovative armaments sold by the top brass to different illegal bands and nationalists. The KGB somehow is very quiet while this is going on – which is now evident that the top brass of KGB was replaced with loyal servants of Gorbachev and Yeltsin.

The full process of “depoliticization” of the army proceeds with speed as proposed by Yeltsin and Rutskoi. History of

the Soviet Army is coming to an end. Sold out by its top command, the army starts to break up into sections, into separate armies, into local regions, etc., etc. Generals, officers, sergeants are made to swear allegiance to different “countries”, such as Russia, Ukraine, Tadzhikistan, etc. Flags are changed, colours are changed.

What do we have today? Our great army is in countless pieces. The army is not in any position to save the country or to even save itself. The powers that be now have also not been sleeping ... they have organized their own “personal” army such as OMON and Presidential Guard which is practically just as numerous as the regular army!

Foreign agents are hovering in every division, every “sovereign Army” all over the former Soviet Union. They do not even bother to hide themselves, since they are “observers”, “advisors”, as they were in Vietnam and other countries that USA has invaded so often.

Anti-peoples government have placed the former Soviet Army on its knees before their across-the-ocean masters. They are now agitating one section of the army against another ... thus the old saying of “divide and rule” is very apropos now. The Aviation Arm of Soviet Army, organized to defend the people, are now bombing our own people and cities. It is a laugh to think that the present “Ukrainian Army” would be able to defend Ukraine! We all know that the present leaders of Ukraine are not worried about being attacked by Russia or others, they can always come to terms with them ... these present leaders are worried about only one enemy – their own people.

When an army is bought and serves for money, they will have

no hesitation to shoot at their own people. History has proven this over and over again.

Somehow the bourgeoisie think that having organized such an army that they will be able to sleep peacefully. The people will not rest, they are organizing, they are becoming aware as to what is being prepared for them. Now or later, this regime will be toppled and thrown out. The Army still will be heard from.

Therefore, it is necessary to carry on the propaganda and organizational work among the Army recruits, officers and associations. This is the task of the All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks.

Bolsheviks already know how to work among the Army. Regarding the punitive detachment of the present clique in power, like "OMON" or the "National Guard", we must isolate them from the rest and from within, and make the truth known to the rank and file members as to who they are and what they are forced to become.

These punitive detachments will never be able to submerge, liquidate or stop the history of the glorious Soviet Army from the annals of history!

Sooner than later, the working people will again become masters in our own home, and defending them will be our worker-farmer Red Army.

DEAR READER: Those of us that served in the Armed Forces know that the structure of the command is such that there is hardly any room for expression other than as commanded to do so – especially in an Army that has conscription – Editors.

WE ARE LEAVING ARE LEAVING, ARE LEAVING

By: Anna Osadchaya

DEAR READER: In the last issue (no. 9) we had an article requesting help to send two young people from Ukraine to the International Congress of Women in Peking, China. One of these delegates is Anna Osadchaya, a teenager poetess, whose poems now are circulating around the globe. Here is just one poem, on this the 50th Anniversary of World War II.

From the summits conquered by
our forefathers

We came down modestly, feeling
some guilt.

Again we remained all alone in the
world.

We are leaving, are leaving, are
leaving!

So what, the history will show
Who we were then in the destiny of
Europe

And notwithstanding the one-sided
untruthful decision

We are stronger than they are!

Could it be that the free world
already forgot

That it was saved by the Soviets from
dark fascist yoke

And today we are barred from the
Western feast!

We are leaving, are leaving, are
leaving!

Well then, the history confirms that
fact ...

But why is it so cruel?

And how will well overfed Europe
Redeem the tears of our mothers?

We leave and forget our numberless
graves

Of those who died for the freedom of
other lands,

But we are silent just the same

And the voice of the memory is low
We are leaving, are leaving, are
leaving!

Well then, the history confirms that
fact ...

And let it judge for all of us.

And now we hear from everywhere:
"Meet, Russia, your own sons!"

Translated from Russian by Michael Yasny □

From Newspaper: "TOVARISH" Socialist Party of Ukraine

This newspaper is very interesting in that it gives a different perspective to the situation in the Ukraine. They have their differences with the Communists on some aspects, but, nevertheless, judging by its article that we read and translate, they are for socialism and unity of the anti-Yeltsin and anti-Kuchma forces. We reprint one article regarding workers' strikes and movements, besides giving you the headlines that appear in this newspaper. This newspaper is published in Ukrainian and Russian in each issue.

KIEV WORKERS DEMAND THE RESIGNATION OF PRESIDENT KUCHMA

Meetings are called in Kiev and across Ukraine by the Ukrainian Union of Workers. Strikes, demonstrations by this Workers' Union which in turn is supported by the Socialist Party of Ukraine and by the Communist Party of Ukraine ... plus other organizations and movements.

Here are just some heading for articles contained in this issue.

- Teachers are ready to strike
- Against anti-peoples reforms
- Questions of Marxism
- The liquidation of our Army
- Intelligentsia and Socialism
- They're shooting us in the back

• For what kind of Ukraine did they fight for? An excellent article against the Ukrainian nationalists that were members of UPA.

Below, we publish a translation, from the archival documents of the text of the "OATH" taken by the members (Ukrainian nationalists) of the SS Division Galichina.

"I, an Ukrainian volunteer, with this oath do solemnly swear to give my life and energy to the German Army.

I give my oath to the German leader, the commander-in-chief of the German Army Adolf Hitler without question.

I swear to obey all instructions, plans and commands, and to hold these commands in secret and to faithfully serve the German Army and also my Fatherland.

I am aware that with this oath I am completely bound to the traditions and plans of the German Army and its command, including all disciplinary measures. After my term of service is over, as an Ukrainian volunteer, the German Army will recognize me as their own."

Is there any doubt now, on this 50th Anniversary of the World War II as to who these "volunteers" were serving? No amount of lies by their press or by the media which try to ignore these facts and documents ... this will not save them from the wrath of the people! – Editors. □

**TO OUR SOVIET FRIENDS:
ARISE, YOU
MIGHTY LAND!**

7 NEWSPAPERS FROM RUSSIA AND UKRAINE THAT ARRIVED!



LETTERS FROM ABROAD

From Republic of San Marino, Italy

Dear Comrades (Compagni):
Enclosed please find the \$20.00 for subscription. Forgive me for not sending the money sooner, but I had family problems (health of my father) who is 81 years of age. He was in hospital over 3 months.

I must thank the San Marino Communist Party that made the Social Security law in 1955 when they were in power. While visiting my father in hospital, I saw a "big wig", a Christian Democrat, who in 1955 voted against the proposed law as brought in by the Communist Government, but now he did not mind receiving the Social Security FREE. It is always the Communists who make the just, humane laws for the whole nation ... including benefits for the anti-communists also.

In my last letter to you comrades, I was right when I predicted that the right wing government would not last long – they lasted only 7 months.

Congratulations on your 8th Conference which I read about.

– With Communist Greetings
Aldo Grihi

P.S. I'm sorry that I could not give more money now, but the USA dollar is worth now 1,730 Lire (which is a tremendous lot of money for me). I hope that you will send me quickly the Video "In Defence of Socialism" which we cannot get in San Marino or in Italy.

The stamp on the envelope (we reprint the stamp here –

Editors) is of the new State Hospital built in 1986, planned, projected and built by the Communist government of San Marino, celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Social Security Law (1955-56). The Communists were in power in San Marino from 1945-1957 and from 1978-1992, together with the Socialist Party.



Dear Aldo: Your letters to us come as a bit of a fresh breeze from the mountains of San Marino. The readers certainly appreciate your dedication, your knowledge and your struggles in the heart of Italy. We have many requests to tell the readers more about you, your life and struggles and what is the future of this little nation of San Marino.

We thank you sincerely for your letters, donations (which are hard to come by – Editors) and for your eternal optimism. □

From Rio De Janeiro Brazil

Dear Friends:

Enclosed please find \$100.00 for two historical videos and also another new subscription for Northstar Compass, plus a donation to the “gleam of light” that brightens these times.

– Pedro Castilho

Even though your country is far to the south of us here in Canada, our common bonds of friendship and dedication to the cause of socialism and the rebirth of the USSR bonds us together. We thank you for getting new subscribers in Brazil. □

From Calcutta, India

Dear Michael:

Many thanks for your greetings to our newspaper “Revolutionary Democracy” which will hit the stands very shortly. We shall be sending you copies.

Sorry that we could not have met in Moscow when we had the “Stalin Seminar” due to your visa problems. Hopefully, we can meet on other occasions.

You will be interested to read that a number of your translations from Russian plus news items contained in Northstar Compass are regularly published in India and especially in the Calcutta-based weekly journal “Frontier”. Northstar Compass has been a major source of information for the Indian Left. Please send us all of your previous issues of NSC – they’re indispensable reading for us.

Nina Andreeva, when she was in India, had praised and mentioned your efforts and depends on your translations to reach other countries.

Regrettably, the two major Communist parties in India are supporting the policies of the Communist Party of Russian Federation.

We shall overcome our difficulties, but Unity is the main question!

– Yours,
Vijam Singh

We are pleased that our NSC is read and utilized in far off India and we certainly will keep sending you our issues and you will do likewise, so that we can learn from each other and establish dialogue.

We wish the Indian progressive movement to overcome its problems, to establish dialogue and to strive for Unity against the common enemy, both from within and from outside. □

From Zhitomir, Ukraine

Dear Members of the Editorial Board:

Some days ago, we received a copy of the “Northstar Compass”. It was a great surprise to us to have such a journal published in Canada.

We thought that the problems of our country are of interest to our citizens only. You pay attention to many of our problems and touch on many ideas. The article especially of interest to us was by the “Union of Officers of USSR”.

Let us be brief and tell you about ourselves. We are students who are studying at the Faculty of Foreign Languages at the Pedagogical Institute. It’s no secret that the economic crisis influences our lives. We, as young people, did not want to just stand aside – that is why we organized a Union of Socialist Youth in our district.

Although our organization is young, it includes lots of members. Our main aim is to start a school for Young People devoted to the political processes. Our function is to defend the social side of our young people. We are also concerned with ecological problems.

Our activities are opposite to the nationalists of OUN and UPA. We try to draw their members into our organization.

We are against the policies and politics of our present President Kuchma and his reforms which are meant to fool the people. We have not enough experience in this struggle. Would you be so kind as to give us some information about how to conduct the struggle and establish contacts with your organization in this regard?

Is it possible to print our articles in Northstar Compass? Please write and exchange thoughts. Please excuse our English. We shall await your answer.

- Roman Tykhonov

Dear Roman: It was a pleasure to have received your heartwarming letter and to see that the young people of Ukraine are awakening to the danger for their future. The struggle for socialism and the brotherhood of nations that was the Soviet Union before is paramount in this struggle.

Under separate cover, we shall write in detail with proposals and how to meet our common ends in this gigantic struggle against the internal and external enemies.

Please, do send us your publication and information. □

From Chernigov Ukraine

Greetings, Our Dear Comrades:

You are the genuine friends of Soviet people and fighters for socialism and truthfulness.

Communists of Chernigov District warmly greet you and your members/readers with the international day of solidarity on May Day and on the 50th Anniversary of the Great Patriotic War victory over fascism!

We, Communists of Chernigov District, as all Soviet people, thank you for your moral-political help in our struggles for socialism. Every number of "Northstar Compass" - is our active helper in our fight for our cause.

Our newspaper "For Social Justice" is not being published now, for lack of finances. But, our materials, we print in the newspapers of the Bolsheviks of Ukraine "Iskra". Enclosed please find the latest issues.

We wish you strong health in our common struggles in the interests of the working class!

- With Communist Greetings,
Grigory Matsenko
Editor

The struggles of the Soviet people is also the struggle of all working people. We support your efforts and we're certain that we shall together overcome the present danger of creeping fascism.

Let us solidify our solidarity and aim for united efforts to defeat the reactionary forces. □

From Moscow

Dear Friends:

My best wishes and congratulations to "Northstar Compass" and members of the Canadian Friends of Soviet People on May Day and on the 50th Anniversary of the victory over Nazi Germany, Fascist Italy, Imperialist Japan and their allies.

May the results of the Second World War always be kept in mind, and may war never occur again. May peace and friendship last forever.

I'm working for the same organization, although it's called different now. I still am a radio commentator and I try to insert news items, such as Fidel Castro's speech, but my bosses of course were against this. My comrades and I explain to the people where we can, but people are duped by the Yeltsin's control of the airways, TV and press. Maybe the people should get even a better taste of capitalism then they would realize what we had and what there is now! People are waking up. We had a huge demonstration by people against the unbearable living conditions now.

Maybe you heard that Yeltsin was taking a trip throughout Russia as a pre-election campaign.

**- DEAR READERS -
HAVE YOU DONATED TO
OUR SUSTAINING FUND?**

He was heading by train to South of Russia, when he interrupted his trip because of the cold reception of the people on his stops along the way. There were protests held at every stop. He left the train at Ryazan and took the airplane back to Kislovodsk, a resort in the Caucasus, to lick his wounded pride

Our party organization that I belong to holds meetings where we always raise the flag of the Russian Federation (hammer and sickle) the former Soviet flag of the Russian Republic. We march with this flag flying over our heads.

Our CPRF adopted the plan of work on ideological front, to learn better the teachings of Marx, Engels and Lenin. Our immediate task, if we are successful in taking power, is the restoration of the State Power and control over the industries, nationalization of the banks and trade. Zyuganov again appealed to the left wing forces to unite and pick a unity candidate for the forthcoming elections of the president in 1996.

Our enemies have already assembled their forces against us. These elements managed to privatize the TV channel and already put into operation Channel 1, which was former State Ostantkino. They call it now "Public Television", although there is nothing "public" about it. Former Ambassador Yakovlev is in charge of this Channel 1. Yakovlev was forced to resign from Ostantkino because of his activities. Am enclosing two "news items" regarding this mechanization with the media in order to have complete control over the airways of the country.

I also enclose copies of two newspapers - "The Truth of Russia" and "Moscow Literator", which is a patriotic newspaper of the Moscow Writers' Union. It is an anti-Yeltsin

newspaper.

Congratulations on your holding of an event on the 125th Anniversary of the birth of V.I. Lenin.

P.S. Your cartoons of Yeltsin were published in newspapers, including the paper "Molniya".

- Yours,
Moscow Correspondent

We certainly await impatiently for your letters and your information. We know under what conditions you work and therefore, we admire your efforts even more. We are optimistic that the struggles that are taking place now in Russia and other former Republics will unite in a common front in order to defeat the reactionary forces in the forthcoming elections. We are forever optimistic! □

From Kiev Bureau of Revolutionary Communist Youth

Dear Editorial Staff of
"Northstar Compass":

From the bottom of our hearts, we want to thank you for your support and activity in the international class struggle!

When our comrades were arrested in Minsk and other cities, thanks to your campaign and your article in the "Northstar Compass", this opened up the floodgates of protests from Canada and other countries where your journal is read, thousands of letters flowed to our address of protests. We thank you for your devotion, solidarity and letters of support and protests to the authorities.

Our comrades were sentenced by the present leaders, but because of the protests, were given a warning only. The authorities showed falsified videos of their activities in distributing leaflets against the regime, false witnesses which backfired during the trial hearings.

In this regard, no small thanks goes to you comrades, who started this protest which has freed our comrades.

Now, the Minsk section of the Revolutionary Communist Youth is actively taking part in Byelorussian elections, by nominating its own candidate to the parliament of Byelorussia on the platform of socialism and the dictatorship of the proletariat (workers). We support the teachings of Lenin who stated that the bourgeois parliament "is a farce" using its position as a propaganda vehicle to fool the working class.

Our Revolutionary Communist Youth is in daily struggles with revisionists and compromisers with the capitalist class. We are in the leadership in Kiev of the most active, numerous student organization. This student union has the backing of the student body in fighting for their interests. The strike committee of the electro-transport workers of Kiev is working together with us in planning and carrying out strike actions against the present anti-peoples authorities.

Our Revolutionary Communist Youth took part in actions in Zaporozhe against today's nationalist-fascists, in Cherkassy where a strike took place in the Makievsk Metallurgical Combine. The Kiev section of our organization is the strongest youth movement in the city. Their position are listened to among others, by reformers and revisionists from the Socialist Party of Ukraine and some sections of the Communist Party of Ukraine, who try hard not to even mention our work in their press, thus playing into the hands of leaders like Moroz. One of the leaders of the Communist Party of Ukraine, Y. Marmazov, even went so far as to suggest that Ukraine should immediately join

NATO!

In their proclamation, the Socialist Party and Communist parties are for unity of the left forces, which in many cases become a right wing farce! Real Communists and our Revolutionary Communist Youth are not allowed to voice their opinions. We are gaining more and more sympathizers, which in turn, makes the bourgeoisie mad and they try to institute lies and take steps to arrest our members ... because we distribute communist literature and leaflets. But the workers always come to our defense, thus forcing these agents of the present regime to back off.

Working class of Ukraine is rising, which shows that the struggle is intensifying, as was shown by the strikes in the Donbass region of Ukraine and in the Odessa region.

We would like your journal to print more news about the Canadian-American workers' struggles and in other regions of the world - this will help us greatly as your readers in the Ukraine, Russia and other former Republics will see that the working class is not alone.

Here is our new address.

As always we await your next copy of Northstar Compass, your unbelievable publication that we are so proud of.

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Long live Marxism-Leninism!

Dear Friends: Your letter is full of news about the struggles that you and others are waging. It certainly should wake up those former friends of Soviet Union who, because of world-wide barrage of lies, have become passive. The revolutionary activity is growing, and it is organizations such as yours that will bring the day of victory closer.

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FEATURE ANALYSIS

WHO IS BEHIND THE RELIGIOUS CULTS IN RUSSIA?

By: Michael Lucas

The campaign to undermine Socialism, break up the Soviet Union, establish capitalism and subvert the Soviet people into a pool of cheap labour and a supplier of raw materials, takes on many forms of subversion, trickery, outright involvement of transnational corporate power and the International Monetary Fund. The latest form of subversion is the growth of "Religious Cults"!

Gathering material for this column, I perused many newspapers, articles and statements from different sources and here's what comes to light in this sordid, secret and covert operation that has its origins in the different religious orders of Western countries.

There are over 1,500 new religions operating now in Russia alone, not counting the other former Soviet Republics. All these religions sprang up in the last 3 years, and all of them are imports from both the West and East.

It seems, if we are to believe the newspapers, that millions of people are caught up in the fervor of these mystical sects. What comes through very clearly in these articles is that Yeltsin's regime is not doing very much to stop these cults from kidnapping people, brainwashing them, making them steal, rob and give away the property that they might have. There is evidence of

torture, beatings, deprivations, terror and actual deaths performed by the leadership of these cults.

The question that begs to be asked is this: "If the Western reporters and Western religious agencies are able to find these things out, how can it be possible for the Russian law enforcement agencies not to know that these groups exist or that they kidnap, brutalize and rob?" OR ... they know, and actually promote these groups in order to prevent unity of actions against the present intolerable conditions that the present traitorous regime has inflicted upon the people?

There is also very hard evidence that these cults are inter-connected with the Japanese Aum Shinrikyo cult which gassed people on Tokyo subway. This cult has attracted over 30,000 people in Russia – actually more than in Japan. They have financial and logistic support as we reported in the last issue of Northstar Compass.

These cults advertise openly, pay big money to the privatized newspapers in their agitational work. They use TV, Radio and booklets by the millions that are printed OUTSIDE the country and given out all over the former USSR.

The cult "Moonies" and the "Unification Church" boast that they have over 50,000 trained teachers spread across Russia, giving to schools over 200,000 books, all published on glossy stock, hard cover, four colour illustrations and all printed in the WEST!

Not only are these cults doing their religious and cult subversion, they are actually owning large properties in Russia, operating soup kitchens, medical facilities and orphanages!

The usual statement by the Yeltsin's government is that "we cannot crack down on these groups

“since this would hamper the religious expression of its members”.

These sects have connections to Yeltsin's government. Protests by the people whose children were kidnapped, whose property was grabbed by these cults, come to a dead end ... the authorities will not do anything or the militia. These parents, relatives are told that: “it's your affair, you find the solution”!



Cult Leader: Maria Tsvygin leads the White Brotherhood, a doomsday cult that has thousands of devotees.

There is bribery by the leadership of these groups, right to the central Russian government.

According to sources, it was revealed that the “Moonie” textbook, “Inner World of a Soldier” was ordered in thousands by the Russian defence minister for the Army! The actual presence of Russian military hardware in the cult's possession in Japan, (Aum Shinrikyo) has raised questions as to the close connections and cooperation.

Russian members of Parliament are bought by the big money cults, thus making any potential laws that would curb these activities very unlikely.

There are thousands of members of these cults that disappear from life every year! What happens to them? The police will not do anything in order to find these missing people. Who gives the order from the top to ignore these events?

A statement is made that “With Socialism gone, a vacuum was created and these cults stepped in”.

This statement is too coy, too self-serving, masked to deceive the people.

There is a DEFINITE link to the dismemberment of the USSR and the promotion of these cults. Its aim is to erase by whatever means they can, any idea of Socialism, of the rebirth of the Soviet Union and the role of Communists in this resurrection.

After a person is recruited into these cults, drugs are the order of the day, prostitution, semi-starvation. Isolated from their families, some simply vanish, while others become hobos wandering the streets, railway stations, penniless and prime targets for murder, rape. This gives authorities the right to arrest them, put them away ... thus solving the problem, but not preventing the problem from happening.

THIS IS OBVIOUSLY A POLICY FROM THE TOP!

Many of these publications come to the conclusion that this phenomena is “more of a business than a spiritual crusade”.

DEAR READER: *The above was gathered from reliable newspapers, both in Canada, USA and Britain – all of them are anti-Socialist and of course, anti-Soviet to the core. But they reported the situation as it is.*

To operate these cults in a foreign country, you need, first of all, people who already are trained in the Russian language; in mind-bending techniques and with plenty of money to operate.

These cults have property, logistics, source of printed materials from the West or East, plus the time to train their converts and to spread far and wide across the Russian Republic.

Anyone with any sense of understanding knows that this is not possible without fantastic financial sources to help them in their work.

A fact that is an “open secret” is that millions upon millions of Bibles are sent to the former Soviet Union ... from Canada, USA, Britain, France and Germany.

AGAIN, WE ASK THE QUESTION – WHERE IS THIS HELP COMING FROM?

Imperialism, through its secret services, plus the help of their own Churches, Synagogues, are the people that are behind this avalanche of subversion against the Soviet people and their belief in Socialism!

Does this not remind you of the early days of America and Canada,, when the Jesuits accompanied the conquerors, with one hand on the sword and the other on the Bible, in order to bring “Christianity” to these “heathens”, while at the same time, murdering them, taking their lands away, practicing genocide and eliminating the culture of these native peoples!

Of course, these modern “Jesuits and Conquistadors” have learned new techniques, more insidious and sublime than the sword ... but with a more devastating effect.

I wonder whether Kohl, Clinton, Chretien and other “Western leaders”, while having cocktails with Yeltsin, did they ever mention this terrible tragedy? OR ... whether Yeltsin over his 300 ounces of Vodka, ever asked Clinton about the plight of American native peoples, or Chretien about the sorry plight and economic conditions of Canadian native peoples?

I also wonder whether any Minister or Priest of a Church in Canada or the USA, ever preached a

sermon about these cults in Russia and how they are operating against the teachings of Christ?

Cults come and go, but Socialist ideas will live on forever. Time is coming soon when these leaders, who are promoting and financing these cults, will be brought to justice! □

“THE MOLOTOV-RIBBENTROP PACT”

By: Hari Kumar

There are many bourgeois misconceptions about the Second World War; but two are particularly important to combat. One is that Stalin was “unaware of the likelihood of attack” and was “taken by surprise”. The other is that the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact was an act of treason by Stalin, against the international working class. The



V.M. Molotov

two misconceptions are linked essential lies perpetuated by bourgeois historians to falsify history.

Firstly, Stalin was well aware that the biggest danger to world peace was German and Japanese imperialism. In fact, Stalin is on record as saying to Antony Eden, in Moscow, that the situation was more dangerous than 1913:

“Eden ... saw the international situation as worrying but not hopeless. Stalin however pointed out that he saw the situation more

serious than in 1913. When Eden asked why this was so, Stalin replied that in 1913, there had only been one seat of war – Germany, whereas now, there were two – Germany and Japan.” (cited from Archives: Dokumenty vnesnei politiki SSSR Vol. XVIII, p. 247, by: Fyodor Volkov in “Secrets from Whitehall and Downing Street”; Moscow, 1980, p. 231.)

In fact even earlier, Stalin had pointed out the danger emanating from the West:

“We are 50 or 100 years behind the advanced countries. We must make good this distance in ten years. Either we do it, or we shall go under.” (J.V. Stalin: “The Tasks of the Business Executive”, in “Works”, Volume 13; Moscow, 1955, p. 41.)

It was this understanding that informed the Stalin-led attack on the Bukharinite Right Deviation:

“Do you think we can achieve the final victory of socialism in our country so long as this contradiction exists? What has to be done to end this contradiction? To end it, we must overtake and outstrip the advanced technology of the developed capitalist countries ... outstrip and overtake these countries technically and economically. Either we do this, or we shall be forced to the wall.” (J.V. Stalin: “Industrialisation and the Right Deviation (1928)”, “Works”, Vol. 11, 1954, p. 259.)

And why did Stalin see this? Because of the inevitability of the capitalist crisis of over-production leading on to the re-division of the war:

“The continuing world crisis ... It is not surprising that this is the most severe of all the crises that have taken place ... whereas in the capitalist countries, feverish preparations are in progress for a new war, for a new re-division of

the world and spheres of influence.” (J.V. Stalin, “Report at the 17th Party Congress on the Work of the Central Committee of the CPSU[B]; Jan. 26th, 1934.)

Therefore, Stalin with Molotov and Zhadanov tried to forge principled alliances. Hitler’s ambitions on Russia were known:

“We National Socialists consciously draw a line beneath the foreign policy tendency of our pre-war period ... We stop the endless German movement to the South and West, and turn our gaze towards the land in the East ... If we speak of soil in Europe today, we can primarily have in mind only Russia.” (A. Hitler, “Mein Kampf”; London, 1984, p. 598, 604.)

But the natural allies against German revanchist fascism would have been Britain, France and the USA. Unfortunately, the majority of the ruling classes of these countries were also consumed with desire to destroy the USSR. The majority factions of these ruling classes (Neville Chamberlain in the UK and Edouard Dualardier in France) were of the opinion to “appease” Hitler to drive him towards Russia first. To this end, they allowed a shameless policy of rapid re-armament of Germany and turning a blind eye to Hitler. As Stalin said to the 18th Congress of the CPSU in March 1939:

“England, France and the USA ... draw back and retreat, making concession after concession to the aggressors ... without the least attempt at resistance, and even with a certain amount of connivance ... How is it ...? ... The policy of non-intervention reveals an eagerness, a desire ... not to hinder Germany say ... from embroiling herself in a war with the Soviet Union ... One might think that the districts of

Czechoslovakia were yielded to Germany as the price of an undertaking to launch war on the Soviet Union." (J.V. Stalin: "Works", Vol. 14; London, 1978, pp. 363-367.)

This tactic of British and French imperialism was further exposed by constant spurning of the USSR calls for a collective security pact. Lloyd George (Liberal party) made a speech in the UK Parliament upbraiding Chamberlain for making a unilateral guarantee to Poland without any talks with the USSR. Under pressure, the Government agreed to send a delegation to Moscow. However, it was sent by very slow sea and rail (not air); and with secret instruction to - "Go very slowly with the conversations". (Documents British Foreign Policy, 3rd Series, Vol. 6; London, 1953, Appendix 5, p. 763.)

The real intent was clear - the British and French had no intention to secure a collective security agreement. Moreover, Chamberlain was secretly negotiating for a military alliance with Germany; thereby threatening the USSR with a Four power enemy. Sir Neville Henderson, British Ambassador in Berlin, reported to Lord Halifax (August 29th, 1939) a conversation with Hitler and Ribbentrop:

"Herr von Ribbentrop asked me whether I could guarantee that the PM could carry the country with him in policy of friendship with Germany ... Her Hitler asked whether England would be willing to accept an alliance with Germany. I said speaking personally, I did not exclude such a possibility." (Documents Concerning German-Polish Relations and the Outbreak of Hostilities between Great Britain and Germany on Sept. 3rd, 1939" [Cmd. 6106]; London, 1939, p. 130.)

It was this that prompted the brilliant coup of the Molotov Ribbentrop Pact. This spiked the guns of the British and French collusionists. But it also delayed the inevitable onset of war by enough time to allow Stalin and the party to move the factories East of the Urals and to gear up for the war.

Even virulent anti-Soviets such as historian E.H. Carr admit that:

"The Chamberlain Government ... as a defender of capitalism ... refused to enter into an alliance with the USSR against Germany ... In the Pact of August 23rd, 1939, they [The USSR] secured: (a) a breathing space of immunity from attack; (b) German assistance in mitigating Japanese pressure in the Far East; (c) German agreement to the establishment of an advanced defensive bastion beyond the existing Soviet frontiers in Eastern Europe; it was significant that the bastion was and could only be a line of defence against potential German attack, the eventual prospect of which was never far absent from Soviet reckonings. But what most of all was achieved by the pact was the assurance that of the USSR had eventually to fight Hitler, the Western powers would already be involved." (Carr: "From Munich to Moscow: II"; "Soviet Studies", 1, No. 21949, p. 103.) □

NEWS FROM U.S. FRIENDS OF NORTHSTAR COMPASS

From: Bronx, USA

I was very much impressed with your April issue, especially the articles about the 50th Anniversary of Allied Victory over Fascism and the article by Michael Ukas.

- Doris Murphy

Thank you for the compliment and we too did everything that we could in order to bring the truth about that war which, to the majority of the population born after 1945, seems almost forgotten. □

From: Hamden, CT., USA

Dear Michael Lucas:

Thank you for your letter and I must state that I do not consider myself as a member of the "Concerned Friends of Soviet People". I receive publications from various political groups, but that is not that I want to be a member. I am interested in what you have to say and the information you offer, but your opinion on Stalin is not mine at all, for example.

Also, I take issue with your article in the January 1995 issue of NSC regarding that "Beytar Brigade" took part in the storming of the White House in Moscow. Could this not be an anti-Semitic invention by the Pamyat or Zhirinovskiy crowd and you picked it up from the Krasnoyarsk newspaper?

- Sincerely,
Sid Resnick

As you have read in our March issue, which was devoted to the 8th Conference of our organization, the decision was that the new Canadian Friends of Soviet People was to be a separate entity with its own membership, while Northstar Compass was also a separate entity with its own subscription rate.

Regarding the query about "Beytar Brigade": you question the authenticity of this story. We gathered this material from 5 different newspapers - none of them related to Pamyat organization or Zhirinovskiy. There is documented proof of this "Beytar" participation in the storming of the White House.

We have taken the liberty of asking these newspapers to send you directly their materials regarding this episode. We reprint news items from all of the anti-Yeltsin press.

We thank you for your comments. □

From: Silver Spring, MD, USA

Dear Michael, Helen, and the Committee:

Happy V-E Day! I hope your celebration on May 7th was a success. I am sending you several copies of the last 2 issues of WPN. In this latest issue, we reprinted an article from your journal along with a box encouraging our readers to subscribe. We also published several other articles on the defeat of fascism. Please feel free to reprint anything you like from our paper. We would be honored.

Recent events in the United States have underscored the importance of continuing to oppose fascism and reaction everywhere. The defeat of socialism in the USSR has unleashed the most vile reaction not only in Europe but here in the U.S. as well. Although the bourgeois media portray the bombing in Oklahoma City as the work of disaffected working class men, it is clear that the actions of these fascists and white supremacists is organized and supported by elements of the bourgeoisie and their agents such as Pat Buchanan and Newt Gingrich. The bombing was profoundly anti-working class not only because it targeted Federal workers but also because it was aimed at terrorizing the multinational working class in the U.S. I do not think it is a coincidence that Federal workers were targeted by white supremacists since many workers from oppressed nationalities are employed by the Federal

government. The U.S. government, with as poor a track record as it has, has been more of an equal opportunity employer than private industry.

I just received the latest issue of Northstar Compass, and I look forward to studying the articles in it. Please let us know if any trips are being arranged to the former Soviet Union. We would like to send a representative to meet with our Russian comrades face to face.

– In Solidarity,
Clara Lewis
For the Editorial Committee,
Working Peoples' News

We certainly appreciate our cooperation and we shall inform you of our future trips and plans. We will reprint some of your interesting articles in future issues of NSC. There is no doubt that we shall overcome the present difficulties. □

From: Watertown, Mass., USA

Dear Friends:

Enclosed please find a cheque for a subscription plus a donation. I enjoy the magazine very much and read each issue from cover to cover. Please keep up the good work!

– Dick Keshishian

Your donation and kind words are appreciated and we certainly will proceed to let our readers know the truth about the struggles against the present regime in the former USSR. □

From: Chicago, MI., USA

Please find a cheque and an

**TO OUR SOVIET FRIENDS:
ARISE, YOU
MIGHTY LAND!**

additional contribution to the journal ... please continue the good reporting.

– June S. Meka

We're certainly glad that you and others as members of the Chicago Friendship Council, are appreciating the NSC and are telling your friends about us. □

From: Laguxa Hills, CA., USA

Heard about your publication ... please send me a subscription form

– Rose S. Sparer

The sub's on its way and thanks for becoming a subscriber in far away California. □

From: Houston, Texas, USA

Please send me a copy so that I can subscribe to. Read about your journal in the Peoples Weekly World newspaper.

– Jeff Pike

We thank you and the PWW for utilizing our articles and giving us publicity. We feel that together, we shall bring the truth to the people, that is not available in our daily media. □

From: St. Paul, Minnesota, USA

I enjoyed your last issues (7-8 and 9) greatly. Am sending an extra few dollars in support of what you do.

– Carol Constant

We are trying to improve each issue in both quality and stories that we translate from the newspapers that we receive, from all of the former Republics. Thanks for your "extra dollars" which are substantial! □

From: West Lynn, Massachusetts, USA

Your journal is thought provoking as well as inspiring. We would like to receive a subscription.

Enclosed is the payment.

We are interested in attending your Conference with 2-3 people. Looking forward to hearing from you.

– Fraternaly,
Massachusetts Trade Union
Educational League

You are now on our list of subscribers and we thank you for your kind words. Coming from an organization as well known and effective as yours, we consider this a compliment.

Unfortunately, your letter came after the 8th Conference was finished on February 18-19th. We shall keep you informed about future events. □

From: Pittsburgh, PA., USA

Enclosed is my order for 13 videos that you have advertised, plus the Audio tape of songs that the Soviets at the present time are barred of hearing – songs of the Great Patriotic War and Soviet patriotism. My sub for NSC is also enclosed.

– Leon Swimmer

Your kind order and donation in the hundreds of dollars is appreciated by all of us, because we feel that you appreciate the work that we do and that our efforts eventually will produce results. Forever optimists, we all are! □

From: Staten Island, N.Y., USA

Dear Comrades:

Enclosed please find money for 4 more subscriptions to Northstar Compass. We expect at least to get 50 new readers towards the quota of 200 that Canada and the USA friends adopted at the 8th Conference. This is our "little light

**HAVE YOU RENEWED
YOUR SUB?**

of Marxist-Leninist truth". We shall contact the old subscribers to renew again.

Also, we have arranged for the Northstar Compass to be on sale at three progressive bookstores in New York City on a regular basis each month.

Let each one of us who are reading this letter now, on their own, renew his or her subscription so that we can collectively reach a new high in "Northstar Compass" circulation.

– Comradely,
Angelo D'Angelo
Coordinator of U.S. Friends of
Northstar Compass

The delegates to the 8th Conference were not wrong when they gave you the name of our "Stakhanovite" and presented you a plaque in recognition of your energy and devotion. We need more people like you, Angelo, to make our "Little light" shine brightly as a beacon towards the resurrection of the Soviet Union and the establishment of a socialist system there and everywhere. □

From: New York, N.Y., USA

Dear Friends:

We enclose a check for two more subs to Northstar Compass. We would send you our mailing list if you so desire, already on adhesive labels, so that you can send them Northstar Compass – there are 184 members of our Association.

– Yours,
Philip Oke
Secretary to the Board
The New York Association for
American Russian Relations
United Nations Plaza

Dear Philip: Your dedication, your interest in promoting the truth about the situation in the former USSR is noted and much appreciated. Your generous offer (which we accept) of a

mailing list is a tremendous boost to NSC in reaching more and more Americans with the truth. We in turn wish you and your Association the best of success. Our struggles are going to get results. □

From: New York, N.Y., USA

Dear Michael:

Enclosed is my sub plus a donation towards your work. Please send me a bundle of 10 copies of NSC each month so that I can deliver them to the bookstores in New York City. Your latest issue (7-8) was very informative and valuable, and we might reprint some articles in our publications.

– Yours in the Struggle,
George Gruenthal

It certainly was a pleasure and the beginning of cooperation with you when you attended the 8th Conference here in Toronto. It is contacts and friendship like this that makes our work easier, more effective and gives all hope that we shall overcome this temporary defeat that progressive mankind has suffered. We wish you luck in the promotion of our publication. Together we shall overcome. □

From: Boston, Mass., USA

Dear Friend Michael:

We appreciated your letter and the issue of NSC. Particularly inspiring to read words of Soviet citizens. We look forward in future issues reviews of the materials we sent you.

We anticipate an on-going cooperation during these very complicated and dangerous times.

– Fraternaly,
Ray O. Light

We welcome you to our growing readership now in 27 countries of the world. Future certainly belongs to organizations such as ours. □

FRIENDSHIP NEWS

50TH

TORONTO BRANCH

COMMEMORATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY IN EUROPE

On Sunday, May 7th at the Friendship House in Toronto, members of the Canadian Friends of Soviet People and readers of the publication Northstar Compass came in order to remember and honour the more than 50,000,000 people who perished so that we may live. More than 27,000,000 Soviet people died in order that mankind could be saved from fascism.

While people were gathering, stirring music of those days was heard in the hall.

The Anniversary Meeting was opened by Michael Lucas, President of CFSP and Editor of Northstar Compass. His remarks are published below.

As the playing of Last Post was heard, two veterans with their medals on their chests, Dave Roberts and Bob McNicoll, carried a wreath and placed it on the podium, while Doug Adams, as Chair, asked the people to stand for two minutes of silence, in homage to our dead comrades who gave their lives for humanity.

Doug Adams, veteran of Royal Canadian Navy, spoke about the role of the RCN in the war and of his experiences.

Michael Lucas was asked to

read a cable resolution to be sent to Mayor Luzhkov of Moscow as a protest for denying the Soviet people a permit to hold a May 9th demonstration, celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Great Patriotic War. The resolution was passed unanimously. Resolution is published elsewhere.

Joe Glenn, Veteran of the International Brigades – Mackenzie-Papineau Battalion of Canada, spoke upon his involvement in fighting fascist dictator Franco of Spain in the Spanish Civil War. We publish his remarks below.

Two resolutions of protest were adopted and sent to the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the House International Relations Committee, protesting the upcoming law that will put an even tighter embargo against Cuba.

Robert McNicoll, veteran of the Royal Navy of Britain, spoke about the causes of the World War Two and those in the West who were responsible in abetting Hitler, besides, he mentioned the war against fascism started when Italy invaded Abyssinia.

Dave Roberts, veteran of the Canadian Airforce, spoke movingly about the losses caused by the war of his comrades, while Andy Durovecz, veteran and member of the Canadian secret service agents who were dropped behind enemy lines in order to help with the partisan and the resistance movements, spoke about this aspect. His book will be off the press shortly about his years in this dangerous mission that he was involved with.

Dorothy Roberts reminisced about the war efforts at the home front and the work that the women of Canada performed.

Len Waga, born in Poland, told about his experiences when he was in concentration camps, ghetto

uprising in Poland and appealed to the members present to always remember that it was the Red Army that saved mankind from fascism.

Michael Lucas reported about organizations that co-sponsored this event and sent greetings and financial contributions. The following organizations were mentioned:

- Society of Carpatho-Russian Canadians
- Committee of Canadian Communists
- Working People's News, USA
- Angelo D'Angelo, Staten Island, N.Y. of US Friends of Northstar Compass
- Veterans of the Mackenzie-Papineau Battalion

After the official program was over, a video called, "Spring of Victory" about the last days of World War II and the storming of the Reichstag in Berlin by the Red Army and the victory celebrations in Moscow, Leningrad and other Soviet cities on May 9, 1945, was shown.

The following part of the event was dedicated to the memory of one of our members, activist and founder of the publication Northstar Compass, the late Bill Tyconik. We publish the text below of the words that were spoken by Michael Lucas, President on behalf of all those that gathered at the Friendship House. □

Dear Friends:

Today's event is dedicated to the 50th Anniversary of the defeat of fascism. We have tried, in our small way and meagre means, to present to our readers some aspects of the war, its beginnings, and the aftermath ... in order that those of us that still remember the war, would be able to pass on this information to their children and grandchildren.

Fifty years is a long time to remember these horrors, and as humans, we tend to forget or try to remove those memories from our minds. After all, people must live and look ahead to a brighter future. But those of us that are prone to this should also remember that if we DO NOT know the past, neither will we be able to be prepared for the FUTURE!

Those of us that took part in this struggle remember those who died so that we may live. Therefore, it is necessary now, on this 50th Anniversary, to again try and open up these pages of history when there are still people who were part of this terrible tragedy, that can remember, that can tell others of the horrors and above all, of the causes that cost humanity over 50,000,000 lives!

Confusion, lies, fabrications and outright sabotage of the facts of World War Two are meant specifically to erase from future generations the sacrifices that were made by our fathers, grandfathers, grandmothers, sisters and brothers.

But facts come to life, like flowers after April showers ... they cannot be hidden forever. We will publish added facts gathered from a well documented, well written book called "War of Liberation" written by our friend and reader of Northstar Compass in England, author Ernie Trory. In our next issue, we shall write an overview of this excellent 396 page book so that our readers would be able to order this book through Northstar Compass.

As we all know, the West – including Churchill and Roosevelt – and their governments hoped that Russia and Germany would bleed each other dry, thus opening the area for Western powers to grab the industries and establish their economic zones of ownership.

There was and unfortunately there still is the belief by even some progressives and communists that Stalin was responsible for the "purges" during the period before the war and thus, he weakened the readiness by eliminating officers who would have been able to prepare the Soviet Union for the German onslaught. This belief is prevalent today, fanned by anti-Sovietees both outside and inside the Soviet Union.

Here are quotes from Ernie Trory's book:

"Roosevelt had, of course, been well briefed on the strength of the Soviet Armed Forces and the loyalty of the peoples of the USSR to their government by Joseph E. Davies, US Ambassador to Moscow from 1936 to 1938 who wrote in a letter to President Roosevelt on January 18, 1939 the following:

'It is my opinion that both the Soviet government and its army are a great deal stronger than is generally recognized in certain European quarters ... in the event of so dire a calamity as an international conflict between THE TOTALITARIAN AND THE DEMOCRATIC STATES, (our emphasis – Editor) the Soviet government is, in my opinion, a much more powerful factor than the reactionaries of Europe concede, and might be of the greatest value.'

Regarding the preparedness of the USSR and Stalin for a war with Germany, Davies wrote when he saw '6,000 civilian partisans' march

OUR CREDO

Northstar Compass is independent, non-partisan and open to our readers for their opinions and thoughts. In our tradition, we are dedicated to international cooperation, friendship and solidarity in a world at peace.

on May Day on Red Square in 1937. Davies said:

'This is a preview of an organized guerrilla bands which the Red Army will leave behind German lines to harass and sabotage German communications and supplies.'

He also warned Roosevelt, President of United States not to be taken in by Western propaganda about the treason trials that had taken place in the Soviet Union during the 1930's, including the so-called "purges" of Red Army Generals.'

Davies was later to write the following:

'Passing through Chicago on a speaking tour, I was asked – "What about Fifth Column in Russia?" I replied that there were none. I was correct and I brooded over that question. Being an observer on behalf of the USA at these trials, I knew and saw with my own eyes that the fifth column that was on trial were guilty beyond a shadow of a doubt. It was a fact that Hitler did not from the beginning find any quislings or fifth column to bank on, as he had found in Norway, Croatia, Czechoslovakia, Belgium, France, Hungary, Rumania, etc.'

Further, Davies wrote:

'As I ruminated over this situation, I suddenly saw the picture as I should have seen at that time. The story of the so-called treason trials of 1937-38 which I attended and listened to. In re-examining my records of the events, I found practically every device of German fifth columnist activity, as we now know it, was disclosed and laid bare by the confessions and testimony elicited voluntarily at these trials of self-confessed "Quislings" in Russia.'

This was said by an anti-Sovieteer, representing the ruling class of USA and not known to have any SYMPATHY for the Soviet people, socialism or the CPSU!

How can you equate these words with volumes of propaganda that was written since those trials and since World War II? Or is it the case of the BIG LIE – the bigger the lie, the more people tend to believe you?

Time has certainly come, on this 50th Anniversary of the Great Patriotic War, for the so-called 'friends of socialism', Marxists-Leninists, Communists of all colours to see the truth. There is irrefutable proof available which point to this fact! OR ... is it not in the interests of these 'Sovietologists' to face the facts? After all, facts cannot always be hidden away, subverted or presented in 'Marxist phraseology'!

Time has surely arrived to give credit where credit is due. More than 27,000,000 people did not give their lives for a system that they hated! Again, we repeat ... over 50,000,000 died to defeat fascism, Nazism and militarism. Did they all die in vain?

Let the present would-be 'rulers' of the world, no matter under what kind of flag they may hide, remember that history does not forget or forgive!

Let us remember and honour our dead, who died in order that we may all live!

MAY THEY FOREVER BE REMEMBERED!

Dear Friends:

You have gathered today to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the defeat of Hitler and Fascism. We, veterans of the Mackenzie Papineau Battalion, also celebrate the event but we reflect also that had the civil war in Spain ended with the opposite results, the war in Europe may not have occurred or at least, been delayed for a number of years.

At the time of our withdrawal from Spain, many of our members

predicted there would be a general war in Europe within six months. In this regard, we contend that the International Brigades and the Spanish people were the first ones to fight against the Nazi Fascist armies. Many Mac-Pap veterans re-enlisted to fight again and were ostracized originally by their commanders.

Today, we vets are fewer in number and perhaps less than 18 are active and less than half of that number fully mobile.

We must be alert to the fact Nazi and Fascist movements are not dead. From reports heard and visions on TV, it has resurrected in Germany and other European states. The bombing at Oklahoma City and subsequent disclosures show fascism has created so-called militia volunteer groups in the United States who mouth and practise the actions of the once powerful Nazi Germany. They boast they have organizations in 40 of the 50 states and in Canada.

Their hate literature is evident. Even if the statements are grossly exaggerated, it behooves ourselves to be aware of the dangers to society these groups pose.

At this time, I would like to announce there will be an unveiling of Plaque at Queen's Park and dedication ceremony commemorating the Mac-Paps involvement in Spain on June 4th at 10:00 a.m. The plaque originated by the Historic Sites Monument Board Of Canada. It will be mounted on a rock brought over from the battlefields of Spain by our support organization – the "Association of Veterans and Friends of the Mackenzie-Papineau Battalion". The location is about 100 yards south-west of the legislative building and a short distance from the statue of William Lion Mackenzie.

In closing, I would like to inform those present who have not had the opportunity to read our book "Canadian Volunteers Spain 1931-1939" by William Beeching, I have quite a number of copies available for a small consideration.

– Joe Glenn

FAX TO WASHINGTON

**Senate Foreign Relations Committee
Jesse Helms
Committee Chair**

We, members of the Canadian Friends of Soviet People and readers of Northstar Compass, gathered in Toronto to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Victory Day, want to protest the "Helms Bill, S.R. 381" which is meant to tighten the illegal, immoral and genocidal blockade against Cuba, opposing Cuban membership in international lending institutions, upgrading TV Marti and we know that this Bill is meant to punish third countries that trade with Cuba!

On this, the 50th Anniversary of the greatest tragedy that has befallen mankind, when over 50,000,000 perished fighting fascism so that we can live, it is blasphemous of the part of U.S. Administration to proceed with these plans, which bring to mind the policies of Hitler when he tried to dictate to other countries.

United Nations Organization forbids such actions as the US is promoting! USA as a member of the UNO should follow the principles of the UN Charter.

History never forgets or forgives!

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Northstar Compass

WILLIAM (BILL) TYCONIK

By: Ray Stevenson

The death of William (Bill) Tyconik, Sunday April 16th at the age of 87, has deprived his family, the Canadian Friends of the Soviet Union and the Editorial Board of Northstar Compass of a strong, warm, devoted and dedicated companion and Comrade. Born of Ukrainian immigrant parents in the inter-Lake area of Manitoba, his life was devoted first to his family and in equal measure, to interests and needs of his fellow humans.



It was this quality that led him to membership and activity in the Canada-USSR Association many years ago and that placed him voluntarily on the Executive of the Canadian Friends of the Soviet People and Northstar Compass Editorial Board. There, his calm, thoughtful counsel and expressions of opinion, frequently brought resolution of differences that arose and wise direction in the development of our activities and projections. No one was more respected and carefully listened to in the regular Thursday morning meetings of the Board, that have

taken place since its formation in mid 1992.

The Editorial Board of Northstar Compass paid tribute to Brother and Comrade Bill Tyconik when they stated: "Bill was a respected and effective working man all of his long and productive life. He cared for and nurtured his family, and beyond that, never lost sight of the struggles and sacrifices in the long unending class war to achieve freedom and advances for his fellow workers. He was a model of dedication and tireless activity in all its phases: trade union, political, social and in day-to-day practical work."

The Canadian Council of CFSU and the Editorial Board of Northstar Compass extends our deepest condolences to his surviving family. To the International friends and supporters of our activity, we want them to know something of this dedicated and tireless friend they may never have known about, but who extended himself with a full heart to his very last days, as an internationalist and supporter of international friendship and solidarity with all peoples and of a world at peace.

We salute his memory and take his life as an example for ourselves and for all who have had the benefit of his courageous, unfaltering work.

A funeral service was held Saturday April 22nd in Toronto. Members of his family and David Clark, Business Agent of the Steamfitters & Plumbers' Union - Local 46 eulogized his life. Among the mourners were many old acquaintances, friends and comrades. Some of these also recalled Michael Tyconik, his brother, who likewise distinguished himself in the ongoing struggles of his people. He deceased some years ago, also at an advanced age during which he never faltered in his devotion and dedication to the

principles for which they both fought and gave their lives.

At the end of the service and eulogy, Harold Bates, long time friend and designated Poet Laureate of the Northstar Compass read a special short poem in memory of "Bill":

Good bye Bill, we'll miss you
We all will.

One by one we all go,
And it is good to know
That wherever you are,
You're still in there, pitching.
Working with the people in mind.
Not many left Bill, like you,
And we'll remember too
What a better world we have now,
Just because of you. □

REQUEST BY THE LATE BILL TYCONIK

By: Michael Lucas

One of the last requests that Bill Tyconik made to me at the last Council and Editorial Meeting before he passed way was, that I should list the countries that the USA has invaded since the time of the Second World War. He wanted the young readers to know, on this the 50th Anniversary of the Victory in World War II the terrible legacy that the United States through its transnational corporations has left for humanity.

Fulfilling Bill's request, here are facts gathered from a book called "The Ruses for War" by John Quigly.

"The United States is unique in maintaining abroad a large establishment of military basis, battleships. Even during the height of the Cold War, the Soviet Union did not have anything remotely resembling the USA's effort. No other country has so frequently sent troops to fight in distant locations. Our companies are everywhere,

making investments, digging mines, exploiting natural resources, setting up assembly lines that employ cheap labour. We needed markets and we were going to get them by whatever means it took.

There were many wars of conquest by the USA before the First World War. Then there was the invasion, intervention by our forces, together with other countries into the young Soviet Union after the Great October Revolution. Since that time, the list grows longer and longer."

This list is to show American interventions since World War II only!

That is why, on this the 50th Anniversary of the Great Patriotic War, it is necessary to have our readers know the chronological order of USA interventions in the following countries:

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| 1. June 1950 | Korea |
| 2. January 1954 | Guatemala |
| 3. May 1956 | Laos |
| 4. February 1958 | Indonesia |
| 5. July 1958 | Lebanon, Iraq, Jordan |
| 6. April 1961 | Cuba |
| 7. July 1964 | Vietnam |
| 8. September 1964 | Congo |
| 9. April 1965 | Dominican Republic |
| 10. May 1970 | Cambodia |
| 11. March 1975 | Angola |
| 12. April 1978 | Congo |
| 13. March 1980 | El Salvador |
| 14. April 1980 | Iran |
| 15. August 1982 | Lebanon |
| 16. September 1983 | Nicaragua |
| 17. October 1983 | Grenada |
| 18. April 1986 | Libya |
| 19. December 1989 | The Philippines |
| 20. December 1989 | Panama |
| 21. May 1990 | Liberia |

Everyone knows that through the CIA, the transnational corporations and internal enemies, the USSR and other former socialist countries were undermined through the efforts of the US "World Order"! □

JOHN KUZMA



Born December 23, 1900, Kolonica, Czechoslovakia

The Canadian Friends of Soviet People and the Editorial Staff of Northstar Compass wish to express our sympathy to the family of the late John Kuzma.

He was a dedicated member of our organization, our press and of the progressive movement. It was people like John who fought for what we as Canadians now take for granted. His progressive ideas, his dedication to Socialism and the Soviet Union, besides his native Czechoslovakia was known and appreciated.

John retired from farming in 1967 but came out quite often in the spring and autumn to help his son, Johnny, with the field work and harvest as long as he was able to. John was an avid gardener and took pride in his orchard of apples, crabapples, and raspberries, which produced very bountifully and this, he shared with family, friends and neighbours. He tried to put in a garden in the spring of 1993 but his health did not permit to do so. He was hospitalized that same spring and then moved to the Nursing Home in the early part of 1994.

John enjoyed playing cards with his friends; enjoyed listening and

singing songs and hymns in the Russian language. He belonged to the Workers' Benevolent Association, Canada-USSR Association, and the Peace Movement. He, greatly, believed in brother-love and peace for all. He enjoyed a healthy discussion (especially political) and at times, his discussions would turn into a heated debate, especially so with some of his grandsons. Since he had come from a poor country, he also was knowledgeable and interested in World Affairs and believed that people had their rights, especially the poor.

He has seen many deaths, marriages, births, and illnesses of his family members and friends, and lived through hardships of war and hunger in his 94 years. He was a family man who enjoyed having his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren around him and was very proud of their accomplishments. There was many a time when he enthralled them with his stories of the "old country" and the time spent in the Czech army and when he worked in Argentina. These stories will stay with us forever. He also was independent for as long as he could be, as he drove his car until the winter of 1992. John passed away April 4, 1995, at the age of 94 years and 3 1/2 months. □

LETTERS

From: Toronto, Ont.

Here's my re-subscription and a donation towards your work.

- Frances Koronyi

Your long time struggle and devotion to socialism and our organization and publication is much appreciated. Good health to you. □

From: Toronto, Ont.

Enclosed is a cheque for your Video plus a donation towards your Sustaining Fund.

- Alex Sturgeoff

Thank you Alex. Yes, the video is excellent and we have a hard time keeping up with the orders. It's a historical document that will live on forever about the struggles of Soviet people against the present regime of Yeltsin. □

From: Winnipeg, Manitoba

Enclosed please find a donation of \$60.00 plus my subscription to your excellent journal, the Northstar Compass.

- Yours,

Olga Botan

Your name appears many times on our Honour Board at the Friendship House, not only because of your numerous financial donations, but your letters of hope, encouragement and your understanding of the present situation. □

From: Swift Current, Sask.

I was very pleased with the latest layout and contents of NSC, the material has certainly improved with the Number 7-8 and 9th issues. I was very much impressed by the article from Minsk, Byelorussia.

There was dual power that developed under Gorbachev, Yeltsin which allowed the opportunistic

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elements to gain power which is confirmed by the article by Professor Harasymchuk.

On the whole, the level of reporting from the former Soviet Union is taking on a more objective approach.

- Best Regards,
John P. Saum

Your analysis in the letter is correct, although we had to shorten it for space reasons. We thank for your order of videos, donations and the excellent articles that you send us regarding the agricultural problems in the West. We pass on to people over there who are using the agricultural situations in the world, including Canada. □

From: Sudbury, Ont.

Dear Comrades:

My renewal is enclosed and I would like to make a contribution of \$85.00 towards our common struggles. Keep up the excellent work.

- R. Marion

Your name appears again on our Honour Board and your words are always encouraging to us on the Editorial Board. We hope that your enthusiasm and devotion is emulated by other members and friends. □

From: Wakaw, Sask

Dear Friends:

Here's a donation of \$30.00 plus my subscription.

I find the magazine informative, and am especially interested in the articles from Ukraine. I salute you and the volunteers for the hard and dedicated work that you do in publishing such a fine magazine with information, as you say, "not available elsewhere"!

I agree that Yeltsin is a full fledged fascist, but I have a hard time believing the Krushchev and

Gorbachev were destroying socialism. We have to take into account the sabotage of the capitalist world. There are many reasons for the temporary fall of the Soviet Union, which are sometimes too deep for me to understand.

Wish you success in all your undertakings with Northstar Compass.

- Magda Burechailo

Yes, sometimes it is very hard to sift through the reasons for the temporary demise of the USSR. Regarding Krushchev and Gorbachev - well, we feel that they are the two people that spearheaded the fall and information coming to light more frequently shows without a doubt that Krushchev was the spark that ignited (and he was not alone, of course - Editors) the flame and then the process of capitulation was brought to a conclusion by Gorbachev, opening the doors to Yeltsin and the transnational corporations.

This question will be dealt with more in-depth in future issues of NSC, but because of our lack of space, financial kitty to do extra pamphlets on this subject, we are forced to touch just the surface of this problem. Unfortunately, other forces in Canada that are political in nature (or pretend that they are - Editors) should be handling this problem with lectures, pamphlets, discussions and debates.

BUT ... things have a way of coming to light, evening themselves out. In this respect, we are doing whatever we can to enlighten the readers about this tragedy that transpired in the Soviet Union and other former socialist countries.

Keep on reading and keep up the faith of optimism, Magda! □

From: Victoria, B.C.

I have just received the Northstar Compass. I was more than just pleased and I want to thank you for asking me to subscribe.

Here is my sub and a small donation. The Gorbachev-Yeltsin gang have certainly wrecked the Soviet Union.

- Yours,
Freda Kickie

Welcome to our family of readers. Your comments, donation is certainly appreciated. Keep on writing. □

From: Edmonton, Alberta

Dear Mike:

Sorry for the delay of re-subscribing. I make sure that after I read NSC, I send it to my friends in Cuba. These American Trotskyites are very active in Cuba, especially from Universities and their group, "Pathfinder".

To me, those Trots could not lead a cow to a Bull if they were both in heat!

- Wm. Doskoch

When true words are written, we have nothing more to add. Amen! □

From: Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Friends:

Enclosed please find a cheque for 3 subs and 1 membership application - Total \$100.00!

With every piece of correspondence I receive from you, I am moved with madness, adding more pain to my body, now with pain ... Why did I allow myself to get arrested by the deadly cancerous virus, right in midst of reams of unfinished work. I am constantly thinking, just how soon, and when I am well enough to start filling the vacuum where it was left off. It's a long treacherous road ahead, but Misha, there is flicker of light at the far end of the tunnel. It allows some psychological relief, and that has an immense change of spirit for me.

I am fortunate for maintaining my full vision - not all cancer

victims do. This is a tremendous contribution. I try to read every shred of news that comes around. I have almost forgiven myself for not attending the 8th Conference - that was not easy to do.

The name "Canadian Friends of Soviet People", it would have been more broader and neutrally represented, had the WORD "Canadian" had been dropped. As for Canadians, the choice was excellent, but for the Americans or others from other countries, it seems a little dominant. i.e., an American citizen, joining as a member, Canadian Friends of Soviet People, whereas it could have been "Friends of Soviet People" with branch addresses anywhere in USA, or for that matter, Mexico or other countries rather than having distinct identity, belonging to Canada ... This is just an idea coming months too late, merely from the sidelines.

This last issue of Compass is indeed most revealing. To include additional letter and articles, you may have to shorten some of the long-winded ones. By no means I am suggesting that they have no value, but even most valuable material could be overdrawn for space.

With every passing day, I am looking forward for miracles to happen, even though I don't believe in them myself.

The 100th Anniversary of Doukhobors Burning of the Arms in Russia will be an important milestone in Canada. It will be held on June 29 in Kamsack, Veregin, Sask.

There are many events planned across Western Provinces. I am looking forward to attend some, but my feeling is that my chances are slim. I'm hoping to contribute by writing a few articles.

I am enclosing a copy of letter that I wrote to the Holiness the POPE, reminding him of the catastrophe the world is facing. Print it if you find space in your next issue.

With all progressives (if there were any or were anytime) in limbo as far as Peace activities or peace campaigns are concerned, little is ever mentioned anywhere anytime.

This Doukhabor 100th Anniversary may be one of the most important and the only event to take place in Canada. But I must say, their coordination and planning this event is far from what really could have expected.

Pardon me for all the blunders, my mind broke down along with the typewriter I am using.

- Best Regards,
George Legebokoff

Dear George: Your letter is heart-rending and tugs at everyone's heartstrings. You were always a fighter; a leader and an optimist of the highest calibre.

We wish you speedy recovery and health so that you can join our ranks in full gear. We need people like you, George! We shall win! Yes, we shall publish your letter to Pope John Paul II. □

**His Holiness
Pope John Paul II
Vatican City
00120 Roma**

Your Holiness:

I followed with great interest and inspiration your recent tour of Asia and Africa. Your strong will and your miraculous endurance once more left a memorable trail as you consoled millions of hearts, many of whom travelled long distances to meet you and wish you well.

Your Holiness, please allow me to introduce myself. My name is George G. Legebokoff. I was born in Canada of Russian Doukhabor

ancestry and grew up in a communal Doukhobor farming settlement in Saskatchewan, in Catholic surroundings. What has prompted me to write this letter is Your Holiness's recent tour through depressed and poverty stricken areas, under most severe climatic conditions, promoting peace and understanding.

Coincidentally, Your Holiness and I were born on the same day in the same year and, like you, I have made building a peaceful world my lifelong endeavour. Yet, the increased production of weapons and threats of new wars continue to escalate despite the efforts of some countries to legislate gun controls.

June 29, 1995 will mark the centenary of the day our Doukhobor ancestors emphatically told the Czar of Russia, "*We shall bear no arms!*". Guns are for killing people, a mortal sin against God. Following this refusal to bear arms on June 29, 1895, the villagers assembled and, with songs and prayers, devoutly stacked all the guns and set them ablaze.

The Czar immediately ordered their arrest, which was done and followed with beatings, exile to Siberia and incarceration. What was the crime? Refusing to bear arms, to kill! My grandfather was one who survived the Czar's exile and lived to tell his grandchildren of his incarceration and brutal torture. He bore visible wounds where strips of human hide were carved from the flesh.

In the late 1890's, under the auspices and initiative of Lev N. Tolstoy and the direct support and endorsement of Queen Victoria, the initial migration of several thousand Doukhobors came to Canada with the promise of immunity from bearing arms and military service.

Today, 100 years later in our progressive and technological society, we who refuse to bear arms continue to be victims incarcerated in a world controlled by munitions cartels. Therefore, we hope as we commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Burning of Arms, re-dedicating and reaffirming the will of our grandparents, that millions will unite in support of this most cardinal cause. "Bread before guns". Disarm for perpetual Peace on Earth.

Nothing could help this cause and this great Centennial Event more than a letter of support from the hand of the Vicar of Christ. Please allow me to request Your Holiness's invaluable help.

Slawa Jesusu Christosu! Slawa Kniazu Mira! (Note: 2 expressions that H-H often uses)

- Sincerely,

George Legebokoff

Doukhobors for Peace and
Total Disarmament

□

From: Ridgeway Ont.

CUBANS SUFFER BUT SURVIVE U.S. BLOCKADE

Did you ever wonder why: No cruise ship stops in Cuba, the most important island in the Caribbean? Or why Cuban holidays are so inexpensive?

The answer is the U.S. blockade. It is the fundamental cause of the current crisis in Cuba today.

The blockade was implemented in 1961-62 by the Eisenhower and Kennedy administrations in an attempt to strangle the Cuban revolution. Before the revolution, 90 percent of Cuba's trade was with the U.S. The assumption in

Washington was the blockade would quickly destroy the revolution. Instead, Cuba established extensive economic relations with the Soviet Union and other socialist nations.

Over the next 30 years, Cuba withstood attempted invasion, destabilization, assassination and economic warfare. The country flourished, developing health care, education and other institutions that set a standard for developing countries.

The collapse of the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe between 1989-1991, caused an extremely sharp decline in Cuba's economy. Imports shrank from over \$8 billion in 1990 to \$1.7 billion in 1993. This resulted in severe shortages of not only food, medicine and other vital necessities, but also raw materials, spare parts and, most critically, fuel. This forced the Cuban government to adopt measures known as the "Special Period" in order to best utilize available resources.

In order to tighten the screws, or ratchet up the suffering, a bipartisan effort supported by both presidents Bush and Clinton, the Torricelli Bill - cynically misnamed the Cuban Democracy Act - became law October 1992, just days before the election. The Torricelli Law requires foreign subsidiaries of U.S. corporations to cease trade with Cuba. This trade, amounting to \$700 million in 1992, declined precipitously to under \$2 million in 1993. Eighty to 90 percent of this trade was in food and medicine. The Torricelli Law also forbids from U.S. ports any ship which calls on a Cuban port for a period of six months after the Cuban visit, under penalty of confiscation.

It should also be noted that the purpose of the blockade was never simply to stop all trade between

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Cuba and the U.S. Washington has actively sought, especially since the collapse of the Soviet Union, to disrupt and destroy economic relations between Cuba and other countries. The sponsor of the U.S. law, Congressman Robert Torricelli is again calling on pressure to be applied against Canada for trading with Cuba. The Cubans estimate that as a result of the Torricelli Law 90 percent of trade agreements made with businesses in third countries are cancelled due to U.S. economic and political pressure.

In spite of the horrendous obstacles thrown up by the blockade, the Cuban people are still being fed, though barely, their education system is still functioning and fully socially supported. Cuba's health care system continues to function, as evidenced by an infant mortality rate almost equal to the U.S. average and much lower than most major U.S. cities.

I would ask: if Canada's economy had suffered the equivalent blows to what Cuba has suffered, what would finance minister Paul Martin's budget have looked like? Where would OHIP be and university tuition fees, etc.?

- Dave Thomas

We took the liberty of reprinting this letter, since it is excellent and very timely! □

From: Toronto, Ont. 50 YEARS AGO

I remember ... I can see now Soviet tanks in the streets of our city in Poland.

For the first time I have seen them on January 16, 1945. For two long years, I was hiding with my family in a hole like a rat. The glorious, victorious Red Army, "thank you" from the bottom of my

heart for saving my life, and lives of millions of others!

50 years ago, you were showing the whole world who you really were: Army-Liberator, Army of progress and tremendous strength!

To the hearts of every Frenchman, Dutchman and Belgian, you brought hope for a better life, for Poles, Czechoslovaks and Hungarians, instant freedom from the yoke of Nazi oppressors!

You, the Red Army of the Mighty Soviet Union, were the vanguard of Marxism-Leninism. You were the beacon of light to the toiling, exploited masses of South America and Africa. Because of you, Red Army, British colonialism crumbled and fell apart. Hlinka guards and Franco Loral and Quisling, Polish fascists and Russian whiteguards were deadly afraid of you. You brought a breath of fresh air to the whole of Europe, and, indeed, to the whole world!

On this 50th Anniversary of the Victory over Hitlerites, we thank you. As long as the world will exist, the nations of the whole globe will celebrate this Day of Victory.

- David Goldman

Nothing more can be said! Written by a former inmate of Nazi concentration camps. □

SALT & PEPPER ON WRY

By: Frank Ray Davis

LIVE WELL: SELL DEATH - This'll blow your mind: World's most profitable business, guns and murder hardware; second, drug trafficking.

Wonder who gets the bigger

bang for the buck, the dopes or the dupes ...

JESUS: ADORED-IGNORED - The Pope favors intervention in the Balkans. Intervention in plain English means war. Seems a pity that Jesus' "representative on earth" doesn't understand the philosophy of the Prince of Peace.

WARS TEACH: ANYONE FOR LEARNING? - Wars, ever since the breath of life was puffed into a mud clod called Adam, have proved only one thing: Wars cause more problems than they solve.

So the only lesson that wars teach is that wars never teach anything? Or that presidents and generals are slow learners.

"SOCIALISM DON'T WORK": Capitalism works ... for a favored few. Socialism works, for those who do. □

QUOTES

HOW TRUE! HOW TRUE!

"A special feature of the ideological struggle at the present stage (time) is that 'Right' and 'Left' opportunism often merges with nationalism and with the most rabid and reactionary anti-communism and anti-Sovietism".

- From

Scientific Communism and
Its Modern Falsifiers □

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE FORGOTTEN!

"Marxism teaches that crime arose as a social phenomenon with the development of class antagonisms, that it was thoroughly unknown on a vast scale in pre-class

society. There were no special bodies of armed men for purposes of repression in these ancient societies. There were no prisons, no permanent police forces. Those who violated the norms of social conduct were ostracized or exiled and, in unusual cases, were punished by death. It is the growth of private property and the development of the class struggle of the bourgeoisie against the proletariat which has brought about poverty, hunger and all the other social ills which prevail in capitalist society. This was ABC for Marxists, and especially for Leninists in the early period of the Soviet Republic."

Karl Marx and Engels, "Selected Works" Progress Publishers, 1970, Moscow, Vol. 3, p. 329. □

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- Yours truly,
 Editorial Committee □

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