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Los Angeles Branch, USFSP Spring Membership Meeting

Friday, April 6, 2012

7pm

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FILM SHOWING:

"Mission to Moscow"

(coffee & refreshments)

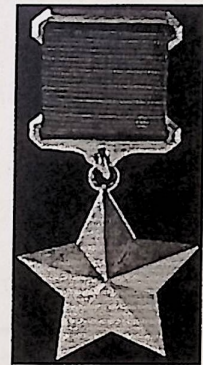


**First Woman Cosmonaut
Valentina Tereshkova**

Turns 75

Happy Birthday Valentina!

Hero of the Soviet Union



NYC BRANCH, USFSP

Spring Membership Meeting

Sunday, April 29, 2012

1:30 - 4:30 pm

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

Poetry Reading by Angel Martínez

Board Member, USFSP

FILM SHOWING:

"Mission To Moscow"

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Joseph E. Davies

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Hungarians feel life was better under communism

By Dr. Angelo D'Angelo
Chair, USFSP

The majority of Hungarians believe that life was better in the János Kádár era before the counter-revolution in 1989-1990



In all, 62% of the 1,000 people interviewed in the survey said they were happiest in the period preceding the change of regime, up from 53% in 2001. Those favouring the Kádár era were generally the elderly rather than the young. The number saying that the pre-1990 era was the worst fell from 20% in 2001 to 13% today.

Only 14% of respondents said the period since 1990 has been their happiest while 60% said it has been the least happy, compared to 17% and 48% seven years ago.

Another 11% chose the period before the Second World War as the best, down from 14% in 2001.

Some 80% of those 50 years of age or older consider the time before the change of regime happier. Nearly 75% of those aged 40-49, and 55% of those who were students and young adults during the late 1980s concur, whereas only 24% of those aged 15-29 agree.

Both Tamás and political scientist Zoltán Kiszelly said the poll - which they said possibly applied to the middle and late Kádár era - expressed a yearning for a sense of security.

Source: Politics.Hu

See also: the Budapest Times

Credo of U.S. Friends of the Soviet People

U.S. Friends of the Soviet People is dedicated to supporting struggles to restore socialism in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. USFSP is the U.S. affiliate of the International Council for Friendship and Solidarity with the Soviet People. The International Council carries on

the traditions of the "Hands Off Russia" committees that were established internationally in 1918 to help protect the young Soviet Republic from foreign intervention. The aim of all Friends of the Soviet People is international cooperation in building socialism and solidarity with the anti-imperialist forces of the world who are struggling against U.S. imperialism - the main enemy of humanity.

USFSP acts as a unifying force to help consolidate and coordinate the anti-imperialist forces of the world with the ongoing movement to restore the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe as socialist states. We act as a united front, but are not a forum for ideological debates. The peoples of the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe themselves will choose their paths toward socialism.

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Well, You Know That Capitalism is the
Only Way

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Well, yes, the argument is
that capitalism is the best system
if you're a corporate chairman
if you're a slavemaster
an insurance hustler
a banker, a bank baron,
and a shareholder
in the name of the mass of a
big mouth politician
and his sidekick
the tongue of a preacher
that makes us live in illusions
They crush democracy
and sing that same old song
How sweet it is
While the majority live in fear of insecurity
without a home, and hunger plays
in their stomach
and state terror acts out his illusion
with police brutality, rampant corruption
with the rituals of a dog eat dog
and the rich get rich
and the poor just die in hell
What a wonderful world
Capitalists are not bloodsuckers:
Hey, I'm not a racist
I'm not a capitalist running dog
PS – The unions are my hell
For there's a sucker born every day
I'm a religious person
And my throne is my heaven
Please everybody, mail my profits in today.

Paul Robeson

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Strong brother,
You have been our shining light
A reason, an eternal season to believe
That a suffering world will one day be no
more
You are a man among the masses
Raising a voice of fire, of love, of power

From the strains of "Old Man River"
To your cry of genocide
Generations now listen and will forever do
As what you have shown
By holding the standard
Of all people working and striving
You held it up high and you could see far
away
Your voice called us to follow that road
Always knowing
Just as you walked forward
We will never stop our marching
Carry on the struggle sung out of
Your hope and inspiration

Strong brother, you left much for us to take
on
To believe
To be strength
To be victorious
We will keep your faith
For your revolutionary soul will forever
Fly in us all

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